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## THE EDITOR'S BIT

The last open business meeting in June was taken up with a discussion of the rather weighty question of the future direction in which DVO should be heading, and Sue has done a splendid job in recording the responses to the various topics debated in the course of the evening. This is reproduced as a souvenir centrefold to this issue. Plenty to ponder there.

Next NEWSTRACK is due to come out at the end of August and this falls slap bang in the middle of my holiday so it will be a very much slimmer effort than usual next time, normal service to be resumed etc. The period of July and August is a particular fallow period for orienteering and there's so many other things worth doing than typing a newsletter, don't you think?

This is not to suggest that there's nothing going on in DVO at the moment. Quite the contrary. As I type this, it is the weekend after the inaugural Three Trigs run which was well attended and regarded as overwhelmingly successful by those I've spoken to anyway. It started as a one-off but seems sufficiently well received to be worth repeating. Since a 15 mile run and a couple of thousand feet is not to everyone's taste, this did not deter some who simply turned up for the Sunday dinner at The Bear afterwards. And why not?

The Summer League continues apace and will run until nearly the end of July. So far we have identified Burma from its map outline, tried to find one of nine ditch ends within a hundred metre radius, counted up to 250, identified the senal number of the Starship Enterprise, decided when Rolf Harris sang "Two Little Boys" and familiarised ourselves with the Mayan system of counting (eh?) - or not as the case may be.

Don't forget the Cromford Relays and, come July, the start of DVO's Wednesday evening tour of Derbyshire when training runs spread their centre of interest from their normal Duffield /Allestree axis to pastures new, as members desperately fight the urge to vegetate in the back garden and prepare for an autumnal resumption of hostilities at the White Rose, Twin Peaks and colour-coded events.

Thanks as always to those contributing to this issue.

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#### **EVENT REPORTS**

## **DVO En Espania**

(NB: The editor accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of whatever language the first part of this article is written in).

Los vacancos en Costo Blanco por Veteren World Cupos. Departos Manchester no solos with Goretex and fleecos. Arrivos en Murcia with muchos solos all weekos.

Quick auto hiros from aeroporto and 30 minutos edriva to los apartmentos on La Manga, "the strip". "The strip" es 12 km dos concreto blockos 500m acrossos from mar menor to mar mediterranean. Muchos restaurantos and baros with discotegos. Orientos and older personos all in residencos for Easter week.

Event centros in Murcia city, 80 km on autovia in Sierra.

Easter Sunday is festival day in Espana and we drive to Carthegena along the coast. We take the small roads through a hilly area where it is difficult to tell the difference between quarry / mining spoil heaps and the natural rocky hills of the region. We finally make the back road into Carthagena via the oil refinery. So much for a scenic drive. The festival procession just starts as we arrive with each major church parading its religious "float" preceded by drums, brass bands and robed figures with tall conical hoods with only slits for the eyes, very sinister looking. The floats were usually pushed by men inside them but the major ones were carried by up to 100 carefully graded men who walked absolutely in unison with the highly decorated float on their shoulders. They managed about 20 steps before needing a rest with the float probably weighing up to 2 tonnes.

But what about the orienteering, you say! Each day we were bussed to the areas in the National Parks for about 8km from parking in a nearby town. The bus wound its way through row upon row of lemon trees with huge fruits waiting to be picked, up onto the hills above. Almost the entire country was terraced with the hills having a uniform scattering of Corsican pine about 2 to 3m high. The ground vegetation is non-existent apart from rock and stone with a thin scattering of herb bushes, usually rosemary and sage. Water is also non-existent though its activity is well marked by the large gullies produced in times of storm. Dry river and stream beds were soon recognised as good runnable line features. Courses were all planned by an 80 year old who must have spent many months checking all the control sites in the rough terrain; they generally had legs across the slopes which became quite taxing in the steeper terrain with its deep stream beds. Climbing up terraced hillsides in the midday sun with temperatures of 25° or so was particularly demanding and energy-sapping.

