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EDITORIAL

Hopefully you will all receive this before Christmas as it has useful info for events early next year. The Novelty Event on the 2nd sounds like fun! Since our last Newstrack I've not been in touch much apart from the trip to Bruges and the National Event at the Lakes. The Bruges trip was excellent as you will see from some of the comments in this edition. Did any of you write to Scotch-Change Ltd.? On a more serious note it has been brought to my attention that new members are finding it difficult to fit in and get to know us, in fact some of the older (been with us a while, not ancient like Tony Berwick) members believe we are too cliquey (spelling??). If this is the case let me apologies on our behalf, it's not intentional I assure you and we need to make sure it stops. Let's have a good turn out for the 25th Anniversary Dance and create a good club atmosphere, and if we happen to get a little inebriated at the same time well.....

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ed.

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DVO MEETINGS

DVO Business Meeting 11th November:

- The Fixtures Subcommittee has now been set up and consists of the following members; M.Brown, A.Berwick, D.Clough, J.Hurley, P.Wright.
- For those interested, it was noted that the very first DVO meeting was held on January 22nd 1969.
- The forth coming DVO Dinner is our 25th Anniversary Dinner and as such will be advertised in CompassSport & EMEWS to attract old members.
- The policy for charging helpers at DVO events was reviewed and agreed that it should remain unchanged: Seniors pay half price and Juniors run free!
- M.Gardner will hopefully be putting on his Planners course on the 4th Wednesday in January in Allestree.

BOF CLUB DELEGATE CONFERENCE

(Lancaster University 27th November 1993)

This conference was called to debate proposed changes to the structure of BOF. I attended on behalf of DVO. 42 of the 156 BOF clubs were represented.

The only considered proposal for change is that being made by John Morris, Frank Rose and Chris James, which involves a change to a Four-Nation structure with a slimmed-down BOF mainly dealing with international matters, and an English Orienteering Association dealing with most aspects of running the sport in England.

I sat there for seven hours desperately hoping that somebody could explain what benefits this change would bring to DVO. I regret to report that nothing which would benefit DVO was identified. The only benefit of this proposal is that the Scottish Orienteers seem to think that they will be paying less for their sport if it goes ahead.

After a very long discussion without any shape or direction, some votes were hurriedly taken at the end. The most important vote was :

The conference did not discuss what would happen next, I expect that a proposal for a change to a Four Nations structure will be put to the BOF AGM, which will be on Easter Sunday at Hereford. If you are unable to attend, you will have a proxy vote on any proposal put to this meeting.

Unless you are entirely satisfied that any proposal made will lead to a better structure than the strong BOF we have now, which has evolved over 25 years and has served us very well indeed, I recommend that you should vote against it. (Please contact me if you wish to discuss this issue in more detail).

John Hurley

BRUGES

Just a short note to let you all know that it was a superb long weekend away! Watch Newstrack for information on a similar event for next year! There are a few bits 'n pieces scattered around Newstrack referring to the trip but I'd just like to add one or two other points worthy of a mention:

- We discovered that Graham was a great TINTIN fan, There was a shop dedicated to this funny little man (TINTIN, not Graham) and loads of other shops with at least one item for sale with a picture of TINTIN on it! Graham thought he was in heaven.
- I used to think Catherine was a bad Back Seat Driver, but Judy Buckley takes some beating! We were only just leaving their house when it started and it didn't stop until we arrived at the hotel.
- Maureen was christened Mum for the trip!
- Dave was really chuffed at the discount he got off his recent holiday, he said it was 'ABOUT 27.5% discount'!
- After a long and tiring journey we eventually reached Bruges (a small city). The expert navigators, Ranald, Graham & Steve then helped the Coach Driver find the hotel. 45 minutes later, after 4 'U' turns, overshooting by 2.4km, headless chicken acts and stopping to ask someone where we were, we eventually arrived.

Ed. (thanks to Viv for organising the trip!)

DEAR ED.

Dear Ed.

On the Saturday afternoon on the Bruges weekend a number of us decide to go cycling as we had seen most of the sites of the city and the surrounding countryside was so flat.

