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## Balmedie Night O

an action adventure short - full of excitement and suspense  
showing now on a small screen near you  
<http://youtu.be/spbwGulpo5U>

Director: Sean O'Sullivan  
Cameraman: Sean O'Sullivan  
Stuntman: Sean O'Sullivan

Starring: Sean O'Sullivan's hands

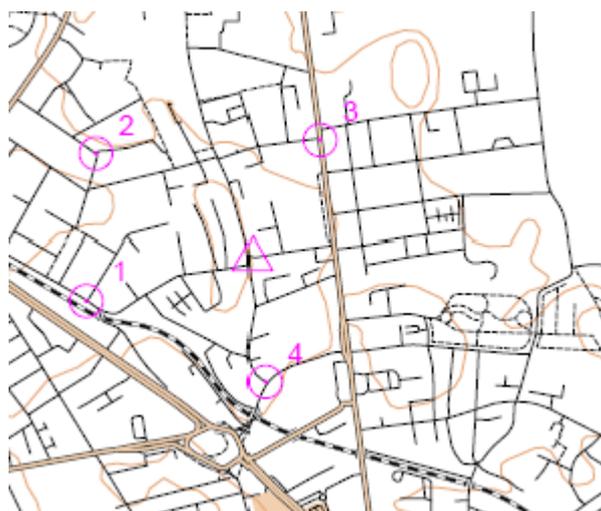
"It's one of my all time favourites - a dark, strange work featuring an extraordinary performance by some guys with headtorches."  
MacKermode

"A chilling, often baroque journey into madness."  
Trumpton Today

"Nowt so queer as folk, eh?"  
Someone's Granny



## LOCAL SPRINTS SERIES aka STREET O – starting Wednesday March 6th



We're keeping the Wednesday evening programme rolling through with a local sprint series in the Aberdeen area starting 6th March. Come along for an introduction to running with a map or treat it as a training run – everyone welcome!

The events have simplified street maps like the snippet shown here (not detailed orienteering maps) and there will be no controls out, just 'virtual' controls suggested on the map to make up a course ~6k with a 4k option. Just pitch up between 6pm and 7pm and blow the cobwebs away with a quick blast round the streets. £1 per map to cover printing costs.

- 6th March: Opposite Beach Leisure Centre**
- 13th March: Duthie Park (Boating pond car park)**
- 20th March: Westburn Park (Playground)**
- 27th March: Aberdeen University (Car park off St Machar Drive)**
- 3rd April: RGU Sports Centre**
- 10th April: Johnstone Gardens (Viewfield Crescent street parking)**

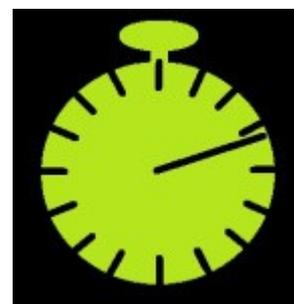
There's a link to a flyer for the series on the frontpage of the website that you could circulate around to friends and workmates to entice them to join you – this will be an easy and convenient taster of what urban orienteering's all about so ideal for beginners.

## FOREST SPRINT SERIES – starting Friday April 19th

As the evenings stay lighter for longer, the action moves from the streets to the forests as Gramp and Maroc share the honours in putting on a short series of Forest Sprints.

Sprint O is great fun – lots of controls in quick succession in a relatively short distance and fast running alone is no use in this discipline if it's of the headless chicken variety! You really have to look closely at the map, make snap decisions about route choice, execute them quickly and cleanly while all the time trying to read a jiggling map and watch where your feet are going. Give it a go!

- 19<sup>th</sup> April: Dunottar Woods**
- 26<sup>th</sup> April: Shooting Greens**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Scolty**
- 10<sup>th</sup> May: Dess**
- 17<sup>th</sup> May: Mulloch**
- 25<sup>th</sup> May: Potarch**



One course TD3 or Orange standard, about 3km  
 Great for developing Juniors if accompanied by a TD3 standard runner  
 Best 4 scores out of 6 will count towards the FSS league results  
 Registration: 18:00 to 18:50  
 Starts: 18:30 to 19:15  
 Fees: £4 Senior, £2 Junior/Student

Check [www.grampoc.com](http://www.grampoc.com) for links to maps showing locations of all these events

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT - MARCH 2013

Thanks for electing me as the 2013 Chairman; I know it will be a busy year with lots of great orienteering, including the Moray 6 days. We have already concluded the night series and got underway with our weekend programme and new Local Sprint series.

