



**DVO East Midlands Champions
Grimsthorpe Castle 8/12/2019 (report, page 13)**





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New Club Member

Welcome to new club member Alice Powell, W7. Great to have you with us!

At a slight tangent, some of you may not know that Chris Millard and family are spending this year in Melbourne, Australia where Katherine is completing her training. We wish them all well!

Editorial

This year I've moved up a class to W55, which is an opportunity to approach the training with renewed enthusiasm! As Christine says in her interview, we're lucky in this sport that our objectives are gently tapered, so that challenge is maintained but manageable.

The next Newstrack will be available at our Black Rocks event on May 17th, making the copy date May 10th. Good luck to everyone in the major events on the horizon!

Sal Chaffey

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HELLO from your new Club Captain!

Since I have been a member of DVO we have had 2 Club Captains, Liz Godfree and Graham Johnson, and I hope that I will be able to do the job as well as they did. I am certainly looking forward to being more involved in the club.

The first quarter of the year is a busy time for orienteering and team events in particular.

The first event is the **CompassSport Cup on March 15th**. This is at Fixby & Bradley which is 2 miles from Brighouse and 3 miles from Huddersfield. Although this was not our first choice of venue, depending on where you live in the county the travelling time will be very similar to what was our first choice, Milton Keynes. From Matlock, Google maps gives the travelling time as approximately 1.5 hours. This is a great club event and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to run. Remember that in addition to the 25 scoring runs, everyone's run is important as they help to push other teams down. Previous experience indicates that the club does better when people run their normal courses. So it would be helpful to keep that in mind when I am allocating entries. We will be competing against AIRE, SYO, DEE, EBOR and CLOK. If SYO win, 2 teams will qualify for the final. We need to get a really good team out in order to get to the final **(October 18th in Sutton Park, Birmingham)**, so please try and come and support the club. As usual the club will be paying 50% of the entry fee. There has been some discussion about hiring a bus but at this stage I am not sure if that will happen or not. If not, please share transport as much as possible.

The **British Orienteering Championships** is the weekend of **March 21st and 22nd**. This is much earlier than in previous years and will make March a very busy month. The nearest town is Liphook, Hampshire. The Relays are on Sunday March 22nd and I will be in touch to see who is interested in running in a relay team. The closing date for the Individual event is February 23rd. The first closing date for the Relays is February 23rd and the final date is March 1st.

This year the **JK (April 10th to 13th)** is in Yorkshire close to the North York Moors and the Yorkshire coast. It looks like a great place to spend Easter and again I will be getting in touch to see who would like a relay run. The events are taking place in Stockton-on-Tees, Sneaton Forest, Pickering Forest and Hutton Mulgrave and Skelder. The next closing date is February 23rd and the final closing date is March 15th. The closing date for the Relays is March 22nd.

Other notable events include: the **British Night Orienteering Championships** on February 22nd in Hambledon, Henley-on-Thames and the **British Middle Championship** on May 9th at Newby Bridge in the Lake District.

Looking further ahead to the summer, the **Welsh 5 Days** takes place from July 25th to July 31st and is based around Beddgelert in Snowdonia. The **World Masters Orienteering Championship** is in Slovakia from August 7th to August 15th.

One of the things I like about orienteering, as opposed to just running, is that as you get older your running times keep declining but with orienteering there's always hope for improvement. Looking forward to some great orienteering this year.

Christine Middleton, Club Captain cmm701@gmail.com

Postscript on CompassSport Cup Final

Further to Graham's article in December 2019 Newstrack, it should be pointed out that Rachel Duckworth won the Women's Golden Boot for the fastest split on the run-in.

Also worth mentioning that the winning club FVO had travelled the furthest of any club (though proximity to Gatwick Airport helps the logistics if not the cost), so distance is not a barrier. And also one of their better scorers (98 points) was David Godfree who learnt his O skills with DVO and the early days of the East Midlands Junior Squad.

Mike Godfree

Forthcoming Meetings

Open Meeting, Tues 11th February, 7pm at the Bulls Head, Belper Lane End, DE56 2DL. Club business, then a presentation on how to set up a MapRun course

Main Committee, Tues 10th March, 7:30pm at the Johnsons'

Event Officials Development Session, Tues 24th March, 7pm at the Family Tree, Whatstandwell DE4 5HG, see page 8 for details.

Open Meeting, Tues 21st April, 7pm at Tansley Village Hall

DVO Event Officials: a plea!

DVO runs top quality events and we rely heavily of volunteers to plan, organise and control them. It is my role to coordinate the organisers and planners and Paul Addison does likewise for controllers. However we do rely on you to offer to take on one of these roles and this year very very few people are offering without first being asked.

