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Apologies for the lateness of this edition. When I took on editorship of the newsletter I. like Steve Kimberley before me. was "unemployed", not so now. Being Editor of Newstrack seems a sure recipe for getting a job or jobs, so if there is anyone out there with time on their hands, you only have to make a bid for this honoured post! The typist also has a full time job now, and any offers of help towards typing will be gratefully received. (The technical editor also has a very full-time job! hint hint).

DERBYSHIRE Did you know ..?

The Derwent is 66 miles long

The longest gooseberry tree is 51ft 2ins long and is situated at Ashover.

There are no less than 2.800 ducks in the county.

A man was paid 3 pence a day to scare birds from a farm in 1849. The greatest number of mole hills per acre is on the Chatsworth estate near Edensor.

The only under-water milestone is in the fishpond at Matlock Bath. There are 3,253 miles of roads within the county.

The Peak Park Planning Board purchased a 14 mile section of the Tissington Trail for a quid.

There is a convex weir at Masson Mill. Matlock Bath that was built by accident.

The Bowling Green Inn at Bradwell was sold for 5 shillings in 1748. A man ate a five course meal in less than an hour at the Red Lion in Stanton by Dale. The first course was made of 30 eggs and 2 quarts of This was promptly washed down with 3 pints of ale. What's more, he immediately ran a 300 yards race and won by 12 yards. Did you know that Rob Shooter won a 300 yard race by 12 yards? A woman in Over Haddon ate nothing for over 14 months. Rob Shooter has no relations in Over Haddon.

A man sold his wife in Derby for 7 1/2d in 1772.

All but two of the above are true. Can you guess which two are not?

TWO ANONYMOUS LIMERICKS ************************

(Jubby's bigger than me!)

There was a young sinner called Jubb
The fastest, he thought, in the Club
But when in the forest
His skills were so modest
We thought he'd spent time in the pub

There was a young fellow called Seaston Nothing for most eyes to feast on He went to the west He thought he knew best But the Crar he wanted was eastern

DVO CLUB CHAMPS

Just over ten years ago members of DVO were stunned by the tragic death of one of its members. Chris Yardley now lies buried in a churchyard in Fort William, almost in the shadow of Ben Nevis, one of whose fearsome avalanches claimed his life.

In Chris's memory the Club Championships were inaugurated and a handsome trophy - a large lump of crystalline Derbyshire fluorite - was made. Every summer since 1977 this light-hearted out keenly-contested event has been held, based on a handicap system so that, in theory, anyone has an equal chance of winning. So far, no-one has won the event twice, because all previous winners tend to receive a hopeless handicap. The list to date is given below:

1977	Keith Dowding	1982	Roz Clayton
1978	Stuart Walker	1983	Steve Kimberley
1979	Daphne Parsons	1984	Jenny Tennant
1980	Hugh Roberts	1985	Heidi Dickinson
1981	Nigel Gilligan	1986	Roger Wilkinson

Generally speaking it has been regarded as the responsibility of the winner to plan the following year's event, so that honour falls to me this year, and the event has been fixed for June 12 (Friday) at Stanton Moor. The pleasing thing about this is that for the first time the event will be on a new area, but there is a price - it will probably be a 1:5000 two colour map (ie black and white!)

You are invited to enter for the event. There will be three courses:

- A: Yellow standard 2K
- B: Orange plus standard 3K
- C: Green No holds barred course 5K

Competitors on any course can win the trophy. People will be handicapped according to their ability and the course they have entered. (M21 s on the vellow will have about a three hour handicap) Parents are warned when choosing a course for their offspring that the C course will be as hard as I can make it and that it will pass through a lot of quarried areas where care will need to be exercised by the competitor. STANTON MOOR IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO COMPETITORS FROM NOW TILL THE EVENT. Send Name. Age Class, Course and Bribe to Roger Wilkinson, Drooping Mantlepieces. 20. Castle Hill, Duffield a.s.a.p.

BEGINNER'S LUCK?

As a new member of DVO I felt that I should introduce myself to the readers of Newstrack.

