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KIDNAPPED

AT JK!

see inside for details.

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Something went wrong this issue. Somehow I've managed to put together in the shortest time ever my largest edition of Newstrack. It did make a welcome change to have two articles from other members of DVO.

Next issue may, with a bit of luck be out in early July or perhaps even late June.

Any contributions will be most welcome.

Hwyl

Steve.

NEWS

Suprising lack of news especially when you consider how busy members have been in the last two months.

First a bit of good news, the Draw for the raffle raising money for BOF WM85 appeal has been drawn so you don't have to sell anymore tickets. Now the bad news, noone in DVO, as far as I know, won anything in the raffle. On the subject of the BOF fund the Drum Hill event eventually contributed the very good sum of £180.

DVO continues to make good progress in the Compasssport cup. Last time we beat Norwich at Stapleford. Next we go against Happy Herts at an event at Eymore near Kidderminster. That will take place as this newsletter goes out on April 28th.

At the business meeting in February further amendments were made to the training programme, these have been shown on the future fixtures list at the back of this newsletter. Other news about events includes the piece that the Badge event at Crich in December will be our Jubilee Trophy event. Also for this event an organiser has been found. Deborah Wilkinson volunteered for the job but Mike Gardner will look after entries. Another badge event to be organised by DVO is the one at Chatsworth due to be held on the March 16th 1986. Officials are still required for this event.

At last a central and convenient place has been found for the equipment. A shed has been purchased and this has been put in the Buckleys garden at Allestree. Will organisers and planners please ensure that equipment goes back to this shed A.S.A.P.

Lastly the school working Party has reported. The system worked out is that DVO will get a block permit on certain areas which we pay. Schools then buy maps and contact us advising when and who is going to be using the areas. It is hoped that this system will work and be satisfactory to all concerned.

..... Planners must sort out punches after events into seperate bags, which are provided.

..... It is the organisers responsibility to pay both the East Midlands levy and for the EM Clock.

..... Dave Nevell has been appointed as the EMEWS editor.

DUCK NAPPING!

EXCLUSIVE!

A new and worrying developement at this years JK was the kidnaping of a duck.

The duck owned by Mr Michael Gardner, a well known journalist, was noticed missing towards the end of the second day. At first it was assumed that the duck had merely become lost , as did many others that day, and that the duck would turn up the next day.

However the next day, in another muddy car park, no sign could be found of the missing duck. However before notifying the authorities Mr Gardner decided to ask around at that notorious centre of activity , the DVO tent. At this point the first ransom note was found attached to the tent. It read as follows:

" We have got your duck. If you want her
back alive cum to the right end of the
ressults display at 12.30. Do not tell
the polis or it will be rosted duck for
dinner. -- Morrie Arty."

Not wishing to have a rosted duck Mr Gardner decided to play safe and go along with the kidnappers. So at 12.30 in the correct place he was given a note by Stephen Farnworth who claimed to know nothing whatsoever (about par for the course I think).

At this point details become a bit confused as Mr Gardner has decided not to cooperate with this reporter. He was heard to mumble something about gutter press and " inferior rag". However I can now reveal that not one but two ransom notes were recieved that afternoon.

Both are written in full below.

" Mr Michael Gardener. We have your duck
Drinks all round!!!!!! and Plan the Club
Champs on Allestree Park or we'll send
you the Bill "

" We have your duck. We want a donation
to the East Midlands Junior squad and
Drinks all round on Wednesday!

Mory Arti

After our demands have been met you
might see your duck alive. "

Michael Gardner obviously faced a dilemma , should he risk his plastic duck or did he give in and actually volunteer to plan the Club Championships on Allestree and risk golfers wrath.

In the end he did not have to make this difficult decision as the Duck miraculously appeared in , of all places, the back of John Hurleys car.

It is not known how it got there but we can guess at two possibilities

The first of these is that the duck managed to escape from its captors and found a safe hiding place.

The second possibility is that a member of the kidnapping gang (you never get one kidnapper its always a gang) felt so appalled at what they were doing that he/she let the duck escape.

As to what actually happened its very difficult to say as the duck , suprisingly, is keeping very tight lipped perhaps as a result of shock.

