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## DVO SUCCESS IN THE VETERAN'S WORLD CUP

During the Vets World Cup in Scotland in 1994, I read that the 1997 VWC was to be staged in the USA, and only 400 miles from my sister's home in Canada, and therefore a good excuse to travel to a far-distant event. That was three years ago, since when I have got even slower in the forest (do I hear whispers..."but can he get any slower?"). Plans were made, and unmade, for the time before and after the event due to be held in Minnesota in early October, timed well for the fall colours, but not for many of DVO's finest who are bound by school/university terms.

A big event needs training, lots of it; firstly at the Scottish 6-day, then perhaps somewhere nearer to Minnesota, land of 10,000 lakes. That gave lots of options; what sort of training? Where? Perhaps on the intricacies of Drum Hill, or the horrors of Dunalastair, or...?? Should I hire Carol McNeil as my personal coach for an intensive six-week training programme? Then there was the possibility of training abroad, in Leicestershire, or Sweden, or Canada, or the USA; mountains, prairies, tundra or tropical rain forest. ... then someone casually mentioned Yosemite.

Yosemite sounded my ideal for training; far from the beady eyes of DVO's Peach, Priston, Buckley (2) etc. Being high in the US Rockies and near, only 1,500 miles beyond, the event in Minnesota.

Eventually travelling via San Francisco, I arrived in Yosemite National Park in late afternoon in mid September. Driving along the valley floor, the road emerged from the forest, and there ahead was a wall of granite rising skywards. I looked up, and up, and up until suddenly remembering that I was driving and should be watching the road ahead. I find it amazing that this first sight of El Capitan, rising 3,000 feet sheer above the valley floor, does not cause many road accidents. Yosemite National Park is approximately the size of the Lake District with the world famous valley occupying perhaps only 5% of the total park area.

A catastrophic flood in early 1997 caused a loss of 350 out of a total 800 valley bottom camp pitches, so that this shortage of spaces forced me to spend my first six days in the back-country, camping at 8,600 feet, and mountain walking at approx. 10,000 feet. Nights were clear and cold, and dawn was freezing, with hat and gloves worn to organise breakfast. The weather was perfect for walking, frost on the grass at 7am and warm sunshine from mid-morning onwards.

Walking was on trails through patchy forest up to the top tree line at approx. 9,500 feet. The highest I reached was 12,300 feet, and the mountain was similar to a Scottish peak in summer, a few north-facing gullies with the remains of last winter's snow. This was on the eastern edge of the National Park, distant views

all round, inland to the East, rocky, dry, mountains rising to 14,000 feet and to the West lower forested mountains.

Orienteering training in Yosemite? No, not technical training as Loughrigg in the April rain, but a week at high altitude must bring some benefit, and it did. My last few days were spent walking from the campsite in the valley bottom; here are the majority of Yosemite visitors, most just there for half a day as part of a longer journey. In contrast, the high back-country is very empty by British standards; usually in a 8 or 10 hour day, I saw perhaps only half a dozen walkers.

After nine days in Yosemite I returned to San Francisco and flew to Minnesota for the WVC. Prior to the Vets event, there were two warm-up events near Minneapolis, so for this part of the trip I bought into Scottish O Tours, thus solving problems of transport and accommodation.

The WVC event was located at Camp Ripley, a US Army training area 120 miles north from Minneapolis. For this event the USOA had negotiated use of the army camp as the event centre, and also as competitor accommodation (This accommodation was basic, but to me it felt luxurious after camping on sites without hot water or showers). The army training area was huge, and predominantly forest, with four days' events in the best O-terrain at the north end of the area and 25 miles from the event centre.

Of the 1868 registered competitors, more than 1000 were Scandinavians, and a mere 142 Brits. The model event was an effective introduction to the competition area, no distinctive land form, very few line features, just an extensive glacial moraine, with numerous kettle holes (large depressions formed when large lumps of ice melted years after the glacier/ice-sheet had gone), some of these are 50 metres across, sometimes marsh-filled. Vegetation was mixed woodland predominantly broad-leaved with shrubby undergrowth often thorny which made for slow running, although without big climbs as in upland Britain.