After the first few days most of our group were through to the A final of the top 80 competitors in their class. Roz Clayton was at the sharp end of W40 having been second in her qualifier behind fellow Brit, Liz Campbell. Having missed the A final by 20 seconds I was trying to be competitive about winning the B race but, with four out of the first five controls missed badly, I decided a walk back to the finish was in order. This provided me with the opportunity to spectate at the drinks control and see Open and now M35 world champion Jorgen Mortenson run through. Waiting for Roz seemed a good idea as well but I was distracted by the special air display of the Spanish Red Arrows doing their full performance over the forest, culminating in a mock landing down the finish run in. Fortunately the fumes had cleared when Roz eventually finished, there having been a "technical problem" meaning a 40 minute delay for the last 20 W40 competitors whilst maps were collected from the finish for recycling! She managed a creditable 4th place behind three Swiss runners as her European swansong before departing for New Zealand.

## My verdict on the week:

- for orienteering terrain interesting but rough and not for the weak ankled
  - maps good
- organisation impressive amount of manpower which seemed unable to produce anything useful like results (still waiting 23.6.96)

#### For a holiday:

- weather the best so far this year
  - beaches beautiful and deserted
    - discos noisy as ever but deserted also
  - countryside brown with little likelihood of improvement in summer
- towns nice in their centres but dilapidated further out. Overall best left for those who like summer holidays on the beach.

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Dalegarth National Event - 19th May

This was a unique event for a number of reasons, chiefly for its integration of a trip to and from Assembly via Ratty, the steam train running from Ravenglass to Dalegarth.

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It started life so far as we were concerned nearly eighteen months earlier when the previous National event on exactly the same area was rained off, to put it mildly, a few minutes into the courses, when control sites started sinking beneath rising waters and bridges started to get washed away. Everyone then had to endure an horrendous morning trying to get out through

the two narrow exits from the swamp that was serving as a carpark.

It was mainly to solve this sort of problem that resort was had to Ratty. This did put an extra couple of quid on the entry fee, but for us it was actually a relatively cheap event because we had carefully preserved the credits handed out by WCOC after the previous event. (I never did find out whether WCOC simply used the same pre-printed maps or planned new courses. And did Jayne Malley, who was one of the very few who completed her course in November 1994, get a credit? And did she do the same course a second time?).

Some people were put off by the arrangement. It did mean a long day. The journey by train was 35 minutes and there was an advertised 4 km walk to the start at the end. Due to the logistics of getting all competitors from one end of the line to the other on trains twenty minutes apart, you were given two possible trains to catch; we were given trains at 10.10 and 10.30 for 12.50 starts. I could understand how those with young families and split start times could be put off (whatever happened to creches, which used to be a fairly regular feature of big events not so long ago but which seem to have disappeared altogether? Too much organisation, I suppose). I actually think that the organisers did not do themselves any favours by overestimating the walk to the Start. Although the last km to the long Start was uphill, the preceding "3 km" passed very quickly and we arrived early enough to divert to the short Start and ensure the girls had arrived OK too.

The event was marked by a couple of other novel features. Someone had gone to the trouble of plotting graphs for each course showing distance against climb. The results looked like the fortunes of a company that had undergone some extremely dramatic changes in fortune in recent years and were very intimidating. On balance, I would rather not have seen my course, but, human nature being what it is, I was drawn compulsively to what seemed to be a sneak preview of what lay ahead. It seemed to suggest that, halfway through my course, I was due for a rapid descent followed by an equally (literally) breathtaking climb. The anticipation of this remained with me throughout the course and was first something of a niggling distraction and then a disconcerting worry as the expected sudden plunge and escalation failed to materialise. In retrospect, it was there all right but the scale of the graph probably distorted it out of all recognition. So I shall steer clear of similar helpful guides in future.

The other innovation was apparent when you got to the Start. With the passing of each minute, a disembodied - and presumably pre-recorded - voice boomed out instructions to competitors to make their way into the Start Box. It was as if the Almighty himself had taken time off from 10.30 Communion to oversee the event. Maybe this was the real cause of the bigger-than-usual entry fee.

The area itself was worth waiting eighteen months for, well up to the Lake District's impeccably high standards. Most courses were interrupted at some point by two or three controls in an

area of steep woodland. Those with the quickest times will have been the ones astute enough not to take the straight line route between controls but to detour back on to the fell. The wood was steep and covered in ankle-turning boulders covered in a slippery layer of moss and topped off with assorted fallen trees, broken branches and general brashings. Guess which choice I made.

Having completed our courses, we made the reverse journey back to Ravenglass where our cars had been left. For perverse reasons understood only by themselves. our airls insisted that we sit not in the covered carriages, but at the end of the train in the open. The weather had been kind up to that point but spying an opportunity too good to miss, it ensured that we enjoyed a diet of soggy sandwiches on the way back.