Arriving at the railway station, we found that it cost BFr280 to hire the bikes, though the attendant asked if I had a train ticket, pointing out that the cost was only BFr150 if I had. A quick mental calculation of the saving to be made and I scurried round to the ticket office and asked for the cheapest train ticket available. The chap there appeared a little nonplussed at first until I explained why I wanted it.

Clutching my BFr40 ticket (worth about 80 pence) I scurried back to the bike hire and paid for all 13 bikes, getting the full discount with this one ticket.

So, for the price of an 80 pence rail ticket, I managed to save BFr130 on each bike - a grand total of about £34.00! I knew being an economist would come in useful one day!

Ranald Macdonald

Dear Ed.

DVO have progressed to the second round of the CompassSport Cup without a single orienteer entering the forest. A good bit of negotiating by the new Club Captain has got us through on a bye! We will meet Walton Chasers in the new year, date to be confirmed!

Club Captain.

Dear Ed.

Did you know that Val Berry CHEATS at Colour Coded events! She was overheard confessing to a fellow orienteer that she sometimes pinches the master map instead of copying the course onto her own map!

A friend?

Dear Ed.

I was sat quietly dozing off when all of a sudden, out of the corner of my eye, I noticed Ranald, sat on

the bus to Bruges, doing some kind of martial art movements. The hands were waving all over the place and his face was very studious. The odd thing was he had a personal hi-fi in his hand. I found out later that he was just waving the hi-fi about trying to get a better reception. It's a pity you Campbells didn't wipe out all of the MacDonalds in Glencoe! Better luck next time.

Anon.

Wednesday Training Events

7pm, All Welcome,

Runs to cater for all abilities.

Venues

The Buckleys 253 Duffield Road
 Allestree
 Derby

and

The Wilkinsons 20 Castle Hill
 Duffield
 Derby

The Dates

The Buckleys 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday of the month
 22, 29 December *

The Wilkinsons 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

* Confirmation of these dates is required...

Please come along and meet the gang!!



COMING EVENTS

2nd January 1994

Shipley Country Park

3 Novelty Courses:

**TURBO Score (60mins)
Monopoly Score (45 mins)
Snakes & Ladders (Yellow Course)**

Registration from 10:00

Mass Start for Score Events 11:00

Yellow Starts 10:30 to 11:30

Parking at the Visitors Centre (Heanor Gate Entrance)

Offers of help to Nick Sibley on 0773852015

Recent Events

OCTOBER ODYSSEY 1993 - 2nd and 3rd OCTOBER

As this is the one event we have been to consistently since taking up orienteering four years ago, we felt we had to go again - and it is a convenient way of visiting friends and relations in the north-east.

Early (very early!) Saturday morning saw us dragging our friend Janet, over here for 6 weeks from Tasmania, who we met on our trip to the World Vets in '92, into the campervan and up the A1 through the mist and rain. She was rather bemused by signs proclaiming that roadworks might cause delays until March 1994 - which would make us rather late for the event!

Arriving at Black Banks and Knitsley we were surprised how few cars were there, and few more were to arrive. The various traders told us that they were unlikely to cover their expenses for the weekend, but that they felt obliged to be there. However, our friend managed to finish the hardback book which she had carried all the way from Australia.

My course was an interesting mix of runnable forest and open, though with little real route choice. After only a couple of minor errors I managed to finish in 92.32 for 8.4k and 245m of climb, missing my first gold standard time by about 5 minutes.

An evening of re-unions and the accompanying imbibing of falling down liquid may not have been the best preparation for the next day. However, we duly departed bright and early from our friends in Sunderland to Middlesbrough on the Sunday morning and thence to Teeside University's Business School which provided good car parking for Eston Moor and Lazenby Bank.

Most of us anticipated faster times as courses were shorter and with less climb. How can we be so naive after all this time! I actually took 100.54 for 7.0k and 160m, nearly packing it in on several occasions because of the physical difficulty. Which only goes to show! The winner took over 83 minutes and so I managed to achieve my first gold standard run after 4 years of near misses (together with a majority of nowhere near's).

