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Editorial Attempt No. 2

Note. The first attempt was so bad even by my standards that I had to scrap it.

Apologies for not getting this issue out on time, the chaos called Cromford Moor Club event prevented me from doing anything till the beginning of this month. After a very bleak first month of the year things are beginning to pick up as can be seen from the last two pages of this issue. As I write we have actually had two club events, Bestwood and Linaere, but soon to come are the championships. If youve never been to a championship or another 'big' event then may I suggest that this year you try one. Not only is the atmosphere completely different with far more opportunities to meet other orienteers but these are also the best events for improving your ability.

Hwyl
Steve Kimberley.

Once more the editor does not accept responsibility for any spelling mistakes, typing errors, grammatical mistakes, bad advice, libellous remarks, (spelt right that time) or anything at all which may appear in this newsletter.

Next Issue should be out on the 15th April
Any articles should be given to me by April 1st.

NEWS

Not a lot to say as most important items seem to have been decided in previous meetings. I have though been asked to mention two things.

Firstly the next business meeting will be at Belper Sports Centre on the 14th March. A run will start at approximately 7.00pm but perhaps some people will want to try some of the centres other facilities. Remember that its at these meetings that all decisions over events and what the club should be doing are made. So if youve never been to one now is your chance.

Secondly it is Relay time again! This time its the British Relays to be held, so I'm told, near Farnham. Names money and the class you wish to enter to Mike Gardner by 14th March. His telephone number is Derby 552117. The cost should be £3.20 each but it may be possible for the club to subsidise fees by 50%. This will be decide at the business meeting at Belper.

Our erstwhile treasurer Ian Nicklin also asks me to call for more vigilance at future events. At the Matlock East event three punches went missing and others where found scattered around the control point. Whether this is vandalism or just people punching too quickly and pulling at the punches we don't know. At the recent Linacre event however things took a turn for the worse. Approximately twelve punches were lost and a least one was deliberately out off the end of its string. If this continues perhaps we will have to stop using punches at event and instead rely on writing down the second part of a control code.

Perhaps next time I will have better news on this item.

By the time this newsletter comes out DVO should have recieved the club 'O' suits in blue with a yellow stripe. If you have ordered one of the suits then contact Mike Gardner to arrange its collection. If you didn't order one but would now like one then it may not be too late as the club did buy some spares. I'm still not sure though that I like the lettering on the back advertising the fact that I belong to DVO. In fact there may be times when the club will wish to disassociate itself from me!

Finally the result of the competition in last issue. Only two entries were recieved, from Tim Dallas and Ian Whitehead. I did think of giving them a tiebreaker something like a slogan but in the end decided on the much simpler solution of tossing a coin. The winner therefore is Ian Whitehead who will recieve a box of Jaffa cakes at some event. (Sorry Tim but the tossing of the coin was witnessed.) Perhaps next time there will be more entries.

Many thanks to all who helped by one way or another to distribute the last issue. Through their efforts only 14 newsletters had to be posted at a cost of £1.75. Hopefully we can do the same for this issue.

SOCIAL

DVC GOES BOWLING

Not Crown Green (that is promised for the summer) but ten pin in the metropolis of Ilkeston

After a shaky start all seven of us managed to get to the place. Further problems were encountered inside trying to remember what size shoe I took so that I could exchange shoes for bowling clogs.

From then on the story can be told by the scoring sheet. In the first 10 games it was Andy Thomson and Rob Shooter who led the scoring with Andy beating Rob by just one point. Dave Neville having organised the event had started as favourite but in these first games he played disappointingly and ended up 40 points behind Andy.

In the second run of 10 games Dave came back with a vengeance to score the highest of the day with 137 points. Still that wasn't enough to stop Andy getting the best aggregate score.

Below I've listed the scores for both runs and the aggregate scores. The only reason for this is that it makes my second score look that bit more respectable.

Name	First Score	Second Score	Aggregate
Andy Thomson	111	109	220
Robert Shooter	110	101	211
Dave Neville	71	137	208
Steve Kimberley	98	75	173
Mike Gardner	60	108	168
Ian Whitehead	66	97	163
Kath Whitehead	62	96	160

A very enjoyable game and one in which I hope there will be a return match but perhaps with more competitors.

At the moment there are no more social events in the offing so if you have always wanted to try something different write or see me at events and I will try and get someone to organise it if possible.

If you fancy trying to test your running capabilities then here are details of two completely different events in which you can do just that.

Saturday February 18th 2.30pm

Rolls Royce Harriers Smelly Para '71

Start at Rolls Royce Sporthall Moor Lane Derby.

Entry Fee 60p includes tea and biscuits

Sunday 1st April

Spire 10 10 mile race incorporating Derbyshire 10 mile Champs

Entry details from C Rutt 18 Bowden Avenue, Barlborough, Chesterfield.