As we left the car park in the morning, we were given a slip of paper to complete. stating whether we would be prepared to repeat the transport arrangements at a planned Eel Tam National event in November 1997. We were told to complete it on our return. The reason for this became apparent when we were on the train. Even in early May, it seemed a very civilised and pleasant way to travel to the event as we sat waiting for the engine to move off, but as we gathered speed the breeze chill factor depressed the temperature and had us reaching for an extra lever of clothing. It did not require the imagination to be stretched too far to realise what a journey in November might be like.

On the whole, I think most people would be in favour of repeating the experiment. There is increasing discussion of the implications of vast car parks near events, the harmful impression they create and the access problems they generate. The use of the railway was a brave attempt to tackle these difficulties and an innovative use of an available resource. Despite the problems I've referred to, I think it should be applauded.

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## FOOTPATH RELAY - 15th June 1996

Unofficial Result: 1. Holme Pierrepoint RC 09-25-13

2. Hallamshire AC

09-53-43

3. Notts OC

09-54-38

4. Walton Chasers

09-56-39

5. Derwent Valley OC

10-01-39

6. Manchester & District OC 10-02-53

7. South Yorkshire OC

10-29-33

10. DVO 2.

I'd like to congratulate all of my team, who turned up on time, didn't go wrong at all significantly and were well in contention for second place throughout most of the race. Considering the loss of talent to the Welsh Weekend, Polaris, Olympic 3000m steeplechase trial and Euro '96, this was a very good performance and, as you see, we beat MDOC and SYO.

The team manager's special prize for the best exhaustion collapse at the end of a leg is shared between Hilary Johnson and Kim Buckley.

The race started very competitively and by Edensor, we were down in ninth place although not far down in time. Chris Bourne and Neil Atkinson soon brought us back to fourth and I had the simple job of overtaking a walking MDOC youth to take third. Perhaps the most exciting section was the middle stages Rex Bleakman chased MDOC down by Haddon Hall and Dave Brodie took second on the Monsai Trail only to be overtaken in turn by WCH. Al Buckley retook second going into Stoney Middleton and Kim held off pursuing MDOC and WCH men for 7.6km to the Plough at Hathersage. But by Castleton, we had slipped to fourth.

After the restart at Castleton, John Duckworth put in a fine short leg to Edale and Chris Godfree and Al Buckley kept us well up on the longer legs to Smallfield although the positions were confused. Ian Whitehead, with fearsome strapping all over one leg, made a determined charge down to Low Bradfield to gain a place on the line and Steve Kimberley made another place up the hill to Moscar to put us third overall at that stage. But the big guns came out on Stanage with Paul Gebbutt (NOC) putting in a sensational time on the last leg and the WCH man was also very fast so in the end we had to settle for a creditable fifth. But we'll do better next time, won't we?

## John Hurley

To its credit, DVO put in a second team, one of the few clubs to do so, and, although it did not quite fulfil Ann-Marie's dream of beating the 'A' team, it still did not disgrace itself and was certainly still in touch by at least Youlgreave.

After a number of requests, I will reproduce the full results in the next NEWSTRACK.

Next year, it's DVO's turn to organise.

#### **New Local Members:**

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Alan, Jennie, Eddie and Chloe Shaw, 136 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester M20 6SW

Jayne Thompson, 36 Hallam Court, Pembroke Road, Dronfield S18 6WN

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## Change of Address

Roz and Andy Clayton, c/o Hanmer Health and Fitness, Hanmer Springs, New Zealand

Welcome to DVO. There seems to have been an explosion of new local members since the last update in Feb, mostly in the north of the area, which is good to see as this has tended to be under-represented in the past. Also good to see some of the new members contributing to DVO's effort in the Long Distance Footpath Relay too.

On an international note, DVO's NEWSTRACK has now spread its circulation to New Zealand as well as Switzerland, with Roz and Andy's emigration there.

# DERWENT VALLEY ORIENTEERS Where next?

This was the question posed at the Open Meeting held at Belper on 12th June. The approximately 25 club members who were present at this meeting were split into six workshop groups. Each group was asked to raise possible ideas and targets, under each of nine headings. There was some repetition of ideas but these have been deliberately retained in this summary so that you can all see the range (and commonality) of the thoughts put forward. Words have not been changed except that I have used coaches for people doing coaching and busses for coaches with wheels. The change from standard text to Italics simply denotes different group comments.

