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Editor's Bit

I begin not unusually with an apology. The last Newstrack contained details of the Summer League but did not include either an indication of where the start for the events would be found or a contact number for the organiser. This is all very well for those who know roughly where, say, Drum Hill is but no use if you've just joined DVO or never been to an event before.

At the last business meeting the view was also expressed that the way that fixtures were presented in the last issue was confusing, with summer league events, general fixtures and the odd reference to summer training runs appearing in different sections. I did not get the impression that this criticism was a widely supported one but, nevertheless, Tony Seaston has done a splendid job in bringing together everything that is happening in DVOLand to the end of the summer and beyond, and this is included in this issue as an easy-to-pull-out-and-stick-on-your-kitchen-wall-centrefold-spread, which should be enough to keep even cantankerous old windbags like Paul Wright happy (I can say what I like about him because, as he remarked as the last meeting, if you don't want anyone to find out about something, bury it in Newstrack).

I used to replicate a list of DVO officials' addresses and telephone numbers with Newstrack but stopped doing this as it seemed a bit pointless to continue to reproduce the same information every time, but I have put my name, address and telephone number on the front of this issue and will do the same in future so if anybody does have any queries in future they can ring me.

It may be my imagination but there do seem to have been fewer at the Summer League events this year, and this culminated in only 11 turning up at Crich Chase last Friday. Admittedly this was a foul evening but it doesn't alter the fact that it is easy to forget that Summer League events require tremendous organisation - apart from the original inspiration, courses still have to be planned, areas recced, courses prepared, controls put out and taken in. Although there is obviously less organisation than for colour-coded events, people tend to forget that the duties of both planner and organiser fall on the shoulders of one or two individuals who have to squeeze everything in on a Friday evening after work. The least people can do is to support these events.

I do not know whether people are put off by the novelty element to the events - although for me this is what enlivens what is often either a much used and over-familiar area or one with little to commend it from an orienteering point of view, Darley Park, for example, being a case in point - but they can just as easily be seen as an orienteering exercise in themselves, a convenient way to practise skills and take stock at a time of year when these opportunities are few and far between. You don't have to join in the competition.

I was tempted to think that the lack of numbers was due to the lack of information referred to above but a reading of Mike Godfree's comments on the Club Champs later on suggests that this may be too simple a view. The Club Champs attracted only 28 adults out of a club with over 120 BOF membership units including family members. It may be inappropriate for me to comment since I was one of the wedding-attenders who was unable to take part but it took an exceptional event like that to stop me. I echo Mike's bafflement at why so few took part in what should have been the centre-piece of the club's activities. Was it the fact that it took place unusually on a Saturday, or its northerly position? I don't know but I would have thought that members would have jumped at the chance to run on a completely new part of Longshaw representing some of the best terrain DVO possesses shortly before September's badge event. Anybody got any theories?

Hartington Petal Footpath Relay - 7th June

This was a superlative day organised by DVO - more particularly Ann Marie Priston ably assisted by Mike Godfree's computer know-how - and, despite the event having become established almost to a set formula over a number of years, Ann Marie's novel approach means that it is unlikely ever to follow the same format again. Her ideas were so simple that, in retrospect, it is surprising that no-one has thought of them before. Instead of having one continuous relay sprawling across the Peak District and returning to its origin only many hours later, the relay was split into "petals" comprising between one and six legs all starting and finishing at Hartington Youth Hostel. Whereas in previous years trying to follow progress, either as a spectator or simply to work out how long to wait for your run, meant trekking for miles, it was now simply a matter of standing at the hostel and, like a bus, one leg would come past sooner or later.

To this was added another innovation, that of having one petal start as soon as the first runner of the previous petal finished. Thus we had not one relay but a series of successive ones. To me this was the most imaginative reform. We were most fortunate to have the youth hostel to use as a base and even if, when the event is organised by other clubs in future years, they do not have this advantage, there is no reason why this part of the formula cannot be repeated again and again. You only have to look at the statistics to see how this added to the event both as a competition and a spectacle to appreciate the benefits - the 13th team finished 4 hours and 7 minutes after the first but all 13 teams still started the 20th and last leg together. Clubs should be encouraged to enter as many teams as possible but it is inevitable that if one of the teams is to be the most competitive possible, the other will suffer in quality (speaking as a member

of Team 2 !) and will lag behind Team 1 and probably the rest. The continual resetting of the watch kept this disparity to a minimum.