A key focus for 2013/14 is the continued growth of membership and event participation. We especially want to increase the number of members in the M/W21 age group. Since the best form of recruitment is personal invitation, I would request all members to encourage newcomers to try our sport and to offer help to newcomers you see at events.

To support the club in the growth area, Jess Tullie, Regional Development Officer, is working with us to create and support specific initiatives. These include the Local Sprint series, encouraging potential participants from the Corporate population in and around Aberdeen, developing our use of facebook and engaging with other running clubs. You can get in touch with Jess at Jessica @scottish-orienteering.org

Local Sprint (aka Street O) started on 6<sup>th</sup> March and is on in different Aberdeen locations every Wednesday from 6-7pm. It involves a simplified street map (from [www.oobrien.com/oom](http://www.oobrien.com/oom) ) with controls marked on, but no kites out. Course is usually ~6km, but since there is no timing, you can shorten (or lengthen) the run as you wish. The events could be seen as a training opportunity for existing members or an introduction to orienteering for non members. Events are very informal and cost is £1. Pass on the word.

Standing down this year from the committee are Jayne McGregor, Sean O'Sullivan and Pete Lawrence. I would like to thank them all for many years service on the committee, exactly how many years I am not sure but Jayne has been on the committee as long as I can remember! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pete for his effort as Chairman over the last 3 years; whilst I will do my best, it will be a hard act to follow.

Carolyn McLeod has agreed to arrange the annual dinner in May, so keep an eye out for this coming up. We are also planning a beach BBQ at Roseisle on day 5 of the Moray 6 Days, Friday August 2nd. If you have any other ideas for social activities then let Helen Anderson or I know, especially if you are willing to take on arranging one.

Enjoy your orienteering,

Sam ( [gomersalls @googlemail.com](mailto:gomersalls@googlemail.com) )

# Welcome!!

A very warm welcome to new member: Alastair Murgatroyd

And a very warm welcome back to the Hendry Family too.  
Gordon played a big part in developing the HHH brainteaser format, so if you feel Kevin's anagrams were a bit hard this year then you now know he was only following tradition!

## CLUB CONTACTS

\* = committee member

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Deadline for articles, photos and news for next TG is **30th April** please.  
Emails to newsletter @grampoc.com or post to 40 Ann St, Stonehaven, AB39 2DB

If you'd prefer to receive Telegram in .pdf format rather than by post tell me (same contacts as above) and I'll add you to the list.

The advantages of .pdf are full colour version, you get it a few days earlier and you'll be helping the planet and club funds by saving on paper and postage.  
The disadvantages? You can't read it in the bath while having a long, hot post-O soak unless you want to risk your iPad ;-)



## PLEA FOR PLANNERS/ORGANISERS

We have several events still needing a planner/organiser – see list below.

Many of our stalwarts are up their proverbials in 6 Days preparations but have still put their names down already so if you haven't committed yet then ***please, please contact Helen Rowlands asap*** and help us to keep the GRAMP event machine ticking over.

Doesn't matter if you haven't planned/organised before as ***we'll find someone to mentor you*** and these are all mostly ***simple local events*** – if you've been to a couple of Summer Series or some of the Sprints then you'll know what's expected. If the evening timing of these events is the factor stopping you from saying "Yes! Count me in!" then ***why not plan something and then co-opt another bod or two to help*** put out controls and do registration on the day?

### Summer Series Wed evenings – 4 courses – two hard, one orange, one yellow

15 May – Tyrebagger  
 19 June – Dunottar  
 10 July – Glen Dye  
 07 Aug – Mulloch  
 28 Aug – Templars

### Autumn Urban Wed evenings – one course, urban

25 Sep – Seaton & Hillhead

### Colour coded aka Level C

27 Oct – Tyrebagger  
 24 Nov – Forvie

We really don't want to have to cancel any of these events due to lack of planners (bit embarrassing and very disappointing for all of us) so please think about how you can help and contact Helen – her phone number is on the GRAMP contact list you all received or you can use the contact link in the 'Plea for planners/organisers' post on the website.



