



## NOC News - Jan 2025

### **NOC hosting CompassSport Cup heat next month!**

We need the help of all members, young and old, established members as well as those new to the club. We need your help to take part as well as to help out! Full details below. Also in this issue:

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### **NOC hosting national CSC Competition:**

The annual CompassSport Cup & Trophy competition is one of the most prestigious events in the UK orienteering calendar. NOC is hosting one of the qualifying heats at Clumber Park on 23rd February.

Jane Booker is busy organising the various aspects of the event whilst Ant Squire is putting the finishing touches to what will no doubt be another set of excellent courses.

Entry is open to all NOC members who have paid their 2025 membership fees.

Mick Lucking, the NOC Team Manager, is about to send an email with details about how to enter this competition as well as some of the other prestigious events coming in the next few months. Please keep a check on your Inbox (and an eye on your Spam folder just in case!).

Members have to run courses according to age, and the fastest two from each club will score points. However, even those who finish behind the scoring two can have a significant impact on the overall team score. Wherever they finish, they effectively reduce the score value of those who finish after them and that may be a 'scorer' from another club. Just a few points can make all the difference in deciding which clubs qualify for the Finals. So please consider entering this competition.

Apart from the fun of competing, the club will pay your entry fee if you volunteer to help-out on the day. We will need a large number of helpers for this event to allow for the fact that members will be starting their courses at different times.

The event has courses for all ages and levels of experience. If you do not want to run in the CSC category for your age group, you can still take part in the Light Green course, but this of course will not qualify for the CSC competition. Even if you do not plan to run on the day, your help volunteering would be greatly appreciated if you are free to help out on the 23rd February.

### **How you can help on the day:**

Each area (Enquiries/Download, Parking, Start, Finish, Control Collection) will require lots of people on hand to cover on the day. Please put your name forward to help by contacting your Team Leader or Jane Booker (email: [org20250223@noc-uk.org](mailto:org20250223@noc-uk.org)). In return, the club has agreed to pay the entry fee of those competing for what is a premium national event.

Hilary will also be hosting a map geeking Zoom call before the event to help participants prepare for their courses. Details for the geeking session will be sent by email beforehand with a prompt on the club website and on our social channels too.

The CSC will be a brilliant, if busy, day for all and will be a great shared experience for all club members. Start preparing now and contact your Team Leader or Jane Booker.

### **New Members:**

A very warm welcome to a number of new club members:

- Ian Stevenson
- Katy Butterfield
- Emilie Milsom
- Bodie Milsom
- Thomas Wakefield
- Stephen Hunt

It's great to have you as members and we look forward to getting to know you at an event soon, perhaps at Burntstump on the 26th (see below)?

### **Member Achievements:**

Three of our members have recently been recognised for their efforts as part of the British Orienteering Incentive Scheme:

- Lily Robinson - Racing Challenge Gold 2-Star
- Robert Orgill - Racing Challenge Silver 5-Star
- Grace Robinson - Racing Challenge Silver 3-Star

[Follow this link to learn more about the Incentive Scheme.](#)

## **Status of Membership Renewals:**

A big thank you to all those members who have already paid their membership fees for 2025. This helps the club to complete various administration tasks promptly, like confirming those who can compete in the CompassSport Cup, or indeed any of the regional competitions. There are still a few members yet to renew. We hope that all those that plan to renew can do so before the end of this month. You can pay online through your British Orienteering account.

## **Next local event - Burntstump - 26 Jan:**

A new local event has been added to the Fixtures List. Monica Henderson is busy planning the courses whilst Ant (who is also planning the CSC in February) is working hard to organise everything else. This event comes just a week after the training day in Sherwood Forest and so will be a good opportunity to apply those newly acquired skills.

The event is open to all, including other clubs, and so will be a useful opportunity to add to your orienteering experience ahead of the upcoming CompassSport heat and regional events. SI timing will be enabled. [Sign-up using The Start Kite](#).

## **A successful year-end event at Walesby:**

NOC once again hosted the final regional event of the year, this time at Walesby. As usual, it was well attended and also saw the successful conclusion to the latest MapActive course with many participants also becoming club members.

A huge thank you to Dave Cooke (Permissions) and Andrew Ridgway (Planner) for handling some very late changes to landowner permissions which meant a number of courses had to be replanned (and re-printed) at the last minute. Thanks also to Hilary Palmer for stepping-in to Control the event as well as arrange things at the Start and facilitate the conclusion of the MapActive course along with Ant Squire.

Huge thanks must also go to Helen and Robert Parkinson who once again organised the event and arranged all the refreshments on the day. The event saw some 177 mince pies consumed, 60 chocolate rolls, 87 tea bags, a jar of coffee granules, 12 pints of milk and a tray of fresh fruit!

We also want to thank all the volunteers who turned out on the day to help with parking, Enquiries & Download, Start & Finish and control collection. And a special mention to Grace and Lily Robinson for helping out with the refreshments!

Congratulations to Thomas Wakefield, a participant of our MapActive group, who won the Light Green course. There were also wins for Lily Robinson (Yellow), Grace Robinson (Orange), and Jim Carley (Short Green). Podium finishes were also secured by Jan Ellis (2nd, Very Short Green), Elodie Booker (3rd, Yellow), and Richard Robinson (3rd, Brown). You can view all the results and some of the route choices on the [NOC Results webpage](#).

## **Provisional 2024 Regional League Positions:**

Last year saw many NOC members continue to show strong performances in the regional East Midlands league competitions. Congratulations to Issac Rosewell (Junior Men), Helen Parkinson (Supervet Women), Paul Morris (Ultravet Men) and Hilary Palmer (Hypervet Women) who each won their class in the [EM Urban League](#).

The overall standings in the EM League forest competition make for good reading too with class wins for Kevin Lomas (Blue, Male), Lily Robinson (Yellow, Female), and Elodie Booker (White, Female).

Second positions were recorded by Evan Llewellyn (Yellow, Male), Grace Robinson (Yellow, Female) and father Richard (Brown, Male).

There were also a host of third place finishes; Elodie Booker (Yellow, Female), Emma Rosewell (Orange, Female), Tina Brindley (Light Green, Female), Jane Booker (Short Green, Female) and Monica Henderson (Blue, Female). You can view the full set of [provisional results on the EMOA website](#) which reveal some promising results, like the two Orange wins for Grace Robinson towards the end of the year. Well done to all and good luck for similar success in 2025.

Here's to an enjoyable and successful new year of Orienteering!