My leg was a case in point. It was Leg Number 15 - the second leg of two and stretching from Hollinsclough to the north west of Hartington back to the Hostel - and at gone four in the afternoon I would probably have faced, under the old scheme, a lonely slog in a meaningless contest, but, as it was, my previous runner Neil Addison finished his leg sixth, literally seconds ahead of runners 7 and 8. Any thoughts of a casual jog back were immediately crushed as I prepared myself for a thrash up hill and down dale to maintain the position that Neil had sweated and fought for, against an Erewash RC member and William Hague look-alike John Hopper who had defected to Shelton Striders for the day. Normally a contest between me and John would be a no-contest but John was in an exceedingly generous mood. He overtook me on the first hill and as he disappeared into the distance I reconciled myself to not seeing him again until Hartington, so it came as a shock when a familiar voice regaled me from behind as I stopped to tie a shoe lace at a stile and John Hopper hove into view again, closely followed by Erewash-Runner, having contrived to lose his way in the meantime. I managed to keep John in sight until he chose to take a route around the sides of two fields which could be short-cut by a diagonal route and I found myself in the lead for a third time - still closely followed by Erewash-Runner who by this time had learned which one to follow. Thus it was that although John was able to overtake me again, the time between us was kept to 52 seconds and, although I beat Erewash-Runner, he clocked exactly the same time as I did. In fact this was not the only example of this phenomenon because Val also matched to the second the time of her NOC W35 arch-rival Janet Evans.

Having used Hartington as a base previously for walks, we had tended to wander south and the route between Hollinsclough was completely unknown to me. Having travelled the footpath a couple of times and recced the area around Val's route too, I would certainly recommend a return visit. The countryside is much less dramatic than the honey jars of Dovedale et al but there are ample compensations in the almost complete absence of other humans and the lushness of the constantly changing scenery.

Being based at the Youth Hostel and having the distraction of the local fete, everyone had less reason to hurry away at the end of the day. There was a good attendance at the prize giving - although never having attended one before, I'm not in a position to say whether this was more than normal - and the post-event barbecue which lasted until the sun was practically down also provided good reason to tarry, including for non-DVO members.

This was an event as near perfect as anyone could hope for and Holme Pierrepont RC whose turn it is to organise next year have a hard act to follow.

I think that everyone who took part has a copy of the results which are far too detailed to reproduce in full - if anyone does not have a copy but would like one, please let me know - but the team results were as follows:

1. Holme Pierrepont RC 1	11 hours 52 minutes 10secs
2. NOC 1	+ 2 minutes 44 secs
3. WCH	+ 41 minutes 19 secs
4. SYO	+ 1 hour 6 minutes 29 secs
5. Hallamshire Harriers	+ 1 hour 28 minutes 51 secs
6. DVO Hares	+ 1 hour 32 minutes 13 secs
7. Holme Pierrepont RC 2	+ 2 hours 49 minutes 33 secs
8. Erewash Runners	+ 2 hours 52 minutes 43 secs
9. DVO Swifts	+ 3 hours 16 minutes 32 secs
10. Shelton Striders	+ 3 hours 18 minutes 8 secs
11. NOC2	+ 3 hours 23 minutes 11 secs
12. Sandhurst Joggers	+ 3 hours 43 minutes 38 secs
13. WCH 2	+ 4 hours 7 minutes 55 secs

And this leads me nicely on to.....

Letters To The Editor

We just wanted to write and say thank you for such an enjoyable day on Saturday (7th June).

The club must have put in many hours checking the routes, manning changeovers and calculating the results. Coming so close to the British this must have been especially demanding. Hopefully the enjoyment of so many competitors made it seem worthwhile.

Hartington Youth Hostel was a lovely setting and we particularly enjoyed our tea and scones after running.

