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Well as promised a newsletter on time , or just about, it is a bit thinner than usual and without the promised article. In its place there is rather a lot of news with nearly a whole page devoted to the 'Spring training programme'. Perhaps you prfer it this way.

The next issue should be early April but may be delayed as I have to plan an event.

Many thanks to deputy editor Dave Brodie who does all the printing for the newsletter. Often in the past I've forgotten these thanks.

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Steve

## NEWS

By now everyone in the club should have some raffle tickets to sell, however by now many of you may be having problems selling the tickets because of the limited appeal of the prizes. In recognition of this the prize list has been extended as listed below.

A weekend for up to six in a lakeland country cottage. ( one mile from Lake Windermere ).

A personal stereo cassette unit.

A portable transistor radio.

A mixed case of Peter Dominic wine.

A Harvey Mazzle.

A calculator.
A bottle of Malt Whisky.

A case of Broughton Brewery Ale.

A case of Greenmantle Ale.

We hope that this means you can sell all your tickets and ask Ian Whitehead for some more. Regards our own fund raising event at Drum Hill it is hoped that a substantial three figure sum will be donated to the WM85 fund. Exact figures have still not been finalised.

At the business meeting on the 9th January the Autumn 85 program was sorted out as shown below.

Sunday 15th September Matlock Forest West Open event.

Organiser. Lindsay Nicklin Planmer. Jo Thornley Controller. Andy Thomson

Sunday 6th October Open event Drum Hill.

Organiser. Iam Nicklin Planner Kath Whitehead Controller. Iam Whitehead

Sunday ist December

Crich Chase Badge event.

Organiser. Volunteer required.

Planners. Dave Brodie & Steve Kimberley

Controller. To be appointed.

Sunday 15th December

Matlock Forest East Open event.

Organiser Dave Nevell Planner Mike Gardner Controller Dave Walker

As mentioned in the last newsletter there is now a spring training programme, at the last business meeting this was both amended and extended. Details are given overleaf.

if any alterations are made to the list I will publicise them in the newsletter.

#### Spring Training Programme.

	February 13th	Night Street Event. Sherwood Leisure Centre. Matlock. Starts from 6.30 pm.
	E 1	Training run, Castle Hill Duffield.
	February 20th	Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at 253 Duffield
	February 27th	
		Road, Allestree.
	March 6th	Training run, Castle Hill, Duffield.
	March 13th	Night Street Event. West Derby area. Meet at
		253 Duffield Road, Allestree.
	March 20th	Training run at Duffield followed by a talk by Roger
		Wilkinson provisionally on 'Controlling the British.'
	March 27th	Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at 253 Duffield
		Road, Allestree.
	April 3rd	Training run from Duffield and a training run at
		South Wingfield, from the Claytons house, Pondane,
		Manor road, South Wingfield.
	April 10th	Training run at Allestree and a training run from
		Matlock. Venue required for the Muttock Run.
	April 17th	Brown only event at Allestree Park.
	April 17th	Organiser Lindmay Nicklin.
	April 24th	Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at Allestree.
	May 1st	Training run at Duffield.
	May 8th	Training run at Allestree and training run at
	nay our	Matlock, from the Thornteys, D'Arry Howe, to Jackson Ro, Marluck
	May 10th	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS. Venue to be decided.
	riey roch	Organiser and planner Dave Brodie.
-	May 15th	Race to be held at Cromford. Further details later.
	Hay Isti	Organiser Roz Clayton.
	May 22nd	Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at Allestree.
	May 29th	Fun event. Details later.
	June 5th	Training run at Duffield and at South Wingfield.
	June 12th	Possible inter club event.
	June 19th	Brown only event at Crich Chase.
		Organiser Jenny Tennant.
	June 26th	Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at Allestree.
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Unless otherwise stated all runs start at 7.00pm with the business meetings starting approximately one hour later.

On the subject of training EMOA will be nominating Rob Seager as part time National Coach for this area. However EMOA would like our views on what services this part time National Coach might provide. For example should he provide training just for experienced seniors or for beginners, or should he concentrate on the juniors. This topic will be discussed at the next business meeting and it would be useful if members could bring their views on the subject to the business meeting.

At the last business meeting DVO made a new appointment, that of Andy Clayton as Press Officer, subject to confirmation at the AGM. His job will be to establish and maintain links with local newspapers.

As well as publicising events and brief reports on events he will also be keeping a cuttings book. To help him with these tasks could members who see an article in their local paper on orienteering cut it out and pass on to Andy. Could organisers of our events also telphone Andy with the leadingresults preferably on the night of the event.

The Compasssport cup match against Norwich finally has a date, but unfortunately its the same as the distribution date for this newsletter, February 10th at Stapleford. Hopefully the message has been recieved by enough people so that we still have a strong team there. In the event of us winning then we shall play either Happy Herts or Deeside or possibly both in a three way tie. This match will be the equivelent of the final for the Midlands area.

The DVO teams for the JK have already been entered. Altogether eleven teams are entered comprising of; two teams for the Men's Open, one team for the Womens Open, one M35, one W35, two M17, one M13, one w13, one adhoc long, and one adhoc mixed. It is hoped that with this mixture of teams we should be able to please most if not everybody. As is usual the final teams will be picked on the weekend and your place will be probably dependant on how well you run at the weekend.

Details are now out about the format of the proposed run along the Gritstone Way which is being organised by Steve Buckley. This relay run is about 88 miles from the top of thorpe cloud to Derby cathedral in 20 legs. These legs will vary in length. There are to be at least 12 runners in the team but nobody is allowed to run more than two legs. Even more complicated are the age rules. A team is to include at least four ladies, two people to be age 14 and under, two age 17 and under, two age 35 and over and two age 45 and over. It is due to be held on Saturday 22nd June at 7.00am starting at Thorpe Cloud. Entry fee is £5.00 per team which should cover the cost of a small social to be held after the end.