Taken from the BOF fixtures calendar and local clubs' websites as of end of December. Bear in mind that things may change by the time the events happen so don't take this list as gospel truth and check on the relevant club's website or ask a fellow Gramp to do so if you don't have access. EOD = Entry on the Day EEE = Early Email Entry

## MARCH

**6th Wed GRAMP Local Sprint Series starts** - Level D - EOD - see page 2

**17th Sun FVO SOL 2 Rannoch** <http://fvo.org.uk/events/2013/mar/17/rannoch/>  
Races on Saturday too – see FVO website

**23rd Sat MOR Saturday League Aberlour Level D**  
EOD [www.moravianorienteering.org](http://www.moravianorienteering.org)

**24th Sun MAROC Inver, nr Braemar Level C (JD)2C** **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**  
Reg: 10:30 – 12:30 EOD or pre-entry via EEE @marocscotland.org.uk  
White to Brown [www.marocscotland.org.uk](http://www.marocscotland.org.uk)

**24th Sun INVOC Dalreoch, nr Inverness Level D** \*\*\*event TBC\*\*\* [www.invoc.org.uk](http://www.invoc.org.uk)

## APRIL

**6th Sat GRAMP Scottish Sprint Championships 2013 and SOUL 2**  
Pre-entry via Oentries with very limited EOD – 7 courses for age class bands – 2 races – short sprint courses with winning time for each race ~12 – 15 mins  
See page 12

**7th Sun GRAMP Glen Dye Level C (JD)2C**  
Reg: 10:30 – 12:30 EOD or EEE pre-entry via grampoc@gmail.com or via Oentries  
White to Brown [www.grampoc.com](http://www.grampoc.com)

**14th Sun INVOC Rogie, nr Contin Level C** - EOD - [www.invoc.org.uk](http://www.invoc.org.uk)

**19th Fri GRAMP/MAROC ForestSprint Series starts** - Level D - EOD - see page 2

**20th Sat MOR Saturday League Buckie Level D**  
EOD [www.moravianorienteering.org](http://www.moravianorienteering.org)

## MAY

**5th Sun MAROC Tilquhillie Level D**  
EOD or pre-entry via EEE @marocscotland.org.uk  
[www.marocscotland.org.uk](http://www.marocscotland.org.uk)

**8th Wed GRAMP Summer Series Series starts** - Level D – Countesswells and beyond!

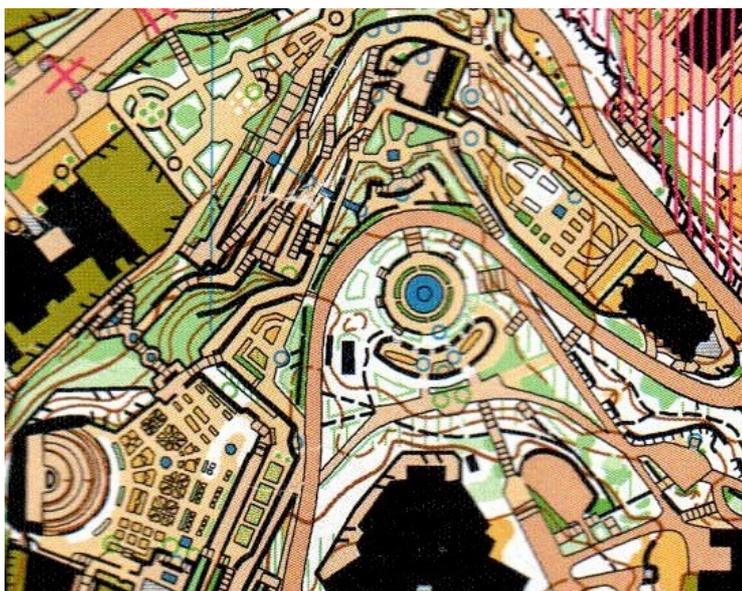
**25<sup>th</sup> Sat AYROC Scottish Championships 2013 Individual Loch Doon** [www.ayroc.com](http://www.ayroc.com)

**26<sup>th</sup> Sun SOLWAY Scottish Relay Championships 2013 Maxwellton Estates, Thornhill**  
[www.solwayorienteers.co.uk](http://www.solwayorienteers.co.uk)

## ONCE IN A LIFETIME....

.... you may find yourself, quite by accident, somewhere you'd never, ever dreamed of being. I thought my OIAL experience had already happened when we went to tea with the Queen at Holyrood in July last year but it seems the Gods thought "Hmmm! She coped with that alright, skulking in the crowds, so let's see what happens when we put her in the spotlight. How about on a podium in the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona?"

