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'Made in Taiwan' - (A postcard from the JK '98)

Dear All,

We're having a great time here in Wales, near a place called Tywyn (we think it's pronounced Taiwan, but we're not sure). We're actually staying in a nice hall in Llanegryn which Val arranged, as well as the mass catering for evening munchies - she's dead brill at it, even though she'll tell you otherwise. Graham wants us to book it for next year already, it's that good.

We've a big hall for playing hockey in, (even if it is clogged up with sleeping bags, camp beds, etc) and there's a stage at one end with a Welsh flag under a spotlight, and likewise Rex and Tony. Behind them are the 'washrooms', comprising two sinks - male and female - and a curtain between them. Oh, and the hot water is on the ladies' side!

Next door is a huge dining-kitchen with everything you could possibly want... except spoons. Top marks to Cloughie and Andrea for thinking to bring their own, but 'nul points' for not playing us a tune on them.

Outside, there was enough parking for the convoy that turned up, and we even had a rendition of 'Rover at 7am' from yours truly's car alarm on Sunday morning. As for the active part of the weekend, Rex, Tony, Michelle and I were so befuddled after day one, that when we saw a red kite circling overhead, none of us could move to check if it was on our course!

And then there was PAUL ADDISON's attempt at sports personality of the month, as witnessed by my good self from a position of superb visibility, and reassuring terra firma! Not content with losing himself up to one knee, (and cussing himself roundly for such a lapse), he subsequently performed that most memorable of stunts: turning the air blue and himself brown at the same time, by stumbling legless into a bog... and lower torso-less... in fact, most of him-less! Those at the finish will testify that there was more mud to be found above the waist than below it, although we should note that Our Hero was lying in third spot on the M40 course when we left.

Day two was a glorious day for a bracing run across sunny, snowy heather moors - so they cancelled it .. well postponed it for a bit .. well, go on, if you want to, but not competitively .. well if you want to organise your own competition .. ? ! ?

I missed the relays - or to be more precise, didn't miss them at all 'cos I went up two nice snowy hills instead! It was like a vegetable plot around the club tents when I arrived to pick Michelle up, so I guess it was a bit sticky underfoot.

Anyway, we headed off to spend the rest of the week in a place called Dolgellau (we think it's pronounced 'Dollop of glue', but we're not sure).....

Love to Hilda and the family, and we hope Billy gets better soon,

Your loving Uncle Andy and Auntie Michelle.

Editor's Ramblings

What a controversial month it's been for decisions.

There were many good things to recall about the JK but unfortunately it will always be remembered for the cancellation of a third of the courses on Day 2, officially designated a World Ranking Event. We rose on the Sunday to find an overnight fall of snow on the ground but optimistic weather conditions. By the time that we arrived at the car park, the sun was out and a thaw was setting in, but we were greeted with a placard announcing 'Red Starts Cancelled'.

What did this mean ? We were left to glean from word of mouth that the longer courses using the higher Red Start had had to be abandoned, we assumed due to the snowy conditions. This did not apply to the lower starts for our W14 and 16s so we made our way to the Assembly field in glorious sunshine, the thaw now so severe that we had repeatedly to dodge the constant stream of melting ice dripping off the trees lining the way.

Having nothing better to do, we walked up to our girls' start and watched them set off, the snow never more than an inch thick. As we returned to Assembly, it became obvious that there had been a relaxation of the earlier embargo on the longer courses and there was now a stream of Red Starters making their way up to where they were to be allowed a training run on the area. As the morning wore on, impromptu runs and mass starts were organised by elite runners and others on an area deemed unsafe only a couple of hours earlier.

One of the most unsatisfactory aspects of the affair was the lack of information given about the decision to call off the higher courses. I did not hear a detailed explanation given over the public address system, and as a result there was a continual flow of conflicting reports about conditions on top. We had to find out by indirect means and without official confirmation that it was the difficulty in distinguishing ice-covered rocks from snow-covered ground and the risk of someone suffering serious injury from a fall which was the crucial factor. I would have thought that the least that the controller could have done was to explain his reasoning himself over the tannoy and offer his apologies. I did not hear such an explanation nor spoke to anyone who did.

