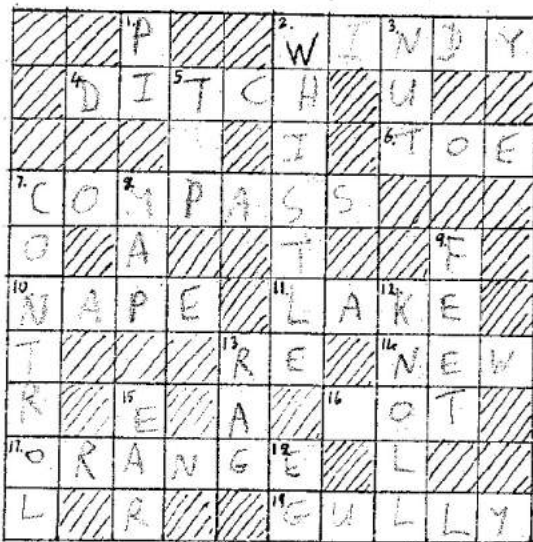


# Newstrack Feb '86

## Prize Crossword

### CLUES



### Across

- 3 An Unpleasant type of weather
- 4 A wet or dry feature.
- 6 Found at the end of 9 down
- 7 Use it to find North
- 10 Back of the neck
- 11 Coloured blue on an 'O' map
- 12 About
- 14 Not old
- 16 A spot on a map
- 17 A colour-coded course you can eat!
- 19 A feature, also to be found on a cricket field

### Down

- 1  $\frac{22}{7}$  or 3.14 Cask Mum or Dad)
- 2 You should carry one of these when orienteering.
- 3 A silly person, who falls off a tree in the autumn!
- 7 This can be hard to find.
- 8 If you can't read this properly you will get lost.
- 9 These often get wet when orienteering.
- 12 A small lump
- 13 A tatty piece of cloth
- 15 Found on the side of your head
- 18 For example [abbreviation]

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## EDITORIAL

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I thought this newsletter was going to be very short, but at the last minute contributions came flooding in. Many thanks to all the scribes. The big events of the next two months are the CompassSport Cup and the Chatsworth Badge Event. I hope many of you will be able to play a full part. It's good to see so many new names on our membership lists. If any of you want help with your orienteering skills please ask an experienced club member or contact me and I will try to find you a 'tutor' for your next event.

## COMPASSSPORT CUP

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Agreement has been made to meet EBOR at the AIRE event at Brimham Rocks on April 6th (postponed from Feb. 16th). Please keep this date free to run for your club. Anybody interested in travelling by coach, (it's a long way), contact team manager Roger Wilkinson on Derby 840712

## CHATSWORTH BADGE EVENT

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16th March - PLEASE HELP!!

If you can help, enter in the normal way, but do not enclose money (entry for helpers is free). Mark your intention to help on top of the form and any preferred job. You will be informed of your job and start time in due course.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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Some six months ago I decided to take an interest in a sport which requires not only physical ability but an intelligence quotient of more than 10. After reading several books on the subject, lent to me by a participant in the sport, I decided to have a go. Little did I realise those "little orange and white things" one often encounters lying around woods would be quite so difficult to locate.

I approached my first event with some trepidation, but allowed a more experienced orienteer to convince me I was quite capable of running the Blue Course. I overshot the first control by at least 200m before realising I had gone astray. Whilst looking for the third control I encountered a familiar face pointed me in the right (or was it left?) direction. Later it was revealed that my fellow competitor had a start time almost half an hour after my own. Things got easier as I progressed - yes, I progressed. Controls actually became less difficult to find. Then one frosty morning I competed on terrain more than 3 miles from home, taking 1 hour 20 minutes to find 8 controls, only to discover a wet depression is not something confined exclusively to the ground.

For the next month or so I find myself temporarily incapacitated, but will occupy my time reviewing frequent map-reading errors and improving navigation techniques trying to direct my wife from the passenger seat of the car.

A. Big-Inner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I have received the following letter which owes its origins to 'Motor Cycle News' and was contributed by Dave Nevell.