Paul Addison (Controllers' Coordinator) and I are very grateful to those of you who do offer, and to those who say yes when we ask, but please look at the list of events without officials (at the back of this august publication and also on the website under DVO Fixtures/Future Event Officials) and please come to us before we come to you. Give those who always fill in at the last minute a break and make yourself very popular!

If you need or want some training or would like a mentor, please let me know as there are courses being arranged for planners and controllers as I write this (March 24th). Likewise let me know if you have any questions.

Jane Burgess

The British Orienteering Qualifications Database

The BO Qualifications Database is a national database that maintains records of members who currently act as event organisers, planners, controllers or coaches. It also records attendance at First Aid courses and Event Safety Workshops. This database is known to be out-of-date and clubs have been asked to review the qualifications recorded for their members. It would be really helpful to DVO, EMOA and British Orienteering if all members could check their own data on the database and report any errors or omissions to me (janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk) as DVO's event officials co-ordinator. Please report if you are currently active as an organiser, planner, controller or coach and this is not shown on the database, or if the database is showing you as active in one of these roles but you no longer wish to take on that role, or if you have attended a course or workshop which is not shown. When reporting, please include your British Orienteering membership number, to ensure that any updates are applied for the correct person.

To access the database log on to the British Orienteering website (www.britishorienteering.org.uk) using your membership number as your "Username" and, if you have forgotten your password, then using the "Forgotten Password" link. Your Qualifications details can be found by clicking on "My Account" and then "My Qualifications" (6 items down on the left side of the My Account page). Thank you!

Jane

Emergency grab bags

Stuart Swalwell

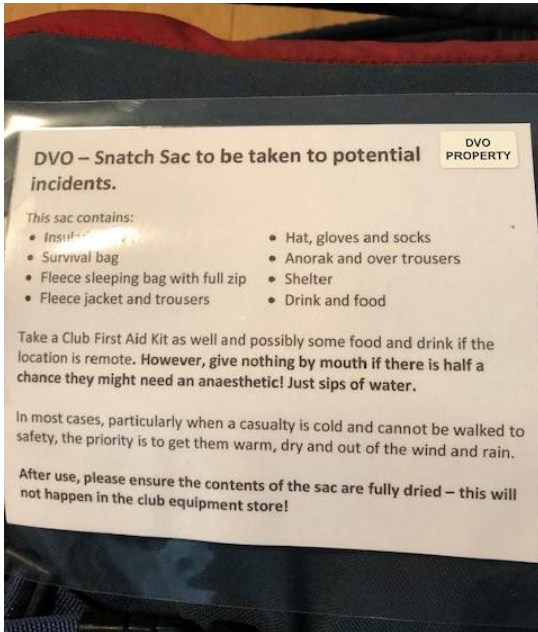
When someone is badly injured in the forest or on moorland whilst taking part in a DVO event, it is important that the Club can respond quickly and efficiently. We cannot rely on a 'paid for' First Aid Team to go out – they would struggle to read a map and neither would they be fit enough to cover rough ground!

So it will be a DVO member/s that will be asked to go out and make a preliminary assessment. We have put together two 'grab bags' which can be used in such situations – essentially rucksacks with clothing, waterproofs, gloves, hat, emergency blanket, torch, together with a basic First Aid kit.

One 'grab bag' will be kept by the Organiser of the event. It should be collected and returned to the Shed after the event.

The second 'grab bag' will be held by the Finish team – it is often the Finish team that are first alerted to a problem. This bag will be held permanently by the Finish Team Leader.

Let's hope neither bag will need to be opened! But it is sensible to be prepared. The age profile of Orienteers continues to rise and we are likely to see more incidents in the coming years.





Contents of the grab bags, put together by Stuart and Ranald

Location sharing during a rescue

Sal Chaffey

One problem with a rescue is communicating the location of the casualty. Inspired by Alan Stone's article in *The Fellrunner* (Winter 2019), Dave and I have downloaded the free OS Locate app. Alan took a fall in South Wales during an evening training session with friends, and was able to summon initial help by shouting. As a doctor, however, Alan knew he had a fracture-dislocation of the ankle and would need evacuation by the Mountain Rescue.

One of his recommendations is to carry a fully charged phone (remembering that batteries drain much quicker in the cold), with a location app installed.

Dave and I have the ViewRanger app on our phones. This produces a 10-figure grid reference for your location. Dave used this to share the location of the casualty with the Kinder Mountain Rescue Team at Chinley Churn.

However, we pay for this app, and there is no 'send' function to share the grid reference (so you would either need to send a screen-grab, or re-key the grid ref. into a message).

With OS Locate, you can send a 6-figure grid reference with two clicks to any of your stored contacts. OS Locate relies on the app's inbuilt GPS system, rather than phone signal, although the latter is, of course, needed for the sharing aspect.