An additional item of interest was in the very precise event details: "there are 15 wolves and 23 bears in the Camp Ripley area". No wolves were seen, however one Brit did meet a bear, which did manage to slow her down! Two days qualifying events were on parallel courses M60.1, M60.2, and M60.3, 80 competitors in each, with the combined times for the two days determining which final one ran in .....at least I avoided the indignity of the drop into the C final. Needless to say the Scandinavians took most of the places in the A finals.

For the whole week the weather was perfect, being dry and clear, cool in the early morning, OK in the forest, then warm and sunny in the assembly areas. From the accommodation to the event centre shuttle buses ran through the army training area; one morning we drove for 5 miles alongside the Mississippi, as wide as the Trent near Nottingham, but still 2,500 miles from the sea. On another day

returning from the event we drove up a hill trailing a cloud of gravel dust, and at the top met a tank coming up the other side.

On the rest day, I re-joined Scottish OT for a day's sightseeing in rural Minnesota. The fall colours were only just beginning their show, as we were about 10 days too soon for the best. We visited a small country park based on the source of the Mississippi, here only 15 feet wide as it forms the outflow from a small lake.

The final was on the most runnable area of the three days, but still with adequate opportunities for headless-chicken solutions to simple(ish) navigational problems. This is where the benefit of the Yosemite training showed. Using the latest version of the Berwick Orienteering Performance Tables, I have calculated that the week at altitude increased my running speed by an impressive 15.7%, but that the extreme altitude (far higher than Alport Height on a Johnson summer evening training run!) addled my brain, so that navigation was worsened by 16.7%, therefore the total benefit of altitude = 1% slower, not a good return on effort and expenditure considering that Yosemite is nearly 6,000 miles from Derby.

On the Saturday, my run placed me in the bottom third of the B final, however, to place this apparently mediocre performance into its true perspective in the international O-world, I can state that I was DVO's most successful competitor at the 1997 WVC.

Next summer the WVC is much nearer to home being in the Czech Republic, so that it is probable that DVO will have numerous veterans to compete, and to bring home the silverware.

Tony Berwick

### Hope Woodlands - 17<sup>th</sup> November 1997

I have seen the future, and it is not, as someone once claimed, Bruce Springsteen, even if he was "Born to Run", but charabanc-shaped. I am referring to this modest event organised by MDOC for the benefit of their and DVO's members as a means of re-establishing an orienteering presence on this recently little used part of Derbyshire.

As advertised and heavily plugged in the last edition of Newstrack, DVO experimented with the hire of a coach for the benefit of every member who wanted to use it. I have often pondered, as at the recent National events in the Lake District and Forest of Dean, at the inefficiency and cost of disparate orienteers climbing in their ones, twos and threes into their vehicles and making their haphazard and uncoordinated ways towards far-flung areas, which frequently cannot cope with the demands placed upon them by so many

conveyances of assorted shapes, sizes and weights - witness the High Rigg National where the car park had to be abandoned after unforeseen rain, causing the male representatives of families of five who had mistaken the word "Keswick" for "Kendall" in the event details unnecessary harassment and verbal abuse from the senior female members when they arrived late, had to park a kilometre farther away from the Start and all arrived late for their start times, with the exception ironically of the aforementioned male members, if you get my drift.

This reminds me to pass on my patent fail-safe method of remembering the difference between Kendall and Keswick. Kendall has as its third letter "n" so it's in the South, whilst Keswick has as a third letter "s" and must therefore be in the North. Easy isn't it? Never fails - er, except on this occasion of course.

But I digress. Does it not make sense on these occasions for a club with ample resources on its hands to use those assets and offer for the benefit of all members subsidised travel to events in relaxed and sociable surroundings, even giving the more harassed and verbally abused members of the club the chance of a little and much welcome shut-eye on the way back? I can think of few better ways of employing the club's resources. I have calculated that if enough orienteering clubs employed these methods, the UK could in this way alone meet its Kyoto carbon-dioxide reduction targets by 2010 - and have a bit left over for trading with the US too.