Closing Date 9th March 1984

Gardner's DIARY

Having trained hard over Christmas I was ready for anything (As long as it involved food and drink and had no association with anything even vaguely athletic). However, January seemed to pass into oblivion in a covering of white and no orienteering events took place. What can I do? Ian said "Train" so we did. A 14 mile training run from my house with Charnie to keep us company. As we set off from Allestree all went well, but by the time we reached Duffield we were tiring. Decided the Wilkinson's wouldn't want 2 muddy runners collapsing on doorstep. Charnie going well. Damn dog! Up the Chevin. How come we always seem to go up it but never down it! Hundreds of walkers on Chevin, must have known we were coming. Charnie still pulling us along. Having got half way turn for home, but it's twice as far back! As we go over Cumber Hills Charnie goes on lead and Ian gets a free pull up the hill. There ought to be a rule against that. Charnie pulling strongly. Back to Quarndon now and it's all downhill from here. How come somebody built all these little humps in the road. Finally....Home. I collapse...Ian collapses... Charnie on level terms at last.

As Ecoleshall is called off Steve & Rob are round at my house so we think of something to do. A short run is suggested and accepted. The snow is at least 4" and very soon the run turns into a snowball fight but is soon completed. What next? Into the park and try sledging. DVO clothing bags taken for sledges. I knew equipment officer would be useful one day. On way we spend 5 minutes trying to hit a target, all 3 of us demonstrate great inability in olympic snowballing. However, snowball building is another matter! Why 3 grown(?) men should try and build a giant snowball in the local park is a little confusing. Why they should then all try and stand on top of it, at the same time, to get their photo taken is even stranger! The sledging never took place but Rob did try his walking on water trick, it didn't work and he had a wet wellie to prove it.

Cromford is off but volunteer to help Roger & Debbie put on an event for Roger's school. Shining Cliff is tough normally but in snow I manage to get lost putting out the controls. However on a wonderful sunny wintry day, it's nice to be out. But it's amazing how many orienteers you see out walking. By the way if anyone finds a compass in Shining Cliff, near the Y.H.A., it's mine!

Now sitting at home I realise that I have still got Steve's typewriter in my house which I borrowed earlier and he needs it to do the D.V.O. Newsletter. (By the way what about a name for the newsletter, DVOid of Sense - as most of us seem to be, or DVOTed - as most of us spend our free time doing orienteering. Anybody got any other ideas?) So in recompense I thought I ought to at least try and show willing and type him something.....

JK LOGIC

Yes it's logic time again and this time we have 5 people travelling to the JK from 5 different clubs, each staying at a different form of accomodation. Tell me who stayed in what accomodation and from which club they come from.

- 1) The man called Appleyard came from one of the Yorkshire clubs - he did not camp; the person called Smith was not from Lancheater Orienteers(LO).
- 2) Miss Mitchell, who is not from EBOR, had floor space.
- 3) The man from ESOC is not called Mike.
- 4) The lady who stayed with relatives was not from SYO.
- 5) Ian's name is Plant; Julie is not from West Anglia OC(WAOC); and the person called Rhodes is not from EBOR; or further North.
- 6) The person from LO stayed in a hotel.

Clue:- S.Y.O. = South Yorkshire Orienteers
 E.S.O.C. = Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club
 L.O. = Lancheater Orienteers
 W.A.O.C. = West Anglia Orienteering Club
 Ebor = Eborienteers (York)

	Appleyard	Mitchell	Plant	Rhodes	Smith	S.Y.O.	E.S.O.C.	L.O.	W.A.O.C.	EBOR	Camping	Floor Space	Hotel	Bed & Breakfast	Relatives
Gordon	X	X	X	X	X										
Ian	X	X	X	X	X										
Julie	X	X	X	X	X										
Mike	X	X	X	X	X										
Maureen	X	X	X	X	X										
Camping	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Floor Space	X	X	X	X	X										
Hotel	X	X	X	X	X										
B & B	X	X	X	X	X										
Relatives	X	X	X	X	X										
S.Y.O.	X	X	X	X	X	X									
E.S.O.C.	X	X	X	X	X		X								
L.O.	X	X	X	X	X			X							
W.A.O.C.	X	X	X	X	X				X						
EBOR	X	X	X	X	X					X					

Please send entries to Steve Kimberley or Mike Gardner before the next copy date.

PAST EVENTS

First of all congratulations and apologies. Congratulations to all members of DVO who turned up at MDCC's event at Haggside in winning the Hagg team Trophy. Now the apologies to Mike Gardner who had written a report on the event for inclusion in this newsletter. Unfortunately I appear to have lost it, no doubt it is somewhere in the house but where I don't know.

Since Haggside there has only been one event in the area NOC's event at Bestwood Lodge on February 5th

As expected after such a long time since a local 'O' event, (did anyone actually get withdrawal symptoms?), there was quite a large turnout and with no brown course most DVO members ran blue. Mike Gardner suffered a rare defeat in East Midlands Club events with both Steve Buckley and Andy Thomson beating him. However neither could beat S Bourne an M15 from NOC. Somebody said that he trains on the area, perhaps so, but he must still be a fast runner. Bestwood proved to be a very fast area with the straight route normally the fastest. The only problem I found was finding controls in the small but deep depressions.

