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## NEWSLETTER

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### The DVO Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to ensure that all members know what is going on in the club. DVO is not a closed or secretive organisation. Decisions are not made by a select clique behind closed doors but at open business meetings at which all members can, and for the most part do, have their say. These meetings occur just once a month and are preceded by a training run. Simple (!) training runs are held every week and for me these represent one of the main benefits of club membership. (I am one of those who believe that possession of natural running ability by an orienteer is downright unsporting behaviour.) Of course, it may seem to an outsider that our 'laid back' approach is more like indifference. It is a worry that this could lead to new members becoming disenchanted, with a subsequent loss to the club of orienteering and organisational talent. This, then, is where the newsletter comes in. Information can now reach all members without reliance upon word-of-mouth. By this latter means of communication nobody knows quite who knows what! (Yes, I had to read that bit twice as well.) I know only too well that not everybody can arrange to be free every, or any, Wednesday evening but in the knowledge that all members will receive this newsletter I make a plea.....do try to get to the occasional business and/or training meeting. There is, of course, a geographical problem (apart from reading the map). For some the distances to meetings are prohibitive. This could be changed, but only if those concerned shout loud enough.

Back to the newsletter: Steve Kimberley, DVO's answer to Citizen Kane, is looking for a rather more imaginative title to this publication. Ideas so far include: DVOus Orienteer, DVOted Orienteer, Ram O, DVOrst newsletter in the world, Four Points (as in the DVO logo). Surely the combined brain-power of the East Midland's premier orienteering club can improve on these: A chocolate cream egg (wow) to the person whose idea gets used.

Dave Brodie (club chairbody).

## SOCIAL

### DVO GOES POPTHOLING

Only seven people had the courage 'or stupidity' to turn up for this novel sport on a hastily rearranged date. Lead by 3 members of the Hollis Moyce Caving and Archeological Club we descended into a pot near Stoney Middleton.

The first part consisted of descending down a wire ladder approximately thirty feet straight down and then twisting and turning till you reached a small chamber where the rest of the party were waiting for you. It is not true that we could tell when Robert Shooter (who had organised this evening) was coming by the sound of asting. This seemed to be the most boring part of the whole trip as only one person could go down at a time. Once we were all down we soon settled into a routine of crawling on hands and knees or crouching. Whilst fairly dry most people did have wet feet and I was taking great pride in the fact that I still had dry feet. Back on hands and feet however all was to change when I heard the dreaded groan from up ahead. Someone muttered something about water but it wasn't till I turned the corner that I found exactly what it was. A section which we had to crawl through with about 6" - 1' of water. All ideas of keeping dry quickly vanish and all we can do is plough on and try to pretend the water isn't there and isn't slowly finding its way through every layer of your clothing. Actually it was much better than expected and the only problem was when the line stopped and you had to lie still half covered in water.

Once out we were told that we had had it easy and that the system was very dry. All who went down seemed to enjoy it and perhaps suprisingly no one had an attack of nerves. It was also good to see two of DVO's newcomers Mick and Ann Toplis going along for the ride.

No more socials have been planned partly I suspect because this is a busy time of the year, but if there is something you would like to do then get in contact with me and I'll see if something can be arranged.

Suggestions in the past have included; Ice Skating, A Celidh, Greyhound Racing, Roller Skating, Dinghy sailing, Dry Skiing, Fitch and Putt, Bass Museum, Rock Climbing; Visit to the mines at Castleton, Mining Museum at Matlock Bath, Swimming Pool with tide machine, and of course a visit to Alton Towers.

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### DARLEY PARK HANDICAP RELAYS

8th JUNE 1984

Two Courses            -    12 Km    6 x 2 Km  
                             -    8 Km    4 x 2 Km

Teams of Two

Start:            6.30pm

Names to:-            Kevin Cunniffe  
                             80 Borrowfield Road  
                             Spondon  
                             Derby  
                             Tel: Derby 662632  
                             Please give names by the 1st June

Entry Fee Payable on night.

Various PRIZES to fastest Actual /Handicap Individuals and Teams.

## Did you hide from Rough Pitty Side?

Even if you start organising an event well in advance you always seem to get caught out when it suddenly appears in front of you in the calendar. This literally happened with Rough Pitty Side for me as it was brought forward a month due to various reasons. (Robin Wood being cancelled and our shooting tenant, finding that we left the path, didn't want us to disturb the birds in April).