There are a few disadvantages in these travel arrangements of course. It requires an early morning start and involves a long day. You can no longer come and go to an event as you please. The sudden influx of a large number of people at the event can place a strain on the organisation and creates difficulties in ensuring members of the same club on the same course are adequately spaced apart. It does not suit those with split starts. However, realistically, the provision of a coach is only going to be useful and feasible where the event is at least outside the East Midlands. None of these objections is substantial or insuperable. All pale into insignificance when set besides the overall benefits. What it requires is a change of attitude on the part of orienteers, a willingness to leave their cars behind, a recognition and acceptance of a Sunday as a day out of which the orienteering is a central and not exclusive part.

I thought the arrangement worked admirably on this occasion. The coach left Derby and picked up first at Allestree, outside the Buckleys where cars could be conveniently left on the nearby side road, and picked up at Belper, Ambergate, Whatstandwell, Matlock, Chatsworth and north of Grindleford. The bus was around two-thirds full, and the response was enough to justify the experiment, although I was surprised that the coach was not groaning at the sides. How often

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## FIXTURES

- 28 Dec 97** EPOC Colour Coded Event, Haw Park Wood, Wakefield SE 375153  
 YH Signed from A638, SE of Wakefield. Organiser: Sue Brant 01924-264688

### January 98

- 1st EM DVO Score Event, Ashbourne and Bradley Woods, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 S5 Car Parking at Ashbourne Recreational Park (SK 183468). Start at 11.00am  
 60 minute score event. Organiser:- Stuart Swallow (01335) 300092
- 1st WM OD TSB Score Event, Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield. SP 109971  
 S4 Organiser:- Peter Guillaume (01926) 511490
- 10th EM NOC Night Event, Blidworth Woods, Blidworth, SK 590520  
 N5 Organiser:- Ian Ward 0115-967-6355. *East Midlands Night League Event*
- 11th EM NOC Colour Coded Event, Blidworth Woods, Blidworth, SK 590520  
 C4 Organiser:- Ian Ward 0115-967-6355. *East Midlands Galloper Event*
- 17th NW MDOC Badge Event, Lyme Park, Stockport SJ 965844. Organiser&Entries:-  
 C3 Paul Jarvis, 85a Wilmslow Rd, Handforth, Cheshire SK9 3EN 01625-526615  
 CD:29/12/97, £4.50/2.00. SEF. No EOD. Chq: MDOC. Car Park £2 per car.
- 17th EM LEI Night Event, Burrough Hill, Leicester Map129/766115  
 N5 Organiser:- Dai Bedwell 01509-263912. *East Midlands Night League Event.*  
 (signposted between Burrough on the Hill and Somerby)
- 24th EM DVO Night Event, Calke Park, Ticknall, Derbys SK 356240  
 N5 Organiser:- Andy Mackervoy 01332-557892
- 25th YH EPOC Colour Coded Event, Elland Park Woods, 3km SE of Halifax**  
 C4 Signed from Southowram GR 112237. Organiser: John Hyde 01422-310988  
**COMPASS SPORT CUP, DVO v EBOR, 3 Line Whip for all DVO**  
**members to attend! Coach will be provided -see elsewhere in Newstrack**
- 31st EM LEI Colour Coded Event, Beacon Hill, Loughborough Map129/510144  
 C4 Signposted from B591/B5330 Junction (not yet registered)

### February

- 7-8th EM NOC Midlands Night Championships Weekend  
 N3 7th Midlands Night Championship, Sherwood Pines, Edwinstowe SK612645  
 C3 8th BADGE EVENT, East Midlands Champs & Robin Hood Trophy,  
 Edwinstowe, Sherwood Pines SK 612645. EOD c/c only  
 Orgs:- 7th Richard Torr 0115-966-4771 ; 8th Bob Alderson 0115-981-7332  
 Entries:- Colin Portman, 11a Darley Avenue, Toton, Nottingham NG9 6JP  
 0115-9720-956 (8-10pm only). CD:25/1/98. £5/£2 per day. SEF. Chq NOC

## FIXTURES

### **February**

- 8th WM WCH Colour Coded Event, Hednesford Hills, Cannock SK 009120  
C4 Organiser:- Norman Hall 01785-257278
- 15th EM **DVO BADGE EVENT** & Midlands Champs, Shining Cliff, Matlock  
C3 Signed from GR SK331544 at Whatstandwell Bridge, south of Matlock on A6  
Organisers:- Margaret Keeling 01773-852991, Viv Macdonald 01629-734307  
Entries:- Mike Godfree, 26 Rangemore Close, Mickieover, Derby DE3 5JU  
01332-515862 (before 9.30pm please). CD: 25/1/98, £6.00/2.50, Family £14.50  
SEF, Lim EOD (£1 surcharge), Chq: DVO, String, Limited colour coded.
- 22nd WM OD Colour Coded Event, Bentley Woods, Atherstone SP 283957  
C4 Organiser:- Peter Guillaume 01926-511490