Something to consider if you are in terrain in a group, and especially if alone.

Challenge (Part One)

At 11:30 on 19th January, something significant linked these four locations: Trusthope (Lincolnshire), Guyhirn (Cambridgeshire), North Mymms (Hertfordshire) and Angmering (Sussex). And a lot of other places too that had the same characteristic. What was it?

For another clue turn to page 11.

DVO Event Officials' Development Session Tuesday 24th March, 19.00–21.30, Family Tree, Whatstandwell

In September 2015 we held a Development Session, primarily for Planners and Controllers. From this I developed a number of reminders for Event Officials, which were subsequently published in Newstrack (Nov 2015).

We now feel it's time to hold another session and this time, as well as Planners and Controllers, to involve Organisers, Mappers and anyone else who has an interest in improving the quality of our events and experiences of the competitors.

Participants are encouraged to bring along a particularly good leg from recent events and issues they have encountered from their own planning, controlling, mapping and organising. This includes aspects related to completing the Risk Assessment and taking mitigating actions.

Mike Godfree will also do a short session on PurplePen as everyone needs to use it in one way or another.

If you would like to attend, please let me know by Tuesday 17th March. Similarly, if you have ideas for topics we should address, let me know by the same date.

Ranald Macdonald, Grade A Controller and DVO Event Safety Officer
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Mike Godfree keeps our stock of O-tops, training jackets and singlets. You can browse what's available by clicking on the **Members** tab, then selecting **Clothing**. It would be great if everyone had one for running at the CS Cup heat!

Newstrack has won a CompassSport Newsletter Award (spoiler alert for Feb CompassSport), and all the more commendable as only six awards were made this year. Very well done to Sal, again, and to all contributors [seconded – huge thanks to everyone! Sal].



Andy Hawkins, DVO Chair

WSC

When Sunday Comes

(Except when it's Saturday or
Wednesday)

RDO – Real Derbyshire Orienteers. Fanzine No 34

We're still going. Get over it!

Two unconfirmed sightings of BOO CEO

First for over thirty years (page 4)

Twitcheers rush in their hundreds to a secret location (pages 92-96)

Big Ben Strikes (page 10)

Dancing in the streets of Dronfield (pull out section)

Other features: Stuff

More stuff

Yet more stuff

Maps Under Fire

Waterproof orienteering maps face a grilling from two quite different bodies throwing the sport, and BOO, into crisis. The first line of attack comes from the Vegan Orienteering Society who are threatening to veto using waterproof maps on the grounds that they are not in fact vegan. "They have bits of animal in them," claimed a spokesman. "Don't know what bits but there's definitely bits in them maps."

We asked an expert expert at a top secret laboratory on a hillside near Belper (Gateway to the North) whether the vegans had grounds for concern. A wild haired man in a white coat with several puppy bites waved a piece of paper in the air "According to my expert calculations, this is a very serious matter!" he barked. "The animal fat in orienteering maps alone, if we waffle waffle waffle and divide by the price of fish, will be enough to raise world sea level by at least two inches over the next decade. And that's a fact. Although I have to say I have never really got the hang of all of those pesky decimal points".

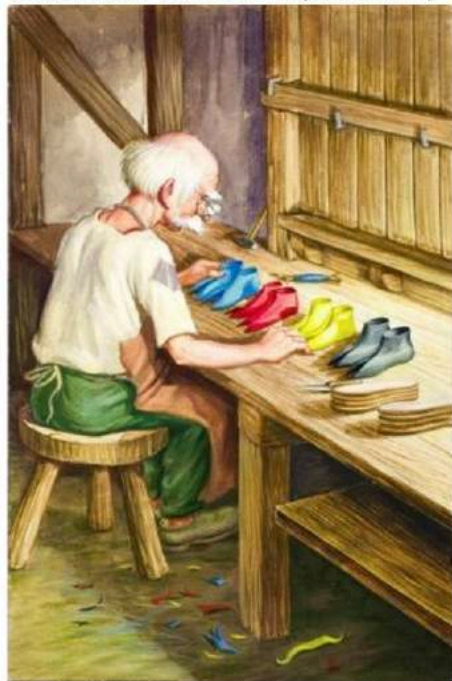
So, the vegans have a point. Anonymous BOO spokesman Eric Slowly was not available to comment on the matter due to an on-going non-disclosure court case (*yes, against us you numpty – WSC lawyer*). Meanwhile a second front has opened up from CAMPRO, the Campaign for Real Orienteering. Their ground for concern is that waterproof maps are not in the spirit of Real Orienteering and are depriving a whole generation of a vital life experience. "We have a cohort of snowflakes who have never had to cope with second master maps on a rainy day with a biro that refuses to work on what remains of a bedraggled map." blustered another spokesman. "Having to mark the control sites by making holes in the map with the biro tip and then navigating the second half of the course with the resulting piece of papier mâché is one of the great skills of the sport and sorts out the men from the boys, the wheat from the chaff, the meat-eaters from the vegans, the..." (*ok, that's enough explanation – Ed*).