We have only one question. What are the hostel staff planning to do with the lovely piece of turf which the pigs* appeared to have totally ruined by 5pm.

Best wishes, **Angela and Mick Lucking.**

Please pass on the very grateful thanks of the East Midlands Junior Squad to the DVO committee for the very generous cheque which I received on behalf of the squad recently. Since the days of Alastair Buckley, Dave Godfree and Ian Finlayson, the squad has held an event each year on alternating DVO WOC \LEI areas to raise funds - but this year's effort far surpassed any of the former events. DVO was most generous in making no charge for the first 300 maps used and then only a very small sum for the other maps. The profit of well over £500 will help towards squad costs. When the whole squad go away to train or to compete, the transport cost alone is over £400 for three minibuses.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Hilary Palmer, EM Junior Squad Co-ordinator

(Editor's Note - DVO contributed £568.41 to the Junior Squad from this event)

Steve Buckley writes:

A big thank you to the British Relay Finish Team for your marvellous support and assistance at Chatsworth. It all went so smoothly it only felt like a Come-And-Try-It event. Thank you again.

(Steve is sending this message through Newstrack to save postage in writing to all members of his team but I think DVO deserves a collective pat on the back for the professional way in which the event was run. This was due largely to the vast number of preparatory hours lavished by the Relay Co-ordinators Ranald and Viv Macdonald whose indispensable contribution has not been highlighted enough.)

Mapping Session

For those interested in learning how orienteering maps are made. A session on simple surveying at Allestree Park on Tuesday 15th July. Meet at Woodlands Road car park at 7:30 p.m. Bring a clip board, Pentel type pencil and a rubber. Please let me know beforehand so I can provide the other materials you will need.

Mike Godfree (01332 515862)

DERWENT VALLEY ORIENTEERS - FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 13th Sept Longshaw DVO Badge Event (Day1 of Twin Peaks 97)

Signed from Calver on A623 and from Hathersage on A625. Car park B6521 entrance (SK265801) with access from North ONLY. Entries to:-

Twin Peak 97, 7 Ashbourne Court, Glossop SK13 8RT (CD 11 Aug)

Cheques:- Twin Peak 97; Badge Seniors £6, Lower Rate £2.50 (M/W20 and under, M/W65+, Students); FamilyRate £14.50. Badge EOD surcharge.

Colour to Light Green. Enquiries to D & J Gale (01283- 585244)

Day 2 is at Errwood (near Buxton) Sun 14th Sept, organised by MDOC

Sun 5th Oct Shipley - Colour Coded Event - 5km NW of Ilkeston (SK 431453)

Organiser:- Keith Langhorn

Sun 7th Dec Eckington - Colour Coded (new area) - 10km NE of Chesterfield

Organiser:- Steve Kimberley (01246- 233575)

OTHER EVENTS

Sat 12th July Cromford Relays (SK 300572) Signed from A6 at Cromford

Meet at 2pm at Rugby Club. Teams made up on day. Bring own BBQ and food. Further details from Organiser :- Paul Wright (01773 - 856387)

Sat 20th Sept Three Trigs Run (Alport, Crich, & Cromford)

Meet at " The Bear" pub at Alderwasley for 15 mile run! Starts in groups after 8.30 am. Food available at "The Bear" afterwards. We can use their showers and toilet facilities.

Further details from Organiser :- Val Johnson (01773 - 824754)

SUMMER LEAGUE 1997

All Summer League events are on Friday evenings with starts from 6.30 to 7.30 pm

DATE	ORGANISER	LOCATION	DIRECTIONS
27 June	John Hurley 01332- 553561	Cromford Moor SK 290558	Follow signs to Black Rocks Car Park (2km N of Wirksworth)
4 July	Steve Kimberley 01246- 233575	Linacre Woods SK 337726	Signed from junction of B6050 & 6051 (NW of Chesterfield)
11 July	John Hopper 01332- 703830	Calke Park SK 356240	Signed from A514 at Ticknall
18 July	Sue Russell 01773- 857318	Bradley Wood	2 km East of Ashbourne For details contact organiser
25 July	Terry Peach 01332- 511722	Robin Wood (provisional)	SK 356264 Signed from Swarkestone / Ingleby road