DVO plan to enter one competitive team and possibly one non competitive team. So far there has only been one entry, from Merseyside, but invitations have been sent to all clubs in the North West, Yorkshire, East Midlands, and West Midlands areas.

For a long time little has been done to help schools introduce orienteering to their pupils, apart from a few small events which were hardly attended at all. Now however two teachers have approached us asking to use our maps and areas to teach orienteering during school time but the club can't decide how to help them. One possibility is to just give them the maps and rely on the teachers to arrange permissions. Some people though remembered Leicesters problems at one of there areas where they lost permission through indiscriminate use of the area by other groups. Because of this a different system could be used where teachers applied to us asking for permission to use an area on a specific day. We then got permission for them if we felt that they could use the area. Obviously both systems have there advantages and disadvantages but trying to resolve the problem at the last business meeting produced nothing but a heated argument. Eventually it was decided that there will be a working party formed to try and resolve the issue.

This working party will be composed of; Roz Clayton, Dave Walker, Judy Buckley and Ian Whitehead. It promises to be a lively discussion.

..... Dave Nevell will be nominated to the EMOA for the post of EMEWS editor.

..... Ian Nicklin is to look into the possibility of organising a training weekend in North Wales

..... Work on the DVO shed which will be used to store equipment has been postponed till the Whiteheads know if they are moving away from the area or not.

## SOCIAL

Nothing really to report as there has been no social events this year. The only one definitly proposed is the Pantomime visit which will probably take place on March 1st though this has not yet been confirmed. The pantomime is Cinderellastarring Roy Hudd Bernard Bresslaw and Deborah Watling. I think that she was once one of Doctor Who's assistants. Tickets cost £7.00 for the dress circle and stalls but there is a Concessionary price for Children OAP's and the unemployed of £3.90. The performance starts at 7.15pm.

The only other possible event is a booze 'O' again to be held in Darley park. I will publish further details in the next newsletter.

Again I ask if anyone has any ideas for social events or wants a repeat of a past event theb can they please let me know.

### **WOULD YOU BELIEVE?**

Ian Nicklim is trying to recover the cost of lost punches at the Allestree event by selling second hand Golf balls.

The farmer at Rough Pitty Side consults his manuring schedule before he gives us permission to use his field as a car park.

Ian and Kath Whitehead have found an automatic dishwasher.. Steve Kimber

One group of orienteers at Allestree actually tried to pay for there entry after they had gone round at the finish tent.

The working party on schools is looking to rent a sound proof indestructable room.

# FUTURE EVENTS

Most events are as detailed in the last newsletter but there are one or two changes.

February 17th

LEI Open event. Aston Firs. Thelma Spalton, 5 Shearsby Close, Wigston Magna, Leicester. LE8 1WW (Leicester 888533)

This leicester event has been put on instead of the Coleorton badge event. The area is vey flat and very fast. So interesting that I decided not to save my map of the area.

March 10th NCC Robin Hood Trophy. Annesley Forest.

Ranking event & East Midlands Closed Championships. Mark Thomson, 51 Leys Road, Ruddington, Notts. (Nottingham 215760) Closing Date 18th February.

This ranking event needs preentrying but if you only want to do colour coded course then you can enter on the day. Annesley itself is an interesting areA fairly runnable with an irregular path system. Watch out though for wells and nettles. I understand that the old map has been extended.

All other events remain as detailed in the last newsletter, however since then BOF has sent out an information sheet detailing future major events so.....

according to BOF there are only four major events in 1985

3rd March The British Championships - Wyre Forest

Entries have closed.

6/8th April The Paper Sack Jan Kjellstrom Event - Alnwick.

Entries closed.

5th May The Prudential British Relay Championships.

Clipstone Forest. Entries close 25th March.

Autumn The British Night Championships

South Central Area.

One step below these four major events are the eight National events to be held in 1985.

Flym Forest - Devon 17th March

Erik Peckett, The Haven Gabwell Lane,

Stoke in Teighhead, Newton Abbot, Devon. TQ12 4QN. Entries close 16th February.

Stourhead - (20 miles west of Salisbury). 21st April

John Grenfell, 5 Druid Road, Bristol. BS9 1LJ. Entries close 18th March.

Shining Cliff 6th May

Steve Buckley, 253 Duffield Road, Allestree. Entries close 25th March.

Harrop Tarn - Cumbria (Approx 10 miles north of 19th May

Ambleside). Tony Pennick, 20 Abbey Vale, St Bees, Cumbria.

Entries close 15th April.

Loch Ard - Scotland ( 3 miles from Aberfoyle) 25th May Entry forms available after 16th March from -

Kirsteen Kiershaw, 39 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh.

Aire Dales - 10 miles north of Skipton. 7th July Entry forms available after Easter from -

Tony Roberts, 19 Clara Road, Wrose, Bradford.

Ogof Fynnon Ddu - Wales (18 miles N.E. of Swansea. 13th October

Entry forms available after 1st August from:-John Howell, 3 Brynau Drive, Swansea. SA2 8PP.

Pannanich - Scotland (35 miles west of Aberdeen) 20th October

Entry Forms available after 3rd August from -

G Grahan, 24 Mortlich Gardens, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

Lastly the information sheet mentions the dates of some of the better known 'annual' badge events...

'Springtime in Shropshire Event' 26/27th May

White Rose - Yorkshire 24/26th August

Caddihoe Chase - South West Area 29th September

October Odyssey - North East Area 5/6th October

November Classic - South Central Area 3rd November

I hope that this information will be of use to you.