Dear Club Mxmbxr,

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xcpt for onx kxy. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd proprly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty six kxys that function wxll xnothg, but just onx kxy not working proprly makxs all thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxmms to mx that our club is likx my typxwritxr; not all thx kxys arx working proprly. You may say to yoursxlf, 'Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx club.' But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcasx a club, to bx xffctivx, nxxds thx activx sxrvicx of xvxy mxmbxr.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that you arx not nxxdxd, plxasx rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, 'I am a kxy pxrson in thx club and I am nxxdxd vxry much.'

EVENT REPORTS  
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Lea Fun Run - December 29th  
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It was a very cold day and the canal was frozen but that didn't stop people wearing tea-bag shorts and running vests. We usually ran on the pavement. I went on the shortest course and I thought it was quite easy except for there not being enough people telling you which way to go. I found the course quite interesting because it had lots of turns. Apart from it being very cold I quite enjoyed it!!! Overall I came in the first 12, which is quite good for me.

Edward Thomas

Linacre - 12th January  
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With fairly bleak and snowy weather preceding the event, there was some doubt whether it would take place. However conditions eased a little, even if trying to change in the mud-slide (sorry - car park) was a bit like a roll in the snow after a sauna. Lots of people came and enjoyed themselves. Perhaps the highlight was the Masons' string course with pretty flowers all the way round.

I had debated tackling the string course as a confidence booster for the coming season. Foolishly I decided on trying the brown. After missing half the map corrections (they had only been sitting in my front room at home for a week or so), I belted off into brambles and oblivion. I had psyched myself up so well that I ran three 10 metre loops round the 3rd control before seeing it (who says orange shows up well?), and spent hours (well minutes) looking for the 9th one. The map seemed a little peculiar in places, but that was to some extent a reflection on my crummy orienteering as others managed far better than I did. Perhaps it is a known DVD technique not to try to read the contours in local events. However you look at it, a map produced in 1977 really ought to have been revised by now. On returning to the car afterwards, I harangued the planner (your editor, my wife) about the control I could not find. 'Yes the contours weren't right there. I put the tape in a pit at the top of the hill, but the controller moved it lower down.' She always has an excuse!

Dave Nevell had a blinding run on the Brown course, winning in 50 minutes. Rumour has it he was merely out for revenge over Karen Parker of MDCC who had beaten him previously.

Other good results were:

Roger Wilkinson 7th on Brown  
Dave Brodie, John Seaston and Barry Bibby 1,2 and 4  
respectively on Blue

D.Owen and R.Day 1 and 2 on Green  
Tessa Wilkinson and Ian Finlayson, 4 and 8 on Orange  
Caroline Thornley and Mary Finlayson 4th and 7th on  
White.

Tony Thornley

Bog Trotting on Wyrley Common  
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(O.D. open event Jan. 19th Nr Brownhills)

Blend a couple of kilometres of barbed wire with some busy roads, marshy scrubland and muddy slagheaps; serve up on a 1:15000 map the size of a postage stamp and you get an idea of the kind of area Wyrley Common is. To be fair, the area is extremely intricate and varied, despite its flaws. A real brain taxer.

The courses were technically tough, perhaps sadistic, though that mainly depended on route choice (with the blue anyway). I should imagine the shorter courses were a menace to plan due to the absence of line features to the East of the area. The planner should be commended on the courses he produced on such a bitty area. Wyrley (rhymes with Hurley) is well worth a visit, if only for the experience. Make sure its a nice day though!

DVD featured on most courses. Commendable performances were achieved by John Seaston and David and Chris Godfree.

Brown 31:G. Johnson, 46:G. Dingley, 53:J. Dingley

Blue 1:J.Seaston, 6:D.Dickinson, 8:D.F.Dickinson,  
34:P.Seaston, 56:A.Berwick, 66:T.Seaston  
Green 16:C.Pollard

Red 4:M.Godfree, 11:D.Godfree

Orange 6:L.Dickinson, 18:H.Dickinson

Yellow 8:C.Godfree, 25:G.Rickwuss

Paul R. Seaston

Stapleford Woods - January 19th  
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I suppose it depends on what you want from orienteering. If you like the challenge of navigation through complex contour detail don't go to Stapleford as there are no contours on the map. If you like running over bleak moors and through trackless swamps, don't go to Stapleford as it is a fair-sized area of forest of varying runnability.