Organising on a new area is always difficult as you can't guarantee you've got all the landowners (Mind, we're still finding new ones in Synhope). Tony Berwick had made a good job of initially contacting the landowners which made my job easier. I only had one problem when I mis-interpreted Tony's map of landowners and thought one landowner only owned the car-park; he also owned much of the open! Luckily the access was no problem. Our only outstanding problem is one area which we're not too sure who owns it. The last known owner moved away 6 years ago. Wales thought one local, so Tony phoned all the people of that name in Wales - no luck, Devon said another, out came the phone again but no luck. Anyway the bit is fairly little used by the look of it!

Having got permission, advertised it as much as possible locally I sat back and waited. I contacted people late on due to Cromford being only 2 weeks before and Inter-Varsity the week before. A few days before I thought I might be short of helpers but as usual DVO rallied round, and if anything I ended up a little over-manned. Thank you to all who helped.

The day before I went up with Tony to look at the area and tape off the mine-shafts. I hadn't really appreciated the true variation in the area until I got there. The beautiful runnable flat floor of the valley contrasted with the steep tough hillsides. The mineshafts were something else. I hadn't realised that people left open shafts with no markings on in the woodland. Don't organise night events on Rough Pitty Side. I put lots of tape round the open shafts which hopefully stopped people getting too near them - they do look bottomless. I also put out signs to the event, taped place for the finish, taped start lines and brushed master maps area (Sorry Tony, could you add a new clearing to the map!) Then home for a bad night's sleep.

Sunday. Rough Pitty Side is on high ground. The higher you go the colder it gets. Yes at 8.00am we have snow. Just a slight covering but enough to put many people off. (Some have told me so since.) The cold wind could easily have gone through me but with around 5 layers of clothing on, (a must for all cold weather organisers) I stayed warm. Helpers arrived. Registration, finish tent, start organised, clocks synchronised and finish numbers at finish - no! where are they? Search. Find them - in finish gear! Panic over. The event proceeds. People begin to finish. Planner, Graham Johnson, waits around the finish (a brave man). Nobody can lynch him, they're all too tired. Comments soon come back. It was tough but fun. Every thing runs well. I begin to relax. After 12.30 I even have time to walk out and pick up road signs. Go and tidy up car park field. Seems OK. Then back to the finish. Find most of them have disappeared into the forest to help a collapsed competitor. However one man finish team, John Hurley, survives. Roy Mason has helped competitor to within short distance of finish. The others sort out masses of clothing for competitor. Ian Whitehead finishes to find he has nothing to wear. Oh well! organisers clothing does come in useful. 2 back seats disappear into the forest and the DVO stretcher party emerge with competitor. John Hurley asks if he's retired as he passes the finish tent! One thing I learnt from the event. Don't give exposure cases hot drinks, from our resident nurse Val Johnson. Tim Dallas' emergency blanket also proved useful. Shouldn't we have one (or two) in DVO's First Aid kit? Should we even have some small collapsible stretcher? Another thing came to mind at the time was the fact that I didn't know the position of the nearest phone box or hospital. Would it be useful to have this information in the file for each area? Luckily the emergency was successfully overcome. Thanks to all involved, especially Roy who stayed with the competitor for 2 hours in the first place.

The event proved tough but DVO proved we had the people to match the area, especially on the Brown course where we took the first 7 places. It was a shame not more people turned up for the new area. Well at least it will still be new next year.

Mike Gardner

## BUDBY

Budby is large, flat and mostly very runnable, a complete contrast to the area the following week, Rough Pittyside. Yet it is one of the best things in our sport that these two events, so different, took place only seven days apart. From the outsiders viewpoint Budby rolled along very smoothly apart from the hic-cough in the results where 20 raffle tickets were missing, meaning that some people got times 20 places out. This was sorted out later.

The event itself was much as expected. The area being very flat almost didn't need contours (Ask Dave Brodie - he didn't even have brown on his map, and didn't notice till later!). It was an event for the runners and looking at the results we seem to have a few. Budby may not be a brilliant Lake District type area but it still allows good orienteering to win.

My own course, M21A, was really a matter of keeping going and not making a mistake as any slight one could lose you a lot of places. All went well till 2/3 of the way round when I caught John Hopper up. Now I'd rather go off after someone than before but often in catching someone up I try too hard to get away and lose concentration. I seemed to make too many mistakes trying to keep ahead of John than I had done earlier. Never mind, it at least allowed us a bit of a race round and we both got quite fast times.

