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A warm welcome to Karen Hillier W50 – see you at an event soon!

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July Open Meeting and other meeting dates

Traditionally club **Committee** meets on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December so next dates are 12th September and 12th December.

All are welcome at **Open Meetings** and there is a run beforehand, at 7pm, with the Meeting starting at 8pm at the **Family Tree in Whatstandwell**. Bar available and free tea and coffee. The next dates are:

12th July - Forming a DVO response to British Orienteering's Club Development Survey
18th October - AGM



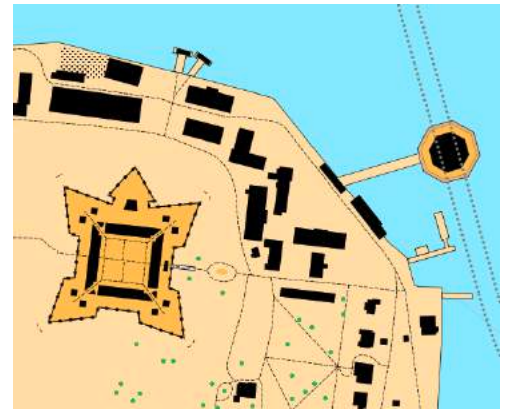
Open O Map – wherever your destination!

Some of you will be orienteering overseas this summer – but did you know that O-style maps are available for the entire globe courtesy of Ollie O’Brien of South London Orienteers?

The link is: <http://oomap.co.uk/>

The Street-O mode is similar to Street-O maps before the days of 1:5000 urban, while the Pseudo-O mode displays like a modern urban map.

I’ve just printed out Taormina in Sicily for our holiday, but here’s a little extract of somewhere iconic across the Atlantic!



Cover photo and Editorial

Congratulations to Doug and the other course winners at the East Midlands Sprint Championships. The chocolate trophies were a nice touch, and, by some minor miracle, kept cool enough not to melt on what must have been one of the hottest days of the year!

The open-plan housing in Nottingham’s Meadows estate made for some fast racing – a real test of concentration and keeping map contact. A chasing start for the 2nd of the 2 events made for extra pressure!

A big thank you to all the travelling and non-travelling contributors to this bumper issue – always a pleasure to put together.

Some forty club members are taking part in the Scottish 6 Day competition in August; whatever your chosen summer pursuits, I hope you enjoy them :)

Sal Chaffey

Club Captain’s Corner

At the time of the last report, we were looking forward to the big relay champs of the year, the JK and British.

We entered six teams at the former and seven at the latter (did anyone notice teams were named after the Seven Deadly Sins!? - Ed), with the usual mixed results. None of our teams actually managed a podium finish, but our best JK effort came from our W48- team of Sarah and Rachel Duckworth and Grace Pennell who managed a creditable fourth, just missing out on the medals. Also worthy of mention is the W120+ team of the two Sallys – Calland and Chaffey - who with Ann-Marie Duckworth registered a sixth place.

A tactical option worth considering next year may be the ultra-veteran choice of M/W210+, won this year by the OD Hampton/Carey/Elkington combo. Just a thought.

Undoubtedly the JK’s formula, determining the make-up of relay teams by reference to age totals, gives much more flexibility than the more rigid age categories of the British. Our chief flag-wavers here were in Men’s Short where Andrew Powell, Richard Parkin and Dave Vincent (DVO Wrath) chalked up a sixth in a field of 29 teams. Here they are looking pleased with themselves, courtesy of Andrew Powell’s Dad:



I will also mention the W60+s team of Liz Godfree, Judith Holt and Christine Middleton who came fourth, although in a class where only five teams managed not to mispunch.

Possibly because I'm away, I had missed, until it was pointed out to me, that the second British Mixed Sprint Relays will take place at Edge Hill University (hands up if you knew there was such a thing as Edge Hill University) in Ormskirk on 16th July. This competition was jolly good fun when I took part in last year's Sheffield event, but the entry date will have passed by the time of you receiving this Newstrack – which makes it a bit pointless of me to mention it except to say that it will be on my radar next year and I'll make a point of featuring it earlier (assuming there's not been a putsch and I've not been overthrown as club captain by Spring 2018; you never know). Two self-entered DVO teams at least will be present this year, and we wish them well.

The White Rose Weekend will take place as usual on the Bank Holiday weekend of 25th – 28th August, and I'll be arranging the relay teams as in the past. If anyone doesn't have enough White Rose mugs in their cupboards, please let me know if you're interested. The cheaper individual entries close on 25th June; this seems to apply to relays too, although neither EBOR's website nor the dedicated White Rose website makes this clear. Newstrack's publication being after 25th June, I may even have entered some teams by the time you read this, based on past performance. The entry fee is £13.00 so with DVO's 50% contribution, everyone entering by 25th June will have to give me £2.16666 (recurring ad infinitum). Thanks EBOR.



Incidentally, I am obliged to Stuart for drawing my attention to the description of this year's forest by the planner of the Middle and Long (I don't really think the word 'Classic' can be applied to the White Rose) events:

'the forest is in wonderful condition: runnable plantation or natural woodland with bilberry or no undergrowth; no bramble and only patches of bracken easily avoided in places; and mostly gentle slopes and shallow valleys.'

Difficult to know if he's genuine or 'aving a larf. If the former, I will have waited nearly forty years for this moment.

Finally, looking forward to the **CompassSport Cup Final**, I will be at the Great Longstone event (when many will receive this Newstrack) and seeking an indication of who is likely to travel down to Devon for the weekend of **21st-22nd October**. Thanks to those who have already let me know – so far I have: two Johnsons, two Godfrees, two Chaffeys, a Dickinson, three Duckworths, two Macdonalds, two Gales and a Selby, a Cooke (confirmed even before John knew Leicester were away that weekend, that's dedication for you) and a Holt, two Swalwells, a Spencer, at least one Parkin, three (?) O'Donnells, a Powell, at least one Vincent and a Bleakman. That's 26 according to my maths. Most of these have committed to a trip to Devon in writing, one or two are based on vaguely recalled conversations and a couple are (intelligent?) guesses.

This amounts to a decent showing, but it could be better. If I've missed you out, please let me know, or ditto if I've misinterpreted your plans, in which case I apologise. With the Final being so far away, sheer numbers could count for a lot.

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Access Negotiators Wanted

As a Club, we rely on a network of Access Negotiators around the county, who negotiate with local landowners to gain the necessary permissions to allow us to orienteer (and park) on their land. Without these, there would be no DVO events. We are very grateful for the work they do.

There are vacancies for Access Negotiators for a number of areas but the main one, where we orienteer on a reasonably regular basis, is Shining Cliff. There are several landowners involved but we have all the details. If you would be interested in taking this on, please contact me.

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Yvette Baker Trophy 2017 result

Well done to the "Great 8" DVO runners who took part in the junior competition held at Calke Park on 21st May. We came second behind LEI but beat the LOG and NOC juniors (scores: 898/**787**/582/0 points).

The team was a good mix of old and new names on the results, some running up a course level without a shadow, to give DVO even more counters on more courses. Well done to the DVO Juniors:

Alexa Lindsay	99 points
Connie Brocklehurst	98
Leo Crown	97
Ben Mackervoy	99
Rachel Duckworth	100
Jake Bailey	99
Sarah Duckworth	99
Jake O'Donnell	96



Good luck to all the teams competing in the Final at Druridge Bay Country Park in Northumberland on July 2nd.

South Derbyshire Summer Series 2017

Enthusiastic DVO helpers needed for 'Come and Try Orienteering' events

With the Planners and Organisers already agreed, what we need now are a few DVO members to volunteer their help at one, or more, of these events. Every event is on a Saturday from 1.00 until 3.00 pm

July 12th **Staunton Harold Reservoir** - Planner/Organiser Andy Hawkins

July 22nd **Foremark Reservoir** - Planners/Organisers Jen and Derek Gale

Aug 12th **Swadlincote Woodlands** - Planner Andis Ozols/Organiser Rex Bleakman

Aug 22nd **Rosliston Forestry Centre** - Planner James Prince/Organisers The Uni Cycle Team



Following the success of the Derby 5 Parks Challenge we will be offering BSOA Certificates and Badges to the 5 to 18 year olds and Special Awards to the Under 5s. These will be given out at Kedleston on 24 Sept (or by sending me an SAE).

If you can help either give me a call or send me an e-mail.

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Looking for a summer day-out with family or friends?



The National Trust have kindly donated a prize for the series – cream tea for two at Longshaw for the fastest combined time on either the family courses or senior courses (best two total times out of three events to count). See below for details.





National Trust Try-Orienteering Series

Orienteering

Wednesday 16th August – Hardwick Park
Wednesday 23rd August – Ilam Park near Ashbourne
Wednesday 30th August – Longshaw Estate

The National Trust in conjunction with Derwent Valley Orienteers invite you to take part in a series of informal orienteering events at Hardwick Park, Ilam Park and Longshaw. Orienteering is a sport for families of all ages. You can walk or run using a map to visit the control points. Careful navigation can be more important than speed.

Types of events: All 3 events will feature courses suitable for families, novice children, novice adults (around 2-3km) with something for experienced orienteers as well (around 4km). Help and advice will be available, and prizes for the best performance on the novice course and the orienteers' course based on total time, counting best 2 out of the 3 events.

Start times 10:30 to 14:30, turn up any time from 10:30 till around 2 p.m.

Charges £4.00 adults, £2.00 juniors (up to age 20), families £6.00, dibbers hire £1



For more information about each event see www.dvo.org.uk or contact the organiser Mike Godfree (mapping@derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk) | nationaltrust.org.uk/sport

Calling all computer experts...

The Download team could do with recruiting one or two more experts able to take sole charge of download at least for short periods. An ability to resolve issues on Windows PCs (we range from Windows XP to Windows 10) would be good. If you can diagnose why a network is not working or why the master SI download station is not connected to the correct COM port even better. Get in touch with Mike.Godfree@btinternet.com.

Sports Personality of the Month

Chris Millard steeled himself for heckles from a bunch of teenagers, judging by the noise coming over the hill at Allestree Park. Only then did he see it was those silver-haired n'er-do-wells AKA the DVO Wednesday night runners!

World Orienteering Day - 24 May 2017

We had taken part in WOD in 2016 and it seemed a good idea to do it again. Stuart and Rex worked with the Derbyshire School Sports Partnership and put on an all day event at **Whitworth Park**. They got 240 primary school children there. After the event, Janice Price, the Lead for Schools Sports Partnerships said: "It ran smoothly due to excellent and thorough planning, and each person knowing their role and carrying out magnificently."