We've developed the habit of taking a long autumn weekend somewhere for a bit of a city break with some urban O thrown in for good measure. Previous years have seen us trotting round London and Venice but this year we decided to give the Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona a whirl. This is a two day event showcases the city's sights with a Sprint race on



the Saturday, this year around the Barri Gòtic, and a Long race on the Sunday through the warren of paths, fountains, the castle, Olympic buildings, escalators, play parks and grand architectural spaces that make up Montjuïc hill to the SW of the city centre.

I've scanned in one of the really complex bits of the Montjuïc map to try to give you a flavour of it, but it's so complex it just looks black so I've had to enlarge it a bit too! I love that kind of intricacy to disentangle and the chance of a shot at that map and some authentic tapas was just too good to miss.

On Friday evening we went to the swimming pool complex up on Montjuïc to collect our numbers and pay the entry fee as bank transfers are ridiculously complicated from UK to Europe. Luckily the organisers, Club Orientació Catalunya, know all about that and were very accommodating, responding to my pigeon-Spanish emails saying we could pay cash no problem. €26 each for all that fun + a free technical shirt (can we not find a snappier name for these like TT-shirt? Or T<sup>2</sup>shirt?) + insurance for running abroad + plenty of fruit/water/cake/squash dished out at the end of the races + prizes for the successful including €1000 for the wining Elites. Excellent value and all helped by generous sponsorship from Suunto. Plenty of banners and flags in evidence and they had a competition number raffle for a Suunto GPS/watch at the prize-giving, but oddly no Suunto logo on the shirts or competition numbers.

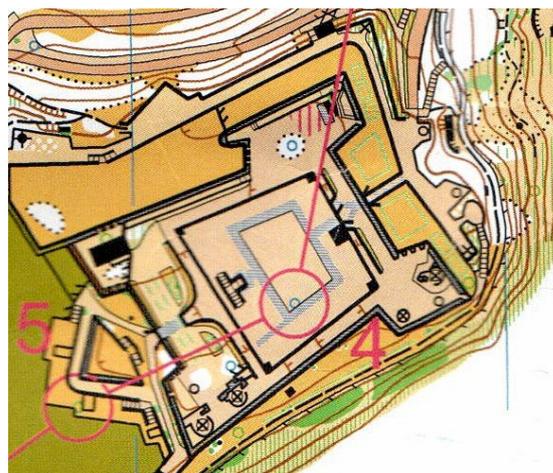
Anyway, back to the OIAL experience.... for the Sprint assembly, we shared a small urban park with some very friendly and relaxed locals, lounging in the sun chatting while their kids narrowly avoided being bowled over by the Elites dashing into the Finish in hot pursuit of those euros. When our turn came, the courses weren't particularly technical but still great fun scampering round the old streets. Providing you didn't try to run down the street where the Picasso museum queue snakes back a couple of blocks, it was very easy going apart from the tropical 20 degrees and no breeze - bit of a shock to the system after November runs here on the windswept NE coast! Pete went to check the results while we were trying to cool down again and came back saying I was first out of three runners. I jokingly said to take a

photo of the evidence while it looked good and we ambled off for a long, lazy lunch to celebrate.

The Sunday event was supposed to have been based at the swimming pool complex but, due to a clash with another event, the TICBCN organisers had been offered the use of the Olympic Stadium instead. I'm sure they agreed very reluctantly. So, on Sunday we walked back up the hill playing spot the control, past the security guard and through the entrance tunnel to find ourselves at one end of the stadium. It's big. It's VERY BIG! The size quite knocks you for six even when it's empty, so heaven knows what it must be like for athletes walking out there in front of a capacity crowd all shouting and cheering at the tops of their voices. We went for a warm up lap around the track coolly resisting the urge to wave at the imaginary crowd, checked out the athletes' facilities under the stands (wonder which loo Sally Gunnell used?) then checked the Sprint results again – I was still first, now out of five runners. Nice surprise.

The Start was visible at the other end of the stadium and we assumed we'd be running out through a corresponding tunnel at the other end. I was one of the first to start and got to demonstrate that we had actually to run the length of the 100m track to collect our maps and then through a third tunnel to be spat out into that complex map with route choices straight away and all the way round for an hour or so. Brilliant!

Some of you may have spotted the thread on Nopesport talking about the way Montjuïc castle is mapped? Although covering a fairly small area on the map, there are 3 or 4 levels involved with a moat, subterranean entrance to a ground level walkway, then a tunnel into a courtyard with porticos and then steps from there up to an upper walkway around the top. Quite difficult to summarise all that on the map and it caught a lot of people out, me included and I'd already been there as tourist. Although nothing like the Barbican in complexity, what the Nopesport reporter fails to mention is that by the time you reach the castle, depending on your course, you've already fiddled your way through 1 - 2 km of really complex map reading, just climbed 100m+ at 1:5 most of the way, all in that unaccustomed 20 degree heat and, unsurprisingly, your head is utter mince by the time you get to the top!