### **March**

- 1st SC **BKO NATIONAL EVENT**, Concorde Chase, UK Cup Race 2  
C2 Star Posts, Sandhurst, SU 854607. Organiser:- Sue Cload 01344-771574  
Entries: Concorde Chase, 12 Jerry Moor Hill, Wokingham, Berks, RG40 4UG  
01734-734662. No EOD, SEF, Chq: BKO, CD?
- 8th WM WCH BADGE EVENT, Cannock Chase, Stafford. SJ 966174  
C3 Organiser: Rod Niven 01785-662486 Entries: David Scholfield,  
6 Elm Avenue, Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford 01785-604472. CD: 16/2/98,  
£6.00/£2.50, SEF, Lim EOD, Chq: Walton Chasers
- 15th YH EPOC Colour Coded Event, Newmillerdam, Wakefield SE 330155  
C4 Organiser: Phil Thompson 01226-770991
- 21st EM DVO Colour Coded Event, Cromford Moor  
C4 Parking at National Stone Centre (SK 285555) signed from B 5023 N of  
Wirksworth. Organiser: Jayne Malley 01335-350467
- 22nd EM LOG Colour Coded Event, Bourne Woods, Bourne, Lincs TF 079204  
C4 Organiser: Ian Durrant 01522-532245

### **28/29th March DVO Dinner & Weekend at Hartington Youth Hostel**

Please book ASAP via Val Johnson 01773- 824754

*The above list shows the more local 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!*



is it that DVO members are offered transport at next to nothing on a splendid autumn day on a neglected area in a beautiful, ill-frequented part of Derbyshire ? I was pleased to see one or two unaccustomed faces but, apart these, it was the same familiar regulars I would expect.

Everyone was charged a pound so the extent of subsidy was heavy; the cost to the club was over £100, but since we made in excess of £1700 out of the Longshaw badge event, it was affordable as well as good value for money.

If the means of transport to the event was innovative, so was the event itself in its own modest way. Much has been written about the future lying in smaller and informally organised events, a principle epitomised by this one. The organisation was stripped down to the bare minimum. Three courses only - short, medium and long - equating to Yellow, Orange and Blue. One or two people on registration, one person on the start and a couple on the Finish. On the day results were Do-It-Yourself. This was possible only because of the restricted numbers but, provided people accepted the event for its own humble pretensions, it illustrated what can be achieved on a deliberately low scale.

The area was much as I remembered it. There was long walk to the start - passing below yet another area, that may be used in the future - followed by a ferocious climb. Hope Woodlands is basically the side of a steep valley and having climbed the best part already meant that the courses could follow a route that took you across the top and back along the bottom, but, even so, still included nearly 200 metres of climb. There was a particularly sneaky ruin near the end that had to be approached from 30-40 metres above and was buried in the undergrowth - impossible to see unless you were lucky and caught up with someone who'd spent their allotted time searching for it.

It was supposed to be a competition but the scoring was so complicated and obscure that MDOC were forced to declare a draw, which was probably the fairest result. Despite this being an MDOC event and area, there were at least as many DVO there as them.

So what of the future ? DVO's first round of the CompssSport Cup is a match against EBOR at Elland Park Woods (more contours, I'm afraid) near Halifax on 25<sup>th</sup> January - see elsewhere in Newstrack - so a repeat prescription may be in order. This will be before the next Newstrack and Emews I'm afraid so further details will have to be publicised at the New Year's Day Bradley Woods event, for example, or just give me a ring in January. Personally I hope that a trip to at least one National Event can be organised in 1998. Watch this space.



## **CompassSport Cup: DVO v. EBOR**

Yes, it's that time of year again. There should be a flyer enclosed with Newstrack, but for the benefit of those of you that lose it, the details are repeated here. Round 1 of the 1998 Cup will be played at **Elland Park Woods on January 25<sup>th</sup>**. The victors will then go on to play the winners of EPOC v. SYO.