## Training - for orienteers of all standards

Training clinic at CC events - few coaches/experienced orienteers available at events to offer advice/shadowing? for all people, maybe in particular juniors and beginners.

More coaches.

Specific training weekend.

Chib Coach to act not as sole coach, but to coordinate coaching.

Junior programme.

Annual training sessions - novice

Day (Saturday)

- improvers
- advanced

Training day before badge event away somewhere, possible take bus, dinner/social afterwards.

More technical training, eg. Lakes, N Wales.

Willing to pay for local coaches to organize.

(Never been well supported in past.)

Technique training for Green and above - silver and above - in good area.

Weekend away - Lakes - hire trainer.

Recommend two a year.

Good at novice/youngster training.

Regular training sessions on Wednesday.

Weekend away

Articles for Newstrack.

Debriefing sessions.

## Juniors - how to introduce them to the sport

Need to organize/interest schools.

Mapping school grounds.

Regular training sessions.

Schools via teachers - CATI an afternoon for primary junior/sec

- occasional Saturday morning event

- lesson plans should be more publicised.

Wrong question! The problem is not introducing them its keeping them.

No social programme for mid-teens.

Target at schools for day events - follow up for publicity for beginners families.

Get the parents involved will keep them. Labour intensive.

Get "professional" orienteers to teach at schools.

Schools introduction days worthwhile - but need to follow up and involve some parents, so that juniors will be able to get to subsequent events.

Events to be friendly for younger juniors - string, white courses not too far to the start, etc.

Introduce arrangement for offering lifts to older juniors.

## + Keep them

Family encouragement/emphasis.

Coaches - parents not responsible the whole time, run be EM squad members? Tent where this takes place.

Through school - coaches - not just courses but star relays, etc.

(This linked to "training" and "money")

## Coping with environmental pressures

Area environment SSSI areas, etc. - information about sport to landowners, etc. take them to other events to show how little damage.

Transport - buses? may discourage families? - club bus.

Cars thought to be the main problem - the perception of a lot of them in the same place.

Someone needs to investigate car parking fields in the Matlock East/West and Whitesprings area.

Higher levies of individuals.

Put more on car parking, less on event. (Payment)

"Bussing " of big events?

More events on same day in future, if required.

Take buses to events. - Events need to make provision.

Clash events.

Planners - need to be aware of sensitive areas of land - suggest booklet put together explaining these.

Transport - publicise availability of public transport in programme details.

Car sharing - encourage by price structure.

- consider busing if simple attractive and not expensive.

Mini bus/coach - consider hiring to take DVO to events.

## The M/W 40, 45 bulge in numbers - is this a problem?

No.

No problem.

Who cares??? It will go away.

No. This is running boom,

It will be good for 15 years time.

Only a problem if there is no recruitment.

Large numbers on courses.

Less on other courses

#### Difficulties in recruiting organizers

Perhaps should really be coordinators? Help with 1st time/beginner organizers. Controller responsibility. Organizer tick list - explain job - more delegation. Reduce organizational skills. Volunteers always difficult to get. More support from experienced members. Qualifications are a dreadful idea.

Rota of helpers would alleviate the problem.

Yes - either encourage people to do it jointly or to do first time as assistant.

- questionnaire to all members asking if interested in doing this.

- update instructions to take account of larger numbers.

New organizers to be introduced by assisting established organizer.

Equipment check-list/handbook.

## Fringe members - do we discourage them from becoming involved?

Encourage them.

Advertise "half-price" for helpers to get them involved.

Yes we do - camper van helps.

need banner.

More advertising of events in Newstrack.

People do want to be fringe.

There will always be a "clique" - the regular attendees.

It is a danger we need to be aware of rather than a reality.

Depends, no - summer league good for this?

#### Schedule of events

Replace some cc with training events - whole EM/open, variety of exercises, all levels, pairs, etc.

Decrease event complications, self timing and results.

(Links back to training and organizers)

Events program is excellent already.

One badge, 6 - 7 colour coded, Friday nights and regular training on Wed is good enough.

Too many colour coded events on too few area.

Alternative type events - short races, night events, Norwegian, etc.

- summer league.

We think too many - Badge OK

too many colour coded - either reduce or change to score/relay.