To those who forsook the October Odyssey for the Twin Peaks event in the Goyt Valley I can only say, 'I'm glad I didn't make the same mistake'. It must have been rather dispiriting for the organisers to have so few turn up in the North East but, from all accounts and only having run the second day in the Goyt, the October Odyssey was a far more enjoyable event and we'll keep on supporting it even if others are distracted by apparently more seductive areas.

DVO Results

	Class	Day 1		Day 2		Overall Position
		Time	Position	Time	Position	
Viv Macdonald	W40L	132.11	7	146.00	6	5
Christine Pollard	W40S	-	-	62.18	1	-
Mike Gardner	M35L	87.06	13	127.08	14	10
John Malley	M35S	71.49	1	74.15	1	1
Ranald Macdonald	M40L	92.32	13	100.54	13	9

Ranald Macdonald

EPOC RISHWORTH MOOR BADGE EVENT - 7TH NOVEMBER

Open a bleary eye and the usual attempt to find some excuses not to go orienteering as I peer out of the bedroom window....the dogs need polishing? the blades of grass need straightening??

My worst fears were confirmed as we drive up to Rishworth Moor. Moorland, mist and me do not go together. And, as we pass Saddleworth Moor in the mist, an even creepier feeling. Parking was in a boggy quarry, down a hill, so I started looking round to see who might be available to help push the van out!

All the courses had the same start, which meant that after the start triangle you had to cross a slippery river. I carried on further along the river trying not to smash my elbow on the boulders one side and not fall in the water on the other - you know the usual thing. At a river junction it suddenly occurred to me it might be a good idea to look at the map as I'd forgotten all about that. From then on the grey cells began to activate themselves gradually into life. The first five controls were ok and then a long stretch across the moors. Well, about 1.25 k, but it seemed a long stretch. I kept plodding across thinking that this is usually the point on an 'O' course where I can achieve the ultimate in being dilatory - looking round at the scenery and always thinking what a wonderful and varied country Britain is (even in grotty weather) and contemplating what creatures might be lurking in the undergrowth.

It was a pleasant surprise to hit control 6 - in fact, I always find it a pleasant surprise to hit controls. (That's where you good orienteers miss out, it's always so predictable for you) The other controls contoured round the hill side until the last but one which involved going through knee high tussocks. We had been warned about this in the programme but they still gave me the feeling of being slightly paralytic as I didn't appear to have much control over my legs - or even less than usual.

It turned out that there were only seven women doing the 40L. For the 6k and 210m I did 77.42 and came, amazingly, third, getting my first gold standard time. The following week on the Cooks Country National event I did my more usual performance and finished in the middle bronze range. But the feeling was nice while it lasted....

Other DVO results:-

W13A	Charlotte Langhorn	3rd	Gold
W21L	Anne Marie Priston	4th	Gold
W21S	Sue Russell	8th	Silver
W35S	Christina Wright	7th	Bronze
W45L	Jennifer Gale	6th	Silver
M21L	John Duckworth	11th	Gold
M21L	Dave Clough	23rd	Silver
M21S	Andy Stevenson	17th	Silver
M40L	Paul Armstrong	3rd	Gold
M40L	Ranald Macdonald	30th	Silver
M40L	Alec Stalker	32nd	Bronze
M50S	Barrie Bibby	5th	Bronze
M55S	Tony Seaston	1st	Gold
M55S	Keith Langhorn	2nd	Silver

Viv Macdonald

Clumber Park - 17th October

Disaster, a day never to be forgotten, mainly because Kim will never let me forget it! It was a lovely day, and fast times were anticipated. I set off at a great pace on the Brown course and caught Steve Buckley up at the 2nd Master Maps. Excellent (5 minutes up on him), brain wave, copy the course down quickly grab the descriptions and chase after him to the next control, sorting the map out as you run. BAD IDEA!!!! In my hurry to catch him up I didn't check the map, couldn't find him and ended up LOST. 5 minutes later I sorted myself out and headed off for what should have been an easy control. The next control: in too much of a hurry to catch up the lost time and headless chickened it losing even more valuable minutes. What a disaster, then to cap it all, 3 from home I saw Graham Johnson just behind me. Graham had started two minutes behind me! Head down and sprinted away. But not fast enough I only beat him in by 1min 20 secs. Graham had beaten me by 40 seconds! Guess who was at the finish to greet me! Kim, she had beaten me by 2 seconds!!!! Steve came 3rd, 5 minutes ahead of me! I should have been at least 5 minutes ahead of him (second place!), never mind there was some good news when the results came in - Graham had been disqualified (missed 2 controls out), better luck next time Graham!