I have tried to look at the decision from the controller's point of view. I am sure that it must have been heart-breaking, the most difficult he has ever had to make. He no doubt made it with the best of intentions, believing that to allow the Red Starters to run would be to subject them to an unnecessarily high risk of serious injury, or worse. No-one doubts the sincerity of the decision, but serious questions must be raised as to the timing of it. According to what rumour you listened to - and rumour will always breed in the absence of reliable information - the decision was made at 7 or 7.30 by the controller alone, and without consultation. Whether that is right or not, surely the decision should have been made to postpone any abandonment for at least one, if not two or three, hours, with start times being put back by up to an hour if necessary. This has been done for other reasons in the past, vandalising of controls in the Lake District last year for example. Had the final decision been delayed, then surely the Red Starts would have gone ahead and much disappointment, not to mention waste of hundreds of hours of organisational time, avoided.

The controller cannot have it both ways. Either the western part of the map was too risky to allow competitors on, in which case no-one should have been allowed out at all even for a training run, or a wrong and over-hasty choice was made. Ironically the only official competitors on Day 2 were the young and the old whilst the super-fit elite - and me - were considered too much at risk in the conditions.

Then there was the infamous Mark Thomson letter which finally found its way into the pages of CompassSport. Rather like the Loch Ness monster, I had heard of the existence of this creature but never seen it for myself. It was supposed to contain such seditious material that it had been refused publication in the NOC club magazine as well as EMEWS, and had led to Mark resigning from both organisations. When the letter was finally unleashed, it turned out to be not a lion but a pussy cat. It merely contained Mark's oft-repeated and familiar view that orienteering is at full capacity and cannot withstand any greater influx of members, particularly that which the NOC chairman was said to be wanting to encourage in the light of next year's World Champs.

What was all the fuss about? There are two possibilities. Either NOC and EMEWS have been too sensitive about a letter that dared to challenge the reported views of another East Midlands member - which reflects badly on them - or the letter which appeared in CompassSport is in a radically different form than that in which it was originally presented for publication. I am led to believe that it is the latter, but unfortunately anyone reading the letter outside the region will probably think it is the former. If Mark changed the letter, he should have made it clear, and if CompassSport made the alterations, they should have done too. Either way some clarification is needed in the next issue.

Finally we have the decision of the White Rose organisers not to plan this year's three days around a central camp-site or, indeed, any camp-site at all. If this does not seem very controversial then it should be to anyone who holds the White Rose dear to their hearts. The central camp-site which has been a feature for as long as I can remember is what marks the WR out from any other multi-day event. Take it away and some essential characteristic is lost forever. The White Rose ceases to be the White Rose.

And why has this been done ? Because of what the organisers accept is the raucous and anti-social behaviour of a minority. I've missed the last two WRs but those who have attended report nothing that would justify such a Draconian measure. If someone commits an unspeakable foul at a football match, the ref does not abandon the whole match, he gives the individual a red card. That is what should happen here.

I have to conclude that there must be some other unspoken reason for the decision, difficulty in finding a warden perhaps. Having taken this decision, you would have thought that the organisers would have tried to make some amends by perhaps approaching a commercial campsite in the region, or at least listing a number of neighbouring sites in the pre-event details. But no, all they do is to direct prospective campers to the local tourist office. I'm sorry but after all these years, it's a poor show.

There, I do feel better for that.

SUMMER LEAGUE 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Planner/Organiser</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Nature</u>
5th June	Mike Gardner	Allestree	Line
12th June	Judy Buckley	Drum Hill	Line
19th June	Steve Kimberley	Eckington	Window
26th June	Chaffey	Shining Cliff	Brown only
3rd July	Andy Mackervoy	Darley Park	Norwegian
10th July	Rob Shooter	Shipley Park	
17th July	Val Johnson	Elvaston	Corridor
24th July	Tony Seaston	Robin Wood	Compass and Pacing
31st July	Sue Russell	Stanton Moor	Compass and Pacing

We now have a full set of planners and organisers. Thank you to all those who have volunteered. Each organiser has chosen their preferred venue, but I have not yet had access confirmed for every site so please don't be afraid to phone and check. I hope to get a finalised list, including parking into the next edition of EMEWS.