So, the Real Orienteers have a point. Anonymous BOO spokesman Eric Slowly was not available to comment on the matter due to, etc, etc, turtles all the way down.

ADVERTS

For sale: Partial set of SI equipment, slightly soiled. Should scrub up. More details WSC 33.

The Orienteer – How It works (continued...)



Orienteering is a specialised sport that requires many different types of specialised equipment

Shoes for example, must be carefully designed and manufactured for the tough terrain in which they will be used.

Here we see the Inov8 Mudclaw* production line in full swing.

Rumours of child labour are unfounded

*other shoes are available

Once again from the casebook of reporter extraordinaire Miles Piles, WSC is proud to present

Trouble with Lycra – Part five

The story so far: It's complicated. Basically there's this weird O suit that keeps transporting people through time and now Miles himself has made an improbable trip of his own before landing back in the garden of Big Lycra editor, Toby Beeswick. Fast forward to the following day...

We had convened a breakfast meeting in the offices of the Belper Clarion to go through the events that had recently unfolded. Toby Beeswick, my colleague Robin Wood and girlfriend Alice Treepark were sitting around the editorial table. Toby was in a philosophical mood. "There seems to be a destiny for this orienteering outfit," he pondered, looking in my direction. "You, like me before, were powerless to withstand its temptations. It does clear up one thing that was troubling me though," he added, sipping his tea. "And that was how I came to find it in Lost Property after I had seen Alice wearing it at Cromford Rocks. After all that, she wasn't the one who left it there, it turned out to be you instead!"

I groaned. My head was spinning with all the various permutations of dates and sightings of this blasted bit of clothing. Robin coughed awkwardly and seemed to be about to say something. He looked embarrassed. "Spit it out boy!" implored Beeswick impatiently. Robin leaned forward and explained. "I heard about Alice's strange turn and went to see how she was. When I heard exactly what had taken place I knew that I had to come clean". Beeswick looked captivated, leaning forward eagerly. "Go on, dear boy," he murmured, "Do go on". Robin took a deep breath. "OK. A few years ago I was sent to do a report on the Rough Pitty Side O-Ringen and I saw something very odd. Somebody who looked very much like a young Toby wearing a very strange lycra outfit. I had never seen anything like it before. Anyway, I took a couple of photographs after which this person seemed to vanish into thin air. The photos developed very strangely." "Just like mine did," interjected Alice, "Just the same".

We all waited with bated breath. Robin continued. "A few days later I was taking a short cut home across the park in the dark after having a few pints with the lads. I'd had rather a lot to be honest and needed to relieve myself. I heard a dog walker coming so I, being in a rather befuddled state decided to squeeze through the hedge into one of the adjoining back gardens. Anyway after a bit I needed to get back into the park but I ended up by an outbuilding. I could see a strange glow emitting from it. I decided the best policy was to investigate further. To my surprise I found what looked like the very same O outfit I had seen earlier. I took it out and I don't know what came over me. I felt this compulsion to put it on immediately. When I had done so I went to turn the light on to get a better view of myself and everything instantly changed. Now here's the really spooky bit. I found myself on Cromford Rocks on an autumn day, next to a van, a few yards from what appeared to be a photo shoot. I could see an attractive young lady posing in O kit". "It was me," beamed Alice, "Robin was there, behind the van". Robin continued. "I suddenly saw Miles walking over towards the van and I knew straight away that I had to take the suit off. Within seconds I had put it onto the back seat and was standing like a lemon in my underwear. A flash went off and seconds later I was back by the shed minus the suit. I rushed straight home, I tell you. The next morning I concluded it was just due to too many beers. Now I know differently". Toby whistled under his breath. "So that's how my prize collection piece disappeared," he said, somewhat sadly. "That caused me a lot of grief, I can tell you. Yet another person falling under its powers."

The room fell silent. "OK," I said, "Let's summarise all we know and see if it hangs together. Alice finds a strange suit at the photo shoot and assumes that I have put it out for her to wear. She puts it on and pays a visit to the 1972 O-Ringen where she is spotted by Toby, but returns to the present with it, whereupon I bring it here yesterday. Overnight I put it on, pay a brief visit to the O-Ringen in about 2040 before returning to 1972 where it gets left in Lost Property. Toby finds it and assumes it is Alice who has left it there. He then puts it on and travels to Rough Pitty Side where he is spotted by Robin. Toby returns with it to 1972 but many years later it disappears from his collection due to Robin finding it and transporting it a few years forward to Cromford Rocks whereupon Alice finds it. A full, never-ending circle."

