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### New Club Members

A warm welcome to new club members Edmond Brook M40, Richard Gale M21 and Clare Cooper W45. See you in the forest soon!

**Editorial** Ever on the lookout for opportunities for the public to see orienteering as the tough sport that it is, I was excited to find that the British Champs on Kilnsey Moor would get a mention from the Tour de Yorkshire helicopter as the race passed by the same day. But imagine my disgust, when, after the mention, the pundits added "But that's all Kendal mintcake and thermos flasks" and returned to the cycling. Some work badly needed on our image!

Moan over – thanks for you contributions! The next issue will be ready in time for Darley Park, making the copy date June 22<sup>nd</sup> – last before the summer recess. Sal

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The last two months have seen the busiest period of the year for DVO teams so, without further ado, we will plunge headlong into:

## **CompassSport Cup 2019**

The headline from the CSC heat at Sherwood Pines (or Sherwood Brambles as it should now be christened) is that DVO made it through to the Final, comfortably in the end, in second place to SYO. This was the third year running that DVO has managed this, a feat which we have not achieved for more than thirty years, and then only once during the glory years of 1985-1988, when we did it four years running in the days when you had to get through four(!) rounds to get to the Final.

My fears that we would be pushed out by DEE and LEI proved entirely groundless. In the event, for all their much vaunted talent across the age groupings, SYO beat us by fewer than 100 points, less than the margin by which DVO beat the third-placed DEE. It gives me no pleasure to record that LEI, whom I expected to give us a close contest, were beaten into fourth place by CLOK, despite the latter having to travel about five times the distance; like cheap plonk, LEI do not generally travel well.



As is often the case, the headline does not do justice to the full story.

The most satisfying aspect of the event from my point of view was the sheer number of DVO members running. I thought we were doing well when we entered 85 for last year's final on Cannock Chase but this year, we exceeded even this number with 90 entrants – although, to put this in context, this was still under 50% of the total DVO membership, which causes me to ponder what the rest of DVO does on a Sunday morning.

The advantage of so many members running is considerable. Not only do finishers push down the scores of other club members finishing below, the law of averages means that, even if 'bankers', runners who could normally be relied upon for a good run, somehow blow their chances, there is always someone else who could surprise us.

My own class of Green Men is a case in point. I'm sure Paul Addison doesn't mind me mentioning the fact that he took 13 minutes 16 seconds on Number 2, a bingo-esque depression, the 64<sup>th</sup> out of 66<sup>th</sup> longest time; there is no hiding-place from WinSplits. He later tripped over and suffering damage to his pride and forehead requiring medical attention, on coming across Ned Needham in the forest, a quite understandable reaction in the circumstances. The result was a bit like Shergar finishing in the middle of the field, although I sincerely hope Paul avoids the ultimate fate of Shergar, reputedly machine-gunned after capture by the IRA.

My own fate is worth a mention. I also suffered ignominy as a result of my compass contracting a rare condition known as Reverse Polarity (true – Compasspoint have replaced it). This resulted in it showing the opposite direction to what it should have done and me navigating back to the Start from control 2.

Fortunately, thanks to the 12 runners DVO had on this course, others were able to step forward. The ever-reliable John Hawkins came in third – like Punxsutawney Phil, the

Pennsylvania groundhog, he only appears once a year but the results are usually worth taking note of. He was followed by contributions of 91 and 90 points from two less likely heroes: Steve Kimberley - never usually seen orienteering on anything other than tarmac, although Sherwood Pines is as close to a grid system as you'll get at an urban event – and Russell Buxton, previously last seen sprawled in a ditch as a result of a close encounter with a shire-horse.

Special mention must be made of our 100 point-scorers. Step forward Jake O'Donnell, more used to Brown these days but slumming it in Orange Juniors, and Liz Godfree, winner on the new Green SuperVets course by a margin of over 12 minutes. DVO were always likely to benefit from the introduction of the new M80+/W70+ course, and duly did so, accounting for 43% of the entire female entry on this course. The introduction of the course certainly reduced congestion amongst the Short Green Vets, although the fact that the more youthful half of the split in the Cup attracted 51 runners against 21 suggests that the balance is still not right.



## **CompassSport Cup Final Pippingford Park, Sussex Sunday 20 October**

### **JK Relays, Minley, Hampshire**

Much has been written about the shortcomings of EMIT and its disastrous effects on the results at the JK. Even now the relay results are available only as a 62-page pdf file. Ploughing my way through this, I can see that it was a pretty underwhelming DVO effort all round with only Team Duckworth in the Ad Hoc class making it as far as the podium, second and third-fastest legs from Rachel and Sarah saving the blushes of their twenty-fifth fastest first leg runner.

### **British Mixed Sprint Relays, Bradford University, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

The innovation of combining these with the British Champs and British Relays was an overwhelming success, with over 125 teams taking part followed by over 200 individuals in the subsequent, separate competition. The fact that there were only seven relay categories made it a much more closely fought and exciting event. The somewhat cramped arena heightened the feverish atmosphere and the adjacent student union bar provided welcome warmth and refreshment.

In controversial circumstances, DVO Ultravet All-Stars – Mike Godfree, Liz Godfree and Doug Dickinson – registered a third place although even they weren't sure as they were reliant on disqualification of two teams otherwise ahead of them and a third team whose third leg runner crossed the line in third position but either didn't punch or his dibber didn't register. By the time he had returned to make sure, DVO had nipped in ahead of him.

Here's DVO's less-than-triumphant but nevertheless cheerful Vets team (Francesco, Richard, Sal):

(Teams were named after German philosophers in the Mixed Sprint Relays, then at the British Relays, we were biscuits. From Heidegger to KitKat in a weekend – DVO keepin' it real! – Ed.)



## British Relay Champs, Middleton Woods, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

This was a really special event with the need for club tents removed by staging the assembly inside South Leeds Stadium, normally home to Hunslet Rugby League team, and conveniently sited next door to Middleton Woods. This guaranteed a seat for everyone with a full view of teams setting off, running in and handing over. It also meant a final 300 metre sprint in full view of your club-mates but you can't have everything.

There were several notable runs but in terms of placings, DVO displayed a hitherto unrealised skill in near-monopolisation of the Ad Hoc Class. In first place were the Duckworth Family with first, second and fifth fastest runs ensuring a win by 3 minutes. The surprise package though were the O'Donnell Family whose 16<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest runs were enough to secure third position by over 2 minutes. And this in the most competitive class of all in terms of numbers, a total of 29 teams. It was pure coincidence that these were two family teams since Ad Hoc is open to everyone; this success was a by-product of DVO being unable otherwise to fit these runners into a suitable team. Ad Hoc has traditionally been looked down on – it always features last in the results – but we are never going to win the Premier classes, so we must look to less likely sources for success. Maybe we should be entering more Ad Hoc teams in future?

Here's our victorious teams on the podium:



Things will be a little quieter on the club captain front as summer arrives, I hope, but I will be canvassing interest in the White Rose team event in the next couple of months.

**Graham Johnson,**  
**Club Captain**



## Next Committee Meetings

Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm. Then Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## History of DVO booklet

**Dave Nevell**

Those of you who were at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner would have heard Chairman Andy refer to the possibility of producing some sort of commemorative booklet containing all the instalments of DVO's history that have appeared in Newstrack over the last 5 years. You may have also seen a couple of draft versions I left for viewing at the dinner. My intention is to correct any mistakes, fill that out with a lot more photos, especially from the earlier days, and also add some appendices (lists of events, etc) to make it more comprehensive, and then present it in a slightly more elegant (but not expensive) format for club members to buy.

If anyone is interested in having a copy it then can they let me know [dnevell3@gmail.com](mailto:dnevell3@gmail.com) or let Andy know. And if you have any visual material that you feel might add to the at present rather wordy document, then again, please let me know. I need a cover designer too, not really my thing – perhaps Ben wants to extend his badge designing skills to the whole front page?

Good to catch up with a whole load of you at the dinner. Thanks. Dave.

## Skills Coaching Sessions

At the Coaching Supper in March, we looked at how a structured event analysis can reveal areas for improvement. We then asked what skills you would like us to provide practical sessions for, and have come up with two Thursday evening sessions:

All are welcome, even if you didn't attend the supper. Please let the person leading the session know in advance that you'd like to attend, so we can print maps.

### May 30<sup>th</sup> Peat Pitts Wood, Shining Cliff – Relocation led by Sal

Parking at the Bear Inn, Alderwasley, & option for a drink after

### June 20<sup>th</sup> Oker Hill – Contour interpretation led by Stuart

Parking at Aston Lane, Snitterton. Turn right immediately before Matlock Sainsbury's petrol station, following signs to Snitterton. Post code DE4 2JP

Gather at 6:45 for a 7pm start. Full leg cover a must at this time of year!

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## JK 2019: Aldershot Garrison, Cold Ash and Minley

After the snow of the 2018 JK Relays at Beaudesert, the gorgeous weather for this year's event was a pleasant surprise. Here's a results roundup, mainly because I wanted to record Graham's relay team names for posterity!

### Sprints Top 10

Jake O'Donnell M14 1<sup>st</sup>  
Richard Parkin M50 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Godfree M70 10<sup>th</sup>  
Derek Gale M75 4<sup>th</sup>  
Brian Ward M85 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sarah Duckworth W18E 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sal Chaffey W50 6<sup>th</sup>  
Viv Macdonald W65 10<sup>th</sup>  
Liz Godfree W70 4<sup>th</sup>  
Pauline Ward W75 4<sup>th</sup>



### Combined Individual days followed by placing in Middle and Classic races

Brian & Pauline with medals from the Sprint and main competition

#### M14A

3<sup>rd</sup> Jake O'Donnell (4, 3)

#### M16

42<sup>nd</sup> Ben O'Donnell (37, 46)

#### M50L

9<sup>th</sup> Richard Parkin (9, 9)  
13<sup>th</sup> John Duckworth (11, 18)

#### M50S

15<sup>th</sup> Chris O'Donnell (15, 18)  
Andy Sykes 1<sup>st</sup> in Middle Distance

#### M55L

28<sup>th</sup> Dave Chaffey (33, 38)  
71<sup>st</sup> Paul Goodhead (81, 80)  
Dave Vincent 40<sup>th</sup> in Classic

#### M60L

38<sup>th</sup> John Hurley (48, 41)  
64<sup>th</sup> Graham Johnson (79, 70)

#### M65L

48<sup>th</sup> John Hopper (47, 61)

#### M70L

4<sup>th</sup> Mike Godfree (13, 5)  
27<sup>th</sup> Andrew Middleton (35, 28)

#### M70S

5<sup>th</sup> Dave Skidmore (8, 3)  
14<sup>th</sup> John Cooke (16, 18)

#### W16A

22<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Duckworth (5, 35)

#### W18E

17<sup>th</sup> Sarah Duckworth (17, 14)

#### W40L

10<sup>th</sup> Helen Chiswell (11, 10)

#### W40S

2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Swalwell (3, 3)

#### W50L

10<sup>th</sup> Sal Chaffey (17, 11)  
37<sup>th</sup> Ann-Marie Duckworth (45, 36)

#### W60L

19<sup>th</sup> Val Johnson (5, 34)

#### W65L

11<sup>th</sup> Judith Holt (14, 13)  
21<sup>st</sup> Viv Macdonald (11, 23)

#### W65S

9<sup>th</sup> Ruth Ellis (14, 5)

#### W70L

5<sup>th</sup> Liz Godfree (13, 1)  
21<sup>st</sup> Christine Middleton (28, 17)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jen Gale (26, 25)

**M75L**

7<sup>th</sup> Rex Bleakman (6, 11)  
 11<sup>th</sup> Derek Gale (12, 10)

**W75**

3<sup>rd</sup> Pauline Ward (5, 4)

**Relay Results****M165+**

OveRAMbitious: Dave Vincent, Graham Johnson, John Hurley 37<sup>th</sup>  
 DVO Mix up: Andrew Leedhan, Philip Cooper, Helen Chiswell (1<sup>st</sup> on her leg) 53<sup>rd</sup>

**W120+**

HologRAMs: Ann-Marie Duckworth, Katie Swalwell, Sal Chaffey 9<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Short**

UltRAMarathons: Emma, Sophie and Samantha Vincent 30<sup>th</sup>

**MW210+**

TRAMpolinists: Andy Middleton, Liz Godfree, Derek Gale 12<sup>th</sup>  
 MelodRAMatics: Mike Godfree, Rex Bleakman, Doug Dickinson 16<sup>th</sup>  
 PaRAMedics: Judith Holt,  
 Christine Middleton, Val  
 Johnson – mispunched

**Mixed Ad-hoc**

RAMbunctious: John,  
 Sarah, Rachel Duckworth  
 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 DVO South Face: Jake, Ben,  
 Chris O'Donnell 10<sup>th</sup>

DVO 'Rams' about to tackle  
 the JK Relays at Minley

**Star Runners and Handicaps****Dave Nevell**

I have been updating everyone's handicaps in preparation for the Club Champs on June 15<sup>th</sup> and in the process have worked out the Star Runners at each these events. The Star Runner is the person who most significantly out-performed their expected time based on their handicap at the time. Well done to all.

Date	Venue	Star Runner	Course
14/10/2018	Grangewood	Kate Lowndes	Blue
04/11/2018	Silverhill	Francesco Lari	Brown
18/11/2018	Linacre	Viv Macdonald	Sht Green



25/11/2018	Bradgate	Christine Middleton	Sht Green
16/12/2018	The Dukeries	Donna Hawkins	Green
30/12/2018	Martinshaw	Ben O'Donnell	Green
06/01/2019	Sherwood Forest	Sarah Parkin	Lt Green
13/01/2019	Spring Cottage	Kate Lowndes	Blue
03/02/2019	Bramcote Hills	Jenn Gaskell	Brown
10/02/2019	Birchen Edge	Jake O'Donnell	Green
17/02/2019	Beacon Hill	Viv Macdonald	Sht Green
17/03/2019	Sherwood Pines	Ben Mackervoy	Jun.Men
24/03/2019	Crich	Elizabeth Bedwell	Blue
07/04/2019	Bagworth	Simon Brister	Blue

Just to remind you, your personal handicap is a bit like one you would have in golf; it reflects on average how fast you perform relative to the average speed of the terrain. A handicap of 1.000 is as average as you can get. A lower handicap is quicker (it's expressed in terms of relative mins/km), a higher handicap is slower. So at the club champs you will, in theory, be competing on a level playing field because the target times will all be based on your own personal handicaps, not anything else based on gender or age.

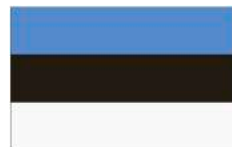
Having said that, the problem is that you are such an unpredictable lot! Why can't you all behave like Richard Parkin? In a remarkable run of five recent consecutive handicap ranking events that Richard went to, this is how well the handicap predicted his times. The man is obviously a robot. Is that allowed? In comparison, the rest of you are an undisciplined rabble who make the job of the handicapper a nightmare.

Bradgate	Predicted: 62.06	Actual: 62.21	Error: 0.15
Dukeries	Predicted: 56.17	Actual: 56.17	Error: 0.00
Sherwood Forest	Predicted: 79.12	Actual: 79.58	Error: 0.46
Beacon Hill	Predicted: 37.44	Actual: 37.43	Error: 0.01
Sherwood Pines	Predicted: 47.20	Actual: 47.23	Error: 0.03

119 club members have official handicaps, shown in the following table, having run on courses above Orange at least 3 local events in the last 2 years. Those that are not in the list may have form stretching back further in time, on shorter courses or wider afield so that Club Champs start times can be calculated one way or another if required. Changes to the handicaps since last published (mid 2018) are also shown. Plenty of movement up and down, but, just to pick out a couple of things, the biggest improver is Nicola Hart, and it's not just Jake, the whole O'Donnell family are on the move. My new most average club member? It's got to be Sue Russell! And what's Val been putting in Graham's tea (or her own for that matter)?

Name	2019	2018	Name	2019	2018	Name	2019	2018
Richard Parkin	0.552	0.573	Paul Young	0.872	0.948	Judith Holt	1.120	1.121
Chris Millard	0.573	0.576	Caroline Howells	0.879	0.875	Michael Lindsay	1.128	1.126
Andrew Powell	0.576	0.596	Russell Buxton	0.884	0.865	Viv Macdonald	1.130	1.205
Dai Bedwell	0.604	0.609	Mark Spendlove	0.890		Nicola Hart	1.132	1.483
Jake O'Donnell	0.617	0.721	David Turner	0.893	0.902	Amanda Price	1.139	1.151
David Bennett	0.633	0.633	Andrew Middleton	0.900	0.839	Dave Skidmore	1.139	1.074
Mark Goodhead	0.646		Nick Holland	0.902	0.902	Ranald MacDonald	1.144	1.145
David Newton	0.648	0.649	Doug Dickinson	0.904	0.897	Steve Hand	1.147	1.114
Paul Addison	0.671	0.665	Val Johnson	0.910	1.156	Robert Shooter	1.150	1.205
Andy Sykes	0.688	0.716	Rex Bleakman	0.910	0.961	Brian Denness	1.160	1.101
Alan Le Moigne	0.696	0.691	Chris O'Donnell	0.914	0.917	Ann Armistead	1.207	1.269
Robert Smith	0.698	0.711	Gary Kelsall	0.931		Lisa Cooke	1.212	1.212
David Pettit	0.701	0.719	Jennamari Tevara	0.931		Grace Pennell	1.213	1.188
John Hawkins	0.703	0.703	Mike Gardner	0.932	0.890	Kathryn Griffiths	1.226	1.146
Francesco Lari	0.703	0.719	John Hopper	0.932	0.962	Jane Stirland	1.244	1.187
Andrew Stuart	0.704	0.652	Jenn Gaskell	0.941	0.925	Nic O'Donnell	1.262	1.515
Ben Crane	0.704	0.630	Malcolm Spencer	0.942	0.938	Pauline Ward	1.271	1.317
Dave Chaffey	0.718	0.737	Derek Gale	0.951	0.989	George Jennings	1.272	
Andis Ozols	0.728	0.696	Emily Powell	0.956	0.892	Chris Herbert	1.282	
Rachel Duckworth	0.739	0.757	Liz Godfree	0.956	0.977	Lisa Gale	1.317	1.317
Graham Johnson	0.740	0.808	Simon Brister	0.958		Helen Finlayson	1.319	1.292
Sarah Duckworth	0.745	0.745	Ann-Marie Duckworth	0.958	0.963	Ruth Ellis	1.323	1.172
David Vincent	0.748	0.737	Ben Mackervoy	0.968		Christine Middleton	1.329	1.407
Elizabeth Bedwell	0.762	0.860	Ben O'Donnell	0.972	1.066	Anne Cunningham	1.331	1.324
James Prince	0.765	0.784	Joanna Goodhead	0.972		Karen Bedwell	1.341	1.357
Paul Goodhead	0.813	0.820	Tony Stirland	0.978	0.941	Sally Newton	1.396	
Richard Naish	0.813	0.832	Andy Hawkins	0.988	0.986	Donna Hawkins	1.424	1.429
John Hurley	0.815	0.821	James Bedwell	0.989	1.021	Jen Gale	1.434	1.462
Sal Chaffey	0.819	0.802	Sue Russell	0.998	1.054	Sarah Parkin	1.452	1.443
Sally Calland	0.827	0.814	Stuart Wicks	1.011	0.975	John Cooke	1.476	1.506
Simon Gale	0.829		Stuart Swalwell	1.023	0.989	Ray Stuart	1.477	
Mike Godfree	0.830	0.809	Kate Lowndes	1.024		Margaret Keeling	1.504	1.371
Andrew Mackervoy	0.832	0.783	Sophie Vincent	1.038	1.147	Terry Peach	1.507	1.358
Andy Parry	0.833	0.855	Joseph Turner	1.045	1.069	Susan Allard	1.581	1.450
Murray White	0.835	0.890	Fiona Sellar	1.046	1.011	Alison Hayes	1.704	1.534
Michelle Mackervoy	0.836	0.807	Rachel Davis	1.050	1.053	Neil Forrest	1.729	
Claire Selby	0.845	0.962	Jane Kayley-Burgess	1.059	1.083	Tony Berwick	1.926	1.805
Helen Chiswell	0.851	0.851	Amy Terava	1.069		Roger Keeling	1.976	1.823
Tom Hartland	0.858	0.905	Kim Buxton	1.079	1.063	Claire Newey	2.027	
Paul Armstrong	0.865	0.790	Hebe Parr	1.109	1.079			

# ISF World Schools Orienteering Championships 2019 Otepää, Estonia 28<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May



After a long, tiring day of travelling, the 2 flights and 2 coach journeys were over. We had arrived and it was beautiful. The hotel was nestled on the lakeside, surrounded by forest and wilderness. With the sun setting and our cases unpacked it was perfect for photos to capture the sun while it lasted. I was part of the older girls select team that was made up of 4 other girls from across England. Knowing all the girls prior to the week helped me settle in quickly and concentrate on our job at hand.



A lie in the next day allowed us to adjust to the minor time difference and prepare for our first day running; the 'training' event. The aim of this event was to get used to the terrain of the Estonian forests and the set-up of the whole competition in general. Our team took it steady and

went round together, exploring and adjusting to the very thick, green undergrowth we would face for the whole week. We also got to see the stadium for the first time, a magnificent blue track that I would finish on both competing days.

First day of competing - the long distance event. After 5.5 kilometres of battling through the brushings and marshes I finished 19<sup>th</sup>! With only a small hiccup at control 2 I smoothly sailed through the course. By achieving my top 20 goal I was on a high for the rest of the week.

Second day of competing – the middle distance event. With a place of 27<sup>th</sup> I wasn't as happy, I couldn't let it dampen my mood though as I reminded myself I was one of the youngest in the age category, with most of my field being 17! A minute separated the girl in 17<sup>th</sup> and I, that's a place every 6 seconds. A bit annoying considering I made a minute error at control 6.



Middle distance race

Our 'rest' day was a cultural exploration day. After spending 3 hours in the amazing Tartu AHHA Science Museum we made our way to Tartu University. Earlier in the week 30 members of the England team learnt a Morris dance, me included. We performed this as part of the cultural performances that evening. We had an amazing time just enjoying ourselves and all the other countries really got behind us as they were performing too. After strutting our stuff we then sat back and enjoyed shows like the haka from New Zealand and a salsa from Spain. Throughout the week we stayed with the Finnish, Spanish, Austrian, Belgian and French. This gave us the opportunity to socialise and make friends, exchanging social medias to stay in contact in the future.

Our last event and our last chance to run in the Estonian forests was the friendship relay. We were placed in randomly selected teams from every



country; I was with an older Slovenian girl and a younger Russian boy. We battled through the language barrier to successfully complete the course and finish holding hands with huge grins on our faces! After the race was over it was chance to swap some of our England kit for other countries. I swapped with a NZ girl and a Latvian girl, both of which I had made friends with earlier in the week. England Team

I feel very privileged to have been able to represent my country at the highest level and perform the way I did. I learnt valuable skills I will hopefully be able to use at future international events, while also culturally gaining so much experience. My eyes were opened to the whole other world of young athletes training as hard as me but around the world. The friends I made throughout the week are countless, many of which I will see again!

Rachel Duckworth

## Orienteering in the winter sun – NAOM O-meet, Portugal

Helen Chiswell

Looking for a bit of sunny, winter orienteering, we decided to give the NAOM weekend in Portugal a try. It's always the weekend after the more well-known Portugal O Meet (POM), which usually attracts more Brits. However, the NAOM could be squashed into a three-day weekend break, making it more attractive for those of us still working for a living! The event offered two middle distance races, a night urban sprint and a Temp-O – all in just two days. It was centred on the city of Portalegre, about 2 hours' drive east of Lisbon, up close to the Spanish boarder.

We flew out late on Thursday and headed into Lisbon centre to stay for the night. Our plan was to see what Lisbon had to offer on Friday, before getting our hire car and heading over to Portalegre. Turns out that Lisbon wasn't that exciting as a tourist destination, but it did have lots of places to get great, cheap coffee and tasty pastel de nata (or Portuguese custard tarts)!

The drive over to Portalegre was straightforward, until it came to a section of the motorway that was covered by the electronic-only payment motorway toll! You were supposed to have a special gadget in your car to drive along these motorways, but the car hire company had told us we didn't need one to get to Portalegre! We couldn't avoid it and so continued to drive along the road, having our photo taken every few miles in support of the toll. A bit of Googling revealed that we should be able to pay these tolls at a Post Office, but these were all closed at weekends. We tried asking the lady who ran our accommodation. She recommended we "just ignore it", but I somehow thought that Hertz wouldn't agree with that! A bit more Googling and we ended up visiting a local supermarket and trying to explain what we needed to pay to a lady who only spoke



Portuguese. Eventually we were successful, and the total tolls were €2.19. What a lot of hassle for less than £2!

Potential fines dealt with, we could finally get on with the orienteering! It was a beautiful sunny day and the assembly area looked stunning. The area was semi-open, covered mainly with cork trees, and had a lot of contour detail. It was going to be a fast race, provided you knew where you were!



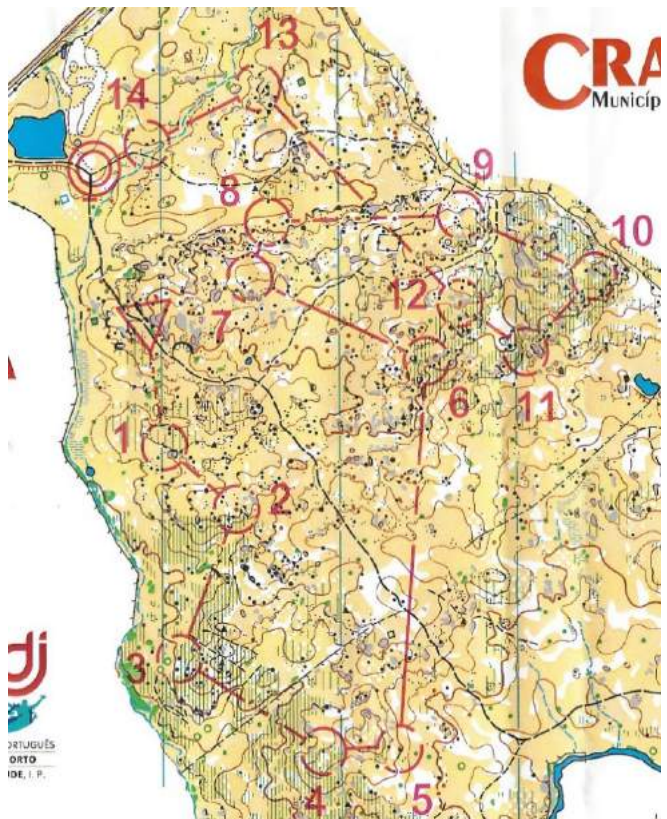
*Day 1 assembly area*

I had a relatively good run, with just 2 or 3 minutes lost on number 6 and managed 4<sup>th</sup> place on W40. The area was tricky though and made for a great middle-distance area – once you lost yourself, it was almost impossible to relocate and there were a lot of very lost looking souls wandering around!

After a rest up and a bit of lunch in the sunshine, we decided to head the short distance over to the Temp-O area to have a go at this. If you don't

know Temp-O, it's the version of Trail-O where all controls are timed. Starts were supposed to be from 2pm, but when we arrived a few minutes before 2pm they were still setting up. A short delay was announced, which in true Iberian style ended up being over an hour! It was good that the sun was shining, and we could just laze around on the grass whilst we waited! However, by the time we started I had somewhat lost my enthusiasm for the Temp-O. This combined with the fact that the course was almost impossible, led to fairly poor results for all of us!

Next up was the night urban sprint. The start,



*Day 1*



*Night sprint finish in the local market hall!*

a lot of fun and there was lots of atmosphere, especially in the market hall.

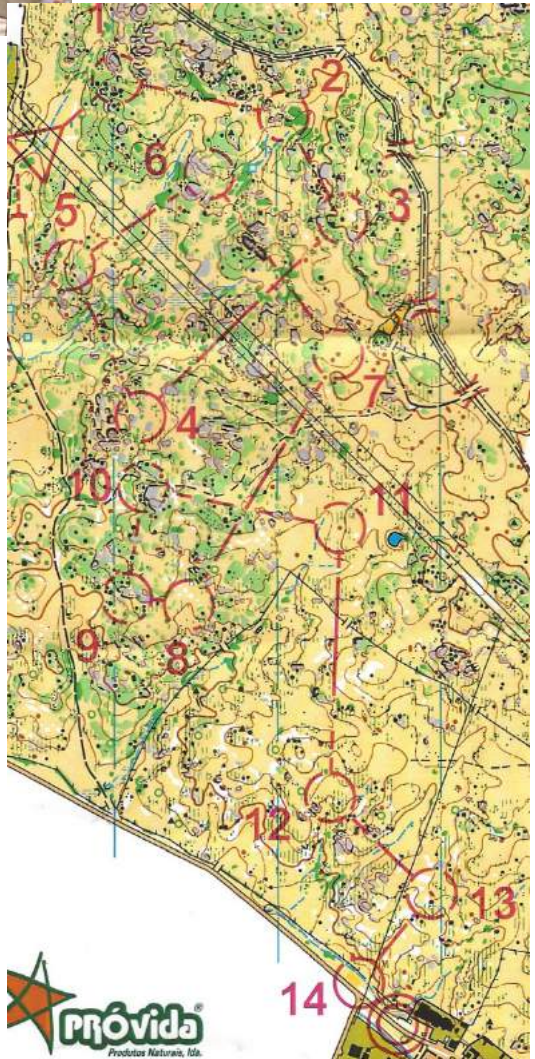
It was interesting also to stand outside the door where the start came out and watch people trying to figure out where to go, and trying to remember to turn their headlamps on!

Day 2 was another middle-distance event. The area was advertised to be more complex than Day 1, but we all found it more straightforward. I had a clean run – using the bits of green vegetation for navigation worked well and helped keep you on track. However, if you got on the wrong side of the green vegetation, it was very easy to miss your controls!

After finishing I was keenly watching the later starters come in to see where I would end up overall. I managed 3<sup>rd</sup> on Day 2 but didn't beat the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed lady from Day 1 by enough to give me 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. I missed out on the prizes by less than a minute! Turns out that the minutes lost at number 6 on Day 1 were more critical than I first thought!

After the race, there was time to relax at our Quinta on the hill above Portalegre – my sister even went for a dip in the

finish and assembly area were in the local market place. Apart from the background smells of fish and meat, it was an excellent location! The event was just a little extra for the weekend – it didn't count in the overall results. The courses were pretty straightforward and hence there were some fast times. The whole event was



*Day 2*



outdoor swimming pool, which was arctic, despite the sunshine! It was soon time to head back to Lisbon for our late flights home, taking care to avoid any further electronic-toll-only roads! It had been a fantastic weekend of sunny and technical orienteering, all for less than £200 per person! We will definitely be heading to Portugal (or Spain) again for winter orienteering!

## Orienteering indoors!

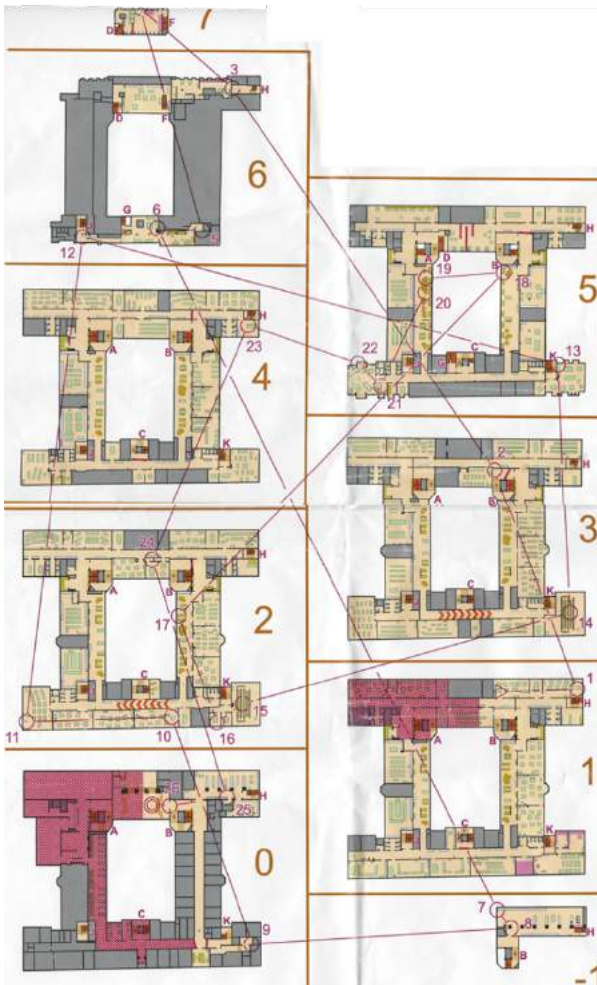
Whilst I was busy pedalling down New Zealand last year, my sister contacted me to find out if I was interested in joining her at the Stockholm Indoor Cup in the new year. I couldn't think of a good reason not to, my sister was offering to sort out all the logistics and so I agreed! I arrived back from New Zealand and returned to work only to be sent directly to

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USA for a project. A return flight for Stockholm was negotiated and I was set, although not in the best form for a great performance!

The event consisted of two races in two schools in Stockholm. The cumulative results from the two days would count for the overall result and prizes, but as it turned out, there was no way that any of us needed to concern ourselves with that!

Saturday was in a 9-storey school in the centre of Stockholm. We asked for early starts to leave some time later in the day for exploring Stockholm, and so we were in the assembly area by 9am and keen to start. I had no idea what to expect and so decided to take it slowly at the start whilst I figured out what was going on! Controls 1 and 2 were pretty straight forward and I started to think I had this indoor-O cracked! Control 3 however, proved this completely wrong. It took me



Day 1: The 9-storey school!

10 minutes! I just couldn't figure out how to get there with all the blocked staircases. Eventually I sat down and didn't move until I knew where I was going, and I wasn't the only person doing this! Luckily, being a school, there were plenty of chairs and tables around!

The other challenging leg was 4-5. Can you see the route faster than I did? I took me 15 minutes in total!

After a while you did get used to the patterns of the stairways and were able to see the routes a bit more quickly. It turned out that staircase H and the fifth floor were key to transitioning between the lower floors. All those stairs made for very tiring route choices!

There was lots of razzmatazz during the racing, with music of varying quality blaring out in some rooms, movies playing in others, disco lights and even some rooms in complete darkness. I think it was all set up to try and blow your concentration!

It was a real mental challenge and not very fast running! The whole course took me just over an hour – but I had only run 3.8km!

Our plans for an afternoon of sightseeing were somewhat curtailed by the 3.5 hour finish time of one of our group! He definitely deserved the prize for resilience!

Day 2 was in a school out in the suburbs of Stockholm. We needed to get a train there from the centre. Unfortunately, overnight there was a massive dump of snow – enough to cause delays to even the Swedish public transport network. After a lot of waiting and a long walk in deep snow, we arrived at the school 10 minutes after our start times. No worries – we were allowed to start between the minutes, although our start times were not adjusted.



*The snow took us by surprise!*



*Day 2*

I didn't think it was possible for the course to be any more difficult than day 1, particularly as there were only 3 storeys, but it turns out I was wrong. It was impossible! I managed the first two controls, but then just couldn't find a way to number 3, despite having run past it to get to number 2! The problem was the one-way corridors. Just as I was about to give up (we had a flight to catch after all) I found my sister, who was on the same course and looking equally confused! She couldn't get to number 3 either! After 30 minutes we found a way and decided to team up for the rest of the course. We even developed a strategy! She planned the staircase patterns from the next control backwards and I planned them from the current control forwards, we saw where our plans met and then we had a route! We just had to remember the staircase sequence then, which sounds easy, but it wasn't! The whole course took us nearly 2 hours and we covered just 5km!

So what did I make of indoor-O? It was different, frustrating and fun, but nothing like orienteering really, more like trying to crack a maze. It was a good weekend and an experience I would recommend any orienteer tries once in their career. However, I don't think I will be making a special trip back to Stockholm to do it again. I think I prefer my orienteering in the outdoors and with a navigational challenge!

## Matlock O Club

## Judith Holt and Viv Macdonald

Matlock Orienteering Club is changing... having started in the summer of 2011, as a satellite club of DVO, in 2019 we are integrating our programme with DVO's overall programme of events particularly designed for newcomers to orienteering.

The purpose of Matlock O was to provide regular local opportunities for people to learn and practice orienteering skills at sessions which would be enjoyable in themselves and would also encourage people to move on to orienteering at DVO main events. The club evolved to focus on families with primary school age children; with their parents and grandparents being very much involved in the orienteering.

During the past 8 years we have held 148 club activity nights as well as running local events. We have had over 2,000 attendances at Matlock Orienteering Club Nights over the years. More than 50 novices have been introduced to orienteering at club night and a number of those have gone on to run at a main DVO event. A team of Club Night boys from Tansley School won medals at the

During the past 8 years we have held 148





British Schools Orienteering Championships in 2013. Some from Club Night have become active members of DVO. Even those who have not become regular club orienteers have often told us how much they have appreciated the opportunity to try orienteering, for example *“I just wanted to say a very big thank you for your work with Matlock O. It introduced me to orienteering and, although I don't attend many events, I do go when I can and I thoroughly enjoy myself. I feel at the start of a journey but am keen to progress and I thank you for your support at the outset.”* While many people have helped with Matlock O, the club had become over-reliant on the Co-ordinator and the Coach. Over that same period other DVO members were running a South Derbyshire Series of events and a Derby Parks Series with similar aims to Matlock O.

Over the winter of 2018/19 a new DVO Development Group was formed and part of the remit was to consider how we best provide pathways into orienteering. For 2019 we have integrated the South Derbyshire, Derby Parks and Matlock O events into a single series which will provide Saturday afternoon events suitable for newcomers alternating between north and south of the county. Those able to travel will have plenty of opportunities for Saturday afternoon orienteering. Those who want to stay more local will still have one or two events a month over spring and summer not too far from home. Looking further ahead we hope in 2020 there will be a mid-week Map Run series aimed at drawing young adults into orienteering. We hope to continue to offer taster activities in the Matlock area to promote orienteering and help prepare people to join in the Saturday afternoon series.

We are also working on ways of helping people who have become regular orienteers to continue to develop their orienteering skills. A number of Matlock O ‘graduates’ came along to a DVO coaching supper in March where we explored ways of analysing performance and planning opportunities to improve. We hope to have some local follow up to this.

We feel a little sad to say goodbye to Matlock O Club Nights but it is good to join forces with a larger group of coaches and event officials to make sure that, in DVO's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we have a co-ordinated and sustainable programme of events to introduce people to orienteering in the Derwent Valley and can help our regular orienteers develop their skills further.

### **Miscellany ...**

As at the beginning of May, DVO is the best represented club at the Ostend City Race (June 30<sup>th</sup>) with 11 representatives, more than twice as many as the second best represented club – and that includes the Belgian ones!

(We obviously travel better than LEI – Ed.)

Graham

# WSC

When Sunday Comes

(Except when it's Saturday or Wednesday)

RDO – Real Derbyshire Orienteers. Fanzine No 31

No backstop required

## M21 orienteer discovered

Confirmation awaited but we are quietly confident – BOO (page 4)

Location being kept top secret (pp 92-96)

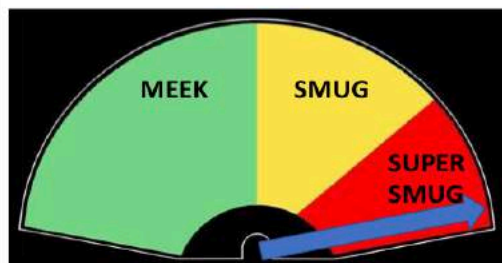
Also; M14 runner “may be M21” (page 9)

Other news: Orienteering on brink of closedown as celery supplies hit 30 year low (page 10).

Sportident shares hit record high (back page)

You heard it here first

## SMUGOMETER



WSC has been saying it for years but this is clearly a case of no man being a prophet in his own land. Despite providing mathematical proof as far back as WSC Issue 1 about Emit punching being the spawn of the devil, and championing a return to pin-punching in the last WSC in response to the JayKay imposing Emit contactless punching on a hapless public, did BOO listen? Did it heck. With the smugometer straining at Level 11, we rest our case. Hello BOO, this is Real Orienteering speaking, hello, hello! Doh, I don't think this thing even works any more.

### And another thing

The JayKay results service! Enough said. Oh, we can't resist it, we'll say it again. The JayKay results service! Allegedly. (*very wise – WSC lawyers*).

### While we are on the subject

Anyone for a return to washing line results? Sign up at the CAMWLR website. (*That's enough smug for now –Ed*)  
**50 years of...what?**

WSC notes that the Old Derwentians have been celebrating their half century with a posh frock dinner. But on our count that's only about three years of Real Orienteering and forty-seven of mainly new-fangled nonsense. It's also come to light that they paid big money to fly in a guest speaker to read them poems about cats, give them specialist advice on tying their shoelaces properly and smiling on the start line. WSC has tried that smiling trick and found that parents inevitably whisk their children away to the safety of a nearby logging operations area.

### New Appointment

We are sure that BOO's new Chair, Mr Van Drawback is a very nice man, never kicks his dog or swears at his laptop. It's just WSC has this sneaking suspicion that he *doesn't actually exist* and this is the latest step in phasing in the entire committee with made up people. (*If Mr Drawback ever reads this we are in deep trouble –Ed*).

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



Orienteering takes place throughout the calendar year.

This means the runnability of the terrain can vary enormously from season to season.

Tony is now wondering whether planning his June event way back in February was such a good idea.

He is also wondering if he can sue his hairdresser.



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

### **Trouble with Lycra – Part two**

*The story so far: During a photo shoot for the BOO initiative “Bums in Lycra”, up and coming car rally star Alice Treepark collapses and has a strange vision of orienteering in the deep past. The lycra outfit she was wearing appears to have some extraordinary properties. Miles is determined to find out more and is on the way to the editor of Big Lycra for advice...*

Just who was the elusive editor of Big Lycra? Very few people knew. It was only through my underground contacts that I was one of those people. The magazine itself had a select clientele. It was specialist material and the journalistic quality of the writing was second to none demonstrating the expertise and knowledge of the staff. As I drove through the Derbyshire countryside to meet this person, the box containing the enigmatic outfit on the seat beside me seemed to be radiating its mystery to me, creating a constant desire to put it on which was difficult to resist. The short phone call I had made to arrange this meeting with the editor had certainly stirred his interest and it seemed to me that he must know more. I arrived at my suburban destination, pulled up and shortly afterwards, with the box under my arm, was knocking fruitlessly on the front door. Hmm, he had said he might be out the back so I tracked round the outside of the house to find myself looking at a substantial outbuilding at the bottom of a rather neglected garden. Outside it a bearded figure was peering into a battered crate. The unmistakable figure of Toby Beeswick!

Toby Beeswick. Well known of course for being a master map maker of long standing and also the driving force behind the legendary Rough Pitty Side O-Ringen, the now defunct pan-Derbyshire multiday event which always featured one hellish day in the county’s most feared terrain. But very few people knew that he was also one of the world’s leading experts on all things spandex, elastan and lycra. He looked tired and frustrated; his jacket was caked in dust and his white hair was unmanageably awry. He acknowledged me with a nod and a grunt. “You look as if you’ve lost something” I offered. “Maybe, dear boy, maybe” he muttered. “Damned removal company. They’ve mixed up all these boxes” I decided to come straight to the point and passed him the box containing the strange lycra outfit. He took it, peered inside then unexpectedly tore it out with great speed. I kept an eye on his face. The garments sparked with yet another extraordinary range of colours and I could see several competing emotions pulling at his visage. I knew straight away that he recognised it. He somehow kept his composure. “Where did you get this, Miles?” he asked in as steady a voice as he could muster, although I could see his hands were quivering a good deal. “I not really sure” I replied. I then gave a thorough description of the events that had unfolded the day before including Alice’s dream sequence and the strange photographs. I could see his eyes widening. When I had finished he stuffed the clothes back into the box and moving off, beckoned me into the outbuilding. This was clearly the nerve centre for his current operations. Crates presumably containing lycra towered up on all sides. His cataloguing process seemingly involved the use of a dirty laptop on an even dirtier desk and several piles of ancient ledgers. Without saying a word he carefully selected one of the ledgers and placed in on the table in front of us. It was clearly labelled as containing a record of an early Rough Pitty Side O-Ringen event from 1972. Still not saying a word, he flipped over several pages before settling on a list of results and pointing to its head. The class was W19E, the premiere women’s age category at the time. The venue, Bedleston Hall. There were all the finishers, listed in descending order of time and at the top there was an unfamiliar name with a club listing I didn’t recognise. The winning margin was quite considerable. “You may not be sure, Miles,” Beeswick said, his voice trembling, “But I am. This here is the origin of the suit. This is the person who wore it. This is where I found it first, left as lost property. For the last few years I thought I had lost it too, but then you, of all people, turn up with it!”

I pondered for a moment, scanning the yellowing page in front of me. “You say this person wore it 47 years ago?” I queried in amazement. “I didn’t know this sort of stuff was worn for orienteering back then.” “It wasn’t, dear boy, it wasn’t. Now there’s something else you need to notice. Look closely at that name.” It was very odd. Kat Rice Leaper. Then the penny dropped. With a crash. “It’s an anagram of Alice Treepark” I whispered in disbelief. That alone was a considerable coincidence but in the context of what had happened the day before at Cromford Rocks it was one that sent shivers running through my whole body. “Alice must have been describing this very event,” I continued falteringly. “She said it was very old-fashioned, using pin-punching for example, and then there was the description of the house at the Finish. A spot-on summary of Bedleston Hall, but as far as I know, Alice has never been here in her whole life.” Beeswick looked very thoughtful. “I saw her on the TV, doing her car rallying. She seemed somehow familiar.....”. His voice faded away. We stared at each other in disbelief.

**More next time in Part 3 of Trouble With Lycra**

## Sports Personality of the Month...

### ... at Sherwood Pines CompassSport Cup Heat 17/3/19

The heat was on for Dave Vincent who removed his thermal top and managed to lose his compass in the process. Luckily he found it when he went back 6 weeks later!

NOC Start Official reading out forthcoming starters: "Joan Duckworth".

John Duckworth (for it was he): "I've been called worse".

### ... at Crich Chase 24/3/19

Asked the planner at Crich – how many controls 151 did you have out there? Er, John, you went to the same control twice, once on each side of the map.

When the Editor looked at the Crich results, Google asked "Translate this page from Welsh?"

### ... at the JK

John Hopper who bought a brand new SIAC dibber for the JK to experience the contactless experience. But of course it was an Emit event. John was surprised when he got a strange response from the entries secretary when he emailed the change in his dibber number.

After the Middle Distance event, Viv spent the evening searching the campervan and her kit for her compass. We couldn't find it anywhere so she thought she must have left it at the event. She would either have to go to Enquiries the next morning or buy a new one.

Next morning I opened up our washing kit and guess what I found! Yep; Viv's compass! No. I don't know how it got there either ...

## The Joys of Shadowing

by Amanda Price

- Wearing too many clothes, as you are not sure how fast you may not be going, and then inadvertently dropping half your 'o' kit in the woods.
- Giving quick booster classes in, for example how to use a compass, just after you have started.
- An insurmountable age gap, between you and 'your shadow', and them leaving you standing on any uphill stretches. Sympathy from those around you, that have the luxury of pacing themselves, is at this point always welcome.
- Getting your best but sadly invalid finishing time for the season thanks to the natural ability and confidence of the youth you have been mentoring.

[Amanda shadowed George Jennings at LEI's Beacon Hill event in February, in preparation for the CompassSport Cup Heat.]

Anyone who's been a bit careless in trying to get to the club website may have realised that...

## ... Other DVOs Are Available

Yes, maybe you unfortunately ended up at DVO S.P.A.'s website, minimalist executive workspace design specialists, very pretentious. Or perhaps you found yourself at DVO, a London-based full service digital agency, also very pretentious. On the other hand, it's possible that you ended up at DVO Suspension Inc, California-based designers and producers of mountain bike suspension units, not in the slightest bit pretentious and now our official Closest DVO Cousins! This is most appropriate as both DVOs enjoy the great outdoors and pursue their respective sports in places of challenge and beauty. And being family, they have sent a special message for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*"Greetings DVO from DVO USA!! Our version of DVO stands for "Developed" in conjunction with designing mountain bike suspension products. DVO founder Bryson Martin also founded Marzocchi USA approximately 25 years ago. While at Marzocchi, as a design reached its final stages, it was considered "developed" and was a common term used once a product was nearly ready to produce for the market. To make a long story short, Marzocchi USA's parent company in Italy was bought out by another larger corporation and the matchup just didn't work for the long term. Consequently, DVO Suspension was created in 2012 with a single mountain bike suspension fork. We've grown and progressed since then and now have over a dozen mountain bike suspension products along with all the spare parts needed to keep riders running smooth.*

*We've seen many videos and photos of people riding in the Peak District and it appears to be a true gem!! We would love to visit and explore the area, especially since we have a decent customer base in the UK, some of which use the PD regularly. Windwave took on the sole distributorship for DVO in the UK over a year ago and has done an outstanding job in promoting our products. Not only does Windwave distribute but they also serve as DVO's certified warranty and service center in an effort to satisfy all the needs of DVO customers in the UK. UK riders seem to be a very passionate and loyal group so we do our very best, as does Windwave, to serve them with the utmost professionalism. We are a group of*



*riders ourselves so we like to think we get it. Our motto is "For riders by Riders" and is the truth. We are also a passionate bunch and love what we do.*

*Congratulations on your 50-year anniversary!! I marked our calendars for 2069 and included a reminder to reach out to your organization for some photos and a few words. It*



would be great to keep in touch with our DVO cousins in the Peak District”.

Many thanks to Geoff Welch, Office/Operations Manager, for those warm words, to whom I originally sent a DVO team photo. Please go to [dvosuspension.com](http://dvosuspension.com) to find out more about the company and its products. And here is an action shot featuring one of their products in terrain that looks like a good orienteering challenge. May both DVOs continue to flourish for many years.

Dave Nevell



February Newstrack reported the passings of early and newer club members Steve Buckley and David Parkin. John Hurley has put together the article below on Steve, and Jenny Vaudin wrote the piece on David for *The Guardian's* Other Lives column.

## **Steve Buckley and his contribution to DVO**

Between 1971 and 2005 Steve Buckley was one of the central figures in DVO. He was one of our most successful competitors and also took on many roles as an event official and club officer. This article is by no means comprehensive and does not include, for example, anything about the Buckley family annual expedition to foreign events. Others have previously written about the club training runs, club meetings and annual dinners all hosted at the Buckley residence. However I hope that this article will clearly indicate the importance of Steve's contribution to DVO.

As far as I can trace, Steve's first event as a DVO member was at a regional event on Matlock Moor East on 5/12/71. It was not an auspicious start: he was disqualified with one control missing. Undeterred, he turned out again the following week at a national event at High Dam in the Lake District and successfully finished 19<sup>th</sup>/39 on M21B. During 1972 he rapidly improved and began to consistently achieve Gold standard times on the M21A course, including 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hagg Side national event on 30/4/72.

At the 1973 JK Relays in the Trossachs, the men's open team of Steve, Malcolm Taylor and Roger Wilkinson were 15<sup>th</sup> overall (and 6<sup>th</sup> British team) which may well be our best ever result in that class. A further relay success was a win in the 1977 White Rose B class with his wife Judy and Roger Wilkinson.

Steve was DVO club secretary 1972/3 but then moved on to take roles in the East Midlands OA, serving as Treasurer 1973/7 and as Chairman 1977/80. Around this time he also began to take on event official roles, as planner of a national event at Clumber Park on 18/1/76 (staged by DVO due to NOC having inadequate resources at the time), organiser of national events at Crich 2/5/76, Crich again on 30/4/77 and Shining Cliff 1/5/77, and planner at Shining Cliff on

15/1/78 (an event with 1136 competitors). Steve was also appointed as an event controller in 1976 and controlled the regional event at Linacre on 12/3/78 and the national event at Crich on 6/5/79.

For relaxation Steve took up marathon running and completed the White Peak Marathon on three occasions, with a best of 2-54-08 in 1980.

In May 1982 Steve and Jenny Tennant were joint organisers of the British Championships held in Shining Cliff and Crich Chase. After this Steve took a break from major events but continued to serve as either organiser, planner or controller of at least one regional event each year. He also took on the role of DVO Chair from 1986/89.

In 1982 Steve moved up to compete in the M35 class and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Southern Championships, just 32 seconds down. Further excellent results were to follow including 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1984 Midlands Championships and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1985 British Championships. The first East Midlands Championships were held in 1985 and Steve won the M35 trophy. He went on to become East Midlands champion at least once in each age group up to a last win in M55 in 2002.

1986 saw relay successes: 1<sup>st</sup> in M35 class at the JK at Brandon Park with Dave Brodie and Tony Thornley, and also 1<sup>st</sup> in the M35 class at the British in the Forest of Dean with Roger Wilkinson and Tony Thornley. DVO won the CompassSport Cup in 1986 and 1987 and Steve scored well on both occasions, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the M35+ class.

In 1991 Steve finished the year top of the TSB national rankings for the M40 class, and in 1993 he was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the M45 class at the JK. Also in 1993 Steve was an unexpected winner when DVO organised a trip to a local ten-pin bowling alley, although it was later discovered that he had been coaching the school team.

In 1997 Steve returned to Clumber Park as a competitor and became M50 British Champion.

In August 1999 the Buckley family travelled to Scotland for the World Championships. Daughter Kim was part of the British women's team which placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Relay, while Steve was the finish arena co-ordinator for the Short Race at Cawdor Castle.

In 2004 Steve and John Duckworth were co-planners for a JK individual day at Graythwaite in the Lake District. During the run-up to this event, it was revealed that Steve and his second wife Margaret were planning to retire to the Lake District. But first was to come a final podium performance for DVO: 3<sup>rd</sup> in the British Relays M/W55 class with Mike and Liz Godfree.

The final training run from Steve's house in Allestree took place on 20/7/05 and then Steve did indeed retire to the Lake District, transferring his allegiance to Lakeland OC. But his contribution to DVO will be remembered for a long time to come.

John Hurley

## David Parkin, from *The Guardian* Other lives



My father, David Parkin, who has died aged 85, spent his working life in the police force and was an early beneficiary of a scheme to offer young recruits a university education.

After training as a police officer in his native Yorkshire he worked initially as a constable in the West Riding, but most of his career was

subsequently spent in the Somerset and Bath constabulary. There, in his relatively early days, he was selected for a fast-track programme for promising officers and, after being promoted to sergeant, was sent in 1966 for police-funded study at the London School of Economics, where his personal tutor was the sociologist Ralph Miliband.

Returning in 1969 with a degree in economics, he found many colleagues and superiors felt he had wasted his time, but personally he never doubted that his time at university had made him a better and more fulfilled officer.

He was promoted to inspector and then, when the Avon & Somerset force came into being, was made a chief inspector in 1974 and posted to Weston-super-Mare. Four years later he moved to Nailsea, near Bristol, where his command included Portishead, Clevedon and half of the Clifton suspension bridge.

That was perhaps his happiest period in the job until finally he was made superintendent at the St George's police station in Bristol in the late 1980s. He retired in 1990.

David was born and raised in Sheffield, the middle child of Ben and Freda (nee May). His father was a Methodist minister and he grew up firmly in that cultural tradition, claiming to have signed the pledge aged three to affirm his lifelong teetotalism.

In addition to the usual challenges of a wartime childhood, he faced more as the son of a conscientious objector. He attended Firth Park grammar school in Sheffield, but left before completing his sixth-form studies with thoughts of working in agriculture. However, his national service steered him into the RAF Police, and it was a move that led to his eventual career in policing.

Throughout his time in the job David often challenged some of the unacceptable attitudes he found among fellow officers, and he always tried to promote more thoughtful, intelligent policing at a time when progressive ideas within the force were generally frowned upon.

He had a socialist outlook and part of his morning routine at Nailsea was to shout “Power to the people!” while punching the air before entering his office. Until his final promotion he spent many years as a representative of the Police Federation.

In his life outside the force, David was keen on athletics and cross-country running, and was an early convert to orienteering when it was introduced as a new sport to the UK. He was still winning age-group orienteering events into his 80s.

He is survived by his wife, Mavis (nee Wilson), whom he married in 1960, by their children, Richard, Sarah and me, and grandchildren Edward, William, Isabella, Alessandra and Teddy.

**Photo:** The DVO ‘sctrach band’ playing *Dare to be a Daniel* at David’s Memorial Service at the Whitworth Centre

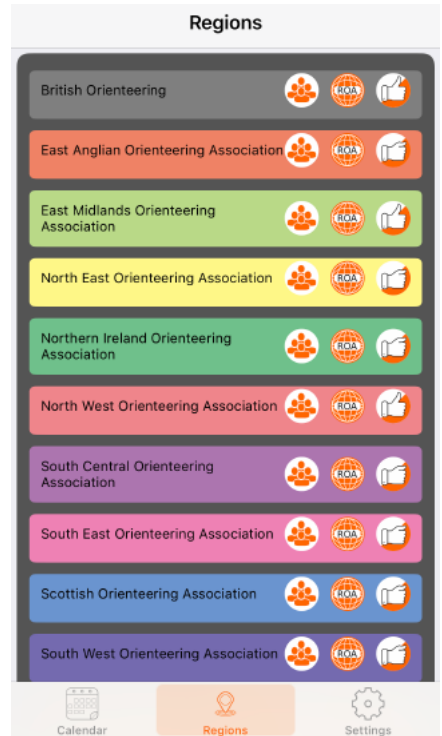


## Event-0 review – a free event calendar mobile app

I have quite a few apps on my iPhone, but this is the first related to orienteering. If you’re about to stop reading, since you’re Android, then after a few months as iOS only, it’s now available on the Google Play app store, so can be used on most smartphones.

Some apps you try for a bit and then delete them, but this is a keeper for me since it’s handy for keeping on top of all those events you want to enter, plus it’s easy to use. Its main value is that you can quickly see ‘at a glance’ upcoming events in regions you’re interested in, not something you can readily do via BO events listings.





You can give events you want to go to a 'thumbs up' and then they're shown with a star. For example on this date I have selected the EMUL event by clicking on the thumb.

Other useful features for each event are:

- Distance, if you enter your postcode
- Viewing the site on the BO site
- Viewing a map
- Adding the event to your online calendar
- Going to the club site



To select regions you're interested you select, them again, using a 'thumbs up'.

What's not to like!? Well, there aren't any annoyances for me, but the main missing feature is a way to mark that you have paid to enter an event online, although you could delay selecting them until you have entered them. Maybe I should do that, since at the moment I'm still putting an 'E' on a separate paper calendar... Having a Facebook-like 'Interested' and 'Going' would be better though.

Dave Chaffey

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59	61	4	5	6	7	25	13	12
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Minute by Minute proved a popular puzzle. It was probably easier than it looked at first sight but potentially involved a fair amount of pencil and rubber use. There was just one possible answer, as shown. I had correct solutions from Jane Burgess, Francesco Lari, Chris O'Donnell, Andy Mackervoy (yes, really), Jen Gale, Mark Delgarno (welcome to this page, Mark), Alan Le Moigne, Michelle Mackervoy, John Hawkins, Helen Chiswell and Paul Goodhead. But nothing prepared me for David Vincent's entry. Here was a man who,

in an attempt to prove that Fred's time of 81 minutes was, quite frankly, pants, actually made the journey to Symmetric Shrubs himself and ran the same route. And to prove it, recorded it on Strava as shown here. At just over 17 minutes, he smashed it. Amusingly, neither Paul or Andy, having already answered the puzzle correctly, managed to identify what David was up to. So that's most definitely a bonus point to him.



This month's problem may prove a little more tricky.

**Collection for The Old Wrecks**

Frank was telling me about a recent event he staged with the Old Wrecks (WRE?). Course closing time was approaching and he had a gaggle of volunteers waiting to collect the controls in. "My heart sunk when I saw who was there. They're all so long in the tooth these days half of them don't even know the time of day. I had just eight controls, 101 to 108 to retrieve. I knew Alf would collect the flags for 103 and 107 (if still in place) but absent-mindedly replace a flag at 104 (if already removed). Bert would similarly collect the flag at 108, replace the one at 107 and switch 103 (i.e. remove it if in place but replace it if already removed). Charlie would remove 101, replace 103 and switch 105. Don would remove 104 and



replace 101. Eric would remove 103 and 106, replace 105 and switch 102. Fred would switch both 104 and 105. Gerry would remove 103 and replace 107. Harry would just replace 108 (he's really lost his marbles) and finally Ian would remove 103, replace 105 and switch 101."

I sympathised with Frank's predicament and asked him what he had done. "Well, I figured it would soon be dark so we would have to do this to a careful plan. In the end I figured I would only have to send five of them out, and in a precise order, waiting for each to return before sending the next one out. In that way all the controls would be collected."

What was Frank's plan, i.e. which five people did he send out and in which order? (Please note: 101-108 refer to the eight locations, not the flags themselves which on the face of it might end up anywhere during this process.)

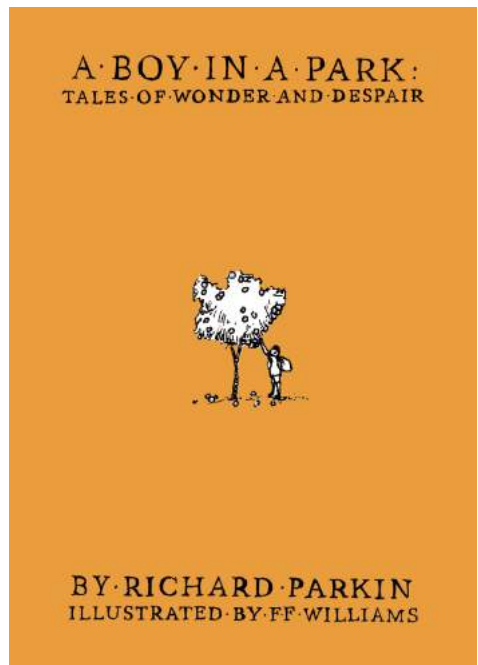
Answers as ever to [dnevell3@gmail.com](mailto:dnevell3@gmail.com) by the editor's copy date please.

## *"Once there was a boy who lived in a park."*

Mapper and Planner Richard Parkin is publishing a new book and has launched a crowdfunding campaign to fund a hardback edition. Rewards include copies of the book, postcards of the illustrations, and limited edition prints.

The book is a collection of short bittersweet fables about a boy who lives in a park. Playing with classic folk tale elements and written with a simple style, it is intended to be accessible to kids, but with themes that should appeal to adults.

Of particular interest to orienteers might be the first story, 'The Rhododendron', in which the boy learns some harsh lessons after being tempted to climb into the invasive evergreen. We look forward to tales about the perils of bracken, bramble, and windblow in future collections.





Visit his new website for more information.

<http://www.richardparkin.co.uk>

## 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 14 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)**

### May

- Wed 22nd **John Port Spencer Academy, Etwall.** Registration 6:30–8pm  
Sprint Score & Maze. Organiser: Rex Bleakman
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> **L Whitworth Park, Darley Dale, Registration 1–3pm**



The Urban part of the Alvaston Park map

### June

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> **L Alvaston Park, Derby.** Registration 1–3pm. New area. Waterside Café and lots for children, including a planets trail and whispering dishes! The longer courses will visit the streets around Pacific Way.
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> **L Holmebrook Valley Park, Chesterfield.** Registration 1–3pm
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> **L Carsington Pastures Retro Event & DVO Championships & Picnic**  
Entries by 31<sup>st</sup> May – see back page.
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> **EMUL Allestree Urban.** Registration 10–12 at the University Sports Centre, Kedleston Road. New area!
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> **L Hall Leys Park, Matlock.** Longer courses visit Pic Tor and Old Matlock. Registration 1–3pm in the bandstand
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> **EMUL Witham St Hughs, Newark.** East Midlands Sprint Championships with a Prologue and Chase: see logonline.org.uk
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> **L Darley Park, Derby.** Registration 1–3pm



### July

- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> **L Stones Island, Carsington Water Visitor Centre.**  
Note Registration times 1–2 and then 3–4pm
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> **L Staunton Harold Reservoir, Ticknall.** Reg. 1–3pm
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> **L Foremark Reservoir, Ticknall.** Registration 1–3pm. Come & watch the unicyclists!



### August

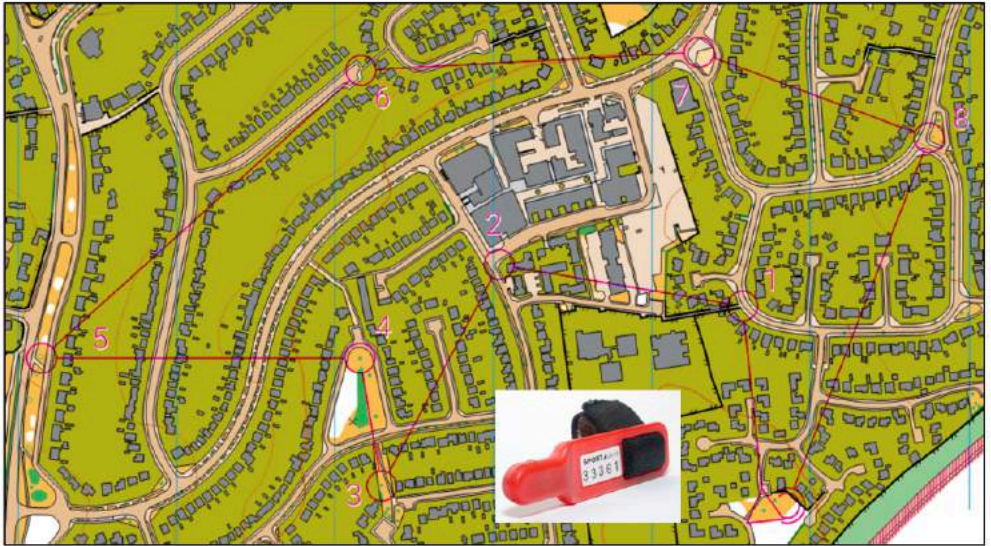
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> **L Swadlincote Woodlands.** Reg. 1–3pm
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> **L Rosliston Forestry Centre.** Reg. 1–3pm
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> **UKUL Lincoln City Race,** enter via Fabian4
- Wed 28 **NT Ilam Park Try-O,** family course and longer course,  
Starts between 11am and 1pm. A great family day out!

## Event Officials Needed

Please contact Jane Burgess ([janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk)) if you would like to have a go at course planning or organising. Support in the role is available from experienced club mates.

For the South Derbyshire events, Rex is happy to mentor if needed. Swadlincote Woods in particular needs a Planner and Organiser – [rexbleakman321@btinternet.com](mailto:rexbleakman321@btinternet.com)

Date	Event Name	Venue	Teams?	Level	Acc Obt?	Organiser	Planner	Controller
13/07/2019	Staunton Harold	Staunton Harold		D	PA	Rex Bleakman	Paul Armstrong	
20/07/2019	Foremark Reservoir	Foremark		D	PA	Paul Young	Gary Kelsall	
10/08/2019	Swadlincote Woodlands	Swadlincote		D	PA			
17/08/2019	Rosliston Forestry Centre	Rosliston		D	PA		Tony Berwick	
28/08/2019	National Trust Try O'	Ilam		D	PA	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	
15/09/2019	British Middle Championships – Chinley Churn	Chinley Churn	Y	A	PA	Sal Chaffey	Ranald Macdonald	Chris Burden
26/10/2019	Longshaw EM League	Longshaw	Y	C	PA	Stuart Swalwell	David Vincent	
01/12/2019	Allestree EM League Event	Allestree	Y	C	PA		Brian Denness	Jim Cooke (POTOC)
01/01/2020	Wirksworth Urban	Wirksworth Street		C	P			
09/02/2020	Midlands Championships	Longstone Moor	Y	A	PA		Paul Addison	Simon Thompson (HOC)
08/03/2020	Linacre EM League	Linacre	Y	C	P		Murray White	
17/05/2020	Black Rocks EM League	Black Rocks	Y	C			Tony Stirland	
13/06/2020	EM Score Champs	Carsington Pastures	Y	C				
28/06/2020	Belper Urban	Belper	Y	C				
06/09/2020	Kedleston Park – EM League	Kedleston	Y	C	P		David Pettit	

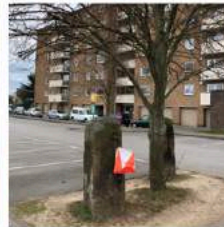


# ***Allestree Urban***

## ***East Midlands Urban League event***

**Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 10am for Starts 10:30–12:30**  
**Register at the University Sports Centre, Kedleston Road**

- ▣ New area for orienteering
- ▣ Children's courses on campus and in a low-traffic area of Allestree
- ▣ Entry on the day only
- ▣ £8 / £4 for Students and under 16s
- ▣ Orienteer in the footsteps of Alan Bates and Brian Clough!



Further details available at <http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/>  
 or email [rexbleakman321@btinternet.com](mailto:rexbleakman321@btinternet.com) or 07808 173590



## The Good Old Days – how we did it then    Andy Hawkins

**Registration:** Was a little like it is now, but on paying, you got a blank map, a control card (with your start time written on both the card itself and detachable stub) and control descriptions (no control descriptions on map). Control cards were coloured to match the courses, and you had to add your name, club and class. How you carried your control card and control descriptions was up to you and there were several favoured methods. Control descriptions could be carried in your pocket, pinned (upside-down) to your top, copied to the small boxes on your control card, or a combination of these. Control cards were often pinned to the front or sleeve of your O-top. To protect both card and descriptions, you would cover them with Transpaseal or Coverlon (like a large sheet of Sellotape) that would strengthen the card and protect it from disintegrating if wet. Event car parks were full of people frantically making these preparations in their cars so they could get to the start before their three-minute call up.

At the **Start** was a manually operated flip-over “clock” at a three-minute call up, using a “box” system similar to now. We handed in our control-card-stub (complete with name class and start time) – kept in long thin box (think After Eights but longer) with divisions for each course. The starter kept an eye on a kitchen clock and with 10 seconds to go invited you to step over the start line. Then at the appointed minute would give a loud blast on a whistle, signifying you could start.

We would set off at a sprint but not far, only a few yards to a series of ‘**master maps**’ (on map boards), where we copied our course onto our blank map. It would take a couple of minutes to copy and check your course, so there were often several master maps per course, each arranged so that two people could copy from the same one. Traditionally, a red pen was used to mark up your map, this was because red was not used on the printed map. Maps were put in big plastic bag as they were not waterproof back then. Your pen needed to be kept safe too, as longer courses on small areas had second master maps\*, with the appropriate control descriptions. Pens were usually strung from a lanyard around your neck (H&S implications these days!) or stuffed down your bramble basher sock with the risk of gaining a red leg.

Controls had their control code written on each face of the ‘flag’. Each club within the region used a different style of numbering, e.g. DVO used: Letter-Number, Lei: Letter-Letter and NOC just a number. This simplified knowing which control belonged to whom, as they were often borrowed for larger events. Pin punches were either attached to the control or hung from an adjacent cane.

At the **Finish** was a tent with table, and from the tent led a Finish line (tape on the ground) at the end of a taped funnel (so only one person at a time could cross the line).

One official shouted “Now!”, each time a finisher crossed the line, and kept the finishers in finish order until they had unpinned and handed over their control

cards, which were also kept in order until second official stapled a cloakroom ticket to the card (as happens in Parkrun nowadays when you stay in order until you are handed the barcode matched to your finish time).

At each “Now!”, a third official put a dot or cross (later converted to the cloakroom ticket) on sheets of paper with 0–60 spaces down a column, 4 or 5 columns to a page. Each column was headed with the minute (at the time, not beforehand), and the 60 spaces corresponded to the seconds. Seconds and minutes were read from a large ‘kitchen’ clock. From time to time, the officials made sure the numbers were in sync (cloakroom tickets and on finish sheets). Other officials then took the control cards with cloakroom tickets on, looked at the finish sheets, wrote in the finish time on each Control card, and calculated (brain power!!) the time taken (start time minus finish time). This was then matched up with the corresponding stub, where time taken was written on, and stubs from time to time put on a ‘washing line’, in time order. (Stubs stapled onto themselves, top folded back, not onto string, so could be moved along to accommodate other stubs.) This served as both “provisional on the day results” and a safety check.

A cup of orange squash was available to all finishers, dispensed from large container or two. This was to avoid dehydration after a strenuous run.

**Afterwards:** The pin punches were checked, usually if the first 2 or 3 agreed, this was then ‘correct’, and others judged against one correct one. Finish lists were also compiled, with colour-coded standard for each course, after the event.

If you wanted a copy of the final results, you put the appropriate money into an envelope (say 6d, that’s 4d for a second class stamp and 2d towards copying and envelope) that you addressed yourself, and this was put into a mini-bin (still in garage). It fell to the Organiser to arrange the results which incorporated comments from Planner, Organiser and Controller. These were typed up (from the control cards) onto “stencil paper” for use with a Roneo copying machine. This type of copying machine was used well into the 1980s. It relied on the impact of the type written letter weakening the stencil paper so ink could be forced through it. The Roneo machine was basically an ink-filled rotating drum onto which the stencil paper was clipped. Paper was fed through the machine picking up ink that was transferred from the weakened typed stencil. Too weak a key stroke and you were left with a faint letter, too strong and you just got a blob! And there was no delete key to make corrections, it had to be right first time! Producing results was not an insignificant task so it could be two weeks before you received your envelope in the post, longer for big events.

\*Second master maps took up some space, and were at a control, so needed to be ‘hidden’ so as not to give away the control location. Typically, between thickets, or in large depression.

What to bring – Red pen, Transpaseal, Safety pins, Map bag



# DVO 2019 Championships & Picnic

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

### Carsington Pastures – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Retro Event

It would be hard not to have noticed that 2019 marks DVO's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In celebration of this the 2019 Club Championships will be a retro style event of that period. Read Andy Hawkins' "Good Old Days" if you are too young to know, or too old to remember, how orienteering events were run back then (see forthcoming May issue of Newstrack). So, in ditching the dibber you will need to bring a pen (preferably red) to copy your course, a clear plastic bag to protect your paper map, Transpaseal to protect your control card (or a clear plastic bag or you can use strips of Sellotape), 2 safety pins (or other means) to attach your control card to your O suit, together with the usual compass and whistle.

**Entry Details** – This is a free, closed event only open to current and past members of DVO. The event will follow the conventional format of a mass finish, handicapped-start event followed by a picnic. Handicaps will target a mass finish around noon.

Entries by 31<sup>st</sup> May to [shooterfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:shooterfamily@hotmail.com)  
giving your name, course and age class.

**Courses:**

Long: 5.9km, 180m climb	Medium: 4.7km, 140m
Short: 3.4 km, 105m	Junior: 2.1km, 60m

**Punching** – Needle punching will be used. Control card, blank paper map and descriptions will be issued at registration. Juniors will be provided with a pre-marked map and Tyvek control cards.

**Start times** – Pre-allocated between 10:30 and 11:30 will be available on the DVO website by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a 3 minute call-up at the start. The finish will be close to the start.

**Location** - Carsington Pastures, near Wirksworth. Nearest postcode DE4 4ES; grid reference SK 251546.

**Parking** - This will be on hardstanding on the private access road to Sibelco works.

**Picnic** – This will be in the area near the start. Prize giving will take place at the picnic.

**Trophies** – Prizes will be awarded to current DVO members at the picnic. Will current holders please contact Robert Shooter to arrange return.

**Organiser** – Robert Shooter 0115 9322945, [shooterfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:shooterfamily@hotmail.com)

**Final Details will be available on the DVO Website**