Remember each event will have a short, yellow-type course, a light green-type course and a longer training-type course based on the "Nature" column of this table.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these events.

Sue Russell

British Relay Teams

D, M40

VAPORISERS: Ian Whitehead (M40), Steve Kimberley (M40), John Hurley (M40)

E, M45

VANQUISHERS: Mike Godfree (M45), Ranaid Macdonald (M45), Stuart Swatwell (M45)

F, M50

VENOMOUS: Steve Buckley (M50), Judy Buckley (W50), Dougie Dickinson (M50)

H, W40

VELOCITY: Kath Whitehead (W40), Viv Macdonald (W45), Jayne Malley (W40)

M, Medium Open

VICEROYS: Graham Johnson (M40), John Malley (M40), Dave Chaffey (M35)

O, Women's Short Open

VIOLETS: Sal Chaffey (W21), Ann Kimberley (W35), Sue Russell (W35)

P, M/W12-

VERMIN: Teige Malley, Erin Malley, Daniel Kimberley

T, W18-

VICTORIOUS: Hilary Johnson, Emma Whitehead, Kate Johnson

X, Junior/Mixed Ad-Hoc

VULCANS: Matthew Dickinson (M14), Fern Malley (W12), Katie Swatwell (W20)

Reserve: Liz Godfree

Good luck everyone!

Please can anyone who hasn't yet paid send me a cheque, payable to DVO, or pay on the day, amounts as follows:

JK seniors £6, juniors £4

British seniors £7.50, juniors £3.75.

(Editor's personal note. Can I express pleasure at being chosen to run in DVO Viceroy's, which has quite a noble ring to it, don't you think. After having run at the JK for DVO Debauchery, I was expecting at least to be running in DVO Vice-ring or something. And what has Sal got against M and W12-s, who bear the moniker DVO Vermin. I know there aren't many 'V's in the dictionary but you didn't use up Valentines, Vengeance, Vehemence or Vigorous. But at least they weren't Verrucas, Vandals, Vampires or Vegetables.)

Results from Hartington Bike-O 28.3.98

Cyclists			Runners		
	Time	Pen	Score	Time	Score
John Duckworth	2.57.38		350	John Hurley	2.50.26 260
Andy Jackson	2.59.55		310	Andy Mackervoy	2.44.25 180
Steve Buckley	3.08	40	300	Gill Harrington	2.55.20 170
Rex Bleakman	2.48.51		280	Sal Chaffey	2.53.50 160
Ewan & Caroline	2.56.57		280	Dave Chaffey	2.12.54 150
Mike O'Neil	2.59.38		280	Dave Bennett	2.48.51 150
Graham Johnson	2.57.27		250	Tony Berwick	2.57.45 150
Clive Leal	2.40.40		240	Val Johnson	150
Judy Buckley			220		
Ann-Marie Priston	2.55.58		210		
Peter Beardsley + 1	3.04.43	25	145		
Tom Fox	2.13.11		130		
Michelle Mackervoy	2.02		120		

One problem using an OS map is the lack of distinction between some tarmac roads and other muddy lanes that would prove difficult even for a Land Rover. This makes route choice a bit of a gamble in places. The only guide seems to be that steep white roads are usually rough. Likewise the gated roads are a considerable bar to speedy progress.

John Hurley started his training for the White Peak Marathon and beat several cyclists in the process. Dave Chaffey had an unexpected run when he found some willing child minders. Tony retraced his steps of the morning tramp from Ilam Youth Hostel.