However your faithful reporter can reveal that investigations lead me to say , however distasteful it may be, that the kidnapers were members of DVO.

Several members stand out as suspects John Hurley, Mike Jubb and Paul Seaston, and Stephen Farnworth. However despite these suspicious characters no-one in DVO is above suspicion until this matter is resolved.

To try and find an answer could anyone who has further information on this matter please contact:

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Some tips for registration and start officials.

This article explains how the registration and start officials can make things easier for the finish and results officials at DVO club standard events. Most of you will know it all already but some of you don't!

The registration official should have a list of start times available on each course and tick off times as they are allocated, to prevent giving the same time to more than one competitor. It is also a good idea to record the competitors club on this list. Experienced competitors will not want a start time within four minutes of another runner from the same club. Beginners may be allowed to run in pairs on colour coded courses, but if they wish to run individually then they should be encouraged to take start times at least four minutes from their friends. There is no need to record competitors names on the start lists.

The registration official should write the start time allocated on the control card and also on the stub. Where there are three spaces on the card for the time enter hours and minutes and leave the rightmost space free, below the seconds space for finish time. Yes, we time in hours minutes, and seconds and not days, hours and minutes. The competitor should be instructed to fill in his or her name, club, and age class, both on the card and on the stub. The information on the card will eventually be used in the compilation of results. The information on the stub shows us who has gone out into the forest and, if they come back, the stub will probably be used for display of on-the-day results.

BOF age classes are not easy to explain to beginners and I think DVO could do with a board explaining them. It is important that all club members who wish to be ranked in the East Midlands Galloper do show their correct age class. Strictly speaking the lowest age classes are M10 and W10 but often parents like to record the exact ages of their infant prodigies eg. M6 and this is quite alright.

The start official should collect the stubs and ensure that each has a name on. Where the stub has no name the official should ask the competitor to complete the stub, and should also check that there is a name on the card. Where the competitor arrives late a new start time may be allocated, but the change must be shown clearly on both stub and card. Vague crossings out on top of a layer of transpaseal are not acceptable. The stubs should be kept in order - firstly sorted by colour and then, for each colour, in order of start time and all the same way up. They will be taken in batches to the finish tent.

John Hurley.

Derbyshire Round Relay

There has been considerable interest in this event and I have selected two teams, which both meet the age class rules, from the first forty people to contact me. Obviously some team members may be injured or otherwise unavailable on the day so I would still like to hear from anyone - particularly juniors - who is prepared to be a reserve. I would also like to hear from anyone who could help out with transport on the day. I am assuming that all two adult families will be able to arrange their own transport. I will try to co-ordinate transport arrangements for the others.

The majority of team members have already been given maps of their legs and I will ensure that all maps are distributed by the end of April. Everyone must survey their leg in advance. The route follows rights of way or is across open access land and you are expected to follow the route as closely as possible and not cut corners or take alternative road routes. If you find difficulty in following the marked route please let me know.

The schedules given below are only very approximate and no-one should be worried if they can't achieve their individual schedule. On the day, please could early runners ring my parents on Matlock (0629) 55338 after completing their legs so that later runners can find out when they are likely to be required.

A post event social will be held at the Derwent Rowing Club which is on the west bank of the Derwent about 800 metres north of Derby Cathedral. NB. All team members should pay the entry fee of 25p to me.

<u>Leg</u>	<u>A Team</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>B Team</u>	<u>Start</u>
1	B Bibby	7.00	I Nicklin	7.00
2	P Armstrong	7.24	S Farnworth	7.25
3	A Shepherd	7.54	A Pryor	7.58
4	L Nicklin	8.49	J Shepherd	9.00
5	T Dallas	9.14	R Shooter	9.28
6	A Clayton	10.08	I Whitehead	10.26
7	D Nevell	10.25	N Forrest	10.44
8	S Buckley	11.06	A Thomson	11.30
9	Z Wilkinson	11.40	K Whitehead	12.06
10	A Buckley	12.00	K Buckley	12.28
11	E Wilkinson	12.13	J Buckley	12.44
12	R Clayton	12.38	B Gibbs	13.13
13	V Johnson	13.06	A Gardner	13.47
14	J Hurley	13.24	G Johnson	14.06
15	A Berwick	14.19	S Richardson	15.05
16	J Hopper	14.37	T Richardson	15.23
17	D Dickinson	15.07	M Bridges	15.57
18	S Kimberley	15.28	J Tennant	16.21
19	J Seaston	15.46	P Seaston	16.51
20	M Gardner	16.07	M Jubb	17.15
Finish		16.37		17.48

PAST EVENTS

Stapleford Woods. Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club Open event.