I also received many lovely comments about the event and "Thank you" from children and staff who had really enjoyed the day. These things do not happen without a great deal of time and effort. My thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time so willingly to help make the day happen.

Most of all a huge thanks to Stuart and Rex who having first suggested the idea to us in November last year have been instrumental in driving the agenda forward, attending meetings and inspiring others to come on board and support the day.

In addition, we were blessed with lovely weather which always helps, but without dedicated teamwork none of this would have happened. Our genuine thanks to you all for your passion and support. Lets hope we can do this again next year!

Across Matlock, **Highfields School** (who have an SI kit on loan from DVO) put on an event for their Lower School pupils, with 190 taking part. In the afternoon, we ran a maze and medium course for the Upper School but exams were in progress, so we got only 18. In the evening, Judith had designed some excellent courses on three maps for adults (school grounds, maze and urban) - all at different scales. No-one can say they didn't get their money's worth and it was good to see a number of the Wednesday night runners there.

For juniors, they could do the Short and Medium courses in the school grounds and the maze. We also had the local Girls Brigade there, so a total of 70 runners.

We therefore contributed over 500 runners to the total of 288,007 in 79 countries and 2,272 locations around the world (250,000 in 2016).

Thanks to all the DVO members who put in a number of hours to help at these events.

Viv, Stuart and Rex



Maze O is great fun and really forces you to orient the map!



World Masters Orienteering Championships New Zealand 2017

Part 1: The Godfrees' trip by Liz

As devotees of the World Masters Orienteering Champs we had little hesitation in entering this year's event in New Zealand. Hence March and April were spent "down under" combining touring the country with the "O" events. We decided to hire a motorhome into which we would unpack on arrival, sleep in the same bed every night and repack only before the flight home.

Forget about the long sleepless flights, the surliness of security staff at Los Angeles when as transit passengers we had to do battle with both American immigration and security and our trip certainly lived up to expectation. We knew we would be into NZ autumn (how I missed the daffodils at home) and this was reinforced when we bought freshly picked pears, Coxes apples and Kiwi fruit at the roadside. The weather threw everything at us – hot days, dull days, cyclones and the ever drawing in of the days – dark at 6pm after the clocks went back on April 1st.

Although we did none of the "great walks" requiring overnight stays in mountain huts we did sections of them in the mountains and along the coast. Likewise we did some of the long cycles in a day trip out and back, often along converted railway lines – think Tissington Trail but with a much rougher surface. There were magnificent views of Mount Cook when we camped below it – along with the noisy keas (New Zealand parrot). Glaciers are retreating at an alarming rate, but we were still able to walk up to viewpoints overlooking them.

Cyclone Debbie compounded damage inflicted by the November 2016 earthquake on South Island. There were many landslips, road closures and "first aid" being attempted on many roads leading to delays and long diversions. Our abortive attempt at whale watching resulted in a diversion via Hanmer Springs and a visit to former DVO members Roz and Andy Clayton who recounted their experiences of the most recent quake.

By the time we'd been away for 4 weeks we felt we really ought to find an "O" event to remind us what we were here for. And yes, there were other British orienteers with the same idea at St Arnaud. What we hadn't bargained for was the impenetrable NZ native bush. I didn't find a single control – but then I was 180 degrees out and had run off my 1:7500 map; Mike's 1:10000 would have helped considerably.

We did, of course, have our southern hemisphere compasses. One point, however, to bear in mind is that although the sun rises in the east it travels north via the Equator to set in the west. Forget about the sun being in the south – total confusion. And a southerly wind is cold – from the Antarctic!

Our first big event was Oceania – the Easter jamboree competition between Australia and NZ. The sprint round one of the many university campuses (campi?) in Auckland was a mere foretaste of what was to come. The Classic in Woodhill Forest (an extensive sand-dune forest similar to Culbin or Roseisle) was an introduction to its infamous "cutty grass", a particularly vigorous growing, vicious Pampas Grass which successfully obliterates the lie of the land. I struggled with the intricate contours.

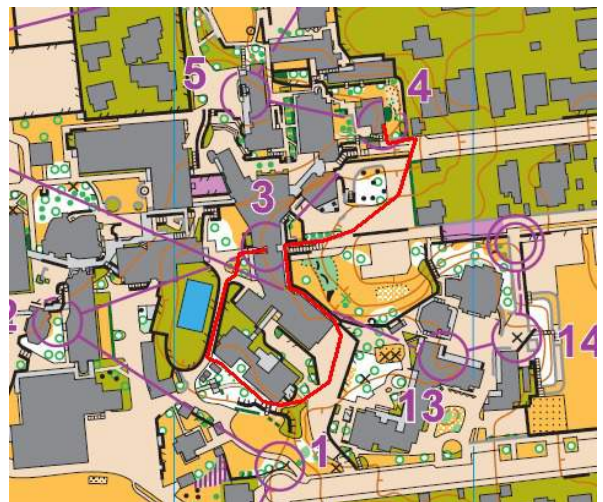
The middle distance was on an open area of intricate limestone rock formations (think Harboro' Rocks but on a far grander scale) and was a joy to run across – you could see where you were going. Mike mispunched but I had by far my best run out of 2 weeks orienteering.

And so to WMOC. All the razzmatazz of the multi-sport World Masters Games and the expense of putting on Opening and Closing ceremonies and maintaining a large waterfront event centre was ignored by us and many other orienteers who chose to focus on our sport at our venues outwith Auckland.

The Sprint model event round another university campus was challenging, but perfectly manageable which is more than can be said of the Sprint Qualification at yet another university campus which I found particularly fiendish – every route I attempted ended in a dead end! Mike and Viv, however, revelled in it and made the "A" final (i.e. top third for M65 and top half to W65). How do you go from 3 to 4 on the sample here? See answer below. The "moa" (extinct giant flightless NZ bird) at the final control reminded us of other intriguing man-made control features over the years. The final at the city campus was far less complex, though the mapping of the underpass led to headaches for a few – not Mike who found his control unexpectedly quickly to achieve a 7th place and Viv who was 13th. I had no problems in the "B" final.



It was then back to Woodhill Forest for the final 4 events – long model, Qualifications 1&2 and the Final. By then I was heartily sick of squiggly brown lines with patches of "cutty grass" and spent a lot of time in "headless chicken" mode, my compass and pacing not helping in the least. Once again the first control was always troublesome with my taking up to 22 minutes to find it. Needless to say I was disillusioned and depressed. In the meantime Mike and Viv were having much better runs, Mike making the "A" final and Viv just missing the cut. The less said about Finals day the better – a path shown on the map was very vague on the ground but the distinct path on the ground was unmapped and folks were running all ways. Suffice it to say Viv had a very respectable run. I struggled! Just don't ask Mike.



Whatever the orienteering, WMOC is a very sociable event. Our NZ beach shelter became a meeting point for some of the Brits where all the usual post mortems were held. Next year's WMOC will be in Denmark – we expect to be there.

PS Though still jet-lagged we made it up to Newby Bridge for the British Champs on High Dam. What a delightfully open and varied area it was and what well planned courses. We redeemed ourselves!

Part 2: The Macdonalds' trip

Viv's bit ...

Our arrival at WMOC followed a journey from Dubai and Abu Dhabi visiting family and then to Christchurch in New Zealand. We had coffee with Matt Dickinson and his partner Caralyn, which was lovely, in an old Post Office converted into a café. We were shocked by the state of Christchurch. Six years on from the earthquake, which killed 185 people, the city is full of car parks where buildings had been demolished and fenced off buildings (including the cathedral) where they were still deciding what to do. There is a vision for the urban regeneration of the city but it is a long way off.

We then visited an old school friend of mine in Nelson before heading to Auckland for the World Masters Games, which included the World Masters Orienteering Championships. There were over 27,000 athletes (as they affectionately called us) competing in 28 sports (orienteering and weightlifting were the only two

who were concurrently running their own championships). The orienteering had 1700 competitors - mostly from Scandanavia but 90 from GB as I suspect a lot of the British had connections with NZ.

We went to the Opening Ceremony (Maori dancing and speeches, including one from the PM) and then each sport marched round the stadium and out - an excellent way of emptying the stadium in an orderly fashion.



The WMOC DVO team, holding a photo of their Estonia mascot, Cassie

As Liz has said in the previous article, I had a great Sprint race and my ambitions for the week were already fulfilled! The Qualifying race was really tricky particularly at the beginning when you haven't got your head into it. I woke up in the middle of the night, thinking of a better route from 2 to 3. The Final had the start lanes on a footbridge over one of the busy streets in Auckland and this took you into Albert Park to the start kite - very clever idea.

We moved north west to Woodhill Forest - a beautiful wood with radiata pine and sand dunes as well as "hazardous plants" (so described in the programme) of pampas grass (quite stunning), a tangly ground cover plant (Pohuehue) and in the Final a spiky tree called Macrocarpa. The model race was in the afternoon on Anzac Day to allow people to go to Remembrance services in the morning and seemed to me to be very tricky - we walked round slowly.

Day 1 of the Long Qualifying race was lovely - open forest, good visibility and a reasonable run pretty well on my own up until control 9. Then a couple of other women overtook me and, in my

attempt to keep up, I lost my place on the map and needed to relocate twice to find control 10. I decided I had blown my chances of getting to the A final as I finished 38th and only the first 30 in each heat went into the A final.

Day 2 was in the same parking area but going into the forest on the other side of the track - it couldn't be more different and was quite a shock going to the first few controls. The contours were much closer together and the visibility was a lot less, although this doesn't really come across on the map. Again I wasn't doing too badly, this time messing up on control 7. It was opposite a drinks station on a ridge but there were two drinks stations on the path with ridges opposite and, of course, I was on the wrong one. I should have dropped to the path to check but as I have an aversion to going downhill unnecessarily, I messed around trying to sort myself out. By this time I had blown it for the A final.

The Final was further north in the same forest and I got round in a reasonable time, finishing 6th. Ranald finished 62nd in the B final (there was also a C final in M65). Both Mike and Liz had a less successful run - such is orienteering.

We flew from Auckland to Tasmania and Ranald takes up the story.....

... Wild Dog Creek, Tasmania, by Ranald

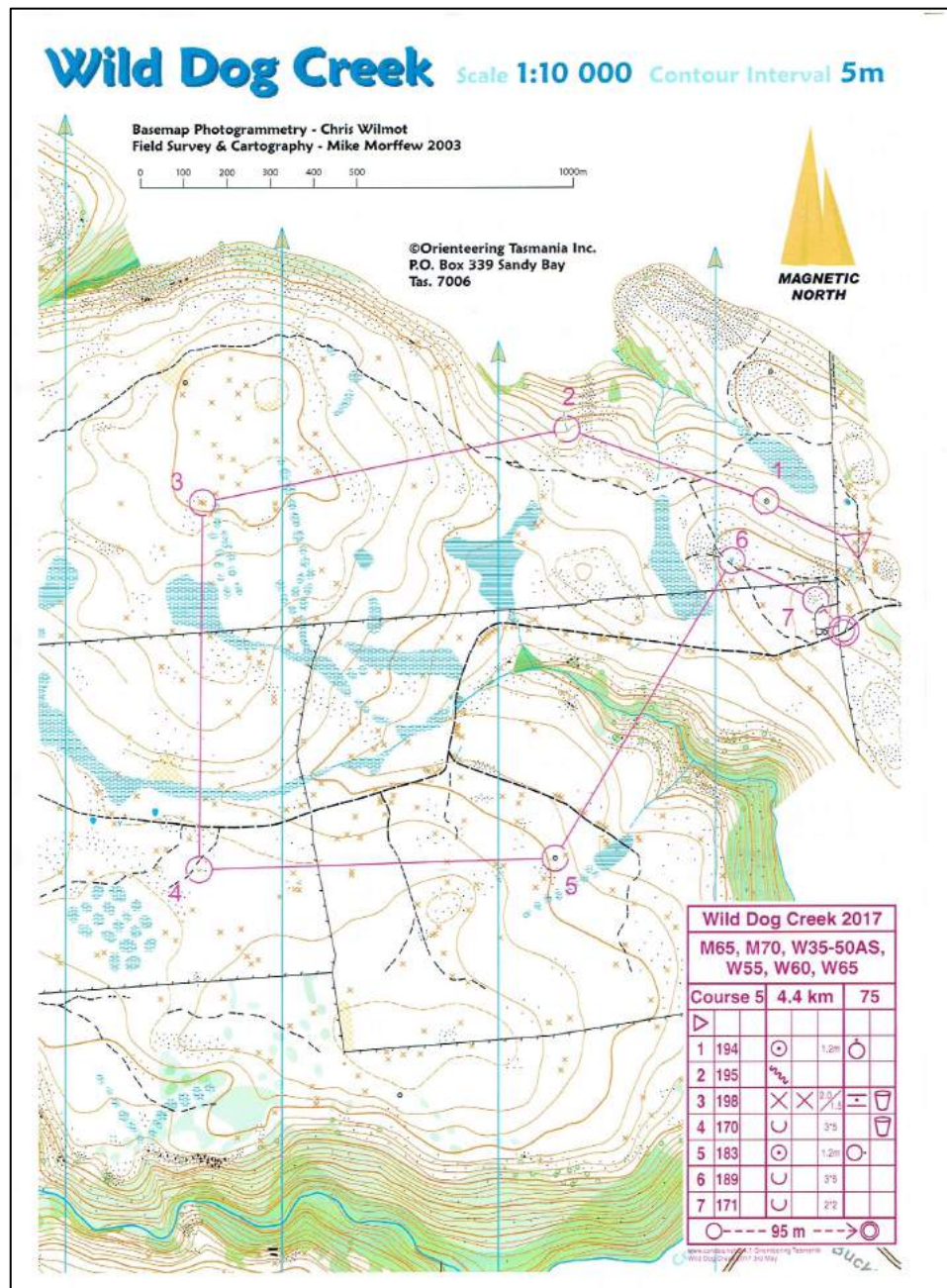
Having been disqualified in the WMOC Sprint Final (it's a long story that's explained on Nopesport.com) and not really getting to grips with the long distance courses, it was a bit of a relief to find an event in Tasmania. We were visiting friends in Hobart and, after a few days on Bruny Island, we headed north to Swansea for a night, picking up the event on the way back to Hobart.

The event was the equivalent of a Level B and had a grand total of 85 participants! Everyone was very friendly, registration was through the window of their equipment trailer and they had their own porta loo on the back of another trailer.

Viv and I did the same course and I was pleasantly surprised when I picked up my control descriptions and saw that there were only seven controls on a 4.4 km course - proper long distance planning! Unfortunately, I fell on the way to the first control and badly cut my knee. However, with blood streaming down my leg (apologies to the squeamish amongst you!) I got going again. We weren't sure if control 3 was in exactly the right place but it did allow me to catch Viv, who had started a few minutes before me and her path had been crossed by a kangaroo! - not something you see often in the UK. It then became a matter of keeping going as Viv is quite a bit fitter than me. I finished 3rd in my class in a time of 61.00 and Viv was second on hers in 63.37.

There was a BBQ available after the race and the elite orienteers stayed on to debrief the juniors, which seemed a nice touch. All in all a nice diversion before the flight home the next day, during which we missed a connection at Dubai and were delayed for eight hours!

Hopefully, we'll see more of you in Denmark next year with the Sprint Finals in Copenhagen - one of our favourite European cities.



The CompassSport Cup – a DVO History (with help from John Hurley)

Dave Nevell

The build-up to the CompassSport Cup Final begins here. “What, but it’s only the beginning of July?” I hear you say. It may well be but there is plenty to cover. In this issue we will look back over the 34 years since the competition started and remind ourselves how the club fared on a year by year basis. In the September issue we will check out the runners and riders for the 2017 Final and perhaps even come up some predictions. By 22nd October there will be no excuse for not being properly prepared for what will be the club’s eighth final.

This autumn marks the 30th anniversary of the last time that DVO won the Cup. Witherslack, 1987, in the rain....it seems just like yesterday! Can I hear the faint strains of “Thirty years of hurt, never stopped me dreaming.....?” At that time, I guess we would have found it difficult to believe that subsequent success would be elusive; after all, we had just retained the Cup from twelve months previously and would go on to be runners-up twelve months hence. However this was a period when, combined with a requisite amount of luck, the club had a brilliant balance of club personnel across the scoring courses. It was a fine balance and it couldn’t last for ever, as could neither the amount of sheer hard work, organisation and motivation that fell upon the Club Captain’s shoulders, backed up by the members’ commitment to a lot of travelling. Getting to the final in those days was a major effort and achievement in itself, representing the culmination of four previous one-on-one knockout rounds, often against formidable opposition. As it was, we clocked no fewer than fourteen consecutive wins (including one walkover), a record that has only been exceeded in the Cup by SYO. If you want to read more about the victorious campaigns of 1986 and 1987 then check out John Hurley’s articles in June 2004 and July 2005 respectively (both available on-line under Members/Newstrack). <http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/newstrack/jun2004.pdf> and <http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/newstrack/jul2005.pdf>

In recent years the highlight has arguably the “Miracle of Fineshade” in 2013 when DVO put out SYO in the qualifying heat. This was an incredibly close affair, largely unexpected as we were only trying to ensure second place to qualify, enabled not least by our non-scorers pushing down some of their scorers. Such is the magnitude of that achievement, it remains the only loss that SYO have suffered in qualifying for the final over the last twelve years, in a competition that they have won twelve times.

More than any other event in the orienteering calendar, the CompassSport Cup brings together the whole club as a team, where the juniors become just as part of that team as the elites and the oldies. It is rather like what the Ryder Cup is to golf – a paradigm shift from the normal psychology of competing as individuals and to that end it provides a quite different and well worth having experience. So sit back and reminisce at past triumphs and failures as seen through those who were commenting on them at the time.

Year	Round	Venue	Against	Result	Score	Contemporary Comment (<i>unless in italics</i>)
1984	1	Blidworth	WCH	Lost	39-45	We had a tough draw - we have individual juniors of abundant talent but cannot match Walton Chasers for numbers of juniors (<i>Hmmm, blame the kids....</i>)
1985	1	Badby	WAOC	Won	69-36	A very good result against a team which progressed to their regional final last year
	2	Beacon Hill	NOC	Won	54-51	
	3	Stapleford	NOR	Won	53-48	
	SF	Eymore	HH	Tie	42-42	<i>The Red course was declared void due to one master map being incorrect. It was agreed that both DVO and HH should progress to the final.</i>
	F	Strines	AIRE	2 nd out of 5		<i>Complete score was AIRE 176, DVO 146, SLOW 120, INVOC 108, 3ROC 46. Bizarrely Newstrack doesn't give this event a mention. HH don't feature in the final score as the semi-final was actually declared void and rescored</i>

						<i>using this event instead, which we won and were then scored again against the other 4 teams.</i>
1986	1	Brimham	EBOR	Won	80-46	Despite a 3-hour long coach trip, hailstorms and bitterly cold weather, the club secured a victory.
	2	Blidworth	AIRE	Won	65-61	<i>On the Orange course 9-year-old Kim Buckley scored her first point</i>
	3	Hawksmoor	SYO	Won	63-63	If the AIRE match was a nail-biting finish, then after the SYO contest, we should all look like the Venus de Milo.
	SF	Anglezarke	BL	Won	71-55	DVO are through to the final again, having battled magnificently on the heights above Chorley.
	F	Clowbridge	DVO winners	Won		There can be few clubs which can match us in the depth of quality over the whole age range so....it was a deserved win. <i>DVO 139, WCH 130, FVO 104, MV 95</i>
1987	1	Robin Wood	LEI	Won	83-43	
	2		POTOC	walk over		<i>For some reason this tie never took place and DVO were eventually awarded a walk over</i>
	3	Blidworth	HOC	Won	70-56	
	SF	Brindley	BOK	Won	63-63	<i>Dave Nevell suffered his only defeat of the campaign, to Clive Hallett.</i>
	F	Witherslack	DVO winners	Won		Well we did it again and won another two tents that nobody knows how to put up. <i>DVO 137, SYO 130, HH 109, ESOC 92</i>
1988	1	Bickerton	HOC	Won	72-54	
	2	Kinver Edge	OD	Won	73-53	
	3	Eccleshall Woods	NOC	Won	65-61	The long-awaited clash of the giants of the East Midlands. The disappointing runs of the early DVO members willed NOC into a false sense of security.
	SF	Brocton & Milford	BOK	Won	66-60	
	F	Sherbrook	SYO winners	2nd		Our first defeat in the competition since 1985. This was the first year that the competition included a small clubs event and this added immensely to the final. <i>SYO 157, DVO 133, SLOW 94, INVOC 81</i>
1989	1	Blackamoor	EPOC	Won	74-52	For those of you who were there, isn't Blackamoor enjoyable - at times -in places.
	2	Ogden	AIRE	Lost	61-64	<i>The April 1989 edition of Newstrack featured a premature "victory cover" which was sadly presumptuous</i>
1990	1	Yateholme	NN	Won	70-55	As this was my first stab as captain please excuse the few mistakes I made on the way. I am sure I'm forgiven as we made it through to the next round (Catherine Campbell)
	2	Honley Old Wood	AIRE/ SYO	Lost	38-46 to AIRE	<i>Round 3 scored separately, SYO 45 AIRE 39</i> Unfortunately the event was a bit of a disaster. A couple of courses had controls in the wrong place but I think everyone had had enough of the CS Cup and decided to let the result stand.
1991	1	Beaudesert /Rawnsley	NOC	Lost	48-77	
1992	1	Sutton Park	DEE	Won	67-58	
	2	Blackamoor	EPOC	Won	64-61	Another victory! After about the sixth recount it was finally decided that we had beaten EPOC
	3	Tockholes	LOC	Lost	???	<i>EMEWS 132 records "a creditable second place", CompassSport 13.5 reports DVO won but clearly this was wrong</i>
1993	1	Kinver Edge	WRE	Won	68-39	
	2	Woodbank Park	NOC	Won	62-62	
	3	Castle Carr	EBOR	Lost	58-67	
1994	1		?	Bye		<i>Newstrack merely notes that this had been negotiated but with whom, no indication</i>

	2	Sutton Park	WCH	Won	66-59	I had to wait a few days because over 1000 runners attended the OD event
	3	Sherwood	SYO	Lost	53-72	
1995	1	Dimmingsdale	OD	Won	70-63	
	2	Dimmingsdale	HOC	Won	69-64	<i>(Round 2 was scored at the same event as Round 1 in a 3-way contest)</i>
	3	Sherwood Pines	SYO	Lost	55-77	
1996	1	Wharcliffe	MDOC	Lost	61-72	It appears that MDOC's senior citizens made the critical difference <i>(Hmm, blame the oldies now...)</i>
1997	1	Badgerslade	HOC	Won	78-48	
	2	Hay Wood	NOC	Lost	63-71	
1998	1	Elland Park Woods	EBOR	Lost	40-49	The area was quite good with plenty of fiendish point features. So many so, in fact, the planner was foxed too leading to the voiding of the Brown course.... either way EBOR would have beaten us.
1999	Heat	Sherbrook South	WCH winners	3rd		An analysis of the distribution of points says a lot about the health of DVO at the moment...we have a real gap in the older teenagers
2000	Heat	Wakerley	NOC winners	3rd		Following negotiation with LEI (the finding of missing control cards and the re-instatement of others) we managed 3rd place, just ahead of OD.
2001	Inter-Club	Ecclesall Woods	DEE winners	13th		<i>Foot & mouth prevented the CSC from taking place. SYO staged an inter-club competition based on CS Cup scoring. 17 teams competed.</i>
2002	Heat	Thetford	NOC winners	3rd		
2003	Heat	Blidworth	NOC winners	2nd		We did come a creditable second
2004	Heat	Brereton Spurs	WCH winners	4th		This was not one of DVO's finest performances and we only avoided the wooden spoon on the tie break system
2005	Heat	Belvoir West	NOC winners	2nd		By being second to NOC who were in the top three last year we have qualified for the final and the margin was quite close.
	Final	Clowbridge	OD winners	8th		After peering at the results and getting the rule book out I finally came to the conclusion that we do not have enough strong runners to challenge the top clubs. <i>OD 2082, BOK 2063, AIRE 2059, NOC 2000, SLOW 1992, MDOC 1980, SO 1921, DVO 1739, EBOR 1580</i>
2006	Heat	Macclesfield	MDOC winners	3rd		There was a magical ten minutes when DVO were actually first....
2007	Heat	Greno Woods	SYO winners	4th		It is my theory that DVO performed the orienteering equivalent of communal hara-kiri at Greno Woods. The only crumb of comfort is that at least we won't now have to endure a Final held at Blidworth Woods, which would be like winning a holiday at Guantanamo Bay
2008	Heat	Sherbrook	OD winners	3rd		Last year, I took DVO to task for its lacklustre CompassSport performance at Greno Woods, but this year represented a massive improvement – though we still got knocked out
2009	Heat	Sherwood Pines	SYO winners	3rd		
2010	Heat	Malvern Hills	OD winners	5th		<i>Surely the nadir of DVO's CSC performances with only 14 scorers and last by a country mile</i>
2011	Heat	Beacon Hill	NOC winners	2nd		<i>Very close to NOC (2361-2346)</i>
2012	Heat	Brereton Spurs	OD winners	5th		It is a long time since the heady days of the 80's.....
2013	Heat	Fineshade	DVO winners	1st		As the coach left Fineshade at 2 p.m. the results were looking good but there were no definitive final results. John & Judith checked the iPad regularly and only as we were approaching Ambergate did we get confirmation that yes,

						DVO had won
	Final	Moseley Green	BOK winners	4th		This was an excellent result for our first qualification to the Final this century! (<i>not actually true - see 2005</i>) BOK 2333, OD 2202, LOC 2119, DVO 1997, SO 1908, AIRE 1370, CLOK
2014	Heat	Irwell Valley	DEE winners	2nd		I'm sure taking a bus made all the difference. Those who came on the bus seemed to enjoy the camaraderie
2015	Heat	Sherwood Pines	SYO winners	2nd		We had 86 runners out of 96 entries proving once again the importance of quantity
	Final	Helsington Barrows	FVO winners	9th		Sadly it wasn't really DVO's day. FVO 2374, LOC 2246, SYO 2242, BOK 2159, AIRE 2158, DEE 2094, SLOW 1950, OD 1928, DVO 1914, SN 1741
2016	Heat	Haywood Warren	OD winners	2nd		With six clubs taking part we don't go through to the final but we are again the top East Midlands club
2017	Heat	Burwell	SYO winners	2nd		DVO has only gone and won itself a free weekend away in Devon!
	Final	Virtuous Lady	?	?		?





Part of the winning 1987 team at Witherslack Hall. Apparently the ladies (the Wilkinsons and the Buckleys) left before the Prize Giving. Thanks to Mike Godfree for this photo that appeared in May 2012 Newstrack as a competition, with answers that September. I won't make you wait as long!

Back: Steve Kimberley, Mike Gardner, Pete Jones (now AIRE), Dave Brodie, Tony Berwick.



Middle: Terry Peach, Ian Whitehead, Dave Nevell, Doug Dickinson Junior, Paul Seaston, John Seaston, Mike Jubb

Front with cup: David Godfree and Chris Godfree.


Forthcoming Fixtures (DVO, NOC, LEI, LOG & other)

NB new BO categories – M Major (former A), N National (B), R Regional (C), L Local (D).  East Midlands League
EMUL = East Midlands Urban League,  = UK Urban League, **UKOL** = UK Orienteering League


July

- Sun 2nd**  **Longstone Moor. Registration 10-12 noon, free maze-O!**
Wed 5th **L/Mat** **Oker Hill, Darley Bridge, DE4 2JT, 6:30-8pm**
Sat 8th **UKOL** Peel Park/Lister Park Sprint, Fat Rascal Weekend (AIRE)
Sun 9th **UKOL**  Bradford Urban, Fat Rascal Part 2
Tues 11th **R** Alderley Edge, MDOC. Registration from 5:30, Starts 6-7pm
Wed 12th **L/Mat** **Whitworth Park 6:30-8pm – last event of Matlock Summer Series**
Sat 15th **R/Urban** Birchwood (Warrington) Sprint, MDOC. Northern Rocket W/end Day 1
Sun 16th **N/Relay** Edge Hill Uni Campus, Ormskirk, DEE. British Mixed Sprint Relays

August (Scottish 6 Days omitted)

- Sun 6th** **L** Rushcliffe Country Park, Ruddington, see <http://www.noc-uk.org/>
Sun 20th **EMUL** Lincoln City. See <http://www.logonline.org.uk/> nearer time
25-28th **Various!** Baxton's Strip near Helmsley, White Rose Weekend. CD 13th Aug
Mon 28th  Abindgdon Urban

September

- Sat 16th** **N** Attermire. Dales Weekend Day 1
Sun 17th **N** Malham Moor, Day 2 (both AIRE)
Mon 18th **L/Urban** **Openwoodgate (Belper School). Registration 6-7pm**
Sun 24th  **Kedleston Park, Registration 10-12 noon ...**
Sat 30th **L** **Shipleigh Country Park. Registration 1-3pm**
Sat 30th **UKOL** Campbell Park, Milton Keynes. British Sprint Champs. CD 10th Sept
Sun 1st Oct **UKOL** Wendover Woods. British Middle Distance Champs. Enter both on SI



October

- Sat 7th** **DVO Champs & Awards Presentation - venue TBA, save the date!**    
Sun 8th **EMUL** Stamford. See <http://www.logonline.org.uk/>
Sat 14th **L** **Alfreton Park, Registration 10-12 noon**
Sun 15th  **Burrough Hill, Melton Mowbray**

National Trust Series
(all Wednesdays 11-2:30pm)
 16th Aug **Hardwick**
 23rd Aug **Ilam Park**
 30th Aug **Longshaw**



South Derbyshire Series
(all Saturdays 1-3pm)

15th July **Staunton Harold Reservoir**
 22nd July **Foremark Reservoir**
 12th Aug **Swadlincote Woods**
 19th Aug **Rosliston Forestry Centre**



Spanish Orienteering Championships – an alternative Easter

Instead of the JK in the South East this year, we spotted that the Spanish Orienteering Championships were being held just outside Madrid (and therefore were slightly easier to get to...). A cheap hotel on the end of the Madrid metro line and some cheap budget flights with Easyjet and we were set. Or so we thought...

It has been a while since we've orienteered in mainland Europe, but some of the challenges have not changed. In mainland Europe, clubs organise entries for their members, and so navigating the on-line entry system as individuals was a bit of a puzzle. Eventually we found that DVO was registered in the system and

entries were secured, though we never did work out how the relay classes worked. At least payment is easy these days – no longer posting eurocheques to organisers...

The week leading up to Easter is a time of holidays and festivals in Spain, and orienteering is no different – the Spanish Championships were preceded by several warm-up events in the same region. For a future year we might look at a longer trip to get some more practice before the main event.

So with entries sorted and start times worked out a few days before arrival we had everything that we needed. Final details contained significant detail about the history of the area and how beautiful the local towns were but not a lot of detail on where to park for each event, so the evening before Day 1 we headed out to find the event centre and the event car park. Confusingly, local businesses were displaying their support for the event by hanging controls outside – we (accidentally!) visited several bars before finding the event centre!

The big difference that we were immediately aware of at this event was that Spanish events cater for, and are attended by, competitors who are invariably younger than the equivalent set of British orienteers. The car park was crammed with minibuses full of teenagers as clubs organise transport and accommodation. The event organisers provided floor space in a sports hall that was very popular: punters paying €5 per night to stay a few hundred metres from the event centre. The entry list shows a stark difference from UK events: excluding elite courses, there were 240 runners on M/W21 vs 30 at BOC, 260 on M/W35 vs 39 at BOC. Perhaps reflecting the age profile, there was a crèche at assembly, looking after young children while parents ran their courses.

We were surprised to see that there were no short/B courses of offer, but instead 4 ‘open’ courses of different lengths for anyone who did not want to run their age class ‘long’ course. I think this approach might work in the UK where many B/S courses have small entries. Not quite a wayfarers’ course, as these were full-on TD5 courses just offered with a range of lengths to cater for those wanting less physical challenge.



The Relay prize-giving: even though this was the day after, there was 100% attendance as everyone wanted to be seen on the podium by their friends!

One feature of the event that caught us by surprise was the pre-start: it was a 45 minute walk to the start but instead of letting people work out themselves if they needed more or less time than this we were checked through a pre-start box on the exit from assembly at precisely 45 minutes before our start time. This allowed the organisers to track who had set out for the start without having to worry about getting start boxes back to download, but it put extra pressure on Karen who wanted to give herself longer than the allocated 45 minutes for the long walk with 300m climb to the start. In the end, the

timing was sufficient. Having a model event as part of the long walk to the start was a nice idea, with a box of tiny maps and some controls hung along the way (Agree – we had this on JK Day 2 – Ed).

The terrain and courses were first-class, with fast, clean forest and accurate maps. The fine boulder detail was very difficult to untangle on the map, especially for Elizabeth with her 1:15000 map, but mostly the orienteering was good, rewarding fast running, accurate navigating and bold route choices. The same area

hosted the middle distance and classic, and the planning gave us lots of short, intricate legs for the former and long legs with route choice options for the latter.

As a family we did not expect to win anything, but we were pleased with our runs and we did not embarrass ourselves. All the over-seas runners had early starts, so we were running with the large Scandinavian and Portuguese contingents (just a handful of Brits at this event). Curiously, 10 weeks after the event I have not been able to find a complete set of results on-line anywhere....?

Next year we will look closely at a Spanish trip again, in place of the JK. The JK makes too much of the elite classes I think, and seems to have lost some of the family-orientated feel it once had. Hospitality in Spain was first class and the orienteering was very enjoyable.

Dai Bedwell

British Championships 2017 – DVO Top 5 placings

Some 34 club members travelled to the British on High Dam (southern Lakes) in May. The terrain was steep, rocky and technical, but the club had a good number of solid runs. Congratulations all!

M12A 3rd **Jake O'Donnell**
 M50S 2nd **Andy Sykes**
 M65L 5th **Andrew Middleton**

W14A 2nd **Rachel Duckworth**
 W16A 4th **Sarah Duckworth**
 W65S 4th **Ruth Ellis**
 W70L 5th **Pauline Ward**

No trophies this year for DVO!



Small, friendly events with help for beginners. Three courses, up to 5km. Electronic chip timing. £4 adults, £2 children. Free badges/certificates for school children finding more than 10 controls (to be presented at our Kedleston event September 24th)!



15 July **Staunton Harold Reservoir**
 22 July **Foremark Reservoir**
 12 Aug **Swadlincote Woods**
 19 Aug **Rosliston Forestry Centre**

All Saturdays 1-3pm – no need to book!

Summer Orienteering in South Derbyshire



- ▣ Get fit and learn to navigate!
- ▣ Race, jog or walk round the control points, choosing your own route
- ▣ Take part as an individual or as a family
- ▣ It doesn't matter how young, old or fit you are!



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When Sunday Comes

(Except when it's Saturday or Wednesday)

RDO – Real Derbyshire Orienteers. Fanzine No 22
You. Know. It. Makes. Sense.

It's all gone far too quiet....

Something, somewhere, somehow, is surely about to happen (page 4)

Top scientists agree – “more news is imminent” (Page 7)

A selection of possible headlines we may need to use (pages 92-96)

Other news: For goodness sake wake up, there is none!

CAUTION: FUTURE EDITIONS OF WSC MAY CONTAIN NEWS

Club Card scheme comes under fire

Once again BOO has got itself tangled up in the type of mess that it specialises in, this time in connection with its collaboration with a major supermarket. The idea is that orienteers will gain Club Card points every time that they dib a control. This is part of BOO's big drive to get more people into the sport. The supermarket, who we shall refer to only as T***o to preserve anonymity, have extended their scheme to recognise when SI and Emit systems, ~~spawn of the devil~~ (*suggest we remove this – WSC lawyers*) register visiting a control site. Apparently, this wouldn't be a problem if it were not for the fact that every time anyone goes near a control, the message “Don't forget to dib your control” rings out followed by “All your T***o points add up!” when the control site is indeed visited.

“Mrs Geraldine Snibbo (Ms) 31 (*hah! – you'd forgotten all about her, hadn't you*), said “My six year old daughter Katie and I had just dibbed at control 5 on the White course when I caught a glimpse of something out of the corner of my eye. I turned to look and we saw a stampede of elite competitors rushing towards us alerted by that annoying man's voice. It's so unfair. We were lucky to escape in one piece. Katie hasn't stopped talking about it ever since. All of her friends are so envious.”

We asked a BOO spokesman, who asked that his name be withheld, about the problem. He said “Relax, it's all under control. We are going to issue compulsory ear defenders on the start line in order to reduce the effect. As for the man's voice – we have Ozzy Osbourne lined up for release 2 of the scheme. I personally have never heard of him but I understand he is a popular singer in a beat combo so that'll get the kids in, daddy-O”. Eric Slowly is 56. (*Exit left, tap-dancing*)

More when we hear more.

Inside (Page 17): BOO's new idiot website idiot guide.

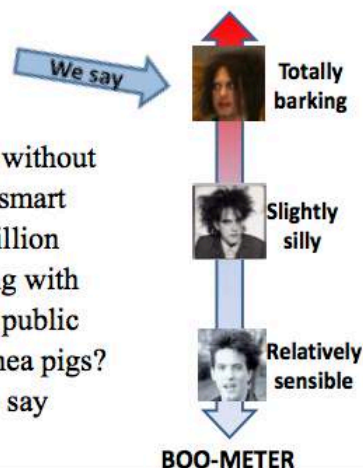
The Orienteer – How It works (continued....)



The genetically modified asparagus was going to need a new IOF mapping symbol, mused the surveyor (Apologies to Ladybird Books for stealing this idea)

BOO Watch

We can't really let the release of the new BOO website go without comment, can we? A smart move to let loose a million lines of code swarming with bugs onto the general public and treat us all as guinea pigs? You be the judge. We say “Toadly Barking!”



From the casebook of reporter extraordinaire Miles Piles, WSC is proud to present

The Mystery of Cromford Rocks – Part Two

The story so far: Journalist Miles Piles, acting on an anonymous tip-off, witnessed Gripple Monthly editor Bob McNut being strung up from a tree at Cromford Rocks in the middle of the night by two mysterious assailants. On being rescued it appeared that McNut was terrified by the news that chutney magnate Sir Branston Pickles had just been released from jail. Now read on.....

It was a sultry afternoon in the offices of the Belper Thunderer. A fly buzzed aimlessly, the fan whirred, the blinds occasionally rustled and outside local youths could be heard once again setting fire to some public amenity or other. Business as usual in the 'hood. Robin Wood, my young subordinate, feet on desk, was listlessly perusing RumpassSport, munching his way disconsolately through a packet of Brexits. I sucked on a mint, mentally rearranging my collection of vinyl LPs. News was thin on the ground. We had four hours to find some and inspiration, unlike perspiration, was at a low. Eventually Robin stirred. "God, these leave a bad taste in the mouth," he muttered. Then he sat up with a start. "Miles, you need to take a look at this." He waved RumpassSport in my direction. "It's about the vacant chairman's slot at BOO. One of the candidates for the post is that chap you rescued from a tree up at Cromford Rocks, you know, Bob McNut the gripple expert." I hadn't expected that. "Now why on earth would he be standing?" I replied. "Not the most obvious candidate and wouldn't have thought that he stood a chance. Very odd. Who's he up against?" Robin scanned the article. "Oh, the usual Federation types. Nobody we don't know. It also says here that there has been a huge surge in membership recently. Ah, the election is next week up at Barley Dale. Shall we visit?" I concurred. "Worth a shot I guess. I'm still trying to work out how Sir Branston Smalls might come into all this. Now, in the absence of anything else we'll just have to run with that story of the dog that can say "bananas"".

Six evenings later we pulled into the car park of BOO's Barley Dale HQ, the editor's angry words still fresh in our ears. We had to find something a lot better than a crazy canine. Fortunately, we stuck lucky pretty quickly. We had been a little late arriving and to find a space in the really crowded car park we had to go right to the back, under some trees. As I got out I heard furtive voices from behind the trees. I motioned to Robin to keep still and I edged closer, my presence clearly not detected. Two men were conversing and it was obvious they were arguing fiercely, although in whispers. One, a large somewhat overweight figure, had his back to me but the other I recognised straight away. It was Bob McNut! His expression was a mixture of angry and scared. Scared seemed to be winning. "You're going straight in there and getting elected" hissed the large man, "Or else you know what will happen!" McNut stammered incoherently as his companion grabbed him and started to pull him towards the building. I slipped further out of sight but as they passed I just caught a glimpse of the big man's face, which was largely obscured by a pulled-up collar and a wide hat brim. He may have been trying to remain incognito but I knew at once who it was. I had to stifle a gasp. It was Sir Branston Smalls.

