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Well done to all of you who sent in entries to last issues Competitions. Let us start with Croeso 2012 Photo-O, planned by Alan Beardsley NOC. We had 36 entries and 25 of those were correct. Many thanks to Croeso, the UK's 2012 big summer multiday for giving our winner, Yvonne Hodson TVOC, a free entry to the event. Thanks also to Alan's efforts in planning, and Brian Parker's controlling.

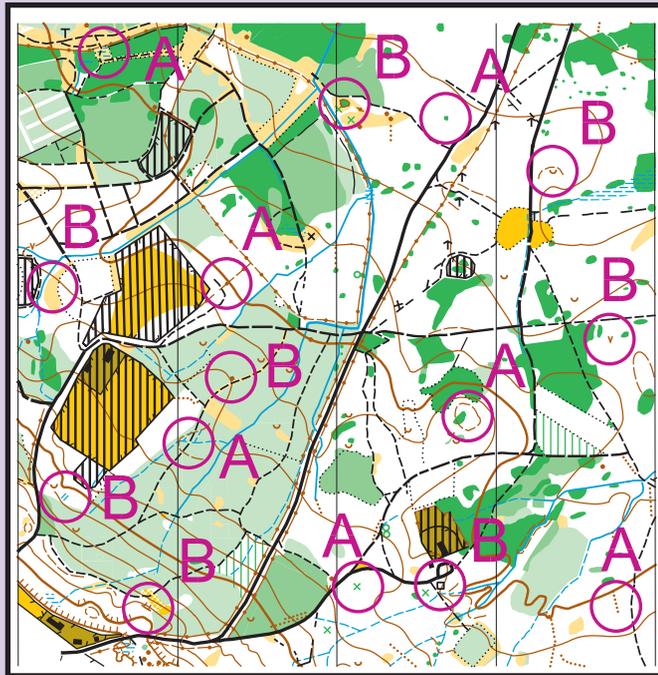
Here are the some comments from Brian... "Once again Alan's clever photography and use of the map produced a clean but testing photo-O competition. Once again our solvers have risen to the challenge in impressive numbers and shown they are as skilled as the Planner. Of the three dozen entries only 11 had mistakes and then of just one or two controls.

The errors involved three of the nine controls. The first control was one of them. It needed a sharp eye to pick out the dot knoll between the small hill and rock face. Control 5 was another. A spur next to a lake viewed from a rock feature but, wait a second, what is that black sharp edge just showing on the top right of the picture? A building no less! The third source of error was Control 7, which is a little surprising, as it is arguably the most prominent walled enclosure on the map. Perhaps the mistake here was not to remember that the bearing in the description is that of the flag, not the direction of view.

The similarity between trailO and photo-O is real and of interest. But when it comes to the results they are very different. In trailO a well-planned course gives only a few all correct competitors. In photo-O it is the other way round; a good course has many all correct and only a few with errors. The reason is that photo-O is a challenge, rather than a competition, and there is a pleasure in completing it correctly, so it is planned for most to do so."

There is still time to enter the 2012 Summer O Week extravaganza known as Croeso – the Welsh 6 days of course. You can enter via Fabian4.co.uk and the website for more info is www.croesomultiday.org.uk Don't miss out on all the fun!

We also have the answers to the Spot the Difference maps for SARUMs British Night Champs Competition, designed by Giles. Giles apologises for the fact he missed out one change

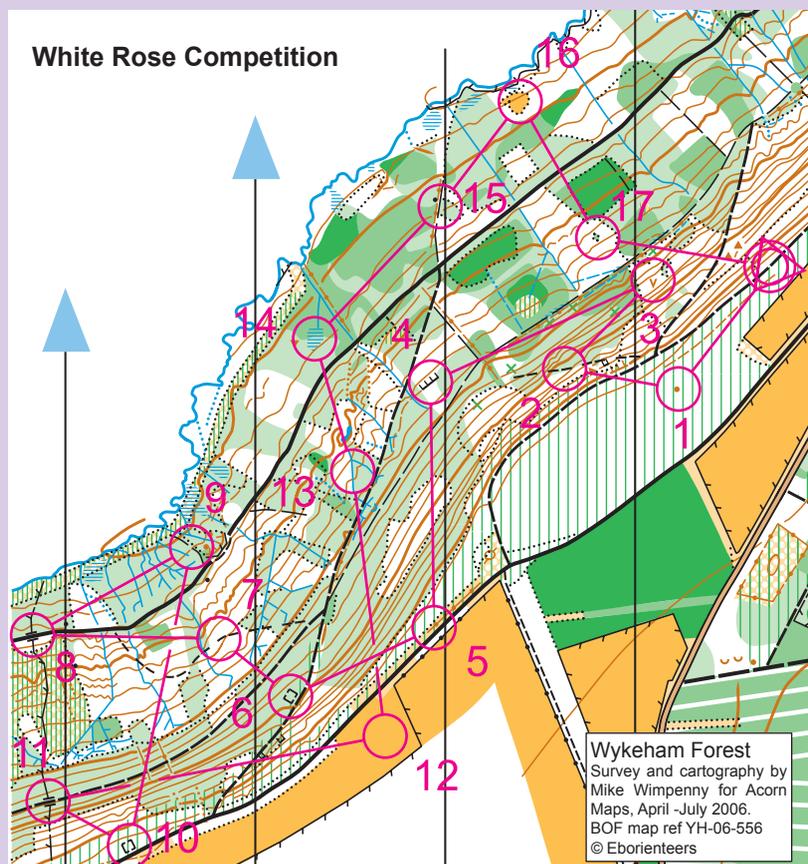


Solution to the BNOC Spot the Difference competition from the December 2011 issue.

so there were only in fact 15 differences to find and not 16. By the time you read this, the BNOC will have happened and the next issue will include a write up of the event. More information at www.SarumO.org.uk The two lucky winners drawn out of the 10 entries submitted were Mike Broderick BADO & Mark Thompson TVOC.

We had 3 CompassSport Whistle Key-Rings to give away for the Cryptic Crossword by Eye. Solutions shown here. We had 10 correct entries and David Alcock AIRE, Mike Need BOK & Mike Cumpstey BL are the lucky winners.

We also had a CompassSport Whistle Key-Ring to give away to the winner of the RC#5 Control Description Competition and that went to Gill Sharp SN.



White Rose Competition

supplied by Event Co-ordinator Bill Griffiths EBOR. He explains... The map clip shows a small part of Wykeham Forest – to be used for White Rose 2012. The clip is from the 2005 map (being totally resurveyed for this year's event) and the course shown is a race some time ago which was rather flawed by unimaginable organisational errors – that would never happen at White Rose. ☹

The problem was partly because the planner forgot to include control descriptions on the map and partly because the loose control descriptions never arrived from the printer.

The race went ahead anyway, but the winner, on studying his map after he finished and focusing on the non-existent descriptions noticed that the initial letters of the first nine control features, when rearranged, spelt out a location in the North York Moors. And even more incredibly, the initial letters of the last eight features, when rearranged, spelt out a second North York Moors location.

The Compass Sport competition in 2012 is to identify the two places and answer the simple question – What links them?

The first winning entry out of the editor's hat will win free entry for two people to all seven races at White Rose 2012 plus free camping and parking (worth approx £90)."

For all things White Rose, surf into www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk