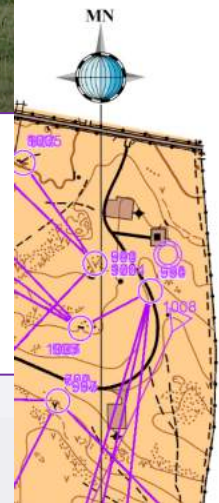




## Junior Inter-regional Championships 2018 Relays at Carsington Pastures, 30 September



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## New Members

Welcome to new club members. As well as the Derwent Valley Orienteers Facebook page, we have a DVO Group where members can chat about events/arrange

lifts etc. See you there, or in the forest!



## Editorial

Thank you to this issue's contributors for speedy reporting! I must have had Mike's Girona article before his O kit was even dry!

The next Newstrack will be available at our Birchen Edge event, February 10<sup>th</sup> – hopefully not postponed by snow this year – making the copy date February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Season's greetings to you all!

Sal

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## CompassSport Cup Final 2018, Haywood Warren

On the face of it, DVO's position at the end of the Final was a disappointment. A seventh place was three down on last year's performance and one lower than DVO's predicted position according to both of DVO's swamis. Moreover we were only a single point above the eighth place occupied by DEE. If only we could have maintained the first position we were in when I went for my run only to find us seven places lower on my return; I didn't think I'd done that badly!

But the great thing about statistics is that you can always find silver linings in the blackest of clouds. Another 15 points would have taken us into our forecast sixth place and a further 10 points again would have landed a respectable fifth, confounding the pundits. All this could have been achieved if just one DVO runner had had a spectacular run instead of a disaster. That was the slim margin for error in such a fiercely fought contest.

A survey of DVO's 'counters' reveals that we were predictably most competitive in, shall we say, the more mature classes: Blue Men (M50/55), Green Men (M60/65) and Short Green Vets (W60+, M70+). Nevertheless we still managed 4 counters in the junior classes, and 3 counters in Women's Open.

It undoubtedly remains easier to score at the junior end of the CSC spectrum – there were between 32 and 55 on each of the junior courses compared with 164(!) on Short Green Vets and 151 on Blue Men, for example.

In the end, what was more important was the experience of actually being there, of being in one of the best clubs in the country, testing ourselves against the SYO and BOK giants on quality terrain (maybe I just benefited from the pioneering efforts of the early starters but I found the area very runnable) in warm temperatures and sunny conditions. Many other clubs would have envied us.

And the best thing is that we get to do it all over again next year. The date for your diaries is **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**, when it is likely, I would have thought, that we will be running on Sherwood Pines, the designated area for the East Midlands (second choice is Bentley Woods, where I've always had a nightmare). Whether SYO compete at Sherwood Pines is almost immaterial (though this must be more convenient for them than their designation of Thrunton, Alnwick); even if they do, the second counting club will qualify for the Final. Our chief rivals are therefore likely to be LEI, but not NOC. For the first time ever, NOC (and HOC) will be classified as a Small Club competing in the Trophy (whereas EBOR are 'promoted' to our competition).

Next year's Final will be at Pippingford Park, East Sussex, which is another long trek, though a decent area used for the JK Relays a few years ago.



Still looking ahead to 2019's competition, it is also likely that something (at last!) will be done about the population explosion in Short Green Vets. The proposed solution, almost certain to be adopted, is not a cull but to split the class (but not the genders). There will be two smaller classes:

Veteran Short Green Course 7A – W60s with M70s and M75s

Veteran Short Green Course 7B – W65+ with M80+

There is, I understand, some support for putting W65s in 7A, but a final decision on this has yet to be made.

For scoring purposes, the two courses will be treated as one course just as Junior Greens and Junior Oranges are presently, so only 4 people in these classes can count to the overall maximum 25.



Photo: Steve Rush, BOK

Personally, I would have preferred to have seen a solution where there is no mixing of Men and Women at all – I cannot think of a single sport that not only obliges Men and Women to compete together, but only when they reach a certain age, a policy that achieves the remarkable result of being both ageist and sexist (Sports where men and women regularly compete against one another? – I can only think of Equestrian events. There's also tennis/table tennis where mixed doubles are allowed, and indeed the British Mixed Sprint Relays, but that's not really comparable because men and women are the team itself rather than competing as individuals as in the CSC). However I've expressed my view and it has been ignored.

Since 2019 is only weeks away, I thought I'd mention a few relay dates:

**JK Relays** – Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Minley, Hampshire

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

**British Relays** – Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May – Middleton Park, Leeds

May all DVO orienteers have error-free runs in 2019, especially at CompassSport Cup events!

**Graham Johnson, Club Captain**

## Post Script on the Club Champs

**Dave Nevell**

For anybody frustrated by their inability to get anywhere near their handicap time at the CompassSport Cup Final then I'd like to point out that contrary to previous years, these were target winning time, not par times. The intention was that only the winner would achieve their target. The fact that victor Michelle was 4 minutes adrift is not a poor reflection on her, rather it was due to a mis-calibration of average terrain speed. I adopted this new approach as a way of making it a fairer contest when the course lengths are very varied. I leave it as an exercise to the reader to work out why this might be a good idea.

## 🏆🏆🏆 DVO Awards & Supper, Alfreton Park 🏆🏆🏆

Congratulations to the 2018 Champions as decided by performance in the CompassSport Cup Final at Haywood Warren! Fastest man, woman and junior were Richard Parkin, Michelle Mackervoy and Ben O'Donnell. Because Michelle was also closest to the predicted winner's time, she was awarded the Judy Buckley Trophy for first women across the line, with the Karen Jackson Trophy for fastest women going to runner-up Rachel Duckworth. Paul Addison won the Chris Yardley Trophy for first male across the line.



Club Champions receiving their trophies from our Chair Andy at the supper: Richard, Rachel and Ben.

Annual awards were presented by Andy as follows:

**Orienteer of the Year: Jake O'Donnell** – 1<sup>st</sup> in both the British Sprints and Middles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the British Long Distance Championships. 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lakes 5 Days and winner of 3 of the days. Numerous other great performances for DVO and EMJOS!

**Junior Orienteer of the Year: Rachel Duckworth** – Rachel was British Middles Champion in W16 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Sprints. She ran for England in the Junior Home Internationals in Pitlochry, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the individual race and then part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed women's relay team. Now part of the UK Talent Squad, Rachel may be selected in 2019 to run for GB.

**Most improved orienteer: Christine Middleton** – from some 20+ mins per km performances at the beginning of 2017, to ones in the low teens. Including, I might add, just over 11mins/km at Bretton Clough/Eyam moor in January of this year.

**Most enthusiastic newcomer: Di Blount** – Di joined DVO with her grandchildren Harry & Connie, having attended Matlock O Club. We well remember them being blown along on the top of Eyam Moor! And it didn't put them off.

Even if the grandchildren can't come to events, she has come along for a run and has willingly helped at a number of events. She enjoys working with young children and so has also helped at club night; with schools championships and with local schools.

More recently, Di has volunteered to be on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee and is also a valuable member on the Development committee.

**David Parkin trophy for Outstanding Services to the Club: Derek Gale** – SI custodian and engineer for over 10 years!

**Newstrack Contributor of the Year: Helen Chiswell** – this year Helen has competed in – and reported from – Macedonia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Barcelona (unable to collect in person as cycling in New Zealand)!





Sports Personality of the Year was voted on at the meal, with Ranald re-living all our gaffes of the last 12 months! It was won by Pauline Ward, who was helping at Registration at Chesterfield Urban when word came from the Start they'd run out of maps. Some spares were sent over, but later, at the Start, Pauline picked up her own recycled map from 2015!

## How to improve your O whilst sitting at home!

At the next open meeting (7:30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – note change of day and time from previous meetings) after any club business, Mike Godfree will give a presentation/lead a discussion on using the various tools for analysing your runs. At the Family Tree, Whatstandwell.

Have u geeked it yet?

Delivered



### DVO Survey

The Club Development team will be sending out a questionnaire to all members in the next few days. Please find time to fill it in electronically. Your input and views will help set the direction of the Club over the next few years. We hope also to get some responses from non-members, as the questions are relevant to both groups. Closing date for Returns is 16th December. Thank you in advance!

**Stuart Swalwell, Development Officer**

To take part, point a phone camera at the QR code or: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DVOsurvey>

## DVO/BSOA Explorer Awards 2018

An excellent year with a steady build-up of 5 to 18 Year olds aiming to get these Certificates and Badges.

- Very well done to the 19 who have now achieved over 100 controls and have claimed their 'Forest Award'. In addition 11 have passed 75, 20 over 50 and 28 over 25 controls. See the club website [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk) for the final spreadsheet.
- Altogether 86 young people have now become eligible to claim and Award.
- I notice that several families whose children have gained Awards have now joined DVO.
- I will be coordinating the scheme next year and will carry over this year controls totals to 2019.
- This year's unclaimed Certificates and Badges can be obtained by sending me a stamped addressed envelope to 5, Lawn Avenue, Etwell, Derbyshire DE65 6JB.

**Rex Bleakman**

PS BOF/DVO Members are able to gain the Orienteering Racing Challenge and Orienteering Navigation Challenge certificates. Have a look at [www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk) for details.



## JIRCS 2018

## Ann-Marie Duckworth, EMJOS coordinator

Every year the East Midlands Junior Squad (EMJOS) travel all over the United Kingdom to take part in the Junior Inter Regional Championships (JIRCS). But this year our region was host – so home advantage!

The individual races at sunny Chatsworth (29 September) was a new experience for everyone, not having been used for over 10 years. The tough mix of the steep rhododendron-covered escarpment behind the House and the fast Parkland produced some amazing times.

EMJOS had a team of 17 juniors running in every class (M/W14, 16 and 18). Overnight we were placed 6th, behind South East but just ahead of South Central and West Midlands.

The relay day on Carsington Pastures was physically dampened by the sea fret but the race atmosphere was buzzing. The excellent spectator views of the area meant that the first and final stages of each leg were in full view. This made for plenty of tension as the runners disappeared from view into the complex mix of pits and contours, only to return in different orders.

EMJOS remained 6th overall – behind South West and just ahead of West Midlands. The big race was won again by Scotland but by a much smaller margin from North West and Yorkshire and Humberside squads. Next year JIRCS will be hosted by Yorkshire and Humberside – so not too far to travel.

JROS and EMJOS would like to thank the EMOA for hosting these prestigious championships. With a special thank you to all the people who helped with the preparation for the weekend, the helpers on both days and organising the most luxurious accommodation at Mount Cook (Wirksworth) for over 250 athletes and adults. Thank you from EMJOS team.



Wendy Carlyle's (AIRE) stunning photos from the JIRCS Weekend can be viewed here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wendles56/albums/72157701875944135>

How to tackle a fence! Rachel at the JIRCS Individual day at Chatsworth, from Wendy's album.





## Celebrate New Year with the first event of 2019!

DVO starts its 50th Anniversary Year with an Urban event on New Year's Day in Markeaton Park, Derby and the built-up area between Ashbourne Road, Duffield Road and Kedleston Road. There is the normal range of courses for the East Midlands Urban League. The shortest junior course stays entirely in the park and is broadly yellow standard so ideal for families with young children. The other junior course goes across the A38 (using the spiral bridge) to use the area around Britannia Mill so will encounter little or no traffic and is Orange standard, so ideal for adult novices as well and families with older children. All the other courses visit the complex area of housing between Ashbourne Road and Kedleston Road familiar to the Wednesday night runners.



- Over 16s may run any course they wish but you will only score points in the league if you run your correct course or longer.
- There is a mass start at 11am for all courses although note that these are conventional courses not score courses.
- Parking is in the overflow car park accessed via the Mundy Play Centre car park on Markeaton Lane with registration in the Community Room at Markeaton Craft Village. So very close to the A38/A52.

Full information on the club website soon. There will also be the prize-giving for the 2018 East Midlands Urban League before the start.

**Event Officials: Mike, Doug & Val**

## DVO 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Winner

Congratulations to Ben O'Donnell, designer of the winning logo for the Club's anniversary. Watch out for his logo on 2019 merchandise and maps!



## Look good, be proud of your club

This is your last chance to order a top or jacket for the last order whilst we are still in the EU. I know tops last a long time but a surprising number of long established members still don't run in club colours of any vintage even at relays or CompassSport Cup. Tops are available with short or long sleeves. See the club web site under Members/Clothing for full details and a link to the sizing chart. The sizes tend to be on the tight side so go up a size for a looser fit. Exchanges are usually possible however. The price fluctuates a bit with order size and exchange rates but probably around £31 for short sleeves and £35 for long sleeves. Trade in for kids' out grown tops is a possibility as well.

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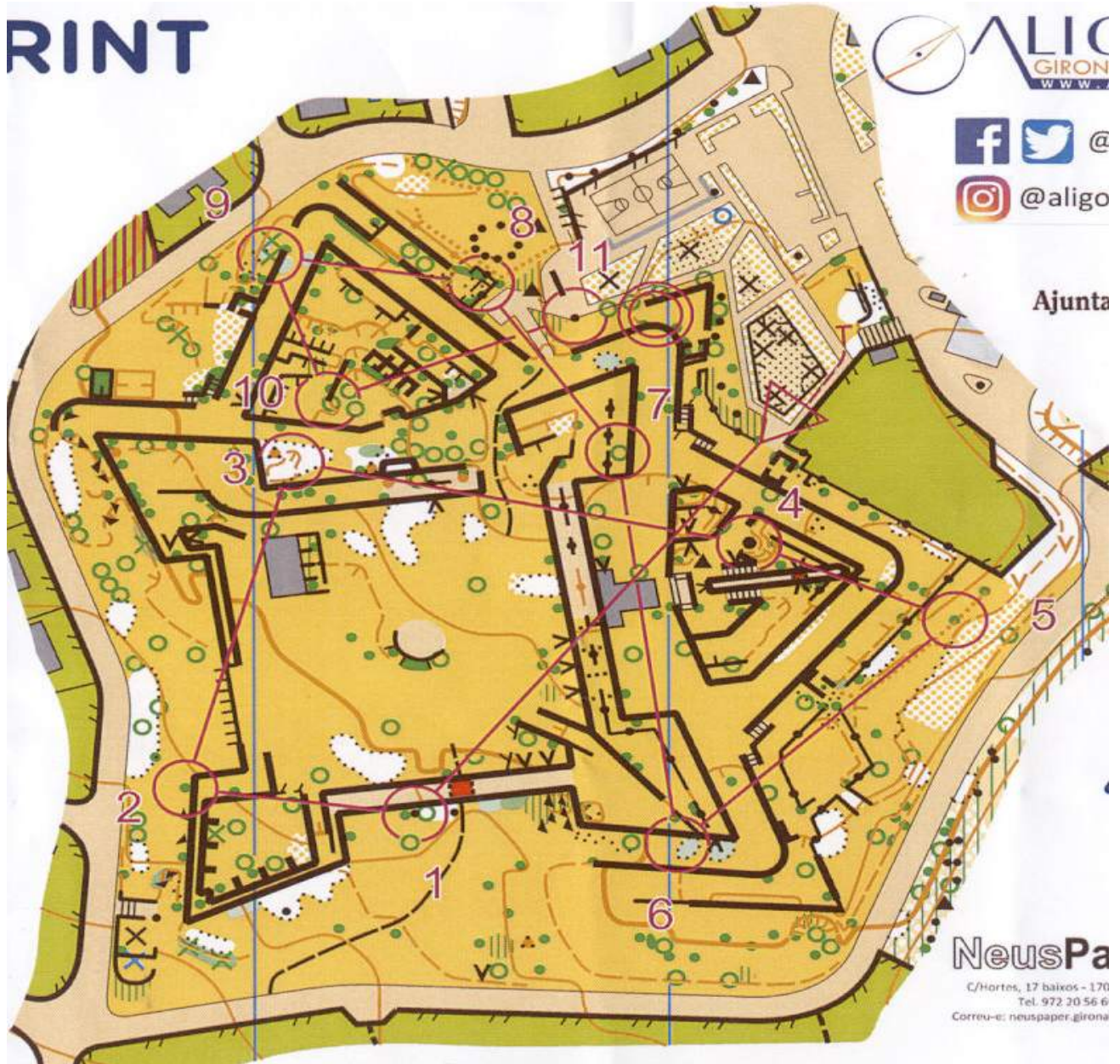


## Girona EuroCity Race

A lovely city, compact, smart and clean. Very independence minded with Catalan flags and yellow ribbons everywhere. We got the distinct impression on the bus to the night sprint that English was preferred to Spanish if you couldn't manage Catalan.

Going to Girona was a last-minute decision when we realised that this year the EuroCity competition is to be decided on best of 5 rather than best of 4 as in the past. Unfortunately cheap flights to Girona finish at the end of October so we had to fly to Barcelona and then use the high speed train for 40 minutes.

The Friday night event was billed as a sprint so like previous city races we expected at least a lit park. Instead we got this:



It would have been challenging in daylight. Bear in mind that the walls are the ramparts of the old castle, so about 12 feet high with no fences above the drop. It is rough long grass (and worse) and rocky underfoot. Our headlights are fine for map reading in city parks but not for a full blown night event.

The red indicates an underpass, a convention adopted for the weekend but easy to confuse with an uncrossable boundary. Not surprisingly Liz managed to confuse 53 with 58 in the dark, both on trees, with only the label supported by a stake between the two digits. She was not the only one to make that mistake.

The Saturday was billed as a Middle Distance race. Again information was sparse. We knew it would be contrasting areas. The steep wooded hillside was no great problem (studded shoes had been recommended) but the following urban bit was tame and disappointing. Through the park, across the bridge, then another park and another bridge before simple controls by the river to finish. But pleasantly warm with the temperature nudging 20 under clear blue skies. The afternoon was spent exploring the city walls and the old town in readiness for the Urban Race on Sunday.

Fortunately we had early starts when the streets were empty. The most talked about feature was control 77 which was on both MUV and WUV.



Note that the control description is crag. Again the red blobs indicate a way through under the very high double wall. It looks as if every WUV like Liz went to the base of the city wall looking for a crag only to find nothing there. The control is up above on what would more accurately be described as wall, north west outside corner (and “upper” as well would have been fairer). Finding a way up onto the wall is fraught as the nearest steps (to the north east) are neatly obscured by the line to the next control. As you can see Liz took a long time going back to the next set of steps to the south. Whereas smartass here along with just a few other MUVs spent a lot of time working out that it would be high up and spent less than 5



minutes on the same leg. Then on arrival we found that the kite was gripped to a set of steps hidden inside the turret so on approaching we both worried that we had made the wrong decision!

You will also see the long line of steps south of 2

showing just how steep the old town is. Both our courses had some intricate controls in the gardens around the city walls and we were very glad of previous explorations. The longer courses had a lot more out in the countryside beyond the walls despite this having been billed as an urban race.

Another example of haphazard controlling is this top line of Liz’s loose control descriptions. Whereas the map shows a mere 90m of climb. You can imagine how panic stricken the ladies were! And even worse on MSV was one control with no description at all other than the code.

WUVeteran	2,6 km	195 m
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Having said all that a brilliant weekend with the T shirt & short temperatures (locals wrapped up for winter as usual) and 4 Girona sausages to eat before we took train and plane back to Luton followed by a slow drive up the M1.

Mike Godfree

Follow Mike’s courses on the equivalent of RouteGadget: [www.o-track.dk](http://www.o-track.dk)

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## **BOO Xmas Ad slammed**

Budget said to rival John Lewis (page 4)

Were one hundred dancing reindeer really necessary to boost membership? (pages 92-96)

“Elton didn’t turn us down, we turned him down” – BOO spokesman.

Other stories: Orienteering linked to reindeer cruelty (page 7b)

Orienteering fake news “on the rise” (Fake news page)

### **New Age Classes on the Way**

WSC’s exclusive sources have revealed that BOO is putting in place plans to extend the range of age classes for the over seventies. This is said to be in response to a number of complaints from senior BOO members who feel that they are no longer competing on a level playing field as certain individuals are benefitting from medical opportunities that are not necessarily readily available to everybody. “It’s a postcode lottery” said an exclusive source, waving a large cheque in the air.

The plans are to extend the coding for the M/W70+ age bands. Here are some possible examples for the M70 class that will be replicated across other classes.

M70H – M70s with a hip replacement

M70HH – ditto with two hip replacements

M70P – ditto with a pacemaker

M70C – ditto with cataract surgery

M70K – ditto with knee replacement

M70KK – and so on...

A competitor having had multiple procedures will be designated by concatenation, for example M70HPK for hip, knee and pacemaker. There will be additional codings for some of the even older age classes, for example W90Z for zimmer frame assistance.

“BOO is totally on top of this,” claimed our anonymous source, Eric Slowly, “We move with the times, we move with the ages. The hips don’t lie, so I’m told. Knees up Mother Brown. Where are my tablets? What was the question again?”

There are counter stories to the effect that none of this is necessary as all that the complaining senior BOO members wanted in order to compete on a level playing field was literally just that, to compete on a level playing field. To that end, next year’s British Championships are rumoured to be taking place on Hackney Marshes. A new map symbol for goalposts is in development.

### **Well done to most of you**

Only one point off WSC’s target eighth place in The RumpassSport Cup Final. Not bad! Someone was seen sprinting too hard on the run in. They have been dealt with. Others wisely toned down last year’s excesses.

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



Surveying is an important job in an orienteering club.

It can involve many hours of hard work in tough terrain.

Quality is everything. It’s very important that exacting standards are adhered to at all times.

White shirt, black trousers, smartly polished black shoes.

This man will probably be in hot water for removing his tie.

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

### **The Mystery of Cromford Rocks – Part nine**

*The story so far: Having thwarted his attempts to sabotage Cromford Rocks, Miles Piles and Alice Treepark are now waiting outside BOO HQ in expectation of the arrival of evil chutney magnate Sir Branston Smalls. A car has just pulled up but it's not Smalls', Don't expect any of this to make much sense...*

The car clearly belonged to Smalls' henchmen and we were expecting Robin to be in it, held against his will. We were out of their sight and we continued to watch, but there was no obvious sight of him. "I told you" whispered Alice, her voice quivering, "They've got poor Robin stuffed into the boot". She was close to tears. I could make out four goons, sitting in the car, waiting. Where had Smalls got to? They must be waiting for him too. After a few minutes a couple of doors opened and two of the men got out. One of them wandered around to the boot of the car. It looked like he was about to release the catch. Everything then happened at once which to my heightened senses seemed to unfold in slow-motion.

The first thing that happened was that the sound of an approaching vehicle could be heard. The man's hand went to the boot and he activated the release catch. The boot flew open, somewhat faster than would normally be expected. A figure began to emerge. Alice's hand went to the door handle. Smalls' car drew into sight. The figure jumped out of the boot at great speed. It was Robin. He brushed past the startled thug and began to run back down the road, rather unsteadily. The second thug shouted and pointed something at Robin. Alice flung her door open and jumped out. Smalls' car was getting closer, Robin was running towards it. I could make out what the thug was holding in his hand. It was a gun. Alice saw it too and shouted out to Robin. He turned his head and seeing Alice, changed his trajectory towards us. At that precise moment a shot rang out, thankfully missing Robin. However, it found a different target. Smalls' car instantly veered crazily to the left, heading for the hedge. Another thug jumped out of the first car. Robin was getting closer to us. Smalls' car crashed into the hedge. This distracted the thugs and they turned to see what had happened. Robin fell into Alice's arms. I struggled out of the car, badly hampered by my damaged ankle. The three thugs ran over to the crashed car. A fourth figure emerged from the first car (do keep up) and began to run in our direction. "Come on," I called, "Let's get into cover". Robin, Alice and I struggled into the bushes but was it too late? The fourth figure had caught up with us. But things were not as they seemed. Firstly, the figure revealed itself to be none other than Bob McNut, the puppet BOO Chairman, bent to Smalls' will ever since he had been irregularly elected to power. Secondly, Smalls himself was seemingly unharmed. "You shot the tyre out, not me," he foamed. "Get after them you idiots". We had a bit of a lead but was it enough? "Come on," urged McNut, "I know a way". Without having time to think or ask questions the four of us were slithering down a steep wooded bank into the grounds of BOO HQ. It was pitch black, my ankle was in agony but at least we would be difficult to follow. As quietly as possible, holding on to each other, McNut guided us through the undergrowth and the darkness. We reached a wall, and a sturdy doorway. He fumbled with something in the dark, we heard a lock turn and he handed me a key. "I'm going to draw them in here. Hide out of sight and when they follow me, lock the door behind them. I can get out the far end and lock it from that end. They'll be like rats in a trap. Oh, and by the way, the police will be here any time soon." On that bombshell, the newly envigored BOO Chairman waved us in to the trees and began shouting to draw their attention.

Reader, our cunning plan worked. And when the law did turn up there were an awful lot of unanswered questions for Smalls to answer. Just what were three armed thugs doing locked in a cellar of the BOO HQ, just a stone's throw from the chutney magnate's crashed car? And why exactly was a bus load of disaffected weevils picked up trying to leave the country at Harwich so keen to testify against him. On top of that, how could a considerable amount of mobile phone video footage be explained? Smalls standing in a layby near a burning Carsington Moor looking pleased and shaking a known villain's hand. Smalls at the headquarters of CLOT, talking to head weevil Kevin. The same Kevin orchestrating a systematic attack of Larch Lurch on Cromford Rocks. Oh yes, you didn't think that the Belper Thunderer's ace reporter wasn't constantly collecting material for his super scoop, did you? Between us Robin and I had enough stuff to not only fill most of the newspaper, but also to return Smalls to Her Majesty's pleasure for another spell of bird. Well, after that it all calmed down. McNut remained on as BOO Chairman and started to make a good job of it. Cromford Rocks was 95% unaffected and Carsington Moor soon recovered. Robin and Alice became totally inseparable. She passed her driving test but turned down a job offer at the Thunderer to take up rally driving. And my ankle quickly mended and I went back to reporting strange shaped vegetables and dogs that could say "sausages".

**The End. Miles, Robin and Alice will return in the New Year with a new adventure, "Trouble with Lycra".**

## A History of DVO Part 3: 1977–1990 To the Summit

Dave Nevell

The period of orienteering history spanning 1977 to 1990 was not one of revolution. The years immediately before had seen the explosion in mapping standards that had advanced the sport hugely from its black and white OS days. The years after saw the rapid escalation into the electronic era which again spurred huge growth in capability. During this intervening period the sport basically just got bigger and bigger. More events were staged, more areas were mapped, participation steadily rose and BOF membership rose to a peak. 1990 represented the pinnacle. Never again would so many attend the major events (4000 at the JK, 3000 at BOC). And never again would membership be so high, so much so that some clubs debated having to split into two to cope with the numbers. The M/W21 domination was significant. E, A, B and even C courses were full to bursting – sometimes over 1000 M/W21s in attendance at a single race. Was this the Golden Age of orienteering? Different times, at the very least.

On the international stage though, Great Britain was undoubtedly still a minnow. On the evidence of WOC '76, there appeared to be little hope of British runners getting anywhere near the podium anytime soon and yet in 1979, in Finland, Carol McNeill produced one of the all-time great performances by a home orienteer by coming seventh in the classic Long final. This stunning run took her to within just ninety seconds of a bronze medal. Unfortunately this was a false dawn; Carol was coming to the end of her senior international career and others could not build on it. In the forty years since, only one woman has managed to come closer to winning the women's blue riband race. It became increasingly clear that for Great Britain to truly compete with the Nordic countries especially, our top runners would have to live, train and compete regularly on the best available terrain, i.e. Scandinavia. Steve "Stan" Hale was one of the first and arguably became the first British orienteer of world class status, capable of winning at the very highest level. Not far behind came Yvette Hague, a child prodigy of immense natural talent. Nevertheless, neither Steve or Yvette managed to win a medal during the 1980s, their greatest triumphs were yet to come. However, DVO continued its tradition of supplying top female orienteers to the British team in the shape of Roz Clayton who competed at all of the World Championships held during the 1980s. Her best performance came in 1987 when she finished 30th in the Long final.

So, what was the lie of the land at the beginning of 1977? This was an exciting time to be involved in the sport of orienteering. The public profile of the sport had never been higher, boosted considerably by Chris Brasher's documentary of the 1976 World Championships in Scotland, broadcast during prime TV time on BBC on Boxing Day. The first Scottish 6-Day event was on the horizon, catalysed by those very same Championships. The Sports Council's motto, Sport for All, aligned perfectly with orienteering's family-based image which was reflected by the move from sponsorship by companies like Guinness to Robinson's Barley Water. It was a relatively cheap pastime too; real costs were at about half of today's levels for the big events, albeit for a simpler product. Many tried the sport and were instantly hooked. The club's membership, around 50 in the mid-1970s, was beginning to rise rapidly.

For DVO, the period from 1977 to the end of the 1980s was bookended by two departures. The first was a tragedy. Chris Yardley, a core club member who had been club secretary for two years and who had also been involved in mapping Crich Chase, was killed in an avalanche on Ben Nevis. To this day we still compete for the Chris Yardley Memorial Trophy, an impressive block of crystalline Derbyshire fluorite mounted on a wooden base which is awarded annually to the handicap winner of the annual Club Championships. The second departure was that of the person who arguably DVO owes the most to, in terms of its very existence in the first place. Founder member Jenny Tennant moved away to the south-west, finally severing connections with her Blue Mountains home in Little Eaton, from where so much early DVO training activity had taken place.

By the start of 1977 DVO had staged a total of 52 events over a period of eight years. By the end of 1990 it had risen to 254, representing a substantial increase in the rate of event staging. Although new areas continued to be added to the club's portfolio steadily in the late 70s and early 80s there was a distinct lack of real quality. 1978 saw the first appearance of Linacre and then Sydnope, and Markeaton filled a quiet few years on the new area front until Robin Wood, Hardwick and Darley Park appeared in 1983. It was not until 1986 with the mapping of Chatsworth that the club made a significant addition to its ability to stage major events and this was most definitely further enhanced by the introduction of Stanton Moor (1988) and Eyam (1989). Of course, the club's mappers were continuously busy updating already established areas across these years, adding considerable value to what were fairly crude first

generation maps from the first half of the 1970s. In all, by the end of 1990 approximately thirty areas were available to hold forest or park based events on of which about a quarter could reasonably be of Badge standard.

One DVO event above all others dominates this period, the British Championships of 1982 which was organised by Steve Buckley and Jenny Tennant with planning by the Wilkinsons and Judy Buckley. In order to stage an event of this importance and magnitude (with an entry of 1840 it was the largest DVO event so far) it was necessary to use Shining Cliff and, for the first sections of the longer courses, Crich Chase as well. As members will know, this entails the far from simple task of crossing not only the Cromford Canal and the River Derwent, but the busy A6 as well. This was the first time (but not the last as it turned out) that such an endeavour was attempted and it was accomplished by using a timed-out road crossing procedure and the wire works bridge. In that pre-electronic age, the timed crossing required precise organisation and co-ordination; fortunately the club managed to pull it off.

The next largest event, with an entry almost as big, was a 1985 National Event also at Shining Cliff, a format which at the time was only exceeded in importance by the JK and the British. Robert Shooter organised, Dave Nevell and Steve Davis were the planners. And we can't get by without mentioning the first event ever staged at Chatsworth in 1986, an Ian Whitehead organised Badge event incorporating the East Midlands Championships which pulled in an incredible 1310 entries. This was famously marked by having the Duke of Devonshire himself to present the prizes in rather damp conditions which he did with a touch of class, somehow seeming to be the only one not getting wet.

The DVO calendar also saw a variety of other lower-key events starting to appear. The first urban events of any kind that feature on a fixture list were a series staged in Belper during the winter evenings of 1977/78 run by the Buckleys. Then there were at least a couple of summer evening events in 1978 classified as being part of a Summer League. The first night events on terrain were held in the winter of 81/82 in Allestree Park. Steve Kimberley ran another night street event in 1983 at Clay Cross which was followed intermittently by others throughout the decade. On quite a different note was the Booze O which first emerged during the summer of 1983 in Darley Park. This was usually in the form of a 2-person relay with each person running three legs each, the end of each leg involving the consumption of alcohol. Although there had been sporadic summer evening training and novelty sessions in the 1980s it took until 1990 for the first full set of official Summer League events to be staged, eight in all representing a significant addition to the annual calendar. Running right across this period as well were the Club Championships, first held in 1977 at Shining Cliff, Keith Dowding being the first recipient of the newly established Chris Yardley trophy.



*Looking up through the steep rocky terrain of Shining Cliff with the Youth Hostel in the background. The two largest events of the 1980s were held here, as well as the inaugural Club Champs in 1977.*

It was not just orienteering that the club staged or participated in. The 1980s saw a string of long distance inter-club relays which were usually over 100 miles and spanned the majority of a summer day. These required significant logistic effort as they generally did not operate from a central hub but followed an established footpath (e.g. Derbyshire Gritstone Way) with widely separated start and finish points. The opposition often included running and fell-running clubs in addition to orienteering clubs and DVO did not manage to win any of these during this period. Club members also frequented local hill and fell runs (including at least one staged by DVO itself on Cromford Moor) as well as taking part in the Dove Dale Dash and wider afield, events like the Capricorn and the Karrimor Mountain Marathon.

Orienteering is intrinsically not a team sport. However, in 1982 a new competition appeared in the competitions calendar that did more to foster a team mentality than anything that had come before it and it was one that DVO very quickly whole-heartedly embraced. The CompassSport Cup was the brainchild of CompassSport editor Ned Paul who followed the example of a similar Norwegian format, a series of 1-1 knockout rounds followed by a 4/5 team final. The first final was in 1983. DVO didn't even enter, but, once it did, it didn't take long for success to come. A first round defeat to WCH in 1984 (which led to the secretary having doubts about whether the club should bother entering again) was followed by a string of four victories leading to the 1985 final at Strines where a second place finish behind AIRE was achieved. With the bit between its teeth the club then embarked on a long unbeaten run of victories that spanned the next three years. The route to the 1986 final was one that saw triumphs against EBOR, holders AIRE, the only other past winners SYO and BL. The SYO match was about as nail-biting as could possibly be, being a 63-63 draw only decided by a third tier tie-breaker. After that the final itself at a very wet Clowbridge, although close, was relatively comfortable, DVO finishing 9 points clear of WCH. The basis of this victory was depth in quality across the whole span of the age ranges, which was precisely what was needed for the scoring system that was used at the time. The 1987 campaign saw easy wins against LEI and HOC plus a walkover against POTOC before another excruciatingly close match against BOK, again decided by a tie-breaker. The final at Witherslack (£6 for coach travel and entry combined) against SYO was effectively a face-off between the two best Cup sides of the 1980s and once again DVO's all-round strength managed to see SYO off by 7 points with the other clubs way behind. There were yet more wins to come in 1988 with HOC, OD, NOC and BOK being dispatched on the way to the fourth final in a row. The most interesting match of this run was against neighbours NOC at Eccleshall Woods where the opposite built up a big early lead which was gradually whittled away until the final DVO finishers snatched a 4 point victory. But a hat-trick of Cup wins was a step too far and SYO gained its revenge, winning by a large 24 point margin. However, second place saw a fourth top-finish in a row. The sheer effort and commitment on the part of both the captain and the members in contesting 19 CompassSport Cup matches in less than four years took its toll and after the Cup was lost in 1988 some of the enthusiasm for the competition was lost. The other problem was that the almost perfect match of club talent against the scoring courses began to be lost as members (especially juniors) changed age class. It would be another 17 years before the club contested another final.

In 1969 an embryonic DVO newsletter had briefly appeared and quickly died, leaving the bi-monthly regional publication EMEWS as the sole means of communicating club affairs via its DVO Diary page. In December 1983 Steve Kimberley gave the club newsletter a second shot. His initial offering of eight typed and photocopied pages was not of a high production standard but it was a huge advance on having virtually nothing at all and it has survived, with one or two scares, to the present day. Steve edited the first eight editions, only adopting the name Newstrack on the fifth, then handed over editorial duties to Jo Thornley in October 1985 who continued into early 1988 when Chris Johnson volunteered to take over. Work commitments led him to pass the role on to Alex Campbell in 1989. By now, the infamous Sports Personality of the Month slot had migrated across from its original home in EMEWS. This regularly stretched the bounds of belief for ways in which orienteers have can have disasters. It was (very) occasionally awarded for sporting excellence but with two particular names dominating the nominations every month, the winning feats were usually far more interesting. Messrs Shooter and Johnson deserve long service awards in this particular field.

By the mid-1980s the size of the club had grown to more than 200. It is interesting to note that BOF membership figures at this time show that M/W21s made up 30% of total membership whilst the over-60s contributed just 2.5%. With expanding numbers there was some concern that training activities, for example, were too focused on the southern half of the county and that members in the Matlock and Chesterfield would benefit from regular sessions similar to the Buckley/Wilkinson ones in the Derby area. Attempts were made but at that time were ultimately unsuccessful. Another problem with

increased membership was that running the club solely via democratic open meetings at the Buckleys' was becoming impractical and so in 1987 the decision was made to switch to Committee meetings with less frequent open meetings at larger venues. In an attempt to spread the sport to an even wider base, in 1988 the first permanent courses started to appear, Allestree Park and then Cromford Moor, the launching of the latter being marked by a dedicated event.

Of course, the club's history is not only about dates, venues, events and newsletters. It is very much about the people in the club, often unsung stalwarts who contributed so much outside of the forest. The Buckley and Wilkinson families provide a constant thread, not the least because of their homes being used as hubs for midweek training and open meetings right across this period. Other names emerging in the late 1970s destined for long service include those of Berwick, Woodward, Hopper, Walker, Armstrong, Cunniffe, Peach, Forrest and Whitehead, gradually replacing earlier names such as Reynolds, Sprakes, Taylor and Botterill. Founder members John Hurley, Brian Gibbs and Jenny Tennant were a constant. Moving into the early 1980s more familiar names appeared including Gardner, Kimberley, Shooter, Dickinson, Finlayson, Johnson, Clayton, Thornley, Nevell and Brodie. The second half of the 1980s added Keeling, Seaston, Godfree, Hawkins, Clough, Russell, Gale, MacDonald, Bleakman, Wright and many more to the ever-growing list. We owe them a lot, however listing all of the posts that they filled and the events that they organised, planned and controlled is obviously not possible here.

In a similar way the individual successes of these members are too numerous to list in detail so just a few will be highlighted here. The women's relay team, so successful in the early 70s, continued to reap more victories in the British Relays in the second half of the that decade, so much so that DVO entered the 1982 Guinness Book of Records as the most successful British club to date. Then in the 1980s they began to repeat that in the W35 class, with the names of Clayton, Buckley, Reed, Tennant, Wilkinson and Thornley all contributing substantially over this entire period. On the men's side, there was no corresponding M21 success but once M35 was reached, the names of Buckley, Wilkinson and Thornley began to mirror the achievements of their female equivalents. The club also had a core of successful juniors with the names of Buckley, Wilkinson (there is a theme here), Seaston, Jubb, Finlayson and (latterly) Godfree all being making key contributions.

The club provided a strong social focus as well a sporting one. There was a steady stream of "DVO Goes" events including for example, goes potholing, goes bowling, goes on a Xmas pub-crawl, goes to the pantomime etc. often reflecting the fact that there was a significant core of twenty-somethings in the club, unmarried, family-free. The annual club dinner continued, finally bursting free of the Buckleys' house and into pubs/restaurants. And no mid-week training session would be complete without an obligatory period of re-hydration in a nearby hostelry.

So, where did DVO stand at the end of 1990? The club had undoubtedly reached maturity and was in the middle of a period of stability. It had a well-established portfolio of mapped areas with surveying activity of new areas now at a low level. Membership was high, finances were healthy. Yes, these were by some margin still the days of needle punches, manual timing, snail mail and (not infrequently) master maps but that of course was the expectation. Steve Kimberley was the Chairman, Mike Godfree was the Secretary and Dave Clough was the Treasurer. The big event on the horizon was Day 2 of the 1991 JK at Crich and Shining Cliff. There was no expectation that things wouldn't just carry on the same. The next decade was about to sow the seeds of significant change.

Next time, Part 4: 1991-2019 e-O and demography: out of the forest and onto the streets.

## The stories behind the DVO memorial trophies

### The Lithuanian Trophy

A group of 4 Lithuanians were invited over by Steve Buckley and left us the trophy. This was when the Russians were being ousted from Lithuania and it was touch and go whether they would get out of the country. I was working in London at the time and went to meet them at Victoria off the boat train (this was before the Tunnel). They were hosted by the Wrights and Helen Finlayson if I remember rightly as Steve and Judy Buckley had set it all up but then they were away on holiday. They came to the White Rose.

(by Mike Godfree)







### **The Chris Yardley Trophy**

Chris Yardley joined DVO in 1973 and was Club Secretary in 1975. He was a civil engineer and drew the first map of Crich Chase in 1976, as well as being part of the survey teams for Strines and Shining Cliff. His efficient running of the results team was a major feature at many events [according to EMEWS 42]. Chris was killed in spring 1977 in an avalanche on Ben Nevis. The DVO Club Championships was first staged that year, and was a closed handicap event in which the first person to cross the line won the trophy.

### **The Judy Buckley Trophy**

Judy Buckley joined DVO in 1971, and for the next 30 years the Buckley family were at the centre of most club activities. They hosted the Wednesday evening runs, initially from Belper and then Allestree, and also the club Christmas dinners for many years. Judy was involved in numerous events as organiser, planner or controller and also served as club treasurer and as Captain. She was the first leg runner for the DVO teams which won the Women's Open class at the British Relays in 1973/75/79/80 and continued to be a leading competitor in veteran age classes, being the top ranked DVO competitor in 1990.