Whilst some members of DVO struggled to get out of Derbyshire it was a pleasant surprise to find Stapleford hardly touched by snow. More worrying when we got there was the fact that our Compasssport Cup opponents Norwich had brought a full coach. In the end some very good individual performances managed to compensate for our lack of numbers.

As was expected for Stapleford times were very fast and it tended to be our runners who did the best. On the orange course Mike Jubb (though the results have put him down as M. Judd) won his course over twenty minutes ahead of the Norwich competitors. On other courses it was much closer but John Seaston, Judy Buckley, Roger Wilkinson and John Hurley all managed to gain DVO maximum points on their courses. John Hurleys performance was particularly good considering that both he and Dave Nevell arrived late due to a puncture on the way.

In the end therefore we did manage to just beat Norwich but it does show that we must get our best team possible to meet Happy Herts in the next round.

Matlock Street Event Feb 13th

A dissapointing turnout. Conditions were not as bad as expected although unlit paths required some care. The event was organised as a score handicap with handicaps assigned considering age, current form, local knowledge, and bias against Mike Gardner.

Results.		Score	Handicap	Total
1.	Tony Berwick	215	65	280
2.	Dave Brodie	244	35	279
3.	Mike Gardner	260	0	260
4.	Graham Johnson	210	40	250
5.	Doug Dickinson	215	30	245
6.	Geoff William	170	50	220
7.	T Richardson	120	80	200

John Hurley.

Rough Pitty Side. Feb 24th.

As always the terrain here and the courses was a reflection of the areas name, very rough. To compensate Ian Whitehead and Mike Toplis, the planners, kept the distances very short.

This was perhaps just as well as the times were still quite long. Only one person managed to beat 10 minute K's. One possible problem was that the shortness of the courses may have tempted some people to try a course above their normal with disastrous results. Perhaps we should try to avoid this by giving more instructions at registration.

As so many people from DVO went to the event I will not record here everyone's result. In fact as no one from the club had a fantastic result I'll not say anything apart from Tessa Wilkinsons run on the yellow course. She came second just six minutes behind an M21.

BRITISH CHAMPS

The big one. Unfortunately I think that this British Championship is probably going to be remembered more for the mud car park than for the outstanding technical nature of the area. Perhaps next year we will get a British and nice weather, though it will be Scotland!

As mentioned earlier the area was not as technical as some other British areas but nevertheless provided a wide variety of vegetation with route choices. Most of the controls were not too difficult to find but problems did occur at a few controls. This was not because of their technical nature but more because earlier orienteers had demolished the aluminium trestles and then trod the remains into the mud. Perhaps some day someone will come up with the ideal control hanger.

Overall it was not a very good day results wise for DVO and it means that we have no British Champion at the moment. However below I have given the better results.

Kim Buckley 3rd in W10A	Zoe Wilkinson 2nd in W13A
Lara Dickinson 3rd in W15B	Alison Kempson 2nd in W19B
Roz Clayton 4th in W21E	Judy Buckley 3rd in W35A
Deborah Wilkinson 8th in W40A	Jenny Tennant 5th in W50A
Winifred Woodward 1st in W55B	Peter Berwick 2nd in M17B
Steve Buckley 4th in M35A	Brian Gibbs 2nd in M50B
Willish?? Woodward 2nd in M55B	

Perhaps the outstanding run of the day came from someone else, namely Dave Nevell. Previous to going out he was telling everyone about his injury and how he would probably walk round his course M21E but would not run. At the start he was actually debating whether or not to take his cagoule, in the end he didn't though he did take a marathon bar. After finishing he says he didn't try too hard and even sat down at one point to eat his marathon bar. Yet his time for the 14.4 Km was 107.34 and he came 24th. I wonder what he would have done if he had had been fit!

Annesley Forest. Robin Hood Trophy event.