WEDNESDAY SUMMER EVENING RUNS

As usual during the school holidays we will give our normal hosts a rest. Meet at 7p.m. (apart from 23rd & 30th July at 7.30 p.m.). For directions or to check for any alterations ring the organiser noted or Mike Godfree. (01332 515862)

- 16th July The Johnsons', 12 Chevin Road, Belper. Phone 01773 824754
Grid Ref 338473
- 23rd July The Malleys', Croft Cottage, Ilam. Phone 01335 350467
Grid Ref 135510. (Turn right into lane in front of school). NB meet at 7:30 p.m.
- 30th July Foremark Reservoir, organiser Dave Walker, 01332 574003
Grid Ref 334223 (On A514 between Ticknall and Swadlincote). NB meet at 7:30 p.m.
- 6th August High Peak Junction Car Park, organiser ?
Grid Ref 315561 (On minor road between Cromford and Holloway)
- 13th August The Tryners', The Lilies, Via Gellia, Grange Mill. Phone 01629 650053
Grid Ref 245570 (On A5012 Between Cromford and Newhaven, about 1mile on Cromford side of Grange Mill.
- 20th August The Godfree's, 26 Rangemore Close, Mickleover Phone 01332 515862
Grid Ref 310356. From Station Road take Onslow Road to east at 30/40 signs, last right, then first right.
- 27th August John & Ann-Marie, 6 Mills Court, Crich. Phone 01773 856824
Grid Ref 348544. Park in Crich Market Place and go south west.
- 3rd Sept The Gardners', 3 Gatcombe Close, Oakwood. Phone 01332 665671
- 10th Sept Normal service resumes at the Buckleys'.

Judy Buckley's News Item

HOME GROWN ORIENTEERS ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP

Ali and Kim Buckley have both been selected to compete in the selection races to represent Britain at the World Orienteering Championships. These are to be held in Norway in August as will the selection Races at the end of July.

Ali and Kim are the first of many (!) lifetime DVO members to make it to the top. Competition is not new to these DVO members as they have scored for the club in Compass Sport Cup matches since they were 8 years old. The club has played a major role in their development by supporting* them throughout their teenage lives by contributing towards their many training camps in Scandinavia. Without this support it is doubtful whether they would now be challenging for one of the top 5 places in Britain.

Judy Buckley

Editor: I note from CompassSport that Chris Godfree will take part in the selection races for the Junior World Champs in Belgium in July. In addition DVO is supplying the following juniors to the East Midlands Squad for the Junior Inter-Regional Champs in North Yorkshire on 28th and 29th June:

Matthew Dickinson (M14), Emma Whitehead and Hilary Johnson (W14), Charlotte Langhorn (W16) and Katie Swatwell (W18).

DVO sends its best wishes and hopes to all of the above.

British Champs

Congratulations to Matthew Dickinson and Steve Buckley who triumphed in their respective M12 and M50 classes at the British Champs at Clumber to win the honour of calling themselves British Champions for the next year. Very honourable mentions should go to Mike Jubb who came second in the Men's Elite class and Kim Buckley who was third in the aborted Women's Elite class. Has DVO ever had a member in the top three of both Elite classes in the British Champs.

Even though for obvious reasons they were virtually the only DVO team entered in the Relays at Chatsworth the following day, the DVO MW12 team did wonderfully well in finishing second, especially as the team, in addition to Matthew Dickinson, contained two girls - Emma Whitehead and Kate Johnson - against many all-male teams.

Cromford Relays and Barbecue - Saturday, 12th July

Venue: Cromford Rugby Club, Cromford Meadows SK 304569.

From south: Turn right at Cromford Crossroads (A6) and then right just before the bridge over river.

From North: Turn left at Cromford Crossroads (A6)

Public Transport (this will be a post-Budget event): Bus Service - TO, R32

Rail - Station ½ mile

Start Time: 2pm.

Relays: Teams are made up on the day and handicapped to equal strength.

Four leg types: Long Medium, Medium, Short and Short Short.

