



# SEASON FINALE



## Walesby & Boughton Brake - 22nd December 2024

It's that time of year again! The final NOC event of the year will be held at Walesby Activity Centre and Boughton Brake. Andrew Ridgway is planning some great courses that make the most of the area. Robert and Helen Parkinson are busy organising the event and finalising the all important festive refreshments! This is always a nice social occasion so be sure to book early on [The Start Kite](#). That way, we can be sure to order sufficient mince pies!

Walesby will also be the conclusion of the latest edition of MapActive. The participants in this group have worked really well together and quickly learned to apply the core orienteering skills. We are really looking forward to seeing them pass the course with flying colours.

### Member Achievements:

Two NOC members have recently secured British Orienteering [Incentive Scheme Achievement awards](#):

Ed Cochrane (5\* Navigation) and Jan Golen (Racing Silver, 5\*). Congratulations to both.

## Membership Renewals:

All members should have received an email from British Orienteering inviting them to renew annual membership. Unless you pay by Direct Debit, please access your account on the British Orienteering website to renew your membership as soon as possible. [View the British Orienteering website for details of membership fees for 2025.](#)

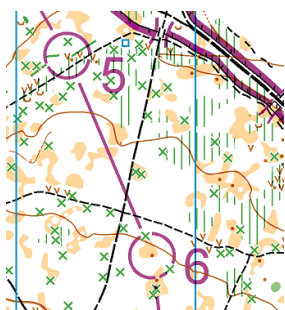
## NOC Kit:

The new stock of NOC kit has arrived and many have already placed orders with Andrew Wallace. If you are looking to buy a NOC top or jacket, please get in touch with Andrew ([clubkit@noc-uk.org](mailto:clubkit@noc-uk.org)) as soon as possible.

## NOC Member Training Day - 18th January - Sherwood Forest:

A New Year training opportunity for NOC members at Sherwood Forest – permission is provisional at the moment but we are hopeful. Numbers will be limited to about 25 so if you are interested please email Hilary: [coaching@noc-uk.org](mailto:coaching@noc-uk.org) to book your place.

This will be a chance to practise finding 'elusive' controls off paths (think – attack point, compass and distance) in what Hilary considers to be our prime NOC area and which we are only allowed to use before the end of January. There will be some 'easier' controls at 'Orange' level as well as the technically hard ones.



To whet your appetite, what route choices would you make for the leg in the adjacent image?

It's an area that we might use in January. Will you recognise it when you're there?

## Fixtures List - Dates for your diary:

On the following page is the NOC list of confirmed and planned fixtures and activities for the coming year so you can put them in your diary. Other events and activities are possible and will be notified in due course.

Remember, every NOC event will have courses suitable for all ages and experience levels, even those events hosting regional (EML and EMUL) or national championships. Qualified coaches and other experienced orienteers are always on hand to offer help and guidance. So please come along to any event that suits.

Date	Venue	Details
Dec' 22nd 2024	Walesby and Boughton Brake	Final event of the season with festive treats!
<b>2025:</b>		
Jan' 18th	Sherwood Forest	NOC club members training
Jan' 26th	To be confirmed	NOC Local event
Feb' 23rd	Clumber Park	Extended colour coded event including the inter-club CompassSport Cup heat.
Mar' 23rd	Silverhill	EML (being arranged)
Apr' 13th	Ollerton Pit Wood	EML (being arranged)
May	To be confirmed	Currently investigating options
Jun	To be confirmed	Currently investigating options
Jul' 12th	The Meadows, Nottingham	National urban event (part of a Euro City Race weekend with LOG's Lincoln City Race the next day)
Aug' 16/17th	To be confirmed	Sprint training activity being considered
Sep' 6th	To be confirmed	Being considered for Club Championships, but may move to October.
Sep' 28th	Retford	EMUL (being arranged)
Nov' 16th	Wellow	EMUL (being arranged along with a new map)
Dec' 21st	Strawberry Hill	EML and NOC Christmas event

As always, we will be heavily dependent on volunteers to organise, plan, prepare and deliver each event. This will be particularly important for the events in Clumber (February) and the national urban event in The Meadows in July.

We have a regular pool of stalwarts who can usually help but we need other members to get involved and provide support too. On-the-day tasks are not onerous and go a long way to sharing the load. Please get in touch with your Team Leader if you can help, or contact Pauline ([Membership@noc-uk.org](mailto:Membership@noc-uk.org)). Helpers always get a free run to say thanks

## Control Collecting Group:

Through a mix of Whatsapp and email messages, we are beginning to build a pool of members who can be called on to help collect-in controls at the end of an event. Several are already in other Helper Teams but it would be good if we could expand the pool further.

If you are happy to stay behind after courses close at an event and then help collect-in some controls, please let Victoria Hanman (Team Leader) or Pauline know ([Membership@noc-uk.org](mailto:Membership@noc-uk.org)). The more helpers we have available, the quicker controls are collected and the sooner everyone can head home after an event (especially on the short winter days!).

Finally, may we offer very best wishes of the season to all NOC members and particularly to all those who have volunteered in any way throughout the year. Your support is really appreciated and helps to keep the club functioning.

Here's to a happy and fun-packed event at Walesby and a successful 2025!