Hopefully in the next issue there will be more reports if I don't lose them.

tele - O

News comes from BOF of Orienteering on television.

On Friday 17th February at about 4.50 pm there may be a brief mention of Orienteering in the ITV 'Free Time' programme.

On Friday 24th February at approximately 5.20 pm on BBC 1 'Grange Hill School Goes Orienteering'

However the big one is the bbc 2 series featuring Steve Gram teaching Anika Rice to orienteer at the October Odyssey event last October. The programmes will be transmitted on Tuesday 20th March and the 27th March at 9.00pm. As a few DVO members managed to go to this event perhaps someone will manage to see themselves on tele.

FUTURE EVENTS

February 18th SYO Colour coded event. Eccleshall Woods
S Maycraft 199 Tom Lane, Sheffield. (0742 307789)

Much changed about event which receives this new date on a Saturday. Eccleshall is a very runnable area with many small paths. Almost always the fastest route is straight if your navigation is up to it.

February 19th Leicester Club event. Grace Dieu.
E. Williams 40 Castle Rock Drive, Coalville (C. 32829)

Luckily I can say that I've never been to this area but judging by reports it is a fairly complex area with plenty of features. However perhaps the big question is whether or not the sacrifice of Coalvilles maidens will ensure a rainless event. Probably not.

February 26th Midland Champs. Bentley Woods Atherstone.

Another changed about event which you should have entered by now. Moved to Bentley Woods because of permission problems with other areas it should still produce good courses though perhaps a bit short in the top classes.

March 4th Southern Championships Leith Hill

CANCELLED

Latest reports say that this event may be held in early December.
BUT CLONFORD MOOR POSSIBLE ON MARCH 4th. YET TO BE CONFIRMED.

March 11th Robin Hood Trophy Sherwood Forest.
J Bailey 39 Derby Road, Beeston, Nottingham. (0602 257072)

Expect long courses. As used for the 1983 Midland Champs this is another fast runnable area and quite flat. Some intricate areas could cause problems. Will the tanks stay still though!

March 18th DVO Club event Robin Wood
K Whitehead Fortman Chase, Stenson Fields, Derby

Despite the green appearance of the map this is one of DVO's better areas. Mostly path running but not in a grid pattern so it does allow for interesting route choice. Well worth going to.

BUT KEEP THIS DATE FREE FOR ROUGH ATTYSIDE. YET TO BE CONFIRMED.

March 24th Leicester Club event. Beacon Hill.
M Hollins 84 Rosebank Road, Countesthorpe Leicester.

A small mainly semi open area on Leicesters second highest point (fact kindly supplied by M Gardner). Fast but not flat area with many paths. People who have been there before should have an advantage its so small, but the unwary can still be caught out.

March 25th N V O Event Irchester
P Nightingale 55 South View, Weedon Road Northampton.
(N. 831228)

Quite a long way away. Has anyone been there?

April 1st Chasers Trophy event. Seven Springs.
Pam Emberton 42 Bodmin Avenue, Stafford. (0785 662061)

Yet another part of Cannock this time the North East edge. Very runnable, well contoured area with a fair number of paths. Almost certainly half of your control points will be reentrants though at least in this area they are well defined. Normally courses are technically difficult.

April 8th Northern Championships. Torver Low Common
Mrs B. Comish 26 Newlands Road Lancaster. (L. 63820)
Enter by 27th February. No E.O.D.

An area I know nothing about. The OS map shows an open area fairly flat (By Lake District standards), with some old iron workings.

April 15th Rough Pittyside. DVO Club event.
M Gardner 5 Fairway Crescent, Allestree Derby
(Derby 552117)

DVO's newest area perhaps its name tells us what it is like. Worth going to if only to see what the area and map are like. Hopefully this will be the event that the next newsletter comes out at.

Despite all that I've just typed there may be a few changes. Thanks to various weather and permission problems the DVO events may be changed. The latest position is as follows:

The Robin Wood event has so far been refused permission but the DVO Chairman Dave Brodie is trying to get one of the landowners to change their mind.

Rough Pittyside is not able to go ahead on the date planned of April 15th as the shooting tenant was apparently under the impression that orienteers stayed on paths. If the Robin Wood event is not held then it may be possible to hold Roughpitty side on March 18th.

Finally there is the event which I am organising Cromford Moor. After date alterations forced upon us the event had to be postponed on the 29th January due to snow on the Car Park. There are two possible dates the 18th March but this now seems unlikely for the above reasons, and most likely the 4th March the date of the postponed Southern Championships.

The only advice I can give is either go to DVO's meetings to hear the latest or ring the organisers closer to the dates.