The Short Short leg is aimed at Under 8s (1/2 km), Short for the Over 8s (1 km).

The Medium is 4 1/2 km and the Long Medium is 5 1/2 km

Duration: c. 2 1/2 hours

Barbecue: Bring own food, barbecue and chairs. A bar may be available.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Organisers: Sue Russell (01773) 857318

Paul Wright (01773) 856387

DVO Club Championships, Saturday 14th June 1997.

Longshaw

Sorry about the poor picnic weather but the Friday evening or the Sunday would have been worse orienteering weather. I was disappointed by the turnout, although I appreciate that weddings and the Polaris accounted for up to a dozen absentees. After publicity in two Newstracks and an EMEWS what are we doing wrong so many club members did not attend THE CLUB event of the year?

Especial thanks to Steve Kimberley for starting a new tradition and controlling the event. Thanks to all the competitors for attending, a plague on those who entered and without apology then failed to turn up. Congratulations to Teige and John. Over to you for next year.

Mike Godfree

Children

		Finish Time	Run Time
1	Teige Malley	3:51:06	44:06
2	Daniel Kimberley	3:51:17	30:17
3	Emma Whitehead	3:52:09	22:09 *
4	Erin Malley	3:52:16	43:16
5	Fern Malley	3:53:27	34:27
6	Alex & Jessica		56:28

Adults

1	John Malley	3:56:02	44:02
2	Paul Addison	3:57:39	42:39
3	Chris Bourne	3:59:29	39:29 *
4	Dave McGivern	3:59:45	45:45 *
5	Terry Peach	3:59:52	47:52
6	John Hurley	4:00:26	47:26
7	Ronald Macdonald	4:01:35	43:35 *
8	Michelle Mackervoy	4:01:51	44:51
9	Viv Macdonald	4:02:01	47:01
10	Andy Mackervoy	4:02:31	51:31
11	Dave Clough	4:03:18	45:18
12	Jennifer Gale	4:03:25	62:35
13	Rex Bleakman	4:03:36	46:36
14	Claire Gale	4:03:46	55:46
15	Tony Berwick	4:06:32	59:32
16	Derek Gale	4:07:39	67:39
17	Barrie Bibby	4:08:58	48:58
18	Dave Brodie	4:10:01	54:01 (but late starting)
19	Ann Armistead	4:12:51	56:51
20	Phillip Sands	4:16:09	68:09
21	Debbie Wilkinson	4:17:01	66:01
22	Kathy Whitehead	4:17:23	64:23
23	Anne Kimberley	4:23:07	77:07
24	Jayne Malley	4:24:17	74:17
25	Rob Shooter	4:25:08	76:08 (very late starting)
26	Paul Wright	4:27:42	80:42
27	Andrea Sims	4:33:28	56:28 (Short course)
28	Kevin Price	4:37:14	91:14

Retd Liz Tryner

ODDS AND SODS

Sports Personality of the Month

Another healthy batch of entries, two with an added naturist flavour - must be the time of year:

The Alstonefield to Hartington leg of Petal 3 of the Footpath Relay managed what my leg didn't, that is a downhill finish to the Youth Hostel - so why was that **Russell Buxton** managed to surprise everybody by finishing uphill and from the opposite direction from everyone else ?

During the annual assault on Alport Heights during Spring Bank Wednesday's training run, **Dave Walker** suddenly dived into the undergrowth and emerged a few seconds later unabashed - but this time with his shorts on the right way round.

The Winner of this month's award is not John Duckworth who like several of us camped at North Farm, Ludlow, during the SINS weekend and who was in the Gents toilets changing his contact lenses. He suddenly heard the door of the shower open behind him followed by a sharp intake of breath, a surprised "Oh Dear !" and a sudden closing of the door. The door remained firmly shut whilst John completed his ablutions and left.

Meanwhile at the same campsite **Viv Macdonald** was taking a much needed shower after the exertions of the day. Stepping out of the cubicle to retrieve her towel, she found herself facing John Duckworth's back. Viv then beat a hasty retreat until the coast was clear, hoping desperately that no-one would find out and make her Sports Personality of the Month.