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FIXTURES

April

- 26 EM **DVO Colour Coded Event, Stanton Moor**, 6km NW of Matlock, Derbyshire
 C4 Signed from Birchover village at SK 242622
 Organiser: Colin MacDonald 01629 814001
- 26 SW **BOK National Event BOK Trot 98, Stourhead**, Wincanton ST 730338
 C2 Organisers: Robin and Celia Watkinson 0117 968 3968. Entries Peter and Joanna Foster, BOK Trot 98, 8 Windsor Rd, St Andrews, Bristol BS6 5BP, 0117 942 1572. CD 27/3. £8/3.50. SEF. No EOD. Chq: BOK. Lim C/C

May

- 3-4 SC **BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND - CAMBERLEY, SURREY**
 C1 **3rd - Individual Championships, Mytchett, Windmill Hill**
 Late entries (after 24/3), £12.00/6.00, Special EF, chqs payable to 'BOC98' to: BOC98, 12 Jerry Moor Hill, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 4UG 01189 734 662. Organiser: Bryce Gibson 0118 947 2220
- R1 **4th - Relay Championships, Mytchett, Aldershot**
 Entry through clubs only. Organiser: Steve McKinley 01483 476914
- 10 EM **LEI Limited Colour Coded Event, Martinshaw**, 6km W of Leicester.
 C5 Signed from junction of A50 and A46 outer ring road at grid ref 140/538075. **NB car park is at Quinto Crane Hire on the A50, not at Groby Community College as advertised.** Probably White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, and Red courses only. Organiser: Roger Williamson 01509-412132
- 10 WM **POTOC Badge Event, Maer Hills**, 10km SW of Stoke on Trent.
 C3 Signed from A53/A51 junction (SJ 775 388). Entries: - Safestart (POTOC), 22 The Willows, Raglan, Gwent, NP5 2HB (01291 690702 - entries only). SEF Chqs POTOC, £7.50/3.50 including late entry surcharge, CD was 12 April, late entry CD 2nd May. Limited EOD. Organiser: Robin Baker 0161 905 6100
- 17 EM **NOC Little John Relays, Bramcote Hills**, 6km W of Nottingham
 R5 No other details available

- 30/31 NW **Twin Peak 1998 - Lake District**
 C2 **Sat 30th MDOC National Event at High Dam, Ulverston. SD373890**
Sun 31st DEE Short Race at Great Tower Wood, Bowness SD373890
 Entries: Twin Peak 98, 31 Chatsworth Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 6BJ
 Special EF, Fees: £8.50/4.50(30/5), £6.50/4.50(31/5), CD 1/5, Organisers: - P Lomas (30/5 & Entries) 0161 483 4332, Phil Janaway (31/5) 0151 336 4482

June

- 6 EM **DVO Come & Try event, Calke Park**, Ticknall, Derbyshire SK356240
 C5 Signed from A514 in Ticknall. Organiser: Mike Godfree 01332 515862

FIXTURES

June

- 7 EM **LEI Badge Event, Grace Dieu, Loughborough, SK440182**
 C3 Entries: Gerry Spalton, 31 The Burrows, Narborough, Leicester LE9 5WS
 0116-275-1255, SEF, £5.50/2.50, CD16/5, chq LEI, limited EOD+£1
- 14 EM **DVO Colour Coded Event, Allestree, 5km N of Derby SK353408**
 C4 Signed from A6. Organiser: Andrew Kempton 01332-345113
- 21 YH **EPOC Colour Coded Event, Deffer Wood, Barnsley**
 C4 Organisers: Helen & Rowland Sansom 01484-862475
- 28 EM **DVO Club Champs, Carsington Pasture, 4km W of Wirksworth, SK 243548**
 C5 DVO members only. Pre-entry by 14 June to John Malley 01335-350467.
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- 12 Jul EM **DVO Colour Coded Event, Kedleston, 6 km NW of Derby, SK 305412**
 C4 Follow National Trust signs from Derby Outer Ring Road. There is a National
 Trust entrance fee of £2 per adult & £1 for juniors. DVO fees will be reduced
 for this event to:- £1.50p adults, 50p juniors, £3.50p families. Helpers get a
 free run! Organiser: Sal Chaffey 01773-825418
- 2-7 Aug NW **Lake District 5 Days, Cumbria** Co-ord'r: Sue Denmark 01772-700327
 C3 Entries: Lakes 5, 221 Hale Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 8DN
 0161-980-5068. CD 16/6, £9.00/3.50 2nd jun £1.50, Special EF, Chq:Lakes 5
- 20 Sep EM **DVO Local Event, Carsington Pastures, 4 km W of Wirksworth**
 C5 Organiser: Paul Armstrong 01335-342683, Controller required.
- 3 Oct EM **DVO Schools Event, Shipley Park, 14 km NE of Derby SK 431453**
 C5 Organiser: Val Johnson 01773 824754
- 8 Nov EM **DVO Colour Coded Event, Linacre, 5 km W of Chesterfield**
 C4 Organiser, Planner, and Controller required
- 13 Dec EM **DVO Colour Coded Event, Bottom Moor, Matlock, Derbyshire**
 C4 Organiser and Controller required.