"And now it's lost," reflected Alice sadly, "A shame, it was a really neat bit of kit." "Hang on a mo," interrupted Robin, "Not completely lost. Didn't you say that you visited the 2040 O-Ringen wearing it? That's where we need to look out for it again. Just a mere twenty year wait or so!" There was a collective sigh, then I laughed. "Here Toby, if you orienteers get to run the O-Ringen again, I've got a few ideas you could try. Have you ever thought of using scrollable plasma maps....?"

THE END. More adventures soon...



Sports Personality of the Month

At Ramsley Moor, land of tussocks and bogs, Marg Keeling fell on her way to the first control. Her hand went into the bog, something most of us can relate to that day. Unlike the rest of us, her hand came out without its dibber. Marg realised it was missing at the first control but gamely finished the Green course, pin punching all the controls. Alas no time and no BOF points 😞 Points for SPotM and extra points for perseverance in such dire conditions.

Bark Beetle

Viv Macdonald

I was making enquiries about an orienteering event in the Czech Republic on the way to WMOC in Slovakia and the organising club said it had been cancelled because of the bark beetle which was devastating their forests. I found the bulletin below from Reuters:

“Drought brought on by climate change has weakened trees’ natural defences and helped spawn the insects, creating an infestation that has forced landowners to chop down broad patches of forest across the Czech Republic, northern Austria, Bavaria and Slovakia.

While the bark beetle is natural to conifer forests and has a role in their ecosystem, climate change has helped it spread especially through single-variety spruce woods planted over the past two centuries.

The Czech Republic has been worst hit. Last year, the beetle infested 18 million cubic meters of spruce, more than 10 times amounts seen in most previous years, according to Agriculture Ministry estimates.”

Challenge (Part Two)

This should help you understand what those other places were too. Still not sure of the link? Turn to page 18 to find out.



At some point during the British Middle Championships staged at Chinley Churn on 15th September, it is just possible that the 150,000th finisher at a DVO event crossed the line. The smart money (and that money is pretty dumb actually) is on it being the 39th finisher. Further research courtesy of Mike Godfree has pinned this person down to being Clive Richardson of WRE. We could be a couple of thousand out either way here so it's not worth being too official about this. At the current rate of progress it will be getting on towards 2040 before we get to 200,000 finishers.

Chinley Churn was of course by far the biggest event of the year, the biggest in fact since the last time DVO staged the British Middles back in 2013 at Stanton. The attendance in 2019 (886) declined 18% from six years before and on that basis it seems unlikely that the club will top the 1000 mark again any time soon. It was though, the fifteenth largest event DVO has staged in terms of turnout and the seventeenth time it has been involved in staging a Category A event or equivalent.

As far as the bigger picture goes, there were 25 events in 2019, making it the quietest year since 2015. Apart from the usual diet of EM League events, forest or urban, running through the heart of the late spring and summer was a long series of Saturday afternoon events with clusters in the north and south of the county. There was of course the retro Club Champs event, commemorating the 50th anniversary, as well as other regulars like World O Day and NT Try O. Also this year an event in Markeaton Park aimed at getting people to Move More.

Using British Orienteering classification, the number of events at each level were (2018 in brackets):

Level A (Major)	1	(0)
Level B (National)	0	(1)
Level C (Regional)	7	(7)
Level D (Local)	17	(25)

23 different areas covered these events with the two repeats being Hall Leys Park and Whitworth Park. There was just one new area, Derby West Urban, although it ought to be pointed out that all previous versions of Allestree Urban fell into the previous genre of street orienteering, using simple line maps. Alvaston Park was not a new venue, it had been used once before in the 1991 Summer League although the 2019 map must have been the first because that particular 1991 event gave participants a more-or-less blank sheet of paper and sent them out to plot controls on it. At the other end of the scale, Allestree Park clocked up its 68th event.

There were 3034 attendees over the year, 92 higher than 2018 but with fewer events the average per event was higher by 29, up to 121. This was of course highly distorted by the British Middle Champs and the average number of competitors per event classified by event level was as follows (2018 in brackets):

Level A	886	(n/a)
Level C	203	(197)
Level D	43	(63)

The Level C events included two urban events (Derby West and Allestree) which had the lowest attendances in this group, a trend that seems to be persisting. Over the last five years the average forest Level C event has pulled in 231 people with the urban average being only 180, despite a couple of UK Urban League events being included. The fact that DVO doesn't really have any iconic urban venues may contribute to this (its forest areas are perhaps better regarded) or maybe it's just that urban will always lag forest in popularity.

