

## ORIENTEERING REPORTS, 2013 DIGEST

**14th Nov 2013**

Fifty-seven orienteers took part in Border Liners club event in High Stand Woods near Armathwaite last Saturday. Organiser and planner Christine Goulding had devised three courses of varying lengths and difficulty through the mixed woodland terrain. Jeff Powell Davies (BL) took top honours around the Green course with a time of just over 45 minutes, whilst Simon Hunt of the Thames Valley Orienteering Club was fastest around the Short Green route. Nine-year-old Border Liner Laura Hazelhurst meanwhile showed the rest of the field a clean pair of heels on the Orange course. Full results: [www.bl-orienteering.org.uk/](http://www.bl-orienteering.org.uk/)

On Sunday, some of Border Liners experienced competitors took part in the Copeland Chase; an annual 'long course' orienteering event in West Cumbria. This year, the 10K, 15K and 20K course options were based around the North side of the Eskdale valley with the start high up in remote Miterdale. The perfect weather gave competitors every opportunity to concentrate on route planning to avoid the wet, tussocky grassland areas. Steve Birkinshaw of the host club (West Cumberland Orienteering Club) was quickest around the long course with a time of 2hrs, 21 minutes and 6 seconds. Jeff Powell Davies, still feeling fresh after Saturday's win, was fastest Border Liner in eighth place (3.00.52) but the run of the day went to Border Liner Karen Parker whose 3.21.20 put her on top of the long course ladies podium. Around the 15K course WCOC's Mike Billingham was quickest (2.16.23) with Border Liner James Daplyn taking an excellent fifth overall (2.31.55). Rob Stein (WCOC) was first overall on the 10K event (1.38.22) with Stella Lewsley the fastest of the Liners in 1.59.31

10.11.13 - Copeland Chase Results (BL Only)

20K

Jeff Powell Davis 3.00.52, Dan Parker 3.03.26, Karen Parker 3.21.20

15K

James Daplyn 2.31.55, Andy Lewsley 2.41.29, Raymond Wren 3.10.14, Christine Goulding 3.19.59

10K

Stella Lewsley 1.59.31, Jenny Wren 2.16.00, Debbie Thompson 2.17.21, Chris Lates 2.48.42

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27th Nov 2013

Border Liners promoted the final event of the 2013 Cumbria Galloper Series, with almost two hundred competitors enjoying fast running around the open fellside courses at Faulds Brow near Caldbeck. Isabel Berry, route planning an event of this size for the first time, ensured that navigation skills were tested equally with physical fitness, whilst a special mention should go to the other club members who helped on the day to keep the event running smoothly.

On the 8.6km Brown course, Steve Birkinshaw of the West Cumbria Orienteering Club (WCOC) followed up his good recent form with a winning time of 44.06 around the nineteen controls, more than five minutes clear of runner-up John Tullie of the Roxburgh Reivers. Alan Hartley was quickest of the Border Liners in twelfth place (65.49), just two minutes clear of team mate Karen Parker (14th / 67.28). Around the Blue, Green and Short Green courses, Border Liners were well represented on the podiums with James Daplyn, David Mainwaring and Robin Stansfield taking second place in each of the events respectively. Sisters Elizabeth and Suzanne Morley both made the top ten on the Orange course whilst seven-year-old Sam Hunt just missed the podium in fourth place around the Yellow course.

The Liners penultimate competition of 2013 takes place on Saturday 7th December with an urban event around the streets of Penrith. Event headquarters will be next to Beaconside Primary School off Fell Lane, with starts between 11am and 12 noon.

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Faulds Brow Results 24/11/13 (Class winners and BL finishers)

Brown (8.6Km) Steve Birkinshaw (WCOC) 44.06 Alan Hartley 65.49 Karen Parker 67.28 Christine Goulding 72.30 Raymond Wren 72.41	Joan Cumpstey 58.10 Karen Blackburn 59.19  Philip Nicols 59.40 Dick Whitworth 65.1	Orange (2.9km) Rosie Spencer (WCOC) 26.16 Elizabeth Morley 41.42 Suzanne Morley 54.38
Blue (6.3km) Paul Neild (IND) 42.23 James Daplyn 44.05 Adam Bennett 50.20 Robin Thomas 57.43 Debbie Thompson 60.14 Jenny Wren 61.07 Mike Cumpstey 66.56 Stephen Farthing 66.56	Short Green (3.2km) Richard Towler (LOC) 30.12 Robin Stansfield 39.56 Geoff Armer 41.23 Anita Evans 47.02 Richard Moss 47.23 Heather Prince 51.33 Shirley Moss 51.37 Louise Wilson 61.13 Angela Whitworth 62.29 Helen Morley Rtd	Yellow (2.2km) Daniel Lister (UVHS) 17.53 Sam Hunt 32.45 Robbie Farthing 32.48 Eleanor Farthing 36.02
Green (4.6km) Michael Pearson (WCOC) 36.21 David Mainwaring 36.27 Emily Brown 40.44 Neil Morley 47.33 Gerry Garvey 47.38 Richard Evans 49.06 Elizabeth Farthing 56.4	Light Green (3.5km) Harry Scott (LOC) 26.32 Gerald Wilson 49.37	

**10th Dec 2013**

Christmas shoppers returning home had an unexpected surprise in Penrith on Saturday as the housing estates and roads to the East of the town were filled with orienteers competing in Border Liners annual urban O event. Events combining road running and navigation through a built-up environment are proving popular with runners at the moment and during winter months they are one of the few orienteering formats where dry feet at the end of the competition can be reasonably assured!

Ian Cumpstey, running for the Jesus Orienteering Klubb (JOK) as a former student of Oxford University, was quickest around the houses on the 4.4km course in a time of just under thirty-minutes. Jeff Powell Davies was first Border Liner in third place followed in rapid succession by Alan Hartley and Andy Lewsley. West Cumbrian (WCOC) raiders took the main honours around the shorter (2.6km) course although nine-year-old Border Liner Laura Hazelhurst did well to tie in fourth place with WCOC youngster Wilfrid Teasdale.

The final event in the Border Liners 2013 calendar is the annual Christmas Charity Event which this year is again being held at Whittas Park between Bothel and Keswick on Saturday 28th December.

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