From the castle, my course looped down through lovely open pine woods and picnic spots where I was serenaded by two men practising the sac de gemecs (Catalan bagpipes), then past the cemetery and through the Olympic Ring Plaça, both just as breath taking as the stadium in scale and grandeur (albeit faded grandeur in the case of the cemetery), before diving down the hill for more complex fiddling through semi-formal parks and back up to the stadium to finish inside. Unfortunately, the up escalators I'd hoped to take advantage of were too clogged with pushchair- and bike-wielding families out for their Sunday paseo by this time, so it was up the steps the hard way all the way to the top.

As I trotted round the outside of the stadium for the last time, I had to dodge through a group of tourists leaving the free viewing balcony but I was too breathless to explain – in any language – what we were all doing in there. Hopefully they clocked the smart TICBCN top and map and guessed it was orienteering. What a way to showcase your sport?! (The flags

and PA and activity inside the stadium that is, not some breathless, red-faced, jelly-legged W45.) So, instead I trotted back through the tunnel to finish and even got a name check on the PA before going to slump in the stands, guzzling water and waiting for Pete to finish. It took even longer to cool down this time, despite the odd rain shower, but eventually we mustered the energy to check the results. Another nice surprise! I was showing as first of three again and by quite a big margin. But the lady who was second in the Sprint hadn't finished yet so I assumed that at best I'd be second overall.

Feeling a little heat-exhausted still, we decided to wait for the prize-giving rather than dashing off to try and squeeze in a visit to Sitges as we'd originally planned. Pete nursed a tweaked hamstring while I wandered around handing out Moray 2013 flyers and talking to some of the local orienteers about their plans to come this year which was good news. Interestingly, one lady asked whether there would be any open moorland areas at Moray and seemed very pleased to learn that there wouldn't, but I didn't have a chance to ask why she preferred forests so much.

Nor did we have a chance to check the results again before the prize-giving started. It was all in Catalan with the occasional English announcement so a little hard to follow, especially when it started with three assorted and rather puzzled folk being called up to the podium, but the penny quickly dropped when everyone burst into a rendition of Cumpleaños Feliz (Happy Birthday).

Both men and women of each age class were called up to receive prizes at the same time which made for a slightly crowded podium sometimes but helped speed the process up. M/W16... M/W20, M/W35.... Finally the M/W45 winners were announced including "Raquel Escott, primera W45". Hang on! That's me! My moment of fame and we didn't have a camera or phone to capture the occasion as I never, never expect to win anything let alone find myself standing on the top podium, clutching a rucksack with TICBCN 2012 on it, shaking hands with a Dane, a Hungarian, a Swede and a Dutchman, posing for photos and listening to "We Are the Champions!" Not so much Picasso as decidedly Dali.

It's a long way to go for a race but if you like sprint/urban O and long w/e city breaks, you'll love this event – just a shame you'll have to wait two years for the next one and Club Orientació Catalunya can't guarantee that you'll get the chance to run down the 100m straight in the Olympic Stadium on your way to pick up your map in 2014. Wooohoooo!

Rachel

## TELEGRAMP AND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

We send a copy of every Telegramp to some external contacts including the National Library of Scotland under the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003. Two copies got lost somewhere recently and I received a very formal email informing me of this and requesting copies be sent. I decided to respond with some questions of my own, as I've often wondered what happens to all those paper copies but not before hitting the NLS website to see whether it was possible to request back copies of Telegramp. I discovered that you can't see them online but you can request to have them delivered to the NLS Reading Room if you have an NLS card.

Look what else I found while searching the NLS archives for orienteering related documents:

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1 [Use of a satellite navigation device in the surveying of orienteering maps : a research study for the Scottish Sports Council by Chris Aust and John D Eades.](#)  
Aust, Chris.  
1993  
GSO-I.16.(29)  
 Available, General Reading Room (stored offsite)

Anyway, my reply email went something like this:

“Dear NLS,

How many copies do you handle each year under the Act and what proportion of these are from clubs and organisations throughout Scotland (as opposed to commercial publishers)? Do they all simply get catalogued and stored or does anything else ever happen to any? On a selfish note, can you tell from your database whether anyone ever asked to have Telegramp delivered to the reading room?!