The above list shows the more local events plus a few major events. For a more comprehensive list see EMEWS or Compass Sport. If you are uncertain whether an event will be on, check with the organiser stated. The writer cannot accept responsibility for wasted journeys!

Tom was the only competitor to retire early with only one working pedal despite help from a farmer. Steve fell off his bike in the first 5 minutes and despite a bloody knee continued with the event. Rex in common with others both runners and cyclists omitted to take survival rations and regretted it. Judy complained that there was nowhere for a cream tea but Ann-Marie stopped at Wetton Mill for an ice-cream, the only one with the foresight to have taken money out with her. Ewan forded the River Manifold to reach control 11 despite the descriptions clearly saying it was on the eastern side of the river. I found out on the descent to Pilsbury how easy it can be to run out of road going round quite gentle bends. Steve found that despite having 8 feet of the road to themselves, motorists are loath to yield 2 feet to cyclists.

In addition to first cyclist and first runner there was also a prize for the best excuse. As no-one was dramatically late and amazingly, no-one seems to have had a puncture, Graham's story of spending 10 minutes rounding up sheep was awarded the repair kit.

None of the controls went missing, not even the one at Wetton that was out for more than 24 hours. I wonder what any night time motorist made of the piece of fluorescent tape on it! Hartington's powerful hot showers were very welcome, sorry about number 12 but it was not that bad when I went there on my bike a month before the event.

Your entry fees paid for a new White Peak map, the prizes, BOF levy, 50 miles worth of petrol putting out and collecting the controls and left a surplus of £8 for the club.

Thanks to Liz for navigating when I was putting the controls out and registering. Thank you for taking part and thus making it worth putting on.

Mike Godfree

DVO Goes To the Scottish 6-Days and the World Champs

Although it's over a year away, accommodation is bound to be at a premium, and with this in mind Judy has booked the Ardenbeg Outdoor Centre at Grantown on Spey. Four rooms of six people, with possible additional floor-space, are available for eight nights between Saturday 31st July 1999 and Sunday 8th August 1999 at a cost of £50.00 per person (sorry, no reductions for children). The rooms have bunks and there are two kitchens.

If you wish to book space, please send Val Johnson a £12.00 per person cheque made payable to 'DVO'.

Introduce Your Friends To Orienteering.

You will see from the fixture list that we are holding a Try-Orienteering event at Calke Park on Saturday 6th June. This will be rather different from Come and Try It events of the past. Mainly in that it will go on all day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The original initiative for the event came from The National Trust. There will only be the simple courses white, yellow, orange and red and there will be no complicated arrangements for registration, map sales and starts. Instead participants will buy a map and when they are ready will be started immediately. I don't expect there to be any deadly accurate timing at the finish.

So this is an ideal opportunity to come along with those non-orienteering friends whom you have always intended to introduce to orienteering. You can combine it with a visit to Calke Abbey or just a picnic in the park. Maps will cost £1 (50p to juniors) but normal National Trust admission prices apply for the park (£2 per car). Note that I rather expect you to come along with your friends to show them the ropes, don't leave everything to Doug and myself. Additional help would also be welcome of course.

Mike Godfree (01332 515862)

HELP WANTED!

Yet again we have made a commitment which is going to involve others. Not as great as organising the British Relay Championships, perhaps, but still greater than we had originally anticipated.