## Money - how should we spend it, eg. equipment, training?

Mapping school grounds and similar area. New equipment needed. Subsidising training - coach and transport. Mapping - especially small new area urban areas. Books for schools.

Training.
Transport.
Maps.
Coaching manuals.
Spend on coach to take club training.
Put more into training.
Mapping is important - to get on OCAD - professional if necessary.
Training coaches and paying them? Books, photocopying expenses, etc.
PAY COACHES.

#### Other items.

Don't forget mapping.

Weds night - junior training FUN.

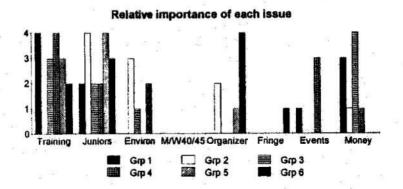
#### Summary of importance

In the following chart the item considered most important by each group is given a value of 4 (the tallest lines), the next most important is given a value of 3, etc. Thus anything not considered in the top four receives no line from that group.

All groups considered Junior issues to be in their top four, whilst the M/W 40/45 bulge seems to be generally little regarded. The club priorities appear to be:

- Juniors
- Training
- Money
- Organizers

If any of you would like to add your comments, either support for issues raised here, additional ideas, or even volunteers to undertake any of the suggested items please contact me (Sue Russell) on 01773 857318, so that a full action plan (not a wish list) can be drawn up before the AGM.



# DVO WEEKEND ABROAD

As the Returning Officer for the vote on the weekend abroad, I hereby declare that the majority of votes went to Barcelona. So here are the details:

# Thursday 31 October

Depart

Birmingham 1050 hours

Arrive

Barcelona 1400 hours

# Sunday 3 November

Depart

Barcelona 1450 hours

Arrive

Birmingham 1610 hours

Options (for three nights B&B):

ASTORIA HOTEL - 3 star (ensuite, 'phone, TV, radio, minibar):

£276.00

MESON CASTILLA - 2 star superior (ensuite, 'phone):

£255.00

Both are central.

Plus insurance of £ 8.50 per person.

Deposit of £50.00 plus insurance needed. Please could you return the form and the deposit (cheques payable to V.Macdonald) to me by Saturday 20 July.

Viv Macdonald (01629 734307)

## **DVO Social Calendar**

Cromford Relays, Saturday, 20th July.

After its travels in the last couple of years, this annual event returns to its home on Cromford Meadows, running from the Rugby Club. This year, we are starting earlier, at 2 o'clock to give more time for barbecues to get going.

As with the three trigs run, this is essentially a social, fun event. Everyone is welcome whether they choose to run or not, just bring something to eat and drink, although presumably the bar will be open as on previous years. The Rugby Club offers a panoramic view of Bow Woods through which most of the courses pass at some time or other.

The idea is for relay teams to be made up on the day to try and get a balance and to run a combination of short, medium and long runs. Unlike the Footpath Run, the courses start and finish at the same point so the interest never flags and, given the different combinations of courses, the winners are never quite clear until near the end.

Give it a try.

Midshires Way. I think that Paul and Neil Addison have got their team together so it only remains for me to wish everyone luck on 13th July in the attempt to set a Derbyshire Midshires Way record.

## ODDS AND SODS

Sports Personalities of the Month A splendid effort this month from the following:

Andy Mackervoy. I was a little bemused to meet Andy a couple of times on the same course as me at Stanton Moor but coming in the opposite direction. It transpires that since Andy took up orienteering, nobody has bothered to explain to him that you're supposed to punch the controls in numerical order (that's why they're joined up with straight lines, Andy). It turns out that Andy has been treating every event as a score event, including at least one JK.

(On a serious note, it does underline how experienced orienteers can take so much for granted and assume that its sometimes obscure rules are so obvious to the beginner that they require no explanation. When I started orienteering, I had a friend who insisted that he was entitled to take controls in the most convenient order even though I argued to the contrary. He moved to Canada and may still be labouring under the same misapprehension).

Me actually. Ranald insists that to preserve editorial independence, I am duty bound to point out that at Stanton Moor, having started on Brown Part 1, I completed the course on Blue Part 2. Since this was a repeat of what I did at Linacre, I am proposing that there be a new sort of Dirty Blue course which I could then win at every event before going on to the National Dirty Blue Championships. (By the way, Ranald, I would have preferred a bit of anonymity in the results, there's no need for everyone to know).