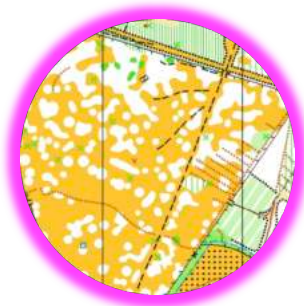
Only 5 of the 25 events were Sunday ones. 17 were staged on a Saturday with the other three being on Tuesday (1) and Wednesday (2).

The register of DVO events contained 968 events at the end of 2019. It looks like the 1000th event won't happen until early 2021, although I haven't checked the fixture list. We can be more certain about this than the 150,000th attendee although again, it is subject to error that is difficult to quantify. But there will be no harm in making a bit of a fuss when it comes around, perhaps?

DVO East Midlands Champions

LOG's Grimsthorpe Castle event in December was the 2019 East Midlands Championships. Congratulations to the following DVO winners:

W18	Rachel Duckworth	M14	Jake O'Donnell
W40	Nicola Hart	M35	Andrew Stuart
W50	Sal Chaffey	M50	Richard Parkin
W60	Val Johnson	M70	Mike Godfree
W65	Judith Holt	M75	Derek Gale
W70	Liz Godfree		



Photos are on this issue's cover. Mike had to hand his announcer's role to Derek (M75 winner) to collect his own trophy! And Richard struck the pose of a pugnacious angler, as he'd won the trophy last year, but accidentally left it at home; "it was that big!"

Meet your new Club Captain: Christine Middleton

When and where did you first start orienteering/join DVO?

I first started orienteering in 1976. We lived in Salisbury and were members of Sarum orienteers. As I recall, I did my first course on Old Winchester Hill on a black and white map. We moved to Leicester in 1978 and continued to orienteer intermittently as our 2 small children gradually grew up. We have been enjoying the Scottish 6 days for many years and regularly do the JK. However during those years my main interest was running, both on the road and cross country.

We moved to Derbyshire nearly 9 years ago and I joined DVO. Since joining DVO I have been orienteering more regularly than at any other time in my life!

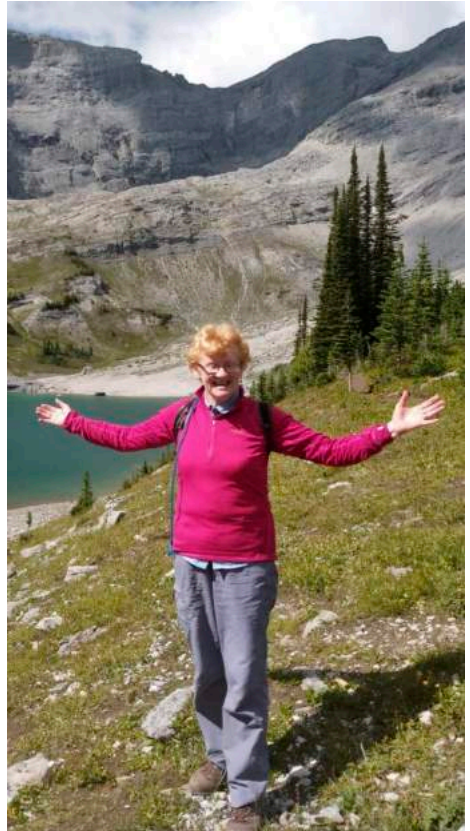
Highs and lows of your orienteering career?

When I first orienteered I was W21 and I believed I would do so much better when I was W35. Since then, as each 5 year band passes I continue to believe that I will do better when I reach the next age category. Unfortunately all the good people also get older!! I am now last year W70 and still hoping for improvements!!

In terms of highs I think being 21st in the C class in the KIMM was satisfying and completing the KIMM as a family, me with my daughter and Andy with our son. In terms of lows there have been quite a few!! [we're a resilient bunch! Ed]

Do you have a SIAC dibber yet?

Yes, I bought a SIAC a couple of years ago. I really find it most helpful in Urban events as you don't have to struggle with gripped boxes to find the hole.



What do you enjoy doing when not orienteering?

Running and walking particularly mountain walking are my most favourite activities. However I also enjoy tap dancing, ballet, gardening, spending time with grandchildren and being in a book group.

Most memorable O “holiday”?

I really enjoyed the last World Veteran Champs in Denmark 2 years ago. We stayed in a lovely rural house with John and Judith and there was a great DVO atmosphere. I particularly enjoyed the DVO supper at the Bleakmans’ and Gales’ house and even watching the World Cup! The orienteering was good too!!

Favourite TV show?

I don't watch a lot of TV but enjoy watching crime dramas such as Line of Duty. Last year I enjoyed the watching drama series including Gentleman Jack, Years and Years and The Capture.