The villainous chutney magnate swiftly disappeared from view as McNut trudged resignedly into the meeting. "Follow him" I signalled to Robin as I scuttled towards the building. Inside it was packed. Packed, but not something didn't seem quite right. There was a murmur in the air but most of the conversation didn't appear to be in English. In fact, at a guess it was probably Polish. What the heck was going on? I could see a few regular orienteers dotted around and they looked as confused as I was. Then I caught sight of long term BOO official Alan Clive, looking worried. I pushed my way through to him. "What's up Alan?" He grimaced. "You may well ask Piles," he muttered. "This lot have obviously turned up just to vote for one of the candidates. Yes, we've checked, they are all members. Newly joined members in fact. And they all seem to want McNut for the post." My mind whirred, thinking back to the events in the car park. Then the zloty dropped. Why so many non-British faces? I had the answer. Immigrant workers in the chutney industry. Smalls was behind this. He had mobilised his workforce in order to get McNut elected. McNut would be nothing more than Small's puppet, but who would know? So this was the start of his master plan and it looked as if we could do nothing to stop it!

Part 3 in September!

One element of engaging newcomers: Awards

Sal Chaffey

As a Committee, we are looking at the newcomer experience at our events, and Andy Hawkins is developing a Beginners pack and looking at a 'buddying' system. At the Derby 5 Parks Challenge, lots of club members were on hand to help those new to the sport get used to the map and use a dibber. From the Facebook comments after the events, this was very much appreciated.

The Derby 5 Parks Challenge attracted a lot of new families as well as adults to try our sport and hopefully update their image of what orienteering is. They enjoyed the informal set-up, where they were encouraged to try more than one course. Inspired by Matlock, we offered BSOA badges for each control found and 124 children earned one of the BSOA Explorer Awards, with one girl finding 108 controls across the series. Entering all this onto a spreadsheet every Monday certainly kept Rex busy!

Rex and Mike will be offering the awards at their South Derbyshire and National Trust series this summer, as well as at the Navigate 4 North events in the autumn.

We'll repeat the Derby series next spring and offer the badges but need to encourage people to join. I've been looking the incentives available once beginners have joined British Orienteering – but they may also appeal to existing Juniors:

Navigation and Racing Challenges

These certificates are automatically generated for BO members. Sign in to the BO website, hover over **My Account** and, on the right, click **Incentive Schemes**. You will have upto 4 certificates:

The Navigation Challenge is great for beginners as they just have to complete three courses of the same technical difficulty (TD). Most regular orienteers will have this too.

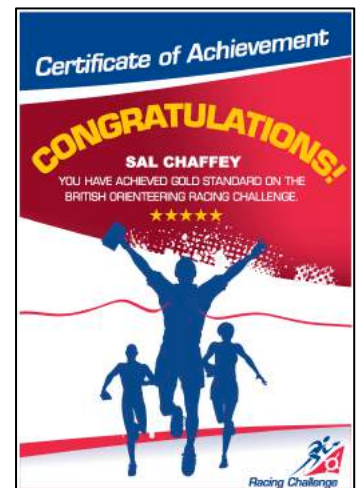
The Racing Challenge introduces the element of speed because it depends on your minutes per km over three courses of the same TD:

- Gold: less than 12.5 minutes per km
- Silver: less than 15 mins per km
- Bronze: less than 20 mins per km

Technical difficulty is shown by the number of stars on the certificate, with 5 being Very Short Green and above and 1 being White.

Contributing events are flagged under **My Account/My Results**.

Non-members can see details of the scheme by hovering over **Go Orienteering** and clicking on **Incentive Schemes** in the bottom left.



Badge Scheme (Level A events only)

On the BO website, click on **Go Orienteering** and then **Badge scheme**. Competitors must achieve the relevant standard in the same age class at 3 events over 2 years. Each badge costs £1.50 with certificates at 50p. You can pay a further 50p to add an 'age flash' to the badge, showing the age class in which you achieved the badge. The website gives the information you need to supply.

There's a whole section of the Rules explaining the formula for calculating 'base time' and multiplying this to get the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Championship times, but looking at Results for recent Level A events, the badge thresholds don't tend to appear. So applying for one of these badges can't be easy!



Long ago, you would get your name in CompassSport if you achieved your Championship badge – such a rare occurrence it was!

Colour-coded Standards

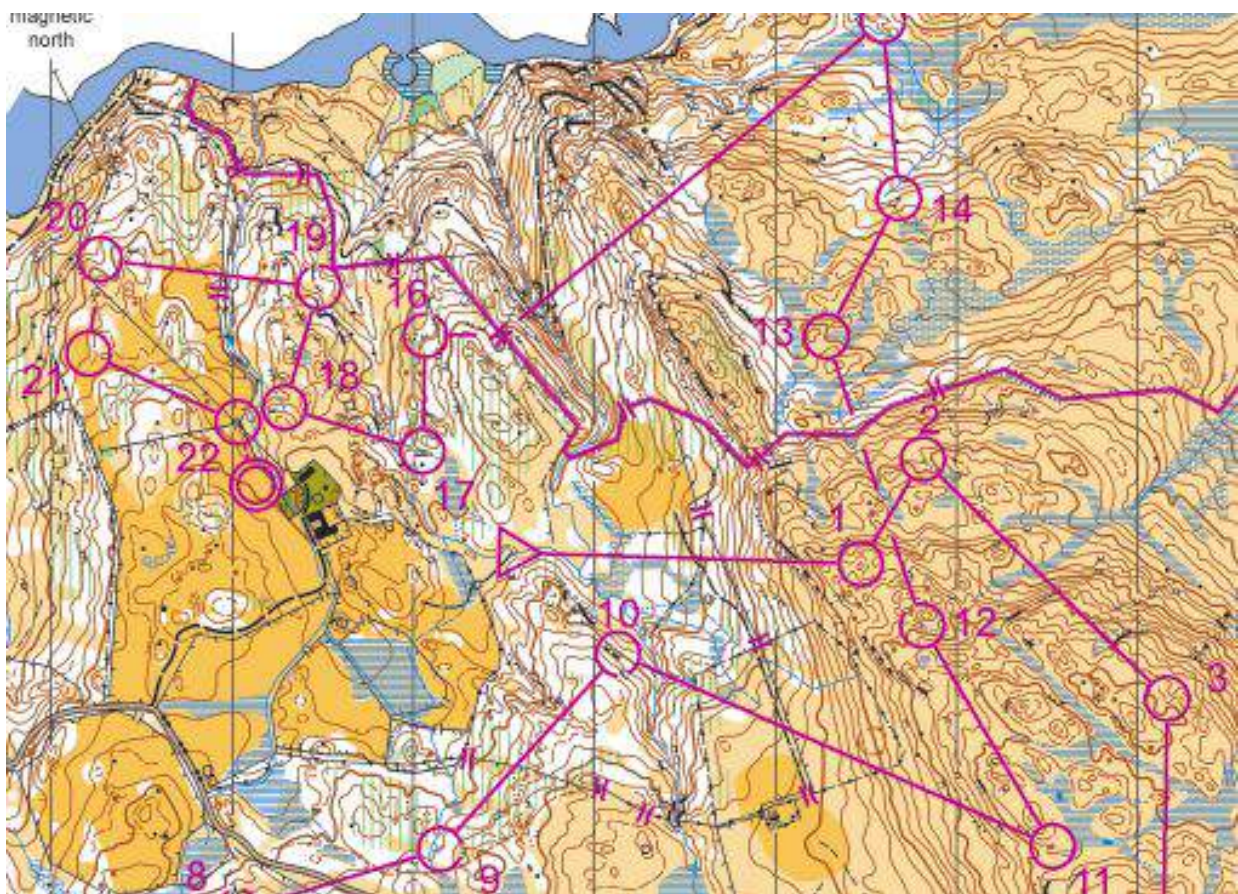
Again this is a scheme that was more active 20 or 30 years ago. It's explained on the EMOA website under **Members** and then **Incentives**. To gain the White standard, it's necessary to complete 3 courses; for the other standards, your time has to be within 50% of the average times of the top 3 competitors. Badges haven't been given out for a long while though.

In Conclusion...

Really the Navigation and Racing Challenge is the scheme best promoted as an incentive to join DVO and British Orienteering. Obviously it's only a small part of the package, but it's something that encourages the racing element.

"You must use marked crossing points"

A recent discussion on Nopesport (nopesport.com), the UK online orienteering community, discussed the issue of crossing points and uncrossable walls/fences. The discussion can best be summarised by reference to a map published as part of the thread:



If a fence or wall is uncrossable it must be marked with a solid magenta line, as with the northern wall on the map. Where there is only one crossing point between controls the connecting line should pass through the compulsory crossing symbol (as between controls 15 and 16). If there is a choice of crossing points, such as between controls 12 and 13, the connecting line should be between the controls but broken on either side of the uncrossable feature.

One contributor to the Nopesport thread explained the southern crossable fences:

The southern fences are crossable. They have been drawn as such. These fences have several crossing points on them. Some of these are pre-existing, such as gates and stiles (i.e. the one north of the line to 1), and some were

constructed for the event (i.e. the one south of the line to 1). For clarity they have all been highlighted with the crossing point symbol. The lines on the legs (1, 9, 10) are straight and unbroken. If you wish to go straight, you may. If you are less physically able, then perhaps one of the crossing points are for you.

Mike Godfree and I have discussed this and, as appropriate and when timely, he will add the uncrossable boundary symbol on maps where it is likely to always be a requirement. This means the wall/fence symbol will not be obscured by the magenta line.

There will still be situations where a Planner will need to add the uncrossable symbol and the appropriate crossing points. Getting this right is really important as causing damage to walls and fences may well mean we lose access to an area.

Ranald Macdonald
DVO Grade B Controller



The Rules for Urban are different, and recently trans-gressed by the Editor at Wetherby Urban. The map was crossed by several disused railway lines in deep cuttings, marked clearly with the uncrossable crag symbol. The control description for Control 1 was Bridge foot, and you can almost see the runner's thought process from his trace as he suddenly veers to the south end of the cliff. Approaching the control, I crossed the bridge and then went south round the western cliff. Route choice to No 2 is compounded by the uncrossable fence (entrance at No 25). In the heat of the moment, I spotted a way up the cliff and took it, enabling me to go direct. I knew it was wrong and it was glaringly obvious as I had the fastest split for this leg. I emailed the Organiser to disqualify myself as it was clearly unfair. Beware 'heat of the moment' thinking – learn and remember your uncrossables!