The first East Midland Championships and a much more successful championship than the British for DVO.

Though the map shows the area as mostly run I personally found it heavy going thanks to the large amount of brashings and undergrowth on the forest floor. As a result I'm not too sure that the quickest routes were straight. Unfortunately on my course M21 some others didn't seem to find the runnability a problem eg. the winner was taking just 70 minutes for 12Km.

As mentioned other DVO members did very well in the event and below I have listed the East Midland Champions.

M15	John Seaston	M21	Mike Gardner
M35	Steve Buckley	M40	Roger Wilkinson
M45	Barry Bibby	W10	Kim Buckley
W11	K Griffiths	W13	Zoe Wilkinson
W17	Elsbeth Robson	W19	Alison Kempson
W21	Roz Clayton	W40	Deborah Wilkinson
W50	Jenny Tennant	W55	Winifred Woodward

Congratulations to all.

Whitesprings. 23rd March.

I'm not going to say too much about this event as I had my fill of it. However over 100 people to a Saturday event just before a nearby Badge event can't be too bad. Most people seemed to enjoy themselves excepting perhaps on the blue course. Changes to the blue course were made just two weeks before the event. Whilst individual legs were still OK I did not realise that I was now asking people to go from the bottom of the valley to the top and then right back down again.

One person at the event must have been quite insane. He had on the morning caught a bus to Matlock from Stockport then ran round the course, got changed in the pouring rain, until I offered him the use of a car, and then was looking for a lift into Matlock so he could catch a bus back to Stockport! (Long sentence that.)

JK Trophy weekend.

A brief report. After a fairly wet weekend DVO had only one JK champion, so congratulations to Zoe Wilkinson in W13. Roz Clayton just missed out in W21E after winning the first day and Steve Buckley also just missed in M35. No success in the Relays either but the M35 team came second whilst the W35 team came third. When the results come out I hope to do a fuller report.

FUTURE EVENTS

Most of the major events are now over, but instead we have plenty of small training events. I have included in this list all DVO's training evenings, SYO training events, and Matlock AC's fell races.

- May 8th. Wednesday Training runs from Allestree and also from the Thornleys, D'Arcy House, 40 Jackson Road, Matlock.
- May 10th Club Championships. Bramcote Park.
See details on back page.
- May 11th Matlock AC Fixture. White Peak 26
Details of this event and all other Matlock AC events should be obtained from John Hurley, Flat 6, Darley Park House, New Road, Darley Abbey, Derby. (0332) 553561.
- May 12th NVO informal event. East Carlton Country Park.
P Nightingale, 55 South View, Kislingbury, Northampton. (N. 831228)
- May 12th Chigwell Mitre event. Ranking event.
Epping Forest.
R Weekes, 7 Thurlow Court, Herman Hill, Wanstead, London. Pre-enter by 3.5.85 or EOD.
- May 15th Goyt Valley Fell Race. 5 miles 400'
Details from Roz Clayton, Rondane, Manor Road, South Wingfield.
- This event is intended to be a DVO outing to a fell race. The emphasis will be more social than doing well at the fell race. This does mean that we want as many members going as possible.
- May 16th SYO Evening training. Rivelin.
As I don't have the organisers name yet could anyone interested please contact me fir t. This applies to all the SYO training events listed here.
- May 19th LE1 Badge event. Coleorton.
John Sutton, 10 Barnstaple Close, Wigston, Leics.
Tel: Leicester 885974.

As far as I know this area has not been used before. However the controller assures me that it is quite a nice area despite the coal tips and should be interesting. The area sounds very similar to the Walton Chasers area Great Wyrley.

May 22nd Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at Allestree.

May 25/26/27th Springtime in Shropshire.
Long Mynd Training event.
Ranking event, Brampton Bryan Park, Ludlow.
Badge event, Stiperstones.
D Mews, 22 Sheraton Drive, Kidderminster, Worcs.
Closing Date 12.5.85.

I know nothing of the main two areas though Stiperstones at least has been used before. Generally a good weekend though you have to be fit to do the two badge events.

May 27th Matlock AC Fixture. Tansley 10.
Pre entry by May 20th. Details as before from John Hurley.

May 28th SYO Evening Training. Wombwell.
Details from the editor.

