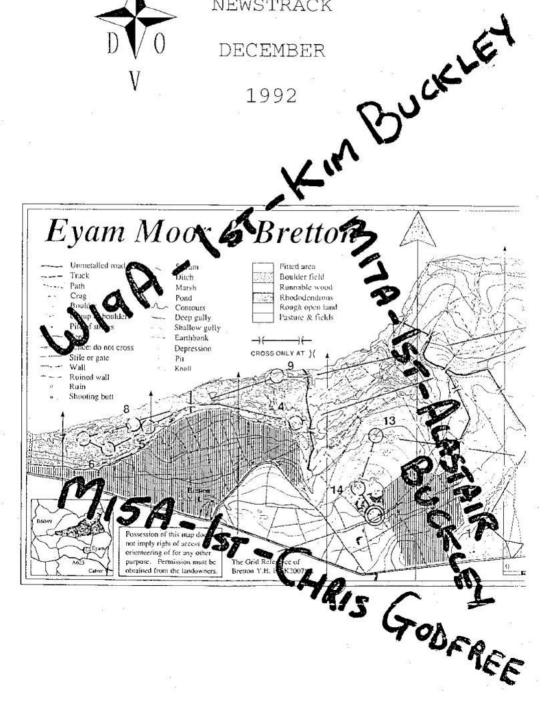


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M35 at last. Yip, the official notification arrived today. Renewal of BOF Membership - Mr. A. Campbell M35!!! I've never been so keen to enter as many events as I've just done tonight - NAT I, NAT II, BOF, JK, SCOTTISH 6 DAYS - you name it I'll be there. Mind you looking at the Eyam course lengths and heights M35 was worse than M21L. Even with this good news I still feel a wee bit upset - we're having to let the van go after XMAS. Anyone interested in a well loved, cared for Bright Orange VW Caravanette with new engine (thanks to my driving) and new awning, feel free to give us a call and make an offer!

While filling in the entry form for the British it made me think back to last years event - I hope we dont have to put up with the terrible punches that were in use then. I'm sure I lost at least a couple of minutes due to the poor design of the controls. Am I the only one that thought this - I haven't heard anyone else discussing it!

Anyway, Merry XMAS everyone and have a Good New Year. See you all bright and early for the New Years Day event!

Alex.

Deadline For February Newstrack Is 12th February



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SOCTAL

Dinner & Dance

DVO are holding a Dinner Dance on SATURDAY 13th FEBRUARY at the Hills Restaurant in Alfreton (same place as last year!).

Cost is £8.00 per adult and £4.00 for 'non-adults'!

Please get a £2.00 deposit, each, to Viv Macdonald by the 31st January.

Time: 7:30 for 8:00 start.

6 NATIONS - JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL MULHOUSE FRANCE

We congregated at the Marsden's house Thursday night. Up at 7 o'clock the next morning, a time of day many of the university students hadn't seen for weeks! We boarded the plane at Heathrow after filling in a questionnaire in the waiting lounge (only because a free pen was offered if we did). The day was clear in parts of England & France which meant that the views were good.

The first disaster occurred on our arrival at Basel airport. The airport is situated on the border of France and Switzerland so, because we were going to France, we departed from the airport on the French side, only to find that the minibuses we had hired were in Switzerland! Keith & Simon Lawrence had to walk into Switzerland, then drive the buses a round trip, of about 5km to get them to the rest of us in France.

The accommodation was a hotel on the edge of Mulhouse. It was fairly nice, each bedroom having an en-suite bathroom. After a team meeting it was tea. The food was alright but nothing special. Megan & Bruce went back for more and set a trend, because many other people from other countries followed them.

Saturday - The Relays :- At 9 am the mens relay began with Richard Wren & daniel Marston running 1st leg for the competitive British teams and Jon Duncan for the non-competitive team (a Belgian ran the last leg). At 9:10 am the girls started with Gillian Wainwright and Alison Biggar in the British competitive teams and myself in the non-competitive team. The boys won their relay with an amazing run by James Pierce who pulled through from the penultimate position to 1st place on the second leg. The girls were second behind the Swiss, so after the relay day the Brits were joint first overall with the Swiss. The afternoon was spent wandering around the supermarket Mulhouse.