The Planner Ruth Ker (CLARO) puts it well:

"The Education Spot. For those who don't know. The rules in urban races are different to countryside O. In the countryside you may choose to take on any obstacle nature has thrown in your way, unless purple lined or something on your map. In an urban area you may not. If the map says it is uncrossable you do not cross it even if you have the climbing ability of a monkey or swimming ability of a dolphin. These are the rules – you do not use your discretion when you get there. There may be all sorts of reasons you do not know about why this is so. It is also the game and a disqualifiable offence. It is your job as an urban orienteer to learn the uncrossable symbols (not difficult – they are solid and thick) and stick to the rules."

Setting up the Finish at an O event

At the Springtime in Shropshire Bank Holiday 3-day event, the different layouts of each Finish had me scratching my head. There seemed to be no consistent pattern. Surely there must be something in the Course Planning Guidelines that provides guidance?

On Day 1, we had to navigate from our last control straight into the Finish. When I got to the Finish there were lots of people milling around and it was difficult to see the actual control boxes. Day 2 did have a control at the exit to the wood and then a straight run in to the Finish. On Day 3, similar to Day 1, we were asked to navigate to the Finish from the last control. The Finish double circle on the map was plonked in the middle of an open area - certainly not on a feature. It did have a Finish banner, at ground level, but could only be read if you arrived from one particular direction. It was unmanned. I thought it was not exactly in the right place but, as it was not on a feature, this was excusable.

Could one of our Controllers please explain how a Finish should be set up under the BOF Rules. Is there a standard?

Stuart Swalwell
Club Chair

A Controller's Response

Thanks for the query, Stuart. I was at SINS as well and agree about the lack of consistency on the Finish layouts.

The British Orienteering Rules (December 2016) are very clear and state:

30 The finish

30.1 The precise location of the finishing line or point must be clear to all competitors approaching it.

In Appendix B (Course Planning), which provides guidance and best practice advice for planners, further clarification is provided:

5 The finish

5.1.1 The precise location of the finishing line must be clear to all competitors approaching it.

5.1.2 It is important to ensure that the finish is easily located. A common last control with taped route to the finish will ensure this. This will also ensure that competitors all approach the finish from the same direction and improve the flow of competitors through the finish system.

5.1.3 As a minimum the finish should consist of a punch unit and control flag, preferably with a prominent finish banner. There should be no possibility of a competitor being unable to find the finish. Sufficient punching units should be used to cope with the likely frequency at which competitors will finish.

5.1.4 The finish should be manned as it may often be the first place where a competitor can report that an injured competitor needs urgent assistance or a problem with the course.

It couldn't be clearer! Too often there are too many last controls, quite some distance from the Finish. At major events there is only one final control, at the start of the run in, so why not at other events? A major consideration is to ensure that competitors are not lured to the Finish and mis-punching at the final control, as has happened at some events. A common last control also allows competitors on different courses to compare their split on the run in, increasingly a popular feature at some events.

The Finish should be on a clear feature and not in the middle of nowhere. Given the point above about having one final control, the Finish is likely to be on a line feature and/or clearly taped from the final control; 'navigate to Finish' is not appropriate, unless the Finish is clearly visible to all competitors from the final control. This may be the case on a forest track or on a short downhill (but not steep!) leg.

The Finish control box is no different from any other control in that it must have a kite on it – and one on each stake if there is more than one box. The kite helps finishers spot the exact location of the finish, which can be obscured with competitors milling around. The Finish banner draws competitors towards the finish but it is the kite that indicates its exact location.

Some Planners and Controllers, including in DVO, argue that the Appendix is only for guidance and hence can be ignored. However, it is also 'best practice' and compiled by those with extensive experience such as Barry Elkington, whose excellent articles in CompassSport on Course Planning (available on the DVO web site) are widely used on Planner and Controller training courses. There is also a useful article on common mistakes at the Start and Finish on the DVO website:

<http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/members/officials-help-page/> and a new practical guide to course planning on the Scottish Orienteering Association website (with a link from the DVO Officials Help page - <http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/members/officials-help-page/>)

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DVO Age/Gender Adjusted Rankings

Dave Nevell



Those of you that subscribe to CompassSport will have seen that in the June edition I once again listed the top 120 orienteers in the country based on taking their British Orienteering ranking scores and adjusting them for age and gender (and scaling up to 6 ranking events). I'm afraid I can't possibly reveal who came top this time without incurring the wrath of the editor but what I can do is to show how DVO members fared. So if you remember, in the last Newstrack I ranked everybody in the club according to their average speed compared to a nominal "average" orienteer. This time it's more of a level playing field – the effect of age and gender has been removed and what is left is raw orienteering ability. Not a perfect process by any means. Here are the top 50 DVO members from the overall list, which has close to 4500 people in it. Liz is obviously one of the very best in the country and she is well clear of any other DVO members at the moment. Sarah Duckworth is the leading junior. Lower down just 4 points out of over 7000 separate Russell and Kim Buxton. If you think there is anything particularly odd here, it's probably due to the ranking list so don't blame me!







Adjusted Position	Original Position	DVO position	Name	Year of Birth	Adjusted Score
20	1635	1	Liz Godfree	1948	8369
209	187	2	Richard Parkin	1968	8066
310	280	3	John Duckworth	1966	7971
356	543	4	Paul Addison	1957	7933
372	2484	5	Judith Holt	1950	7923
394	1008	6	Sal Chaffey	1965	7905
404	921	7	Sarah Duckworth	2001	7899
428	1247	8	Doug Dickinson	1945	7886
500	1172	9	Andrew Middleton	1948	7830
522	579	10	David Vincent	1961	7814
526	1161	11	Mike Godfree	1949	7807
531	167	12	Andrew Powell	1982	7805
556	433	13	Dai Bedwell	1967	7792
557	869	14	Graham Johnson	1955	7791
597	3321	15	Pauline Ward	1944	7768
700	571	16	Francesco Lari	1965	7716
779	706	17	Dave Chaffey	1963	7680
834	744	18	Robert Smith	1963	7657
836	663	19	Andy Sykes	1965	7655
948	1049	20	John Hawkins	1958	7612
967	2193	21	Val Johnson	1959	7604
993	2984	22	Ruth Ellis	1951	7596
1022	562	23	Ben Crane	1971	7580
1113	2990	24	Viv Macdonald	1952	7536
1136	2062	25	Derek Gale	1944	7528
1172	2094	26	Rex Bleakman	1944	7515
1238	1429	27	Michelle Mackervoy	1970	7488
1257	1120	28	Helen Chiswell	1977	7482
1396	2745	29	Jane Burgess	1957	7422
1420	3592	30	Jen Gale	1946	7411
1431	725	31	Joe Uprichard	1999	7406
1471	532	32	Andis Ozols	1980	7393
1542	740	33	David Bennett	1975	7363

1623	2076	34	Ann-Marie Duckworth	1966	7327
1630	1557	35	Stephen Kimberley	1958	7325
1640	3674	36	Christine Middleton	1946	7321
1684	1894	37	Paul Armstrong	1953	7304
1712	2127	38	Ian Parfitt	1950	7294
1768	1720	39	Russell Buxton	1957	7270
1770	771	40	David Newton	1978	7268
1777	2444	41	Dave Skidmore	1946	7266
1779	2657	42	Kim Buxton	1961	7266
1781	2373	43	Andy Hawkins	1947	7265
1798	1680	44	Mike Gardner	1958	7259
1898	1403	45	Richard Naish	1965	7219
1899	2276	46	Stuart Swalwell	1950	7219
2011	3129	47	Fiona Sellar	1957	7155
2062	803	48	David Pettit	1984	7137
2063	1725	49	Elizabeth Bedwell	1998	7137
2071	1110	50	Alan Le Moigne	1975	7135

DVO Matrix Part 3: Black & Brown

These colours equate to M/W21 courses – but you can see that there are a good few age-denying head-bangers in DVO! To round off this column, September’s questionnaire will be sent to the parents of *White*, *Yellow* & *Orange* competitors at the end of August.

	How were you introduced to O?	How do you feel about your rivals on Black or Brown?	Paths or direct?	Most extreme event you've done?	Post-race snack?
David Clough M50	A colleague from work in DVO suggested I try it - Steve Davis - a few months after I left school.	I run my own race for the challenge, enjoyment and keeping fit.	Paths if I can but can depends on the terrain.	Mountain marathons - in my hey day.	Wilfs chilli but haven't been to an event in a while to indulge.
Francesco Lari M50	One of my mates at the running club had discovered this new sport (well new to my area, it was 1989). I entered HB (what would be Level 4 here) in technical terrain: how hard could it be as I like rambling with OS maps? Needless to say it was well over 1hr with the winner taking 30 minutes but I was hooked.	Must be getting faster every year. But for some reason my EM League handicap keep improving as well.	I love direct, but brambles in EM races means that paths is often the only sensible choice.	A 6hrs rogaie in California in the 90s. It was a pair event, I was coupled with a young Canadian lady and I remember her concept of team work was that I was picking up the controls while she waited for me at the paths junctions. As it was a steep ridge controls were often quite a fair way off.	Just an isotonic drink. 
David Pettit M21	Towards the end of primary school, my dad started taking me along to KERNO events near where we lived in SE Cornwall.	Most of them are faster runners and more consistently accurate navigators than me. I just try to have as clean a run as possible. On a good day I can come mid-table.	Whichever I think will be quickest. That's the whole point, surely?! If I'm unsure, generally direct for a greater sense of satisfaction when it works out.	N/A - I rarely stray beyond the East Midlands for orienteering! Does climbing all the Wainwrights, Munros and Nuttalls count as extreme hillwalking? (Definitely! – Ed., Munroist No 3498)	Chocolate
Helen Chiswell W40	By my Dad when I was about 8. Been O-ing ever since!	There aren't many girls, but when there are I like to try and compete. I don't think I am really a match for the boys who usually do Brown!  Mile 12	Depends on the brambles - so mainly paths in the East Midlands! I come for a run not to fight with the undergrowth afterall!	Either the long distance event on the lava fields at Iceland-O or the Venice City race which coincided Acqua Alta so was more of a swim-O!.	Tea and cake if the Junior Squad stall is there. Or pub lunch and a pint if I can persuade someone to join me!