The event attracted 450 competitors and seemed very successful. the courses were well-planned and on the brown a number of people were caught out by a leg through a thick area

which followed some fast path running legs. It could have done with more than one punch at some of the controls though.

Best DVD results were:

Green 22nd Brenda Bibby  
Blue 8th John Cunniffe, 16th Judy Buckley, 35th Rob Tresidder  
Brown 2nd John Hurley, 3rd Dave Nevell, 5th Steve Buckley, 11th Steve Kimberley, 18th Barry Bibby, 27th Dave Walker.

The Brown was won by P. Barlow of LSOC who had better watch out!

John Hurley

Ecclesall Woods, Sheffield, January 26th  
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It was a bright and crisp morning and my start was at 10.40. I wondered about doing the Orange, but I was persuaded to do the Yellow which turned out to be fairly easy. The course was mostly in runnable woodland. The wood was very similar all the way. It would have been rather boggy but as it was so cold most of the ground was hard. The course took me about half an hour. I enjoyed it.

Martin Thomas

This was my first M11 course. I found it amazingly hard. The little paths didn't seem to exist. The only decent line features were streams, walls and big paths. I did all right up to number 3, but then I followed a path to number 4 and didn't see where the bend was and I ended up at number 7. Then when I wanted number 7 later on, I couldn't find it. The course took me about an hour in the end.

Andrew Thornley

On January 26th, the Gilligans decided to venture out of DVD territory to attend their first Badge event. It proved to be a morning of minor disasters. For a start Nigel spilt bidgie seed all over the floor, then when we set off at 9a.m. at a temperature of -8°C, the de-icer was discovered to be on its last squirt. Rather later than we intended we collected a Thomas, and were told that the Thornley's car had overheated and they had gone off in a borrowed one. It was obviously going to be one of those days.

Eventually we arrived in the approximate vicinity of the event and were approached by a helpful chap. 'Orienteering Event? Park down there please. How did he know we were orienteers?' we asked each other, flattered that we obviously looked the part. We were disillusioned when we saw him flagging down most cars, including one containing four old ladies (W75?), be-hatted and church bound. So off we went to the start, or rather for a very long walk, for we had made the

## FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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A supplier of organically grown fruit and veg. will deliver produce to Derby on a weekly basis if there are enough people interested. I'm told his prices are very reasonable! If you are interested please contact me, Lindsay Nicklin, as soon as possible on Derby 511177.

### O-minology

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Re-entrant : a revolving door  
Gully : a man dressed in white  
Spur : a one man football team  
Cliff : a rock star  
(there must be more of this ilk...)

Dave Nevell

### Snippets

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Roger Wilkinson (M40) and Tony Thornley (M35) have both finished top of the 1985 Peter Dominic Ranking List in their respective classes. As this is the last year of Peter Dominic's sponsorship it is an opportune time to win. The prize is £50 worth of P.D. wine. The editor is already licking her lips.

### New Members

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Welcome to the following new members:

Stephen Clarke and family, 'Balgray', Coombs Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire tel Bakewell 3872

Steve Wilson, 1 Owenbrook Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham tel Nott. 228982

Peter Cox, 76 King Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs DE14 3AF tel 0283 41053

Colin, Laura, Patrick, Amanda Mac Donald, 3 Dale View, Monyash, Bakewell DE4 1JJ tel Bakewell 3472

Michael, Elizabeth, David, Christopher Godfree, 26 Rangemore Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5JU

Jane Gillibrand (Junior) 63 Bank View Road, Derby DE3 e1 tel Derby 32767

Ruth Dickie (Junior) 18 Church Lane, Darley Abbey, Derby DE3 1EW tel. Derby S57274

A.A Beattie 1 Brook Close, Hatton, Derbys. DE6 5EW

P. Chambers, Mayfield House, Lucas Lane, Hilton, Derbys

A.Speed, 14 Field Close, Hilton, Derbys. DE6 5GL

Ian Gregory, 68 Devonshire Drive, Mickleover

D. Bingham, Meadow Lodge, Hatton Fields, Hilton, Derbys DE6 5GR

C. Johnson, 34 Green Lane, Dckbrook, Derby DE7 3SE

Richard Patton, Larks Hill, Moor Lane, Kirk Langley, Derbyshire

Ebbage Family, 9 Nan Gells Mills, Bole Hill, Wirksworth

Knowles, 7 Beaulieu Way, Swanwick.