### IWO Results

W10	7th	K Buckley	45.21	M21A	1st	D Nevell	65.57
W11	2nd	Z Wilkinson	25.03		2nd	E Harwood	70.21
W17	9th	E Robson	66.35		14th	J Hurley	76.01
W21A	26th	K Whitehead	100.53		16th	M Gardner	76.18
W21B	7th	K Hanstock	58.46		31st	A Thomson	80.39
	8th	L Nicklin	59.45		39th	J Hopper	84.27
W35A	4th	J Thornley	61.28		50th	S Kimberley	86.14
	5th	J Buckley	61.49		68th	A Fryor	90.12
W40A	3rd	D Wilkinson	53.07		73rd	D Brodie	91.40
W50	3rd	J Tennant	51.31		76th	R Shooter	92.30
	8th	J Griffiths	62.36		86th	I Whitehead	95.52
					100th	K Gunniffe	101.09
				M21B	10th	G Collett	70.09
					11th	G Johnson	70.20
					54th	I Nicklin	94.00
					66th	M Bridges	113.10
M10	2nd	A Buckley	19.57	M35A	1st	T Thornley	63.26
M11	18th	A Robson	56.57		14th	S Buckley	78.31
M13	3rd	J Seaston	37.22		44th	R Day	104.50
	21st	I McCamley	61.12	M35B	3rd	A Shaw	55.23
	24th	K Radford	65.02		10th	S Davis	62.39
	30th	J Baker	178.18		21st	A Platt	75.05
M15	3rd	D Dickinson	49.19	M40A	1st	R Wilkinson	57.34
	12th	C Gates	99.58		13th	D Walker	71.25
M17	6th	S Farnworth	76.09		24th	W Pritchard	76.38
	10th	J Cunniffe	86.50		38th	T Peach	86.57
					39th	D Brown	87.21
				M40B	4th	T Richardson	68.06
					14th	B Gibbs	87.05
					15th	C Gates	87.25
				M45A	5th	B Bibby	63.02
					45th	A Berwick	100.44

Mike Gardner

## COMPETITION

Again only two entries, from Winifred Woodward and Elsbeth Robson so the winner was picked on the toss of a coin. The winner being Winifred. Please see me about collecting your prize. The answer is given below.

( I know of several others who said that they had completed the puzzle but had left the answer at home, Sorry but you will have to try and remember to get it to me).

Mike Appleyard	EBOR	B & B
Julie Mitchell	SYO	Floor Space
Ian Plant	LO	Hotel
Maureen Rhodes	WAOO	Relatives
Gordon Smith	ESOC	Camping

The competition for this newsletter is different, a wordsearch. In the grid below are the names of about 20 areas up, down, across, diagonal as well as backwards. The winner is the person who sends in the most names of areas provided that they are in the grid. I don't expect all the areas to be found.

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T L L A H I G H D A M S I O E
O R B F L I I E Y C N L N A I
N I E K P I N B D E F E I L D
E F L T E S V I H R L E D H E
S E T T N N E N N P A N N I C
Y T P E M B R E Y G N V I L A
U L P H A P A R K I C A S L R
P A L I C K E Y H I L L S R G
D W S I H I N I B O R L I Q E
X W S E N I R T S T R E T F T
S S A W O N D C O G L Y N O F
    
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Please note that in the above with an area such as Bentley Woods the second word has sometimes (not always) been left off.  
 Entries should be in by next copy date. 3rd June.

### Helpers for Crich Chase event

Please let me know either by 18th April business meeting or at the J.K. or by post:

- if you have any job preference
- if competing which class you wish to enter
- Any strong preference for an early or late run.

Team Leaders in charge of	a) Car Park	Robert Shooter
	b) Registration	Mike Gardner
	c) Start	Dave Brodie and Dave Brown
	d) Finish	John Hopper
	e) Results	John Hurley

Other jobs available in Pre start Assembly area, and the forest.

Jenny Tennant 17 Blue Mountains Duffield. (D. 040590)

## PAST EVENTS

### Fog '0'

An unusual event organised by Tony Berwick had five teams trying to find their way round a fog bound Matlock. Teams of two were handicapped on age, badge standard and local knowledge. The system seems to have worked as the results were very even.

At first it appeared that the Ripley duo of Andy Thomson and Dave Brodie had won by a clear three minutes. However further interrogation by other competitors (who shall remain nameless) resulted in Dave Brodie admitting that he had run in a previous Matlock street event. He claimed that although it was true he still had no knowledge about Matlock streets as a result of that event. Despite other light-hearted protests they were given a further handicap of four minutes. This meant that they were demoted to second place and that the new winners were Mike Gardner and Robert Shooter. Full Results below.

1. Mike Gardner and Robert Shooter	102.37
2. Andy Thomson and Dave Brodie	103.35
3. The Gilligans and John Hurley	106.45
4. Steve Kimberley and Graham Johnson	107.30
5. Terry Richardson and Doug Dickinson	112.00

Many thanks to Tony Berwick for a very enjoyable event, a pity that the weather conditions probably dissuaded others from going.