In a rash moment whilst standing around at the Relays last year we offered our help to David Rosen, who is the World Cup '98 Co-ordinator. He has kindly offered us the job of running the Information Centre! No problem, we thought, until we saw the hours the Information Centre is to be open - both at Lakeside and at the Race Site.

The opening times for the Information Centres are likely to be as follows:

Tuesday 6 May: Lakeside Information Centre open 1200 - 2200

Wednesday 27 May: Lakeside Information Centre open 0800 - 2200

Thursday 28 May: Lakeside Information Centre open 0700 - 1000 and 1600 - 1900

Race Site Information Centre open 0900 - 1530

Friday 29 May: Lakeside Information Centre open 0800 - 1200 and
1600 - 2000

Saturday 30 May: Lakeside Information Centre open 07.00 - 0930 and
1400 - 2100
Race Site Information Centre open 08.30 - 12.30

Sunday 31 May: Lakeside Information Centre open 07.00 - 1000
Race Site Information Centre open 08.00 - 13.30

You can see why we need some help! As well as staffing the front office part of the Information Centre, there will also be back office duties. In particular, Teams have a final entry time of 1200 for the races, so on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday we will have to put together Competitor/Team packs during the afternoon before a Team officials' Meeting at 1700. Results of the races on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday will also need displaying quickly. These could be fairly hectic periods.

If you are able to give us, say, 2 hours of your time during this period, please let us know. There shouldn't actually be a lot to do for some of the periods, as it will mainly be dealing with the 20 plus team coaches. However, we will provide full information and be contactable if needed.

Please let us know if you are able to help by either writing, 'phoning or email to:

The Cottage, Cockshead Lane, Sydnop Hill, Two Dales, Matlock, Derbyshire
DE4 2FN

Telephone, answerphone and fax: 01629 734307

Email: r.macdonald@open.ac.uk

Many thanks, in anticipation of the flood of 'phone calls, letters or emails!

Ranald and Viv Macdonald

DVO Weekend Abroad 1998

Where to this year, having now conquered Bruges, Amsterdam, Paris, Barcelona and Rome ?? We always go at the end of the October half-term week for three nights, leaving on Thursday morning.

In order to get an idea of preferences, some prices are given below. These exclude insurance, any special offers and group discount but will give an idea of the range. There are other cities available if none of these appeal:

Flying from Manchester:

Athens	£364	Bologna	£391	Lisbon	£341
Nice	£322	Seville	£337	Venice	£320
Copenhagen	£313	Florence	£415		

Flying from Birmingham:

Copenhagen	£313	Florence	£427	Nice	£322
Venice	£372				

Please let me know in the next few weeks if you are interested and your preferences. It would be good to have some new faces as well as the stalwarts on these weekends. They are good fun – no orienteering, just seriously social.

Viv Macdonald (01629) 734307

Long Distance Footpath Relay 1998

After DVO organised this annual event last year, it's the turn of Holme Pierrepont Runners. The format is largely unchanged with twenty legs of varying lengths following a route that largely runs through the Dark Peak, the most northerly the event has been for some years. The teams are handicapped so each get points for runners at the opposite ends of the age spectrum and if they're female too – not sure if this is sexism or positive discrimination. DVO has entered one team and will enter a second if there is the demand. Volunteers to Ann Marie in the first instance – 01773 856824 – but an on-the-day co-ordinator is being actively sought! Any volunteers for this too?

Coaching

Saturday, 13th June 1998.

Allestree Park. All ages and abilities catered for. Ring Ann-Marie Priston on 01773 856824 if interested and for final details.

More dates in the pipeline !

1998 Club Champs

Sunday 28th June at Carsington Pastures SK440182 (brand new area for the second year running). This, as ever, is a handicapped event open to all DVO members with start times individually tailored to suit experience and ability and designed to ensure as close a finish as poss. Another innovation is holding the event on a Sunday, allowing for full social opportunities thereafter. I think the idea is to have the event in the afternoon and the social, for which Brassington Village Hall has been booked, immediately afterwards. The practice in the past has been to have a short and easy junior course, a medium and Light Green/Green adult course and a long Blue/Brown adult course. Entry is free. Names and preferred course to John Malley on 01335 350467 by 14th June at the latest.