Regards, Rachel”

I got a reply that went something like this:

“Dear Ms Scott,

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 November 2012. Intake of serial issues varies from year to year, but we are currently receiving about 123,000 parts a year in terms of the Legal Deposit legislation. They have been published throughout the UK and Ireland, and are kept here as part of the National Published Archive. They represent the full range of commercial publishing, as well as those published by societies, individuals and local organisations. Although we try to collect Scottish publications comprehensively, we do not keep separate statistics of Scottish serials. We also collect monographs published throughout the UK and Ireland, and also Scottish monographs comprehensively. There is more information on legal deposit at this link: <http://www.nls.uk/about-us/what-we-are/legal-deposit>

In addition the Library compiles Scottish Bibliographies Online, which is a database about Scots, Scotland and Scottish writing, and can be found at this link: <http://www.nls.uk/catalogues/scottish-bibliographies-online>

Everything held in the Library’s collections is stored on our stack floors until required for consultation. Part of the National Library of Scotland’s remit is to preserve our collections for future use so we do not sell or dispose of material. The collections can be freely consulted by members of the public in our reading rooms but they must register to use the library in order to do so.

Sadly I regret that data protection law prevents us from telling you whether *Telegram* has been requested for viewing in the reading rooms.

I hope that this information will prove helpful to you.

Yours sincerely, NLS”

Damn! Anyone sufficiently up to speed with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to tell me whether I'm within my rights to pursue info on whether anyone has ever sat in the NLS Reading Rooms flipping through back copies?

Rachel



## **SCOTTISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SOUL 2**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April

Seaton Park & Hillhead - King's Campus

### **Glen Dye Level C**

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April

It's not often that you get the chance to participate in two competitions for the price of one on your own doorstep but that's what's coming to Aberdeen very soon in a doubleheader feast of urban sprint orienteering on Saturday 6th April. Originally planned to be a two part sprint-style race for SOUL 2, we've now added the Scottish Sprint Championships 2013 into the mix so you're getting two events for the price of one!

Lots of fast and furious racing around Seaton Park and Hillhead Halls of Residence (don't get distracted by the smells coming from the students' kitchens!), followed by a second race around the mixture of modern University buildings and alleyways of King's Campus in one of the oldest parts of Aberdeen, when we'll start you off in a reverse chasing start - the fastest in Race 1 goes last - to give that added competitive edge with everyone finishing (more or less) together in a head-to-head rush at the end.

Your cumulative time will count towards both the Scottish Orienteering Urban League and may just win you a Scottish Sprint Champs medal if you capitalise on your local knowledge. Even if you think you can't "Sprint" you'll find that fast interpretation of the map, quick decision making and careful route choice execution often win over the headless chickens. Go on give it a shot – you may well surprise yourself! Entries online please at [Oentries.com](http://Oentries.com).

And as if all that wasn't tempting enough, you also get the chance to enjoy the superb classic terrain of Glen Dye on Sunday 7th for a Level C event.

**WE WILL BE NEEDING HELPERS AT BOTH EVENTS, ESPECIALLY THE SPRINT CHAMPS TO ENSURE WE DELIVER QUALITY EVENTS HELPERS WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE IF THEY WANT TO**

Please contact Rachel Scott flump [@care4free.net](mailto:@care4free.net) to offer help for Sat  
Jayne MacGregor Jayne.MacGregor [@uk.bp.com](mailto:@uk.bp.com) to offer help for Sun  
Or either for both which would be doubly appreciated ;-)

## SPATIAL AWARENESS – MALES VS FEMALES

For many years, it's been thought that increased spatial awareness was a desirable evolutionary trait in males which gave them some sort of territorial advantage over rivals thus leading to increased production of offspring.

According to a report (spotted by Ewen Rennie) in Science Daily on research carried out by University of Illinois psychology professor Justin Rhodes, it's all a load of b\*\*\*s. No, seriously – it would appear that increased spatial awareness is just a “side effect” of testosterone. Read the full report at <http://goo.gl/0pAXM>.

*Wonder if anyone has ever tested female orienteers' testosterone levels to compare with the average woman on the street? Ed.*

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## MAPPING THE NATION

From Aberdeen City Library Catalogue :-

Scotland: mapping the nation

By Fleet, Christopher

Book. English. Published Edinburgh : Birlinn 2011

A major new history of Scotland told through maps. Featuring the earliest representations of Scotland by Ptolemy in the second century AD to the most. Central Library 941

This might seem a strange book to mention in Gramp but I offer these notes and quotes culled from my reading of it.