Best DVO on each course:

White	Kieran Denny	2nd
Yellow	Kieran Denny	3rd
Orange	Hilary Johnson	12th
Red	R.Niven	1st
Light Green	C.Langhorn	3rd
Green	M.Jackson	6th
Blue	Chris Godfree	4th
Brown	John Duckworth	1st

Ed.

National Event VIII

This was held at Blawith & Torver Commons on the 28th November.

It was a cold, cold day! The M35 course had some excellent route choices, including one that went from one end of the map to the other, I went the straight line route - up and over!, did anyone go round the bottom? (24 minutes over the top). Excellent surprise for us all just before that leg - not only were there drinks

at the map exchange but we were also given some mars bar! This was one of my most enjoyable days in 1993 and look forward to coming back to the area. An excellent map by Bilbo with a wealth of contour detail.

An interesting experiment was that we received our control descriptions in the post with the control cards. What do you think - should we do the same for our Badge Events/National Events??? I also applaud SROC for having NO map reclaim and they were also accepting late entries!

Results:

Yellow	Laura Campbell	6th
Green	M.Keeling	38th
W10A	Heather Campbell	1st
W15A	Katy Armistead	41st
W17A	Joanne Armistead	7th
W19A	Kim Buckley	1st
W21L	Anne-Marie Priston	20th
W21S	Anne Kimberley	30th
W35S	Jayne Gaynor Malley	1st
W40L	Ann Armistead	15th
W40S	Christine Pollard	2nd
W45L	Helen Finlayson	12th
M15A	Chris Godfree	4th
M15B	Christopher Gilligan	1st
M19A	Alastair Buckley	4th
M21E	John Duckworth	21st
M21L	Dave Clough	34th
M35L	Alex Campbell	11th
M35S	John Charles Malley	5th
M40L	John Hopper	43rd
M45L	Steve Buckley	10th
M50L	Neil Forrest	26th
M55L	Tony Berwick	46th

Ed.

THE SOUTH EARTHBANK SHOW

OK, orienteering is a relatively recent civilising influence but, even so, you'd be hard pressed to come up with one significant contribution that it has made to our Great Cultural Heritage. Cricket is forever commemorated in the description of Dingley Dell versus All Muggleton in "Pickwick Papers", and on the reverse of a ten pound note for that matter. Athletics can claim the multi-Oscar winning "Chariots of Fire" to its credit. Even football has "Ballboy" running every week in the Beano. But orienteering?

I do recall a letter to the Orienteer many aeons ago when a correspondent claimed to have spotted an O sign on a wall in the background of a scene in a British film (called "The Sentinel", I think), but that hardly seems to count. However there have been distinct signs in the recent past that things are changing and orienteering is at last being recognised by scribblers and luvvies alike. Consider the evidence.

1. "The Queen and I", page 266. This is Sue "Adrian Mole" Townsend's account of the trials and tribulations of the Royal Family following the election of a Republican government. I haven't read it but Val recommends it. I can't therefore explain the context in which there is an attempt on the Prime Minister's life at the annual dinner of the Outdoor Pursuits Association of Great Britain, but it doesn't matter. What is important is that there it is, the fourth sentence of the chapter: "Orienteers swapped anecdotes with proprietors of sports equipment shops" (presumably Ken Broad was there).

2. "Paper Mask". This was a recent Film on Four in which Paul McGann, a hospital orderly, assumes the identity of a deceased doctor and proceeds to wipe out half a hospital before somebody twigs that something is amiss. The assumption of this role does enable him to do wonderful things to Amanda Donohoe so we shouldn't be too hard on him. Anyway, towards the end of the film, he meets up with an old friend from his portering days who threatens him with exposure, though not the type of exposure that he's been practising with La Donohoe. So this friend does what anyone would do in the circumstances and accepts Paul McGann's invitation to wander along the edge of some extremely precipitous cliffs. It is in the course of this excursion that McGann enquires, "So what brought you to Bristol then? It couldn't have been the orienteering." This somewhat unjustified and enigmatic slur on the south-west of England (which we did check in the interests of accurate research by re-playing the vid a few times) remains largely unanswered because almost immediately afterwards the friend goes hurtling to his doom of the bottom of said cliffs. That'll teach him to join BOK.