June Open Meeting

Wednesday, 10th June. The inaugural open meeting at the Old Kings Head, Days Lane, Belper seemed to go well enough so I'm assuming that the next one will be at the same place and the same arrangements will apply. This means a run - in the daylight and over fields this time - at 7 o'clock with the open meeting following at 8.15 pm. All welcome at either time.

There's room here for me to thank everybody who has contributed to this month's magazine. Although I'm grateful for any contributions in any form, the fact that so much has come on disc has enabled me to put this together in a record time for what looks like being a 15 page issue. Keep up the good work !

Cryptic DVO Areas.

Since I have a spare page in Newstrack, I am regurgitating the pre-prandial entertainment offered to those attending the DVO dinner, on the off-chance it might keep somebody entertained for a wee while. You have to work out the DVO area from the clues given; it helps to have been a DVO member for in excess of 15 years for one or two. Answers in time-honoured fashion upside down at the bottom of the page.

1. The seasons for a fast snooker player.
2. Extended Irish playwright.
3. Does this merit long talks ?
4. Effulgent bluff.
5. Incomplete computer peripheral with US automobile pioneer and Henry VIII's Lord Chancellor.
6. Sounds like a North-East city on a British Racing car driver
7. Platitudinous football pundit.
8. Hallucinogenic drug taken with African vegetable plus WW2 conference attended by DVO member.
9. Uneven compassion flank.
10. Extract from German National anthem coupled with overgrown shrub to place vehicle in recumbent state.
11. Transgression with piscatorial appendage and bits of 5 and 10.
12. By gum, the monarch weighs a lot.

9. Rough Pity Side. 10. Allestree Park 11. Siffin Moor Park 12. Eckington.

5. Cromford. 6. Drum Hill 7. Linacre. 8. Eyam Moor.

1. Whitesprings 2. Longshaw 3. Chatsworth. 4. Shining Cliff.

The Answers.

ODDS and SODS

SPORTS PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH

Another fine crop, the first two nominated by Tony Berwick.

Sue Russell for going for a Sunday morning run at the club weekend at Hartington with her four-legged friend Astra, who, when faced with an open-mesh footbridge over a river, looked helpless and pathetic, so that Sue had to pick her up and carry her over the bridge – watched by 25 schoolchildren at the other end and waiting to cross.

Astra, four-legged friend of Sue Russell, who when out for a run on Sunday morning at Hartington, was faced by an open-mesh footbridge. Having had a nasty experience crossing a cattle grid earlier in the day, Astra played it safe and helpless and allowed herself to be picked up by Sue and carried across the bridge – watched by 25 schoolchildren waiting to cross at the other end.

Zoe Chaffey, who even at the tender age of 1 is clearly someone to depend upon in a crisis. Faced with some sort of emergency – who knows, an explosive nappy, a soggy rusk or the end of Teletubbies (please) – she picked up the telephone receiver and pressed the first three numbers which came to hand, which just so happened to be 999.

Steve Buckley who recently represented Great Britain in a Veteran International – congratulations by the way – but like lesser mortals still had difficulty in finding the first control. He kept on finding what he felt must be the right control but with the wrong code. Eventually the penny – or Belgian franc – dropped. Those funny foreign types, as well as driving on the wrong side, also number their control cards the opposite way round and Steve had found the right control several times but was looking at code number ten. Doh !

Congratulations too to **Kim Buckley** who has been pre-selected to run for Great Britain in the World Cup Races. We will continue to remember Kim and record her triumphs even if she does intend to desert us for some Scottish Club this summer.

Welcome Home. After this summer DVO will only have two expatriate members – Ros and Andy Clayton in New Zealand – as our Swiss ambassadors Ted and Liz Smith return home to Hayfield.

Tyvek Control Cards. DVO is pushing the boat out and lavishing some of its reserves on Tyvek control cards for colour-coded events, but, in memory of our last treasurer, these will only be sold when it rains; on sunny days, you'll still have to put up with good old-fashioned cardboard.