	How were you introduced to O?	How do you feel about your rivals on Black or Brown?	Paths or direct?	Most extreme event you've done?	Post-race snack?
Sally Calland W40	Through my training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. It was something I had never heard of before the age of 29!	I am extremely competitive but think it is really important to respect your fellow orienteers, irrespective of how good or bad they are.	Paths, I am reasonably quick and often my speed will carry me faster on tracks. I also have a tendency to veer off!	French 5 Days in 2016. The terrain was the hardest and most technical I had ever experienced and luckily I came third!	Coffee and cake! 
Alan le-Moigne M40	Did some form of MTBO in the Peak District 10-12 years ago. Also walked a few semi-permanent courses in Sweden where my brother lives. My first real orienteering race was a BOK event. I ran Green and finished 2nd but I didn't get hooked at the time. When I moved to Derby, I went to a Level D in Swadlincote and got hooked this time.	I've got a lot of respect for the likes of Richard Robinson, Chris Millard, Richard Parkin and especially Paul Addison (the guy is 17 years older than me (I think!) and still beats me by 30 minutes on Brown!), but I don't play in the same league. My markers are more the women on Brown: Helen Chiswell since I started and more recently Sally Calland. If I make mistakes, I will finish behind them.	I often hesitate and waste time deciding. I know the best go straight (they seem to be flying through brambles and undergrowth - see the Chinese movie Crouching Tiger!) but I often get stuck or my bearing is not accurate, so a cool head would say Paths.	Probably the Peak Raid 3 event in Glossop last November (mini-mountain marathon of 3 hours) with blizzard on the hills. It was not too reassuring to be alone on the moors with horizontal snow, visibility down to 50m and everything white! 	Banana and cereal bar.
Andrew Powell M35	By my father, who was introduced by a work colleague, though he first tried the sport at school. I did the punching on Green courses with him, before starting Yellow courses on my own when I was 10. 	I would like more of them! We need more M/W21-40s in the sport.	I prefer running directly through terrain but in most East Midlands areas I use the paths as much as possible as the terrain is often grotty!	I did a multi-day ultra-marathon once and I've done a few mountain marathons but I've never run a road marathon - I think I would find that hardest of all - very hard on the joints!	Usually a sandwich these days, as part of a picnic with the kids - that's the best bit of the day for them! 
Dai Bedwell M50	My good friend John Lewis was active in LSOC so when I arrived at Loughborough I was signed up immediately. First event was at Lincoln South Common (a very early LOG event, in 1987).	I just wish there were more of us - where are all the M21s these days? 	I love to run through fast open woodland but honestly I am quicker and safer taking a path route in local forests.	I did swim through deep flood water (map held in my teeth) at an event on Kenfig Burroughs once... Or maybe coaching EMJOS in heavy snow with Hilary Palmer in the Lakes, January 1996	Would once have been Wilf's Chilli with a pizza slice on top, now more likely to be cheese and Ham sandwiches.
Ben Crane M45	Scouts and Air Cadets led me into fell running and navigating and I have done the OMM and Saunders. We picked then up traditional orienteering whilst living close to Rushcliffe Country Park a few years ago. As a family we had a go at a low key NOC event and it made me realise that I had much to improve in fine navigation.	I am always very impressed. I am a reasonable runner, but the speed at which my 'rivals' can navigate and run amazes me.	Paths; I try to play to my strengths. I am then amazed by the direct routes some of my 'rivals' take. I am gradually learning to slow down, run less and navigate more.	Aged 19 I did a youth challenge on Dartmoor called Ten Tors. It is a two day linear 55 mile route over very difficult terrain. The course closes at 20:00hrs and then you camp where you are. My team and I did 48 miles Day 1. Day 2 was fairly easy!	I go for technical protein recovery if I have done a long event. Tin of mackerel. Always have a few in the van. I never need to worry that they will have been eaten by the kids. 
Chris Millard M35	Joined the University Orienteering Club when I found I couldn't keep up with the cross country club.	I'm just pleased to get round the course without mis-punching.	I start along paths until I get a feel of the map. Then revert back to the paths when my navigation fails.	A Melbourne Street-O hour-score event where the temperature exceeded 45 degrees.	Malt loaf is fantastic although I will make do with a bit of cake.

Event Officials Needed!

Please let Ann-Marie know if you can fill one of the vacancies below, or Sal if one of the Informal events, now listed as 'Local' rather than Level D on the new British Orienteering website. R is Regional and N National. Thanks!
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In between Newstracks, this table is updated on the DVO website under Fixtures/Future Event Officials.

Date	Venue	Level	Organiser	Planner	Controller
5 July	Oker Hill	L/Mat	Viv Macdonald	Tony Stirland	NA
8-9 July	Carsington – maze & Stones Island	Scouts Activation Weekend	Viv Macdonald	Ranald/Ann-Marie	NA
			Extra volunteers needed, pls contact Viv if you would like to help		viv.macdonald@btinternet.com
12 July	Whitworth Park	L/Mat	Viv Macdonald	Chris & Jake O'Donnell	NA
15 July	Staunton Harold Reservoir	SDS	Andy Hawkins	Andy Hawkins	NA
22 July	Foremark Reservoir	SDS	Jen & Derek Gale	Jen & Derek Gale	NA
12 Aug	Swadlincote Woodlands	SDS	Rex Bleakman	Andis Ozols	NA
16 Aug	Hardwick Park	NTS	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	NA
19 Aug	Rosliston Forestry Centre	SDS	East Midlands Unicycle Team	James Prince	NA
23 Aug	Ilam Park	NTS	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	NA
30 Aug	Longshaw	NTS	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	NA
18 Sept	Openwoodgate (Belper School)	Local /Urban	Dave Chaffey	Sal Chaffey	Registration 6-7pm
24 Sept	Kedleston EML	R	Stuart Swalwell	Murray White	
30 Sept	Shiple Park	Local			NA
7 Oct	Venue TBA	DVO Champs			N/A
14 Oct	Alfreton Park	Local		Dave Vincent	N/A
29 Oct	Chesterfield	EMUL	Claire Selby	Jane Burgess	Paul Watson (MDOC)
10 Dec	Eyam Moor & Bretton Clough	N (East Midlands Champs)	Ann-Marie Duckworth	Richard Parkin	Keith Downing, SMOC

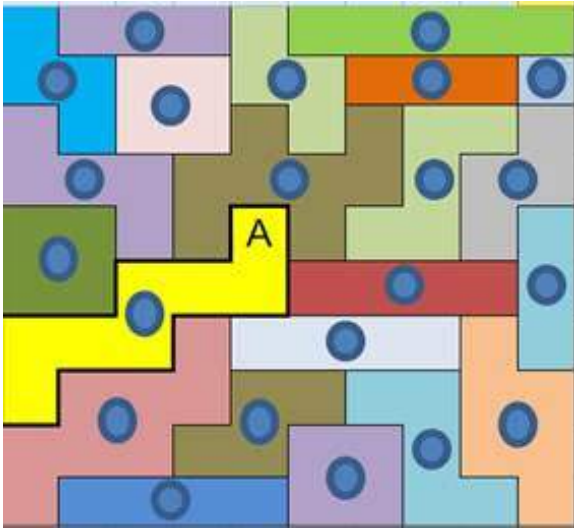
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1 Jan	Buxton Urban	EMUL		Ranald Macdonald	NA
28 Jan	Birchen Edge EML	R	Sal Chaffey	Dave Chaffey	Mark Chapman, SYO
4 March	Linacre EML	R		Tony Stirland	
15 April	Pleasley Park EML	R			
17 June	Chinley Churn EML	R			
29 Sept	Chatsworth	JIRCs Individual	Ann-Marie Duckworth	Chris O'Donnell	
30 Sept	Carsington Pastures	JIRCs Relays		Anthony Squire (NOC)	

JIRCs – Junior Inter-Regional Championships

200+ Juniors from all 4 home nations will be hosted by EMOA at Mount Cook Adventure Centre, Middleton

The Controller's False Teeth



The pattern of searching is shown here, each area having rotational symmetry about one of the controls. The false teeth, having been discovered at point A, were in the yellow search area. Thanks to Andy Mackervoy for the diagram – his was obviously one of the correct solutions. He also needs a shout out for getting the previous puzzle, Minute by Minute, correct as well, something I missed in the April edition. Other correct solutions came from John Hawkins and Jen Gale. I know Sal was giving a good go too but I guess it eluded her. If you found that not to your taste then why not try this month's offering? It's a tricky one to keep you going over the summer.

Excess Baggage

		Names						Brands						Colours					
		Fernando	Gloria	Ivan	Kelvin	Natalia	Slug	Acme	Bistro	Grunge	Lugalot	Nebula	Parrott	black	grey	green	orange	purple	silver
Capacities	25 litre																		
	30 litre																		
	35 litre																		
	40 litre																		
	45 litre																		
	50 litre																		
Colours	black																		
	grey																		
	green																		
	orange																		
	purple																		
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	Bistro																		
	Grunge																		
	Lugalot																		
	Nebula																		
	Parrott																		

The Old Derwentians were comparing sports bags after a training session. From the clues, can you sort out which bag belonged to which person?

1. Kelvin's bag is larger than the silver bag.
2. The purple bag is 5 litres larger than the Acme bag.
3. Of the Nebula bag and Gloria's bag, one is orange and the other is 25 litres.
4. The Lugalot bag is 5 litres larger than the silver bag.
5. The silver bag is either Kelvin's bag or the 25 litre bag.
6. The black bag is 5 litres smaller than Fernando's bag.
7. Natalia's bag is 15 litres larger than the Grunge bag.
8. Natalia's bag is either the green bag or the purple bag.
9. The Lugalot bag is either the orange bag or Kelvin's bag.
10. The six bags are the black bag, the Parrott bag, the Acme bag, Fernando's bag, the Nebula bag and Gloria's bag.
11. Slug's bag is made by Parrott.

Answers to dnevell3@gmail.com by the editor's copy date please. Good luck.

Chesterfield Urban
Sun 29th Oct
10-12 noon



↑ ***Navigate 4 North!***

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Sat 30th Sept
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**Openwoodgate Urban
(Belper High School)**
Mon 18th Sept
6-7pm



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