I learnt my orienteering skills(!?) during my spell in the territorials, and I read with interest Roger Wilkinson's article about the "Early Days" in February's Newstrack. This reminded me that my first attempt was made with the 1:50000 OS map, a list of controls (half a dozen 6 figure grid references) and a clapped out MOD issue compass. The control markers were usually traffic cones with an identifying letter scribbled on them (highly visible!). The main drawback to this method of organisation is that even if you get to the grid reference correctly, you still have a 100m square to search.

However those experiences aside, I decided to have a go "civvy style". I enquired of BOF head office and was directed to 2 wayfaring courses, Pepper Slade on Cannock Chase, and Downs bank near Stone. Having completed both courses (with some minor difficulties) I entered my first "civvy" event proper - Robin Wood 15th February. I completed the Red course and the result table showed I did it in 43 minutes (is this correct? - surely I took longer). I throughly enjoyed myself and I am eagerly looking forward to Rough Pitty Side.

Mike Hughes

(It is good to have a contribution from a relatively new member and so legibly written that even the hazard of a rat running up my leg whilst I was typing it only meant a momentary break in the flow of typing. There are two hints here and possibly a third: Andrew should keep the rat shut up when I'm typing! Asst. Ed.)

ANOTHER LETTER

After reading the February Newstrack. I began to wonder how many members would like to try planning or organising an event for the first time if all we can offer them for their efforts is "the planning was poor" or "the event was very unpleasant".

In my view these comments are not representative. At the vast majority of events, most competitors go away entirely satisfied and appreciative of the efforts of those who staged the event. The organiser and planner go home with the feeling of a job well done in providing a morning's enjoyment for several hundred fellow orienteers. I went to Long Wood. Because of the cold and the undergrowth I wasn't motivated to race round my course, but I jogged round and throughly enjoyed it.

Inexperienced organisers and planners within DVO can draw on the extensive knowledge of more experienced club members and should not hesitate to ask them for advice. There is no need to keep a club event Yellow course as secret as an A-Level question paper: show it to the parent of a likely competitor and see if he thinks it suitable. In all cases there will be a more experienced member acting as event controller who takes ultimate responsibility for the fairness and standard of the course. In the case of Lawn Wood the results confirm that the Orange course was unsuitable and it is the controller who is to blame.

The most important duty of the event officials is to do nothing to damage or destroy the goodwill of the population at large, and landowners in particular, on which the future of orienteering in the area depends.

John Hurley

(John . if you had ever struggled to convince a small child that orienteering is fun you would know why we parents gripe about the standard of the yellow and orange courses. Ed.)

EVENT REPORTS

ROUGH PITTY SIDE

At Rough pitty side I really enjoyed myself. I did the Yellow course. I went a bit wrong when I went to a wall corner and didn't spot the ruined wall, beause there was no ruined wall until about 8 metres away. From one control to another there was a barbed wire fence to cross to get to the control. On the way from the second to last control it was extremely steep and muddy. The mud stuck to my O shoes and made it extremely hard to run. I had to keep on scraping it off. Even so I was quite pleased with my time. I liked Hay Wood better! Christopher Gilligan

Good results from Rough Pitty Side

String Course Thomas Brodie - 1st
Yellow Course Jo Armistead - 3rd
Orange course Ian Forrest - 3rd
Green Course Ian Finlayson - 5th
Blue course John Birkin - 6th
Brown course Dave Nevell - 1st

EAST MIDLANDS CHAMPS

My course in the East Midlands Champs was perhaps a bit easy but was very enjoyable. I did not make any mistakes except for going in too soon on number 4, but I only wasted a few seconds before putting myself right. From number 2 a girl in the same age group followed me, but I managed to shake her off in the run in and managed to come first, but it was very hard to achieve it. I won a cup and plaque for the EMC and Pendant for winning overall

Kim Buckley (who did 2.5km in 18.50 minutes: Ed.)