As a map is recorded at less than a scale of 1-to-1 it must omit, select and generalise. The cartographer's dilemma is that "almost any representation of .. a tiny feature on a map would be out of proportion to its real dimension" (P170)

Maps have a language of their own. They are both geographic and historic; both artistic and scientific. Maps precede writing by 3,000 years with early versions often being scenography - a bird's eye view - a mix of plans and topographic views.

The first atlas of Britain was commissioned by James the 1st and 6th and entitled "Theatre of the Empire of GB". An artefact of the fact that early maps were about power and control.

All in all this collection of articles is worth a look .  
Ewen Rennie

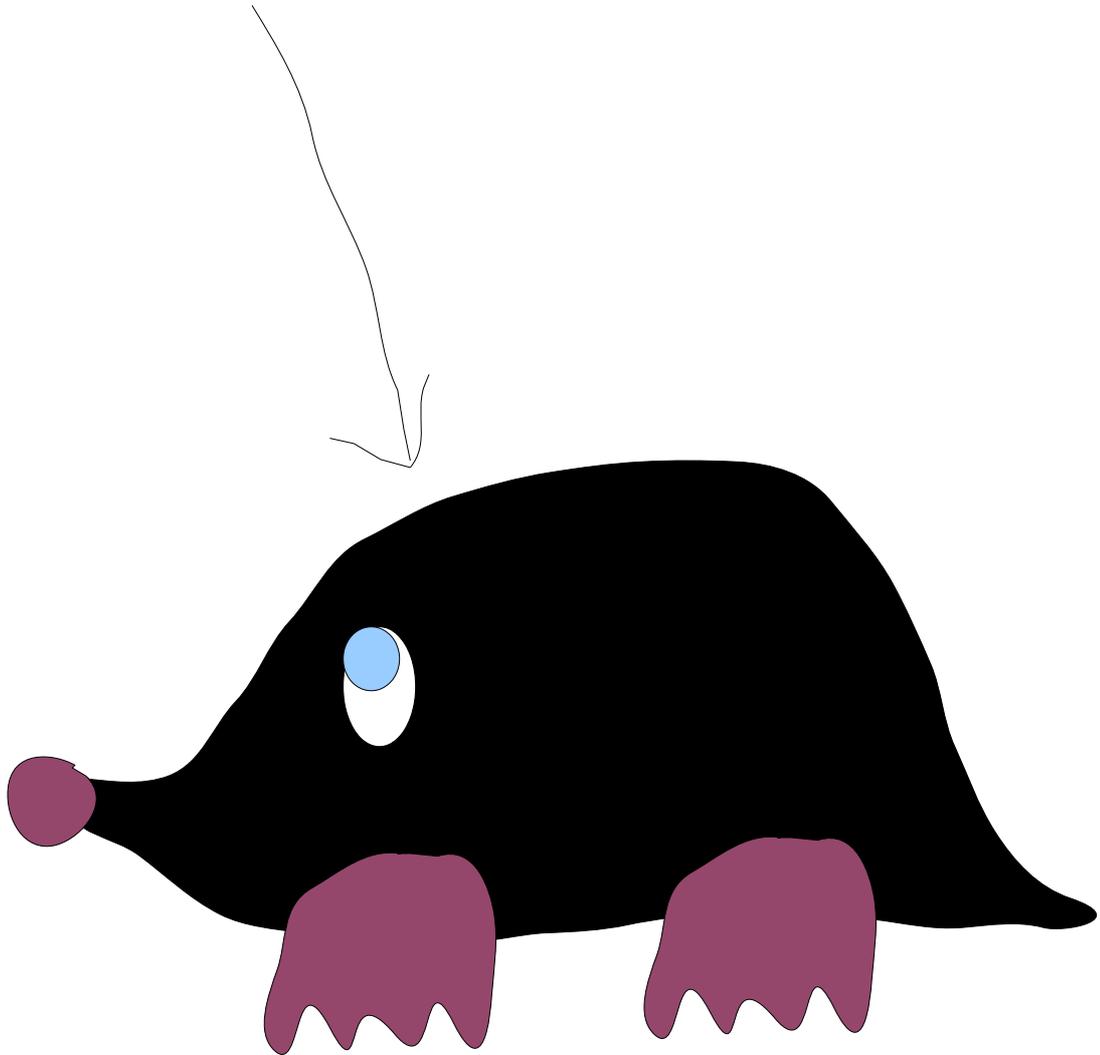
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## MAP OF A NATION

And on a related theme, I recently finished reading Map of a Nation by Rachel Hewitt, described as a biography of the Ordnance Survey. The early surveyors encountered much resistance and hostility (particularly in Scotland) from folk suspicious that these newfangled surveys and maps were purely to facilitate even more taxation of, if not control over, their land.