3. Now we learn that Channel 4 has sunk millions of pounds into a mini-series to be screened early next year starring no less a bunch of thespians than DVO itself. At least I assume this is a dramatic enterprise because I couldn't imagine anyone making a serious documentary featuring DVO. When I witnessed filming at the MDOC Twin Peaks event, various leading lights from DVO were emoting their collective bramble bashers off running hither and thither for the benefit of the cameras. Quite what the viewing public will make of a sport that seems from this scene to consist of running backwards and forwards across a field I do not know, but since many of the participants spend most Sundays running over the same piece of ground in ever decreasing circles, the acting was at least convincing. (Me jealous?). I understand that at least one performance is likely to be nominated for next year's BOFTA awards.

(Pom Tiddle Tiddle Tiddle Pom Tiddle Pom)

Melvyn Johnson

SPORTS & SOCIAL

The 17 members who went on the Bruges trip in October loved it so much that a similar trip will be organised next year.

Proposed activities for the new year are:

- Anniversary Dinner
- Go-Karting
- 5-a-side Football
- Laser Shoot
- Something for the kids at half term
- Theatre trip
- Water ski-ing
- Pub after 2nd Jan event?

FIXTURES

DATE	REGION / CLUB	TYPE	AREA/GK	DETAILS
DEC				
19th	SOS	EA Champs Badge Event	Roman Valley, Colchester (TL/986217)	J Graham, 73 Sweet Briar Road, Stanway, Colchester 0206 571859 - 6pm-8pm CD 30/11/93 (£1.00/£1.50 SEF Ltd EOD.
28th	SYO	Colour Coded	Silkstone Fall, Barnsley SE/307054	H.Gibbs 0226281562
JAN 1994				
1st	HOC	TSB Score	Highgate Common SO/838902	D.Keeling.0213521334
2nd	DVO	Novelty Score	Shipley Park SK 432453	Organiser: Nick Sibley 0723 852015 50p/25p
3rd	NGOC	Score	Poors Allotment, Chepstow SO/556988	C.Yeatman 0594529653
8th		Trig Point Race	Cannock Chase	From Broc Hill Car Park 973200, 15 miles/1500' 11:30 start, pre-enter to R.Day, 7 Brean Road, Stafford ST17 0PA £2.50. (0785 661637)
8th	POTOC	WM Night League	Bathpool Park, Kidsgrove, South Car park SJ/842520	Robin Baker 0260274646, starts 5:30 to 6:00
9th	AIRE	Colour Coded	Calverley Woods, Bradford SE/196380	M&E Calvert 0532 526971
12th	LEI	Night Event	Burbage Common	A47 North End
15th	LEI	Colour Coded	West Leicester Parks	Ian Wells 0572755419
16th	NOC	Colour Coded	Strawberry Hill, Mansfield SK/573592	R&E Smith 0773810762, EM Gallophen Event
23rd	QO	Badge Event	Great Headon, Minthead SS/947443	D Holmes, Grindelwald, Nailsbourne, Taunton 0823 451343 CD 02/01/94 £5.00/£2.50 SEF Ltd EOD
23rd	SYO	Colour Coded	Ewden, Sheffield, SK/270960	B.Shaw 0433631523
29th	SYO	Night Event	Treeton Woods, Rotherham SK/4487	A.Russell 0742474651
30th	OD	Colour Coded	Sutton Park	M.Savage 0564 779347
FEB				** Possible DVO v WCH Compass Sport Cup Match **
3rd	LEI	Night Event	Wanlip Park	