Andy Miller and Family, 6 Henry Ave, Matlock tel. 55372

Bradbury Family, Holtwood Cottage, Lea, Matlock tel. Dethick 341

Eleri Norris, 3 Woodland Terrace, Ashford-in-the-Water, Bakewell, Derbys. DE4 1PY tel Bakewell 3663

Judy Wood, The Croft, Chapel Lane, Holloway, NR Matlock tel Matlock 732628

Bob Crouch, Pen Craig, Aston Lane, Oaker, Matlock DE4 2JR

Kevin Tyler, Lincoln Hall (SCR) The University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2QU tel Nott. 50610 ext 2754

Armistead Family, 8 Wolds Rise, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3HH tel 4947

Unfortunately Kevin Ryan of Derby and Jean Griffiths of Egginton have left the club.

We hope new members will make themselves known at events and come to training evenings and socials. Would there be a response to a new members social eveing somewhere central like Belper? New members please let me (Jo Thornley) know.

### CLOTHES (T) RACK

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Have you any outgrown or unwanted gear that might benefit another member? If so, mark it with your name and asking price and get it to me. I will maintain a store and publish in each Newstrack what is available.

Lynette Gilligan, Rock Cottage, St John's Road, Matlock tel.56347



## FIXTURES

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- 19th February  
DVD Street Event, Derby West. Starts  
6.45-7.30. from 28, Rangemoor Close,  
Mickleover. More info. from Mike Gardner  
phone Derby 552117.
- 23rd February  
Robin Hood Trophy 1986. Clipstone Forest,  
Mansfield. MR 615616. L Hickton, 11 Fabis  
Dr., Clifton Grove, Nottingham. Tel  
Nott.215735. Entries closed, but EDD for  
colour-coded courses.
- 26th February  
DVD Training and Business Meeting, 253 Duffield  
Rd., Allestree. 7p.m.
- 28th February  
DVD Night Event, Allestree Park on A6 N. of  
Derby. MR (approx) 349401. EDN between  
6p.m. and 7p.m. Phone Dave Walker, Derby 74003  
for more info.
- 1st March  
NVO Open Event, Bucknell Woods, Northampton.  
MR 660447. Phone Paul Nightingale (N'hampton  
831228)
- 2nd March  
PDTC Badge Event, Swynnerton. MR 829392.  
Closing Date 7.2.86 (sorry!). EDD for  
CCCourses. Phone L.Walker, 0270 761640
- 3rd March  
Training in Matlock. Chez Thornley, 6p.m.  
(Phone M.55589)
- 5th March  
DVD Street Event, Matlock, Sherwood Hall  
(MR 303600). Starts 6.30-7.30. 60min-Score  
Event. Pen essential, torch advisable.  
Phone John Hurley Derby 553561 for more info.
- 9th March  
National Event 2, Upper Sherbrook, Cannock  
Chase. Entries Closed. EDD for colour-coded  
courses. MR 000170. Phone B.Strophair, 0785  
49164.
- 12th March  
Training in Allestree. Chez Buckley. 7p.m.  
(Phone D.552664)