The terrain is described as 'deciduous woodland with oak and ash trees – some fast areas, some open areas, interesting contour detail' – sounds rather pleasant! Starts are the usual 10.30 to 12.30, with Registration opening at 10am. Allow 20 mins between car park and start. The map is 1:10000.

**Travel directions:** The event is 3km south of Halifax. Leave M62 at J25 and follow signs for Brighouse, then Halifax (A6025), then up the hill to Southowram. Signposted from Southowram (GR 112 237).

*Please turn up and support the club.*

Sal Chaffey

## **Shining Cliff Badge Event - Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 1998**

As you will see from the fixtures list this event is the Midland Championships. The organisers, Viv Macdonald and Margaret Keeling will need every able-bodied club member who is available, to help on the day. As usual helpers only pay half the fee for their entry. BUT please enter in advance (before the closing date!), don't use up the scarce entries on the day, which we can sell at a surcharge. If because of helping you are unable to run we will refund your entry fee. Club members will start either before or after the general block of times. Contact Margaret (on 01773 852991) or Viv (on 01629 734307) to offer your help and then show clearly on your entry form whether you want to run early before you help or to run late. Entries to Mike Godfree, 26 Rangemore Close, Mickleover, DERBY DE3 5JU with the reduced fee of £3.00 before the closing date of 25.1.98.

**This Space** originally advertised John Hurley's Annual Pub Crawl on 20<sup>th</sup> December, but it's a bit late now. Newstrack was ready for printing on 14<sup>th</sup> December but fell victim to the Christmas jinx which has afflicted the last three December issues. In 1995 I was snowed in for five days in North Yorkshire, in 1996 my floppy disc self-destructed without hard disc back-up and this year it was first my local photocopying shop which closed due to bereavement and now good old BOF who, despite reminder, have still not sent the sticky labels. Hope somebody turned up to the Pub Crawl anyway.

## Mapping Conference

This was the first time I had been to a BOF conference of any sort. It was a fascinating weekend held at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall in Shropshire. If there were any famous footballers there I have to disappoint you and say that I wouldn't have recognised them anyway. We were quartered in the block recently built for use by the Prisons Service. And it shows! All the fixtures and fittings hidden within the walls so that the punters can't damage them.

There were over 30 delegates with many of the best known mappers in the country being represented. I was overawed by such company and I have to say that mapping does some to attract some of the more obsessive of our fellow competitors. Not surprisingly I suppose. The highlight of the conference was a presentation by Hans Steinegger the Swiss author of the OCAD computer program which has become the de-facto standard for orienteering mapping. Hans gave a fascinating insight into the development of the program. He has made it into a full time, one man business. The very cheapness of the product is probably the main reason that it has not taken off for general purpose mapping. He demonstrated the new version OCAD 6 which includes most of the features buyers have been asking for. Unfortunately it requires Windows 95 or NT, doesn't support digitizers and the files cannot be converted back to OCAD 5. This increases the entry price for using the system. Various computer workshop sessions were held during the rest of the Saturday. Most of them gave useful ideas.

There were also details of BOF's new agreement with the Ordnance Survey for a corporate licence. This will save us money in the long term but imposes yet more bureaucracy in record keeping. Whereas at the moment there is a minimum fee of £18 which is only exceeded when 2000 copies of an A4 map is reached the new structure makes it much cheaper for short print runs of maps, e.g. on a colour photocopier or printer. This is something which will increasingly be the case for small scale events as prices reduce. At the moment though there are problems with the colour balance, water soluble inks and flaking toner compared to offset printing. There was considerable discussion of the fact that the OS interpretation of copyright law is that any use of an OS map (almost even just using it to find the car park to go surveying) in any previous edition of the map on which this one is based means the fee is payable.

Another topic of particular interest to me was the insistence of BOF's Map Group that 1:10000 maps should always have the enlarged symbols and not only when they are enlargements of 1:15000 maps (and then usually the over 40s get the enlarged version). This is fine for reading the map - and I should know, having struggled for sometime with the magnifying glass on my compass - but means that less detail can be shown.