East Midlands Urban League Results 2019

Congratulations to the following, who placed highly in the League:

Junior Women

2nd Alice Woodward

Veteran Women

2nd Sal Chaffey

4th Claire Selby

Men’s Super Vets

4th Dave Chaffey

9th John Hurley

Men’s Ultra Vets

2nd Doug Dickinson

6th Mike Godfree

Junior Men

5th Jake O’Donnell

Veteran Men

2nd Richard Parkin

4th Murray White

Women’s Super Vets

4th Ruth Ellis

5th Jane Burgess

Women’s Ultra Vets

1st Liz Godfree

5th Jen Gale




Presentation at the National Stone Centre before the Wirksworth Urban




Next year’s New Year’s Day event will actually be on **January 3rd** (a Sunday) at **Melbourne** on a new map being produced by Doug. Registration will be at the Sports Centre, and starts will be at minute intervals, not the usual mass stamped!

Forthcoming Fixtures

Please check websites of organising clubs before travel. Even for DVO events, there may be changes

 = East Midlands League – best 8 scores from 15 runs (**DVO, NOC, LEI, LOG**)

EMUL East Midlands Urban League – best 4 from 8 runs;  **UK Urban League** – best 7 from 20 runs

UKOL = UK O League – best 12 scores from 24 runs. BOF categories (former Level): **M(A), N(B), R(C), L(D)**

Sat 15th **L** **Alfreton Park**, Registration at the Cricket Club 1–2:30pm

Sun 16th **R**  **Martinshaw Woods, NE of Leicester, Reg 10–12 noon**

March

Sun 8th **R**  **Linacre Reservoirs**, Reg 10–12 noon, parking at Holmebrook Valley.

Sun 15th **N** *****Fixby and Bradley**. CompassSport Cup Heat, see page 3.***

Sat 21st **M** **British Champs**: Golden Valley & Cognor Wood. Entries via Fabian

Sun 22nd **M** **British Relays**: Iron Hill and Parkgate Rough, entries via Club Captain

Sun 29th **R**  **Outwoods, SW of Loughborough, Reg. 10–12 noon**

April

Sun 5th  **Telford Urban**, details Wrekin, entries Fabian

Fri 10th **M** **JK Sprint**, Stockton Riverside

Sat 11th **M** **JK Middle**, Sneaton Forest West

Sun 12th **M** **JK Long**, Pickering Forest

Mon 13th **M** **JK Relay**, Hutton Mulgrave and Skelder

Sat 25th **L** **Markeaton Park, Derby, Reg. 1–2:30pm**

Sun 26th **Midlands Sprint Meet**: Daventry (am – Individual) and Coventry (pm – Relay)



May

Sun 3rd  **The Meadows, Nottingham (also part of EMUL)**

Sat 9th **M** **British Middle Champs**, Summerhouse Knott, Newby Bridge
Entries on Fabian4, cheaper rate until April 13th

Sun 10th **M** **Northern Champs**, High Dam, entries as Middles above

Sat 16th **L** **Darley Park, Derby, Reg 1–3pm. New map with some Urban!**

Sun 17th **R**  **Cromford Moor & Black Rocks, Reg 10–12 noon. New map!**

Wed 20th **WOD** **Whitworth Park (am & pm)**, contact Stuart. For invited schools only
John Port School, Etwall (pm only), contact Rex. DVO Helpers needed

Sat 30th **L** **Alvaston Park, Derby, Reg 1–3pm**

Sun 31st **EMUL** **Barrow on Soar Urban. Reg 10–12 noon. New area!**

June

Sat 13th **R** **Carsington Pastures, East Midlands Score Champs**

Sun 14th  **Welwyn Garden City Urban, Happy Herts**

Sat 20th **M** **British Sprint Relay Champs**, Skelmersdale, Lancs

Sun 21st **M** **British Sprint Champs**, Skelmersdale. Enter via Fabian

Sun 28th **EMUL** **Belper Urban, No 28, Belper Market Place, Registration 10–12 noon.**



Planners, Organisers and Controllers Wanted

DVO needs you to run events in 2020 and 2021. Whether you are an experienced official or would like to try your hand, would like training or further/refresher training please get in touch. Events with vacancies are here:

<http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/events/future-event-officials/>

Thanks! **Jane Kayley-Burgess**, janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk 07954 5988053

