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## Hello 2015.....

Happy New Year everyone. The year started as well as it had ended, with excellent HALO orienteering events. Thanks go to Mary and John for the Leconfield event and to Alex and Sally Smith for the New Year's Day event. First Mary....

### **A Planner writes.....**

T'was a cold and frosty morn when Mad Mary's latest adventure was finally realised. Long since she had foolishly agreed to plan an adventure - er, event - for similarly mad folk at Leconfield military training area; a muddle of humps, bumps, bogs, woods, aircraft landing strips - for the more/less mobile - and a genuine Afghan village.

What a challenge; what fun; what devilish plans to be hatched with the fat - er, thin? - Controller; the dreaded and dire Herr Butler; he who must be obeyed. There were sheer slopes with which to contend; intricate paths to negotiate; rivers and lakes to avoid; trees through which to fight; rough grassland to yomp; and the dreaded Afghan village to negotiate. Alright, it would have been less of a challenge without the black ice but that was surely a bonus, together with the bruises acquired.

Although I can be blamed for the use of mini kites in the dreaded Afghan village, it was not my fault that this was not mentioned in the final details; and I mean, come on, when you see a kite and control box, is it not reasonable to assume that this is for your use only? The fact that some mini kites were also hidden was definitely the Fat/Thin Controller's fault.

Nonetheless, I do hope that all who took part did enjoy their yomping, swearing, skidding, screeching, fighting, panting and sliding way round.

A Happy New Year to you all, Mad Mary.

### **Spurred On.....**

New Year's Day saw a 45 minute score event at Wootton and Spur Chase Woods. Alex had planned a team event which had two first prizes, some chocolate and the opportunity to organise next year's event!

Over forty people attended and with twenty five controls to collect, the maximum point score per individual was 250 and 750 per team.

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The winners with 550 points were Brian Ward, Patricia Simmons and George van Dam. Equal second on 570 points were the teams of Pete Harris, Dom Simmonds, Rosie Field and Jake Field, Amanda Ward, Paul Simmons.  
Full results for both events are on the HALO website.



### Events.....

LEI have a night event on Saturday 10th Jan, followed by a day event on Sunday 11th Jan. Both at The Outwood Loughborough.



### The Winners are.....

The winning team from New Year's Day. George, Patricia and Brian receive their prizes from Neil.



### Appy New Year.....

The future of orienteering.....I hope not !

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