5th	WCH	WM Night League	Gentleshaw Common SK/050115	Norman Hall 078557278, 5:30 to 6:30
6th	DVO	Colour Coded	Cromford Wood SK/330543	Organisers: Viv Macdonald Margaret Keeling 0773 852991 EM Gallop Event
12th	OD	WM Night League	Oversly SP/111567	TO BE CONFIRMED, Peter Guillaume 0926 511490, starts 5:30 to 6:30
13th	LOC	Natioal Event I	Stickle Pike	Near Broughton-in-Furness, Southern Lake District. GR SD239 930 £6/£2.50 before 14th January to: Tim Field, 22 Chambers Close, Kendal, LA9 5JE Tel. Enquiries to 0539 727907 before 10pm. Cheques payable to LOC and enclose 2 SAEs with SEF.
19th	DVO	Midland Night Champs	Allestree Park	Entries: M. Godfree, 26 Rangemoor Close, Mickleover, Derby 6pm start, CD 29/1 £3.50/£1.50 SEF & Ltd. EOD.
20th	NOC	Colour Coded	Sherwood Forest West SK/607664	P.Morris 0602701240
26th	NW	British Night Championships	Delamere Forest, Chester SJ/550703	C.Giddis, 22 Walker Street, Hoole, Chester (0244319561, CD 1/2/94, £5.50/£2.00
27th	WCH	National Event II	Hawksmoor & Dimmingsdale, Cheadle SK/060436	C.Boycott, 13 Dawlish Avenue, Stafford ST17 0EU (0785664695) CD 31/1/94, £7.50/£3.00, SEF, No EOD
MAR				
6th	DVO	Colour Coded	Bow Woods SK/319563	D.Gale 0283 585244
19- 20th	SE	British Individual & Relay Championships	Charlton Forest & Heyshott and Ambersham Commons	SPECIAL ENTRY FORM
APRIL				
1-4th	WM	JK	Garway, Foxley, Yazor Wood & Garnstone, Bigwood (all Hereford)	SPECIAL ENTRY FORM H.Simpson 0789266343 Final CD 12/3/94
9-10th	POW & ERYRI	Post JK Welsh Dragon Weekend	Betws y Coed area	9th - POW 1994 Welsh Championships on a new area COED Y BRENIN, SEF & Ltd. EOD CD: 19th March, £5.50/£2.50 Organiser: Garri Owen, Upper Road Leighton, Welshpool, Powys SY21 3HR (0938 553716) 10th - ERYRI Badge Event at Gwydir South, SEF & Ltd. EOD CD 19th March. £5.50/£2.50, further details from Malcolm Campbell, Ty Lawr, Brynsiencyn, Anglesey, Gwynedd LL61 6NX (0248430776)
17th	EBOR	National Event III	Cawthorne Bank, Pickering	

23rd	DVO	Badge Event	Chatsworth SK/253698	Organiser: Steve Kimberley 0246 233575 Fees £4.50/£2.00. SEF to M. Godfree (address above)
24th	MDOC	Badge Event	Crowden SK/072992	This event plus Chatsworth (day before) make up SPRING IN THE PEAK !! SEF to K. Parker 23 Heatherfield Court, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
MAY				
15th	NGOC	National Event IV		
29th	CUNOC	National Event V		
JUNE				
5th	DVO	Colour Coded	Whitesprings	C. Macdonald 0629814001
AUG				
1-5th	SOA	World Veteran Championships	Strathspey	SPECIAL ENTRY FORM
20-24	LOC	Lakeland 5 Days		
SEPT				
11th	BL	National Event		
18th	DVO	Colour Coded and Anniversary Courses	Alderwasley Park & Shining Chiff	Suggested format is to use the original 1969 score event on the original 1:25000 map.
OCT				
8th	SBOC	National Event & Veteran Home International	Ogof Ffynnon Ddu	
16th	DVO	Colour Coded	Matlock SK/330626	A-M Preston 0773 856824
NOV				
27th	DVO	Badge	Eyam Moor	Details next newstrack!
JAN 1995				
1st	DVO	New Years Day Event	Allestree or Cromford	
APRIL				
23rd	DVO	Badge	Crich or ?	This is week after JK
OCT				
8th	DVO		Gibbet Hill, Umberley Sick & Hell Bank Plantation (phew!)	This is on the day after the Compass Sport Cup Final (to be held in EM)

Offer to help at DVO events, and helpers will get a 50% reduction on fees (junior free at colour coded events)