It has an image of part of a 1680 map of London with the legend “The scale is but small, Expect not truth in all” of the quote highlighted by Ewen above! Ed.

A Space Filling Mole



## Deeside Night Cup 2012/13

I know we're supposed to be spreading the word about orienteering as an adventure sport but I've given up telling workmates about how I've been spending my Wednesday evenings recently. Seems Night O is just a bit too extreme a concept for Joe Public.

Luckily, over 50 regulars from Gramp and Maroc plus ~40 other assorted part-timers don't share that view and instead can't wait to strap on a headtorch and go out every week to pit their wits against the planner and the dark, even on the coldest and snowiest of nights – although Glen Dye did get postponed for a few nights as the snow made travel too dodgy that particular Wednesday.

Some closely fought battles as usual. One or two invincibles as usual. Some cracking courses in some (shin)cracking terrain as usual. Lots of friendly rivalry between and amongst the two clubs as usual. A celebratory curry and prize-giving to round off the series as usual.

Drew Tivendale, acting as MC at the prize-giving, dished out easter eggs, trophies and other prizes and even managed to get in a brief serious Health & Safety moment by awarding Josh Dudley of Maroc a spot prize for “Most Inappropriately Dressed Competitor” for running around Birsemore (guess who was organising and was worried?!) in no more than a T-shirt despite it being a cold night and renowned tough terrain most likely to result in the need for some help from Aberdeen or Braemar MRT if someone were unlucky enough to fall and break something.



A typical view of a DNC competitor taken by Ewen Rennie at Tyrebagger

Best Courses: Glen Dye - Ali Roberston (G)  
Toughest of the Tough: Carlogie (for snow wading not the planning)  
Best/Worst Mistake: Nick Green (INVOC)

### Overall winners:

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| DNC       | Jon Musgrave (M)   |
| D(mini)NC | Ross McMurtrie (M) |

### First Junior:

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| DNC       | Josh Dudley (M)    |
| D(mini)NC | Jenny Ricketts (M) |

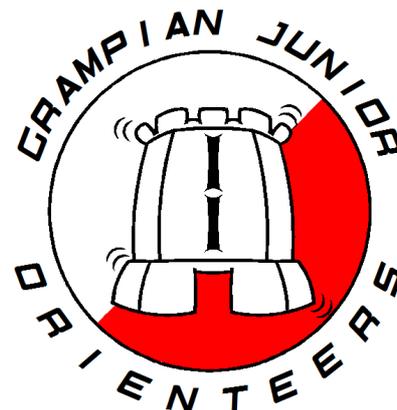
### First Lady:

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| DNC       | Sarah Dunn (M)       |
| D(mini)NC | Lesley Gomersall (G) |

**GRAMP JUNIOR NEWS issue 25**

Bit of a skinny Issue 25 as not much has been happening on the GJO front over winter and nobody has felt inspired to send in any reports or photos or puzzles or jokes.

Can't believe you all lead such boring lives that there isn't *something* you'd like to share?! ;-)

**Jon Duncan Junior Deeside Cup 2013**

The one thing that is happening right now is this year's Jon Duncan Junior Deeside Cup or (JD)2C as we call it for short mostly. You're automatically entered into the competition if you're a GRAMP or MAROC Junior, all you need do now is make sure you get along to as many events as you can this year and the next event is at Inver on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March so not long to wait.



After two events we have the following GJOs leading their age classes:

Keith Yardey M14  
 Morvern Farquharson W8  
 Isobel Anderson W10  
 Ailsa Anderson W12  
 Naomi Lang W14

Well done guys – don't relax though as there are other GJOs not too far behind you!!

The list of events and the rules are on the Gramp website – click on the GJO > JD2C menu link or ask Ian Barraclough if you want to know more.

In case you didn't already know, the Jon Duncan Junior Deeside Cup is named after an honorary GRAMP and ex-British Team member, Jon Duncan, who is now enjoying semi-retirement from the international orienteering scene growing beetroot in Norway. (Honest!)