May 29th Nothing as yet planned. Should be just a normal training run.

May 31st DVO inter club event. Hardwick.
No organiser at the moment.

Hardwick is a piece of open parkland with a small amount of woodland. As a result courses are not normally too difficult. One thing to beware is the number of fences, some barbed wire, which have to be crossed. Please do not annoy any fisherman there may be there.

June 2nd SYO Long 'O' / Open event. Burbage and Blacka Moor
A Goddard, 17 Poynton Wood Glade, Bradway, Sheffield
(0742 352136)

Should be a very good event. Both areas are mainly moorland which can be very tiring. In the end though the success of the event will depend on the weather. I don't think anyone would want to do a long 'O' if the wind was as high as when the Northern Champs were held here.

June 5th Training run at Duffield and at South Wingfield.

June 6th Matlock AC Fixture. Stanton Moor Fell race.
Details from John Hurley.

June 9th NOC Open event. Blidworth.
 John Childs. (0602) 207017.

Blidworth is another fast flat nottingham area. It has a very extensive grid pattern of paths and rides. If in runnable forest though it is still generally faster to go straight. Can recommend pub which is on the map but not marked. You will find it at the north end of the map by the road junction.

June 12th Cromford fell race.

This fell race is to be organised by Roz Clayton and will be just for DVO members though Matlock AC members will also be invited.

June 12th SYO Evening Training event.
 West Haigh (or Concord)
 Details from editor.

June 13th Matlock AC. Club road race 9½ miles.
 Details from John Hurley.

June 14th Interclub event Notts University O.C.

Presumed to be at Wollaton Park. No further details available at the moment. Could be held on the 28th June.

June 19th Leicester interclub event. Martinshaw.

Another chance to go to Martinshaw. One of the few areas with showers and a bar available at the finish. That is probably the best reason for going there.

June 20th SYO training event. Eccleshall.
 Details from editor.

June 20th Matlock AC. Black Rocks fell race.
 Details from John Hurley.

June 22nd Derbyshire round relay event.

June 22nd/23rd Harvester Trophy. Strensall ,York.

DVO is trying to get a team up for this event. Anyone interested should contact Tony Thornley, D'Arcy House, 40 Jackson Road, Matlock.

June 23rd Martinshaw "On all day Sponsorship" event.
Pete Hornsby, 43 Ashlyns Rise Leicester. (L.878943)

Yet another chance to go to Martinshaw but there is a special reason for this one. The Forestry Commission has decided to sell of the woodland. A body known as the Woodland Trust is trying to buy the area. If they raise enough money to buy the area then orienteering tin the area will probably continue. If they can't raise the money then a private developer may buy the area. This event therefore is designed to raise funds for the appeal. Sponsor forms will be available.
Starts 10.00 to 4.00 any time.

If anyone is feeling adventorous they can do three events in 24 hours. The Derbyshire round relay, the Harvester, and Martinshaw. Any takers?

June 25th SYO evening training. Treeton (or Canklow)
Details from Editor.

June 26th Training run and BUSINESS MEETING at Allestree.

June 30th Capricorn.

No details as yet. The format is a two day event over mountain terrain. Done by one person with a central Campsite.
Similar to Karrimor though generally easier.

July 3rd Matlock AC. Parwich Fell racee 3 miles.
Details from John Hurley.

July 7th National event. Aire Dales.
Tony Roberts, 19 Clara Road, Wrose, Bradford.

July 10th SYO evening training. Loxley Common.
Details from editor.

July 12th NOC Interclub.

No venue has been fixed yet.

July 11th or 12th Matlock AC. Flash Dam 7
Details from John Hurley.

July 25th SYO evening training. Wincobank (or Concord)
Details from editor.

HARVESTER

As mentioned in the future fixtures list DVO is planning on entering a relay team for the Harvester Trophy event. For those who don't know this is a seven member relay event with the first leg setting off at Midnight. Legs vary in length so that different abilities can be catered for.

Runners are still required for both night and Day legs. If you are interested could you please contact:-

Tony Thornley
D'Arcy House
40 Jackson Road
Matlock

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Quote of the month.....

"If it hadn't been for the puddle I would have beaten him"

Dave Brodie speaking about his JK relay finish.

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