Date	Event Name	Venue	Organiser	Planner	Controller
25/04/2020	Markeaton Park	Markeaton Park		David Turner	
16/05/2020	Darley Park	Darley Park		Steve Hand	
17/05/2020	Black Rocks EM League	Black Rocks		John Hawkins	Dai Bedwell
20/05/2020	WOD John Port School	John Port School, Etwall	Jim Jenkinson	Rex Bleakman	
20/05/2020	WOD Whitworth Park	Whitworth Park			
30/05/2020	Alvaston Park	Alvaston Park	Nicola Hart	Simon Brister	
13/06/2020	EM Score Champs	Carsington Pastures	Dave Bennett	Andy Sykes	
28/06/2020	Belper Urban	Belper	Sal Chaffey	Dave Chaffey	John Hurley
18/07/2020	Foremark Reservoir	Foremark			
19/08/2020	Ilam Park NT	Ilam			
06/09/2020	Kedleston Park - EM League	Kedleston	Stuart Swalwell	David Pettit	
12/09/2020	National Stone Centre	National Stone Centre		David Vincent	
26/09/2020	Rosliston	Rosliston	Rex Bleakman	Andrew Stuart	
10/10/2020	British Schools Score Championships	Shipley Park	Andy Hawkins	Ann-Marie Duckworth	Jeff Baker (LOG)

Please save **Sat 10th Oct** in your calendars! Lots of helpers will be needed for this event!



Challenge (Answer)

Dave Nevell

The thing that links those four places, and everywhere else on the line too, is that on that day, Magnetic Declination was exactly zero. In other words, Magnetic North and True North were exactly aligned. For this to happen anywhere in Great Britain is a rarity. For it to happen in Greenwich for example (currently 0 degrees, 5 minutes east declination, having been perfectly aligned in August 2019) represents a gap of about 350 years since the last time. This “zero” line is moving west across the country and has DVO territory in its sights. Derby’s declination is currently 35 minutes west, Buxton’s is 47 minutes west.

The other member of the trio, Grid North is of course also affected by this continuous movement of the magnetic north pole. The grid to mag add, mag to grid get rid mnemonic much beloved by Boy Scouts for example, is now decidedly ropy, although with such small differences, I guess it doesn’t really matter anymore. Orienteering maps do have to be on the look out for changing magnetic north of course – has anyone blamed a navigational error on using an out of date map with inaccurate grid lines? Probably!

Puzzle Page

Dave Nevell

How Many Friends at the Barn Dance was at worst a 50/50 guess and nobody got it wrong, although not everyone had a proof. So, with double points on offer for the series closer, everyone who got it right gets two points and those that also gave an elegant proof got three points. Frank observed that at least two people at the barn dance must have the same number of friends present. Was he correct? Yes he was! And why? Well if n people are present then and they all have a different number of friends then there must be someone with no friends and also someone with $n - 1$ friends (and all the numbers in between), since you can’t be a friend to yourself. The person with $n - 1$ friends therefore knows everyone at the party so there can’t also be someone there with no friends. Hence they can’t all have a different number of friends. Which Was What Was Wanted!

Anyway, those that got it right and provided the proof were Jen Gale, Francesco Lari, and Robert Shooter. Those I am giving two points to are Jane Burgess (whose answer involved You and Frank dancing with each other all night with no-one else there) and John Hawkins (who gave multiple solutions with multiple answers all of which expressed a hatred of barn dances). The main contenders for the end of year accolade (I’ve downsized it from award)

don't appear to have entered although in the case of Andy Mackervoy who knows. But David Vincent did submit a very late correct entry to the previous Route of the Problem for which I will award half a point.

Adding that lot up gives the end of year scores as: Jen Gale (5), Francesco Lari (5), David Vincent (4½), Jane Burgess (4), John Hawkins (4), Rob Shooter (4), Andy Mackervoy (probably 3), Michelle Mackervoy (3), Helen Chiswell (2), Alan le Moigne (2), Chris O'Donnell (2), Derek Gale (1), Mark Delgarno (1) and Paul Goodhead (1).

So Jen and Francesco timed their late runs to perfection whilst others were presumably distracted by the excesses of Christmas. Well done and thanks to all. Let's start the whole thing over again. We need a bit more of a challenge, I feel.

How Many Events?



Frank rushed up to Annie (the Puzzle Page has been guilty of gender bias so we are taking action right now!) just as she finished her recent run at Cromford Rocks in order to find out how many events she had attended in 2019, knowing that it was a number from 8 to 100 inclusive. Frank asked "Is it greater than 50?" to which Annie answered, but in her exhausted state, got it wrong. Frank then demanded to know if it was a multiple of 4 to which Annie, still in oxygen debt, responded incorrectly again. Frank's next question was "Is it a perfect square?" by which time Annie was able to give a correct reply. "Aha!" exclaimed Frank, "Is the first digit 3?" Annie responded (correctly or not we do not know) to which Frank told her the number. "You are wrong" retorted an increasingly annoyed Annie.

How many events did Annie attend in 2019?

Answers as ever to dnevell3@gmail.com by the editor's copy date please.

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-  Contact Andy Hawkins or Rex Bleakman for further information, or if your school would like to enter the Score Champs.
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