- 16th March DVO Badge Event Chatsworth Estate. MR 250710.  
D.Walker, 6 Malin Close, Alvaston, Derby.74003  
CD 23.2.86. Colour-coded courses EDD
- 17th March Training in Matlock. Chez Gilligan (Rock  
Cottage, St.John's Rd off A6). 6p.m. (phone  
M.56347)
- 19th March Training in Duffield. Chez Wilkinson (20  
Castle Hill). 7p.m. (Phone D.840712)
- 22nd March LEI Open Event, Lawn Wood (MR 502095) Phone  
D.Flower 0530 414939.
- 26th March Training and Business Meeting in Allestree.  
Chez Buckley. 7p.m. (Phone D.352664)
- 28th-31st March J.K. Trophy. Norfolk. Entries Closed, but  
who's in the Relay teams?
- 2nd April Training in Duffield. Chez Wilkinson. 7p.m.
- 6th April CompassSport Cup, DVO versus E80R, Brimham  
Rocks, Harrogate (MR 208645). Coach likely -  
contact Roger Wilkinson or Jo Thornley. DO  
COME!!  
HOC Badge event, Kinver Edge (MR 837826).  
P.Manacourt. 4 Eachway. Rubery, Brum.  
CD15.3.86, £2.50/0.50. Phone 021 453 9016.
- 7th April Training in Matlock. Chez Thornley. 6p.m.
- 9th April Training in Allestree. Chez Buckley. 7p.m.
- 13th April NOC Open event, Blidworth (MR 592524). Phone  
0602 231967
- 16th April Training in Duffield. Chez Wilkinson. 7p.m.
- 20th April National Event 4. Bleathwaite and Torver,  
Coniston. B.Comish, 26,Newlands Rd.,Lancaster  
£3.00/1.50 to SROC by 15.3.86

20th April (cont)

London Marathon.

NVO Badge Event, Harlestone Firs, Northampton (MR 717632). B.Tarling, 15, Northampton Rd., Brixworth, N'hampton, by 30.3.86 or EDD. £1.50/0.75.

21st April

Training in Matlock. Chez Gilligan. 6p.m.

23rd April

Training in Allestree. Chez Buckley. 7p.m.  
15th Matlock Scouts fund raising Fun Run/10km race. Register at Scout Hut (on L of A615 on way out of Matlock) at 6.30. Please support - S DVD members belong to the 15th Matlock.

27th April

DVO Open Event. Hay Wood and Longshaw (MR 245779). Phone W.Woodward 0629 88323.

30th April

Training and Business Meeting in Allestree. Chez Buckley. 7p.m.

3rd/4th May

National Event 5/British Relay Champs, Forest of Dean. If you want to run in a Relay team please contact Oberleutnant M.Gardner, Derby S52117

18th May

DVO Open Event, Cromford Moor

25th May

British Champs, near Dingwall, Inverness. CD 1.4.86.

5th July

Proposed Dark Peak/Cheshire Relay. DVO team(s) likely to enter.

EOB entry on the day

Open event - a colour-coded event with entry on the day only  
Badge event - Event which is part of National Badge Scheme, usually one has to enter in advance because pre-marked maps are provided.

Start-times are usually between 10.30 and 12.30 on Sundays.

mistake of following the signs, and found several alternative parking places. Finally, having learnt our lesson, we turned left at a sign pointing right and arrived at registration. By then it was so late that we decided the children could just do the yellow course and we would follow them round. Chris found the yellow course about right, overtaking brother, friend and Dad by the second control, but he did have trouble with the penultimate control which was below eye-level and hidden in a ditch. At the finish we saw several familiar faces, one of which commented that all the paths looked the same so he just used his compass.

And did anyone else see the donkey eating the control card stubs at the DIY results? Perhaps that's why I haven't received the results yet, so I can't report the doubtless brilliant results by other DVD members.

Lynette Gilligan

National Event I, Dorking, February 9th

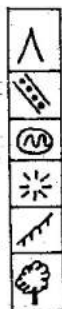
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This, I regret, is a second-hand report. We decided not to go because of the snow. We avoided a long car journey and had a weekend skiing instead. The event was apparently rather better than the previous event on the area (1982 Southern Champs) when everything was wet and greasy. This time snow made it very cold and hard work, but enjoyable. Except, that is, for the juniors. The junior courses were apparently far too hard, and there were many complaints and retirements. Results were not known at the time of going to press.

Jo Thornley

IDF D-minology

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- a drowning witch
- giraffes passing
- camel taking a bath
- squashed hedgehog
- centipede climbing a hill
- one legged orienteer in low

cloud

(any other suggestions?)

Dave Nevell