Two of the Buckleys' sheds doubled as the DVO equipment store before it moved to its current location. Both Godfree boys were taught maths by Judy at Mickleover School, later Murray Park. She died from cancer in February 2001. Judy's husband Steve has only recently retired from orienteering with LOC, and their children Kim (now Baxter) and Alastair (both SYO) are keen orienteers with their own families.



### **The Peter Bourne Trophy**

Peter and Ros Bourne were longtime NOC members, but moved to Tansley on retirement, joining DVO in 2002. Peter had suffered from a heart condition since the mid 1990s but still became an active Club member and put a lot of time into controlling and helping at events. He had been due to control an event at Crich Chase the week after he died in February 2008. Ros and Peter's children also orienteer, Chris and family with DVO, and Simon with EPOC.

### **The Karen Jackson Trophy**

Karen and Andy Jackson joined DVO from LEI in the mid 1990s, when they moved to Ockbrook. Karen was a keen organiser, planner and controller, as well as Wednesday night runner. She worked as an anaesthetist at one of the Derby hospitals. Karen died suddenly in autumn 2001. Andy and his son Matthew are still Club members, daughter Nicola is studying towards a PhD.



By John Hurley, Mike Godfree and Sal Chaffey

## **George Smallwood**


George Smallwood sadly passed away on 31 October, peacefully in his sleep, at the Whitworth Hospital, aged 85. Dad loved the challenges of orienteering, although his participation waned after I left home for university in the early 1980s.

Sent in by George's son, Derek Smallwood (Matlock)  
Both Derek and George were Club members in the late 1970s

## 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)**

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Nov ☒ **Bradgate Park, Reg 10–12 noon**

### December

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> **EMUL** **Oakwood Urban, Reg 10–12 noon. Also UK Urban League!**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> **N** **The Dukeries, \*\*\*East Mids Champs \*\*\* enter via Fabian4\*\*\***

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> ☒ **Ratby Woodlands (just off M1 NW of Leicester), Reg 10–12 noon**

### January 2019

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> **EMUL** **Derby West Urban, Mass Start in Markeaton Park 11am.**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> ☒ **Sherwood Forest, Reg 10–12 noon**

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> ☒ **Spring Cottage, near Ashby de la Zouche, Reg 10–12 noon**



## **Derby (Oakwood) Urban**

*Last event of 2018 UKUL and EMUL*

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 2018** 10am for Starts 10:30–12 noon  
at Oakwood Community Centre, Derby, DE21 2RQ

Enter online via **Fabian4**, closing date **25<sup>th</sup> November** (there'll be limited EOD while maps last). Email your team leader for your discount code if you are helping.

Lovely indoor facilities with nearby children's play area!

## Puzzle Page

Dave Nevell

The Revenge of Symmetric Shrubs did what it said on the tin. Once again what I thought was a fairly straightforward question involving counting routes round a path network seemed to produce a collective inability to thoroughly read the question. In the end I received three correct answers, Francesco Lari having had 4 attempts, Jenn Gale 3 attempts and John Hurley 2 attempts. As John was the most efficient at getting to the answer I will award him the extra point. Nobody spotted the key step first time round, namely that routes around a triangle do not have to start and finish at a vertex. I will not attempt to explain the correct answer of 416 here, if anyone is desperate for the complete solution then feel free to contact me directly. If you are getting anything between 64 and 6032 then you will in the same zone as the three entrants were.

Now for the final puzzle of the year which as any fool knows has double points. It looks like a three horse race from the scores so far. Jen and Francesco still have a chance – I will be awarding between 1 and 4 points for quality of answer, not just correctness.

John Hurley	8	Dave Bennett	4	Simon Gale	2
Jen Gale	7	Andy Mackervoy	3	Chris O'Donnell	2
Francesco Lari	7	Roger Thetford	2	Dave Vincent	1
Paul Goodhead	4	Chris Millard	2	John Hawkins	1

### Just Rolling Along

Eric transported three cylindrical water containers to the registration area and carelessly laid them down on their sides. He then came back with a flat notice board and placed that on top of the three containers. The ground was not quite level and the containers rolled downhill for exactly one complete revolution, moving the flat board with them. If the circumference of the containers was 60cm, how far did the board move?

Answers please [dnevell3@gmail.com](mailto:dnevell3@gmail.com) by Sal's copy date.

## Event Officials Needed

Planners and Organisers are needed for our spring events, please contact Ann-Marie [jasrduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:jasrduckworth@btinternet.com) 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 Bleakman is happy to mentor if needed.

Date	Event Name	Venue	Teams?	Level	Acc Obt?	Organiser	Planner	Controller
18/11/2018	Linacre – East Midlands League	Linacre	Y	C	PA	Stuart Swalwell	Tony Stirland	Ranald Macdonald
09/12/2018	Oakwood Urban, East Midlands & UK Urban League	Oakwood	Y	C	PA	Sal Chaffey	Andis Ozols	Jeff Baker (LOG)
01/01/2019	Derby West Urban	Markeaton Park	Y	C	PA	Val Johnson	Mike Godfree	Doug Dickinson
10/02/2019	Birchen Edge	Birchen Edge		C	PA	Sal Chaffey	Dave Chaffey	Mark Chapman (SYO)
24/03/2019	Crich Chase	Crich Chase	Y	C	PA		Richard Parkin	Paul Addison
19/05/2019	Calke Abbey	Calke	Y	C	PA		Andis Ozols	
22/05/2019	World Orienteering Day evening	John Port School, Etwall		D		Rex Bleakman		
22/05/2019	World Orienteering Day Activity – Closed Event	John Port School, Etwall		D		Rex Bleakman		
22/05/2019	World Orienteering Day Activity – Closed Event	Whitworth Park		D		Stuart Swalwell		
15/06/2019	Carsington 50th Anniversary Retro event	Carsington Pastures		D	P	Robert Shooter	Jane Burgess	
16/06/2019	Allestree Urban	Allestree	Y	C			Sal Chaffey	
13/07/2019	Staunton Harold	Staunton Harold		D	PA			
20/07/2019	Foremark Reservoir	Foremark		D	PA			
10/08/2019	Swadlincote Woodlands	Swadlincote		D	PA			
17/08/2019	Rosliston Forestry Centre	Rosliston		D	PA			