After a very sleepless night (the radiator in our room gurgled all night even when it was turned off!) we got up very early - even by my standards, and I'm not a lazy student! (ha ha ha ha ha ha - Ed.). The individual was held in an appropriately named forest - 'Le Grotte'. The International runners started before the main competition (a French National Event). I was the unlucky one, ie. 1st starter at 9 am. After the initial confusion at the start, where different officials were telling me different things, I had a reasonable run.

In fact the British had another good day with Jamie Stevenson winning M17 and James Pierce winning M19. These excellent performances put us in 2nd place behind the Swiss. I managed to beat my German penfriend for the first time ever!

After the prize giving we spent the rest of the day in Basel (or Basil Brush as some insisted on calling it). No prizes for guessing at which burger bar we stuffed ourselves. Megan won the world record for getting the most food on a tray!

The flight back to Heathrow was delayed by twenty minutes. It was well worth the wait as the food was excellent and was accompanied with Champagne!

The weekend had been very enjoyable and most successful for the British team. Thanks to Keith Marsden (team manager), Derek Allison (National Coach and hanger on) and Simon Lawrence (team coach).

Kim Buckley

KIMM IN STYLE

To all those who laughed at our ambitious entry in the KIMM (OK you were right!).

Our training was going exceedingly well during the early Autumn, particularly with Sue who increased her running time from 10 mins to well over an hour including a strong finish, but alas it all came to an abrupt end when Sue developed a bad cold (very bad) [Aaaaatchooo!!! - Ed.], and I pulled a muscle just above the knee. Who wants to train for the last 3 weeks anyway (we certainly weren't alone). [There is a school of thought that says training just burns up and wastes all that energy stored in your body and I subscribe to that - Ed.] As long as the course was under 30k, the terrain wasn't too heavy and the weather good, we'd be alright.





The first hurdle was to persuade Steve to stay in a B&B. This problem was negotiated successfully and after a good fry up we were off. At least we were off to the start, then to the descriptions 1km up-hill and eventually on our way to No.1. The weather seemed to improve and we overtook several couples at the description point. Navigating to No.1 didn't cause us too much bother although we were soon above the snow line and the mist had descended. However we were there in 50 mins, and were cheered when leaving to be overtaken by a couple who had been misplaced slightly and had actually taken 10 mins. longer.

The route to No.2 was literally miles up and down the outlying bumps of Helvelyn. At Sticks Pass people disappeared in at least three different directions. Our route choice passed the most remote ski tow in Britain and was by far the most superior of the choices. [but of course - Ed.] We also took a good line up the steep hill from which we had to navigate carefully into the control. Only 2hrs 45mins., not bad, perhaps we'd not be out in the dark after all. It was also pleasing to see the annoyed look on the pair who had started five minutes before us and had already overtaken us twice earlier in the day!

No.3 was an easy control. You couldn't really miss Paterdale! but the climb out of the valley to No.4 was severe. However we navigated carefully to the control and our spirits were still high. No.5 was no problem although we did expect it to be further, fortunately we bumped into it./

Five to Six seemed a long way and so it proved to be. We slowed significantly over this stretch but we were heartened by the fact that there were still B course runners around. We had expected to be on our own by this stage, being late starters and not expecting to win! It was obvious by now that we would not finish in day light and this was not helped by losing concentration and consequently the control. (I assure you that it wasn't a long crocodile and even the elephant tracks in the snow didn't always help).

Our brains were definitely deteriorating. Six to Seven was not more than 2km but just before the control we hadn't a clue where we were. After consulting the map we knew no more and so decided to carry on and hope, a wise move as 20 metres further we spotted the control hiding in a reentrant.

Again we struggled up the hill towards High Street and again we made a slight error but we certainly seemed more alert than those around us. We soon recognised that the valley we were viewing went left instead of right and High Street was on the other side. So we nipped! round to the right and along the ridge cursing that another 5 mins had been lost.

We trotted along High Street (ie stumbled through the snow drifts in the gloaming) still surprised at the number of people around, and eventually just before the descent to the last control and campsite we donned our head torches. Another 5 mins. lost whilst I struggled in the semi-dark making Battery connections.





Some would say that not to be able to see the descent was a good thing, I'm not so sure. It certainly took a long time, the glow from the control below never getting any nearer.

In and out quickly and a welcome sight of tent city. Only 400m the description sheet said. What it didn't say was the 400m was a vertical drop. This took us 30 mins. Even after arriving in the valley bottom the taped route (gift wrapped boulders which had to be searched for in the dark) diverted us around the campsite through the marshland making a dramatic entrance to a large frame tent.

Steve was there to welcome us! 'How did you know we had finished', we asked. 'I heard your cheery voices as you fell in the marsh' he answered.

We were grateful for the help with the tent and a hot cup of tea brewed by Peter and we were delighted to hear that we were not the only ones to have been out longer than we had anticipated. Roz and Carol took 2 hrs. longer, Steve and Peter were spot on target but had failed to go to 4 of the last 5 controls. They had also chosen a different 1st control to ensure disqualification. So although we had taken 10hrs we were NOT disqualified, NOT timed out and had visited every control on the 32km course with 2700m of climbing.

We awoke to the sound of the loud speaker at fam. The frame tent had blown down, the snow was falling, the wind was blustering in the extreme and the bad weather courses were to be used.

Sue and I emerged from our snow hole and set off for the descriptions. Unfortunately these were situated 400m away vertically back past the gift wrapped boulders.

At this point we decided a strategic withdrawal was necessary, turned round and set off on the 20km walk back.

After hearing the horrific tales of others struggling into the teeth of a blizzard in white out conditions along High Street, this was a sensible decision.

Roz and Carol made a creditable performance, 6.6 hrs. and 13th place on the 'B'. Sue & I are already training mentally for next year. Steve is advertising for partners. Interviews will take place in the Spring. Applicants must be fit and be conversant with 6 fig. references.

Judy Buckley.



COMING

Cromford 17th January

The car parking has at last been sorted out. We will be using the car park at the National Stone Centre in Wirksworth, GR 285554

RECENT EVENTS

Longshaw 11th October

YELLOW	Heather Campbell	1st
ORANGE	McKitterick	3rd
RED	M. Sleath	5th
L. GREEN	Alastair Clark	7th
GREEN	Val Johnson	2nd
BLUE	Barrie Stephens	13th
BROWN	John Hawkins	6th

Ogden 25th October

THE ALTERNATIVE KARRIMOR

Snow greeted us as we drove through Halifax to Ogden. Somewhere in the distant past, I'd agreed to help.EPOC at this event - Jane Hackney, my girlfriend, runs for them.

I was helping at the near start from where the long courses started - or rather didn't start. Instead the short courses seemed remarkably popular despite the need for a Captain Oakes type trek into the unknown to reach the far start.

Cloughie & Paul Wright arrived early but promptly did a 'U' turn & departed. However their conscience got the better of them 100 yds down the road, so they turned the car back around. Obviously the challenge of running on a snow covered moor covered in mist was too good an offer to refuse. However 3 controls into the course, Dave caught up Paul & from there they walked the rest of the course holding hands.... Which meant Dave managed to do all the controls & in the correct order! Mike Gardner didn't, he decided a score event in the woods made a better course than M21L!





This was Jane's and my second visit to Ogden this year & the weather was no better at the British Champs. Last time I got hopelessly lost and this time I started in the same way. However a late start in snowy conditions has its advantages - like dirty great elephant tracks..... but also disadvantages - like elephant tracks on another course!

Overall the M21S was a good course, taking long legs between 2 or 3 technical areas and finishing in woodland by the reservoir. The mist & snow increased the technicality of the area and this showed in the times taken. John Hopper looked glad to see the finish after a two and a quarter hour epic & he was followed into the finish by several scouts who were on the Blue course for 4 hours!

Best DVO performance was by Zoe Wilkinson winning W21S, with some competition from Jane.

I'm still glad I didn't do the KIMM this year though!

M21S 7th Martyn Hodgson 80.53 14th Dave Clough 94.17 19th Paul Wright 102.04

M35L 6th Paul Armstrong 97.02

M40L 25th John Hopper 134.05

W21S 1st Zoe Wilkinson 59.12 3rd Jane Hackney 63.34

Martyn Hodgson

Byrons Walk 8th November

I was looking forward to this one as the longest course was only a GREEN (4.8km & 18 controls), and I would be running against Catherine for the first time and it would be fun to compare route choices. It was also a chance to find out how fast I can run !!! I should have said how SLOW! Never mind everyone else was slower, including Mr. Buckley. It was a pleasant change from the hard slog of the BROWN, and controls were every 270m on average. Almost a faultless run, one or two small directional errors caused by running faster than normal, and an easy win (4 mins clear)! Not bad for an old yin - M35 here I come!!!

Best DVO on each course:

STRING Emily Addison 21st
WHITE Laura Campbell 3rd
YELLOW Heather Campbell 13th
L. GREEN B. Bibby 32nd
GREEN A. Campbell 1st





Outwoods 21st November

Wet Wet, no not the pop group, the awful weather! There were a few retirements due to "liquidised" control cards and maps. The largest number of retirals was on the ORANGE course, perhaps due to control sites being too difficult, they used the same sites as the GREEN and BLUE courses.

Best DVO on each course:

WHITE	Laura Campbell	12th
YELLOW	A. Borden	18th
ORANGE	M. Peach	11th
GREEN	Pryor	1st
BLUE	A. Campbell	1st

Another victory for an old yin - where are all these young squad members??

EYAM 29th November

Unfortunately I don't remember much about this event. We had all entered and were helping at registration before our run. However, the dreaded bug hit the Campbells, as soon as registration closed we set off home to a warm fire and a hot drink. Mind you looking at the map that was subsequently sent to my home, I'm glad I didn't run - WHAT A FINISH, 26 CONTOURS STRAIGHT UP FROM 18 to 19 to 20 to the FINISH, more than a third of the total climb in the last 2 controls! I know it couldn't be helped - I'm just glad I didn't have to suffer it.

Being a DVO event you were all probably there and have a copy of the results so I shall just list DVO victories!!

M15A Chris Godfree M17A Alastair Buckley

W19A Kim Buckley (won by 28 mins.)





Walesby 6th December

This was a last minute decision to run at Walesby. I left the house and the family behind at 11:00 thinking an hour was more than enough time. I didn't bargain on the road works though! Thanks to NOC for allowing me to enter slightly late. I started behind 3 or 4 NOC runners and soon caught them by the third control. Dave Booker then made sure that the pace was hot, well as hot as it can be for an old yin! With NOC on my heals there was no time to rest, fortunately Walesby is quite an easy area. The only potential problem was the bingo control in the far corner - easy, thanks to fellow orienteers working out their route to the next control while standing at the control flag.

Looks like David was scared again, he ran down (BLUE) just to avoid a run against the up and coming 'soon to be' M35!

Best DVO:

WHITE	Kate Johnson	21st
YELLOW	Andrew Stuart	11th
RED	T. Drew	12th
L. GREEN	A. Bleakman	13th
GREEN	J. Armistead	2nd
BLUE	David Godfree	15th
BROWN	Alex Campbell	3rd

ORIENTEERING AT CARSINGTON ??????

As I windsurf now and again at Carsington I sometimes get the odd information sheet from the centre. I was surprised to read on the latest one that the Ashbourne Sub Aqua Club had been using the underwater orienteering course. Sounds like fun!

RANKINGS

W19	Z.Wilkinson	11th	3673
W21	R.Clayton	13th	3822
W35	R.Clayton	1st	4380
W40	L.Godfree	24th	3224
W45	J.Buckley	4th	4034
W50	M. Seaston	65th	2563
	B.Bibby	66th	2562
M19	D.Godfree	lst	4378
M21	D.Godfree	67th	3391
м35	A. Thomson	31st	3604
M40	D.Brodie	29th	3491
M45	S.Buckley	6th	4070
M50	E.Smith	66th	3299
M55	T.Berwick	120th	2633





FIXTURES

DATE	REGION/CLU B	TYPE	AREAGR	DEIAILS
DECEMBE R				
27th	YH/SYO	сс	Coneygree & Leeshall Woods, Sheffield	J&B Akers 0742 554139
JANUARY	- WHALLE			
Ist	WM/OD	Score	Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield	P.Guillaume 0926 511490
1st	EM/DVO	Score	Matlock Forest	To be confirmed
1st	EM/LEI	Novelty	Castle Rocks	Ernie Williams 0530 832829
3rd	SE/MV	Badge	Pippingford Park, Wych Cross TQ/437303	S.Garrett 081 394 2729
10th	EM/LEI	CC	Castlehill, Leicester	R.Edwards 0533 716735
10th	WM/HOC	cc	Highgate Common, Kidderminster	P.Presland 021 454 5365
17th	EM/DVO	сс	Cromford	Details to be confirmed
17th	WM/WRE	Badge	The Wrekin Hills, Telford SJ/655082	R.Lewis 0948 840428 EOD only!
23rd	WM/HOC	Night	Pitcher Oak Wood, Redditch SP/039675	C.Nelson 0527 545030
24th	WM/WCH	Badge	Brindley Heath, Cannock Chase SKN04155	C&B Dredge 21 Overhill Rd., Stafford, ST17 ODP (0785 664937 7pm-9pm only) CD 4.1.93, SEF & Ltd EOD £5.50/£2.00
30th	YH/SYO	Night	Beeley Woods, Sheffield SK/327917	P.Marston 0709 378894
31st	EM/NOC	сс	Thoresby Hall, Olienon SK/642712	S.Wright 0602 313592
31st	YH/SYO	cc	Beeley Woods, Sheffield SK/327917	M.Bradley 0742 369683
FEBRUARY		Y2		
6th	WM/HOC&BU OC	Midland Night	Kinver Million SO/846870	A.Williams, 27A Poplar Rd., Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 (021 441 4569) CD 23.1.93 SEF 14.50/12.00 No EOD
7th	WM/BUOC	Badge	Kinver Million SO/846870	A.Williams as above, CD 23.1.93 SEF £4.50/£2.00 Ltd.EOD





DATE	REGION/CLU B	TYPE	AREA/GR	DETAILS
7th	YH/LUOC	Badge	Baildon Moor SE/142402	Safestan(LUOC) PO Box 22, Whitchurch, Salop, SY13 2ZZ (0948 840522) CD 17.1.93 £4.00/£1.50 (£2.50 student,OAP)
14th	POTOC	NATIONAL, I	Weston Heath, Hodnet SJ/580266	Safesian(Weston Heath) PO Box 22 Whitchurch, SY13 2ZZ £7/£2, CD 17.1.93
21st	EM/NOC	Badge	Sherwood Forest, Edwinstowe SK/616666	J.Clarke, 17 Friars Court, The Park, Nottingham NG7 1EW (0602 603733) CD 1.2.93 £4.25/£1.75 Ltd EOD
27th		British Nights	Chelwood, East Grinstead TQ/419318	S.Brockbank, 90 Cross Read, Croydon, Surrey CR0 6TB (081 680 2569) Further details ????
28th	LOK	NATIONAL II	Leith Hill, Dorking TQ/150440	61 Huggins Lane, Welham Green, Herts AL9 7LJ, Enquiries to S.Errington 081 806 9233, CD 1.2.93, £7.50/£3.00 no EOD
March				
6th/7th	EA	Norfolk Dumpling Double Badge	6th - Beeston Regis & Runton Wood, Cromer TG/186413 7th - Swaffham Heath, Swaffham TF/791065	Entries: B.Pilgrim, Woodlea, Flordon Road, Newton Flotman, Norwich NR15 1QX. (0508 470974) CD 13.2.93, £4/£2 per day, both days £7.50/£3.50, Seperate SEF required each day.
J4th	SE/CROC	Badge	Chelwood, East Grinstead, TQ/419318	I.Noble 23 Sunte Close, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 IQT (0444 412138)
21st	ЕМ/LEI	Badge	Wakerley Wood SP/963987	T.Spalton, 5 Shearsby Close, Wigston Magna, Leicestershire LE8 1WW (0533 888533) CD 7.3.93, £4.50/£2.00, SEF Ltd.EOD, Organiser C.Fleming 0502 731987
28th	YH/SYO	Badge	Rivelin Valley, Sheffield SK/282862	R&A Russell 18 Rethbury Cliose, Sothall, Sheffield, S19 6QG (0742 474651)
APRIL	(1)			
4th	WONSBOC	Badge	Briton Ferry Woods, Neath	Details ??????
9th-12th	SC	JK	Basingstoke	9th - Training - Burghfield Common 10th - Day 1 - Woolmer & Longmoor 11th - Day 2 - Long Valley 12th - Relay - Highclere SPECIAL ENTRY FORM
24th-25th	WM	BRITISH CHAMPS	Brown Clee Hill SO/608855	SPECIAL ENTRY FORM CD1 25.1.93 CD2 15.3.93

Can someone please volunteer to supply me with an up-to-date fixtures list before each Newstrack is published ie middle of every second month! Cheers. Ed.











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