### Midland Championships.

On a cold wet Sunday morning it soon became apparent that not many in the car were too keen on orienteering. On arriving, (thankfully early so we did not have a long walk) Robert Shooter tried to pull an old trick by saying that he couldn't run as he had forgotten his shirt. However he was foiled as I had a spare in my kit even if it was a little short for him. My philosophy being if I have to run there's no way he's going to get out of it. (Readers note: this is a favourite Robert Shooter trick and spare '0' gear should always be taken just to have the satisfaction of making him run.) After a enjoyable walk to the start I start getting cold as I can't fit my coat into the bags provided; in the end I leave it sticking out. Arrive on start line even colder.

My course actually didn't go too badly for me, and besides an error at no. 13, all my minutes lost due to hesitation, slowness actually punching controls, route choice error and general lack of fitness, all went well. Get back and get changed, getting cold again but soon warm up as I consume copious quantities of hot dogs and soup. Think myself lucky when I get the last cup of soup. Change my mind when I find that it seems to consist of the dregs of all the other cups. I must also plead guilty to being one of the people who flooded Tony Berwick with Nap reclaim tickets. Nice to see this courageous act has been awarded the sports personality of the month in BMSWS. Last thing before leaving get great boost to confidence when Mike Gardner comes up to the car and tries to strangle me.....after 10 seconds he says its because the results show that I've beaten him by a few seconds.

Later the results come through the post and I find that Mike had beaten me after all by 2½ minutes. Despite the weather I enjoyed the event and think that OD put on a good Midland Champs especially considering the circumstances beforehand. Unfortunately only John Cunniffe, T.V. megastar, actually won a course, M17B but several others came close including; Roger Wilkinson 2nd in M40A, Steve Buckley and Tony Thornley 3rd and 5th respectively in M35A, Paul Seaston 3rd in M15B, Zoe Wilkinson 5th in W11A, Val Johnson 3rd in W21B, and Judy Buckley 7th in W35A, all were within 10 minutes of the winners.

## FUTURE EVENTS

April 29th NOC Little John Open Relays. Bramcote Park  
P Bourne 55 Repton Road, West Bridgford, Notts. (N. 235449)

Generally informal relays on a new area. Promised as fast open parkland with some wooded areas. Event will probably be similar to the Rufford relays of two years ago.

May 6-7th British Relays and inter regional championships.

Too late to start thinking about this one, entries should already have gone in. If you are very desperate though there is promised to be some limited entry on the day for both ad hoc relay teams and the inter regionals. Whilst many members seem to be going to the relays very few are staying down for the second day. Why? dont people like the event, the day or does somebody know something about the area that I don't.

May 12th Leicester Badge event. Bradgate Park & Swithland.  
G Spalton 14 Alans Way, Newbold Verdon, Leics. (04557 3928)  
Pre entries by 30.4.84 and entry on day.

Most DVO members will know these two areas which were first combined for the British Nights. Bradgate is a very open runnable area though there can be a lot of bracken which at times makes control finding interesting. Swithland is completely forested yet still mostly runnable. Both areas have lots of paths though sometimes they can be indistinct.

May 13th NOC Friar Tuck Open event. Leen Valley Country Park.  
A Hickton 11 Fabis Drive, Clifton Grove, Nottingham. (N. 215735)

An area perhaps best known under its other name Bestwood Lodge. Much used area which is probably familiar to most DVO members. As it has been used so much in the past perhaps some members will recognise more than one control point and so gain an advantage.

May 20th DVO Badge event. Crich Chase.  
M Gardner 5 Fairway Crescent, Allestree, Derby. (D. 552117)

The big one. The only excuse to not enter this one is that you are helping and so will be too busy to run. Interesting and technical area but how high will the bracken be.

May 27th Harlequins Badge event. Titterstone Clee.  
F Ainsworth 72 North Malvern Road, Malvern Worcs. (N. 62842)

Rough moorland area with intricate mine workings to the south west but the northern part is fairly simple and legs tend to be contouring round the hillside. Will be interesting to see if the planner can achieve anything different. Courses will be much harder if the weather is bad or in particular misty.

June 3rd British Championships. Wharnccliffe & Grenoside.  
Arun Sahni 48 Everton Road, Sheffield. S11 8RY (0742 685634)

Closing Date is the 15th so enter quickly if you've already not. I've not run here since the JK of 1978 but perhaps an indication of what it is like is the fact that Grenoside is often called Genocide instead. Both areas are fairly complicated with Wharnccliffe in particular having many boulders and boulder fields.