Some nutters went to the nearby Wrekin event on Haughmond Hill for the night event, the more sensible of us only did battle with the brambles at the day event. We then returned for one final session on the proposed changes to the IOF map spec. The proposed changes generated a lot of hot air, but in reality are very minor at the moment.

Mike Godfree

## Training Opportunity

NOC are running a training session at Bestwood (on the northern edge of Nottingham) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January. It is likely to suit novices and those with a little experience. If you would like to have a go, Hilary Palmer on 0115 982 0651.

## DVO BOF Ranking Positions up to mid-October

<b>W21</b>		<b>M35</b>	
3 Kim Buckley	3950	48 John Hawkins	3231
50 Sal Chaffey	3155	77 John Malley	3003
72 Ann Marie Priston	2960	79 Steve Kimberley	2994
76 Val Johnson	2937	136 Mike Gardner	2712
<b>W35</b>		<b>M40</b>	
19 Val Johnson	3505	39 Ian Whitehead	3418
51 Judy Buckley	3053	55 Paul Addison	3348
67 Sue Russell	2858	77 John Hurley	3185
80 Kath Whitehead	2712	84 Paul Armstrong	3122
<b>W40</b>		118 Steve Buckley	2979
95 JJayne Malley	2690	126 Graham Johnson	2963
<b>W45</b>		231 Robert Shooter	2511
43 Viv Macdonald	3335	<b>M45</b>	
51 Liz Godfree	3139	64= John Hopper	3321
52 Ann Armistead	3136	97 Neil Cameron	3150
89 Judy Buckley	2862	223 Stuart Swahwell	2740
<b>W50</b>		229 Ranaid Macdonald	2727
4 Judy Buckley	4037	<b>M50</b>	
14 Helen Finlayson	3668	3 Steve Buckley	4158
63 Jennifer Gale	2977	40 Doug Dickinson	3467
77 Margaret Keeling	2820	179 Derek Gale	2760
<b>M21</b>		188 Andy Hawkins	2723
9 Al Buckley SHUOC	3857	189 Neil Forrest	2713
15 David Godfree EUOC	3743	<b>M55</b>	
26 John Duckworth	3615	58 Dave Walker	3104
86= Chris Bourne	3196	100 Barrie Stephens	2819
146 Dougie Dickinson	2983	112 Dave Tryner	2772
188 Dave Chaffey	2836	128 Keith Langhorn	2660
264= Mike Jubb	2632		

## **ODDS and SODS**

### **Not Quite Sports Personality of the Month**

I'm feeling quite generous towards that hardy perennial Tonius Berwickus in view of his magnificent account of the World Vets gracing these pages so I won't stigmatise him with yet another SPOTM award. However I cannot allow to pass without record his startling achievement at the Drum Hill Night Event in recording the time of 120 minutes, not a second more, not a second less.

**Don't Forget** Val is still taking bookings for the DVO Annual Dinner and Weekend away at Hartington Youth Hostel on Saturday and Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 1998. Cost: seniors £25.00, 11-18 years £15, 6-10 years £10, 0-5 years £5. Dinner only £13 or £6.50.

**Fancy** a long run to get rid of those unnecessary pounds gained over the Christmas holidays - or even, in Dave Walker's case, 1997 ? Try the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Trig-Points Race on Cannock Chase. 15 miles long and 1500 feet of climb, it starts at Broc Hill Car park at 11.30 a.m. and travels through several WCH areas - Sherbrook, Beaudesert etc. - taking in four trig points on the way. Entries and £3.50 to Richard Day, 27 St Mary's Road, Little Haywood, Stafford ST18 0QG by 6<sup>th</sup> January next.

**The next Open Meeting** will be on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, before which there will be another Newstrack but this is advance warning that due to the escalating cost of Belper Sports Centre, we are trying an alternative venue - the Old King's Head pub in Belper. More details and a map in the next issue.

**Extract** from a questionnaire sent out by the organisers of the High Rigg National:

"Did the propinquity of controls 725 and 752 disconcert you ?"

Answer: Not half as much as the use of the word 'propinquity' in this question.

### **Thought for 1998**

"I'd rather be a failure at something I enjoy than be successful at something I hate" - George Burns.

A comforting thought as you hack your way through the undergrowth next year.