

Season's Greetings!

December 2022

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New Members and Member Achievements:

A warm welcome to four new members to the club:

Pat Squire
Alan Barclay-Devine
Lynn Andrews
Liz Aitkin

Both Lynn and Liz have joined after successfully completing the recent MapActive programme.

Congratulations to Rob Henderson for securing the Silver Racing Challenge award.

We should also take time to thank those long-standing members who have given-up significant amounts of time volunteering for the club in recent years, in particular:

Julie and Mark Webster
Jane Booker

Their efforts have done much to keep NOC moving forward in recent years and their contributions are fully recognised by the Committee and wider membership.

BOF membership renewals have been sent. Be sure to renew yours as soon as you can.

The Year-End Walesby Event:

One hundred and ninety people braved the cold conditions and took part in the final NOC event of the year at Walesby Forest. Congratulations to the Robinson family who each won their course; Lily (White), Grace (Yellow) and Richard (Brown).

There were top ten finishes for a number of NOC members including: Hilary Palmer, Andrew Ridgway, Paul Morris, Ben & Ant Squire, as well as new members Lynn Andrews and Liz Aitkin.

Walesby also saw the conclusion of the inaugural MapActive programme where four people who had never seen an orienteering map two months ago, successfully completed a tricky Light Green course.

Well done to all and thanks to all the many volunteers who helped put the event on including those on start duties, car parking, finish, download & results, control collection and catering!

A special mention should go to Helen & Robert Parkinson (Organisers), David Olivant (map updates), Ray Barnes (Controller) and Vic Knight (Planner) for all their time and effort in the weeks leading up to the event.



Ant Squire with some of the successful MapActive participants at Walesby.

New Year Events (including a bonus activity!):

After the fun of orienteering at Walesby, it's a long wait until our next event on 29th January. So, Hilary has offered to host an informal activity on Sunday 8th January to kick-start the New Year.

When: Sunday 8 January between 10.30 and 12:30

Where: Sherwood Forest – our best area! Using the most interesting sections of the Country Park. Based near POC post 9.

Free to NOC members – bring your family too. We have permission from the RSPB to use the POC and there will be the chance to check-out some of the other features on the way.

Names and numbers to Hilary Palmer coaching@noc-uk.org by 23:59 on Tuesday 3 January so enough maps can be printed.

The next NOC event will be the EMOA Championship at Clumber Park on 29th January. Courses will be available to suit all ages and abilities. We will also need a good number of volunteers at what will be our biggest event of the year. If you can help on the day, please contact either your Team Leader or email: org20230129@noc-uk.org

There are a number of other events within the East Midlands throughout January which you can check out on the [BOF website](#).

On behalf of the Committee, we wish all members and friends of NOC a happy festive celebration and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.