



### HALO News.....

A quiet weekend locally, so a chance for other news.

The HALO night league starts next month and Brian Slater is looking for some planners. Andrew is planning Central Park, but all the other events are up for grabs.

The Committee are looking for a social events organiser. So if you'd like to organise a party in a brewery please raise your glass.

The HALO regional events next month coincide with the Beverley Christmas Market. So you can go orienteering and Christmas shopping, if you want to.....

[NGOC](#) have two orienteering board games, Urban O and Forest Challenge. If you're interested click the link for more information.

### Dot, Dash Dash, Dot.....

David Jolly recently tried Radio-Orienteering. Here is his report....

*Since HALO were not running at the Compass Sport Trophy final in Devon, I seized upon the opportunity for my first dalliance with a different type of orienteering, ARDF (amateur radio direction finding) and headed off to Leicestershire.*

*The format of Radio-O is similar to that of a score event, but the controls are not marked on the map. Instead a radio transmitter at each location sends out a unique identifying signal. Using a handheld receiver it's possible to determine the direction of the strongest signal (DF) and follow that until you've located the control, whereupon there's a familiar looking kite and SI box. However the transmitters only send out their identifying signal for 1 minute, every five minutes.*

*I'm given a 'blank' orienteering map of the area, a clipboard, a radio receiver with headphones, and a pen to draw bearings. They recommend spare headphones and a spare battery for obvious reasons but thankfully I don't know this beforehand. There are 5 'controls' to find and a time limit of 2 hours.*

*I'm first off and the road route to get round the OOB houses and into the woods gives me some listening time. All the controls sound like they are in the same direction and I head confidently into the woods. Confidence that soon dwindles when I emerge from the other side of the woods, having lost contact with the map and no directions determined. Realising that this isn't going to be a quick game I plough on with not much idea how I'm going to unravel this mess. Hopefully something will materialise.*

*Fortunately it does, control number 1 is suddenly behind me. I take a gamble and head into the woods on a bearing taken from the signal. Only at the next transmission can I home in, it sounds loud, first one punched!*

*As I head off towards #2 I know I can't make it but, the 4 minutes of silent time gives me chance to think what to do next. A lightbulb moment when I realise that a zig zag approach will help me confirm the bearing. After finding #2 I'm starting to get more confident and manage to go on and find controls 3, 4 and 5.*

*Is there a finish beacon? The answer is no, just a finish punch back at the start. Completed in less than an hour. Good result and I am still astounded at how the mess and confusion cleared as the course progressed. Great fun and a good lesson in "DON'T PANIC."*

### YHOA Night League Conyngham Hall.....

CLARO held the inaugural event last Saturday night. With Mary C abroad, the Field family were our only representatives. On the long course Dean was 18th, with Joe 23rd, meanwhile Rosie was 7th on the medium.

### Events Coming Up.....

Saturday 18th November, LOG - South Common

Sunday 19th November, CLARO - Swinsty & Beecroft

Saturday 25th November, SYO - Eccleshall Woods YHOA Night League

Sat/Sun 25th/26th Nov, HALO - Training Weekend Sheffield

Sunday 26th November, SYO - Eccleshall Woods

Sunday 3rd December, NOC - Nottingham Urban

Sunday 3rd December, AIRE - Middleton Woods

Tuesday 5th December, HALO - Night League 1 Central Park Scunthorpe

Saturday 9th December, HALO - Beverley Westwood YHOA Night League

Sunday 10th December, HALO - Regional Event Beverley Westwood

Tuesday 12th December, HALO - Night League 2 Cottingham

### Useful links.....

Websites of clubs and associations frequently mentioned in the [HALO](#) newsletter.

[AIRE](#), [CLARO](#), [CLOK](#), [DVO](#), [EBOR](#), [EPOC](#), [FABIAN](#), [LEI](#), [LOG](#), [NOC](#), [SYO](#), [YHOA](#)

### Postcards from Bilbao.....

Neil, Pete, Ken and Mary C have all been in Bilbao for the Rioja and the Euro City Race.



Thanks to Pete Harris for tweeting these.



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