Hilary Johnson. Four-fifths of the family entered the Ilam Fell run on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, Hilary and Kate sensibly opting for the Fun Run section which covers the first loop of the main race but misses out on the precipitous escalation of Bunkers Hill. If you're not familiar with this particular hummock, you would be best to cast your mind back to the scenes in the Batman series where Batman and Robin absell up the side of Gotham City's answer to the Empire State Building. Hilary made the mistake of leading the Fun Run and being taken by a marshat for part of the Fell Race. As a result she was unwittingly

being taken by a marshal for part of the Fell Race. As a result she was unwittingly directed up and down about one thousand feet of the said geographical feature. She did not seem to appreciate the spectacular views of Derbyshire and Staffordshire which this opportunity afforded her.

Emily H. A bit embarrassing this one so a certain discretion is required. Emily H. decided to retire from Dalegarth but unfortunately the quickest way down to the Finish was, well, down. Emily started to negotiate some rather intimidating crags but, halfway, thought rather better of the idea. Too late. No way up and no way down, so she had to resort to her whistle and be rescued from her humiliating predicament.

Honourable mentions to Kim Buckley who, while on physiotherapy placement, did her back in, and to Paul Addison, who somewhat perversely ran the Three Trigs run, but in the opposite direction to anyone else.

Strange but True. Whilst some of us were enjoying the fells at Dalegarth, Maureen Walker chose the more sedate surroundings of Muncaster Castle. Amongst the castle's many attractions was a sort of refuge for abused and battered tortoises. To her surprise, Maureen suddenly found herself in the middle of a police investigation; an international gang of tortoise smugglers had made off with the entire collection no doubt in the hope of making a fortune on the international tortoise futures market.

Overheard at Benscliffe. "We would have retired but we couldn't find the Finish".

<u>Congratulations</u> to Mike Jubb who made the finals of the British Olympic Trials for the Steeplechase and Kim Buckley who has been selected to represent Britain in a World Cup Race.

## **FIXTURES**

6/7th July. Junior Inter-Regional Relays, East Midlands.

Entry through regional squads.

14th July. HOC Sandwell Valley C-C, West Bromwich SP/026922 Organiser: L & J Evans 0121-296122

14th July. SYO Burbage Moor Score, Sheffield SK/272808

Organiser: Beryl Seaman 01142-368263

28th July. OD Burton Dassett, Banbury SP/394520

Organiser: Pam King 01926-499498

4th-10th August. Croeso '96 - Welsh 6-Days

24th-26th August. White Rose Weekend, Wass Forest

31st Aug. MDOC Twin Peak National V - Macclesfield Forest, Macclesfield

ST/952715

1st Sept. MDOC Macclesfield Forest Badge Event ST/952715

Weekend Organiser: Eve Roberts, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1LF 0161

4395723. CD: 07/08/96. £7.00/3.00 + £4.50/2.00. EOD except Elite. Chq: MDOC.

15th Sept DVO Cromford Moor C-C

Organiser: Colin MacDonald, 1 The Paddock, Church Street, Monyash,

Bakewell DE4 1JH - 01629 814001

12th Oct DVO Whitesprings C-C

10th Nov DVO Shining Cliff Badge

Organiser: Margaret Keeling 01773 - 852991

8th Dec DVO Eyam C-C

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17th May British Champs, Clumber

18th May British Relay Champs, Chatsworth

## Summer League

5th July. Club Champs - Cromford. Dave & Liz Tryner. 01629 650053.

12th July. Calke Park - Derek Gale. 01283 585244.

19th July. Drum Hill - John Hurley. 01332 553561.

26th July. Annual Booze O - Allestree Park. Mike Gardner. 01332 665671.

## Summer Training Runs

17th July. Via Gellia. Dave and Liz Tryner, The Lillies, Grangemill, Matlock 01629 650053 (19.15)

24th July. John and Jayne Malley, Croft Cottage, Ilam, Ashbourne 01335 350467 (19.30)

31st July. Roger and Margaret Keeling, New Road Farm, New Road, Alderwasley 01773 852991 (19.15)

7th August. Carsington Reservoir. Visitors Centre Car Park. (19.00)

14th August. High Peak Junction (19.00)

21st August. Black Rocks (19.00)

28th August. Etwall Scout Hut. Rex Bleakman 01283 733363 (19.00)

4th September. Graham and Val Johnson, 12 Chevin Road, Belper 01773 824754 (19.00)