The men's toilet block seemed very crowded for the rest of the weekend but sadly we, er they, were disappointed.

And on a similarly optical theme...

Overheard at the Footpath Relay

"I'm sorry but I got lost"

"But you took your map with you !"

"Yes, but I forgot my glasses !"

DVO BOF Ranking Positions

These latest positions received since last NEWSTRACK publication day only take us up to mid-Feb so some more should be due out soon.

W21

6.	Kim Buckley	3836
54	Ann Marie Priston	3034
58	Sal Chaffey	2989
81	Val Johnson	2781

W35

15	Val Johnson	3579
42	Judy Buckley	3053
65=	Jayne Malley	2809
74	Kath Whitehead	2747

W40

66=	Christine Pollard	2823
107	Jayne Malley	2543

W45

42	Judy Buckley	3388
51	Viv Macdonald	3237
71	Ann Armistead	3088
82	Liz Godfree	2953

W50

12	Heleen Finlayson	3620
48	Jennifer Gale	2970
75	Margaret Keeling	2706

M21

11	David Godfree EUOC	3807
12	Al Buckley SHUOC	3805
26=	John Duckworth	3633
86=	Dougie Dickinson	3177
167=	Dave Chaffey	2868

M35

55	John Hawkins	3218
69	Steve Kimberley	3092
84	Paul Addison	2960
97	John Mailey	2909
133	Mike Gardner	2744

M40

36	Ian Whitehead	3581
45	Paul Armstrong	3460
86	John Hurley	3180
110	Graham Johnson	3051
128	Steve Buckley	2979

M45

15	Steve Buckley	3610
60	Dave Brodie	3310
71	John Hopper	3248
103	Mike Godfree	3109
242	Stuart Swalwell	2651

M50

12	Steve Buckley	3745
89	Rex Bleakman	3509
151	Neil Forrest	2781
195	Dave Skidmore	2619

M55

37	Dave Walker	3313
120	Keith Langhorn	2666

Best performer is Kim Buckley, 6th on W21, Dad Steve appears in three classes and Dave Clough doesn't.

August Newstrack copy date The next Newstrack is always the most awkward for me, especially this year, because I have to fit publication in during the six days between the end of the Scottish 6 Days and my 'proper' holiday in France so if anyone does have any contributions - I can dream, can't I ? - can they please let me have them by the end of July. Thanking you in anticipation.

Public Service Announcement Next time you decide to take a short cut at Elvaston Castle by crossing the stream near the car park, be careful - the stream only looks 3 inches deep, and it is, but there's three foot of thick, black, clag beneath it, as I and a number of others recently discovered to our cost.

Watch out for details in the next issue of another DVO coaching weekend away in the Lakes from 17th to 19th October (Bigland and Holme Fell) as part of the National Coaching weekend.

(According to the Fixtures List, this clashes with the Forest Of Dean National event. Cock-up or what ?)

Did you Know that DVO has Badge events proposed right to the end of the century ? If all goes well, Shining Cliff on 15th February 1998 will be followed by Chatsworth in Spring '99 and Eyam in December '99 !

Fixtures I normally conclude Newstrack with a roundup of future events possibly of interest to the local DVO member but the summer is a notoriously barren period for orienteering and Tony Seaston has already done most of my job for me with his pull-out. Looking slightly beyond August:

6th September LEI Burbage Common Come and Try It, Hinckley SK/446954

Organiser: Steve Davidson 01509 507748.

7th September OD Kingsbury Colour-coded event, SP/203958

Organiser: Paul Furness 01827 872171.

Twin Peaks Weekend

13th September DVO Longshaw Badge Event, Hathersage - see centre spread.

14th September MDOC Errwood Badge Event, Buxton

To add to what Tony has said, there is a special entry form for the weekend which presumably can be obtained from Derek Gale 01283 585244 but if not I dare say an adapted standard entry form as appeared in last November's EMEWS will do. The fees for Sunday's event are just the same as Saturday's.

28th September WCH Cannock Chase Colour-coded event, SJ/978170

Organiser: George Baker 01785 251294