HAY WOOD

This was a memorable day in our family, no one had a cold or whooping cough or a strained anything, and EVERYONE ran! (two of us in resplendent new O shoes). Having done very little running in the last few weeks I arrived at the finish in a slow time despite having made only one error (a record for me!) However the day was made thoroughly enjoyable by the beautiful weather, and the smell of the dry grass warmed by the sun was wonderful. Thanks to everyone for a good day. One small grumble: I think it would have been safer to have had a crossing warden, as it was a very difficult place to cross the road.

Lynette Gilligan (How about some event reports from another family?!)

GOOD RESULTS FROM HAY WOOD

White - Chris Gilligan 4th

Yellow - H Naisbitt 6th

Orange - Andrew Thornley 13th

Red - R Day 10th

Green - Alistair Suckley 3rd

Blue - P Armstrong 3rd

Brown - J Hawkins 8th

FIXTURES ADMIN

It is very helpful to the fixtures working party if approximate map counts are available. It stops us from scheduling an event when there are only 50 maps left. we shall try to keep a record of map counts together with the map stock at the Suckley's. Could organisers please maintain this record when removing or returning maps.

Files for each area are also kept at the Buckley's. A number of files have not been returned recently - Allestree, Darley Park, Drum Hill, Lea Woods. Sydnope and Whitesprings. Please check if you have these files.

SUMMER PROGRAMME 1987

Evening event Cromford Moor

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Wed May 20	Lei inter-club Bradgate Park	
Wed May 27	Sprint-0 . Crich	John Seaston
Wed June 10	Technique Coaching where?	Roz Clayton
Fri June 12	Club Champs. Stanton Moor	Roger Wilkinson
Thurs June 18	NOC inter-club event Colwick Woods	
Wed June 24	possible LSOC event. Beacon Hill	* T
Fri July 3	Winster Wakes O event (see Feb is:	sue) Frank Mason
Fri July 10	DVO inter-club event. Calke	Rob Newton
Fri July 17	Kilburn path & street event and Be	
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Event details will be publicised at training evenings and events . If further information is required contact John Hurley on Derby 553561.

A sporty young lady named Jo
Had a thing about freedom - you know.
She ran round the markers
Absolutely starkers.
And was surprised that her time was so slow!

A ROUND OF SUMMER WINE

A Round of Summer Wine is a long distance club relay along 87 miles of footpaths in the eastern part of the east district. Each year the relay has a varying venue and itinery, being organised by differing competing clubs. Last year the event was the 'Manchester Challenge Relay' (organised and won by MDOC), and previously 'The Derbyshire Round' (organised by DVO and won by MDOC). The history of the event before the 1984 Staffordshire Way (by POTOC) is hazy. This year's event is being staged by the Penistone Footpath Runners.

The Relay which is open to Orienteering and other clubs, comprises 20 legs and each team must include a mix of children, veterans and ladies. Such a mixed team makes for an exciting club outing in the loveliest parts of South and West Yorkshire. This year's race on Saturday 18th July 1987 starts and finishes in Cawthorne Country Park, follows the Rivers Don and Rivelin, over Stanage Edge to Hathersage, across Win Hill, Alport Moors to Bleaklow, and proceeds into the Summer Wine Country. The return to Cannon Hall is via Wessenden. Almondbury Castle and Emley Moor. The whole route can be followed on Os sheet 110 but detailed copies of each stage will be provided on receipt of your entries.

Cheques (£7 per team) should be made payable to 'Penistone Footpath Runners' and posted to Andy Musgrave, 29 Springfield Street, Barnsley S Yorks S70 6HH. since there is a maximum limit of 15 teams entries should be made early, and this will give you more time to survey the stages. Steve Buckley, our illustrious chairman, is again arranging teams for this event. Teams must contain one runner in each of the following ages Uii, Ui3, Ui5, Ui7, O35, O40, O50 and include & ladies. Please let Steve know by May 22nd, at the latest, if you wish to run.

J.K. 1987

This year's J.K. was organised by Yorkshire and Humberside and used two particularly ferocious areas. Pickering and Broxa. As I had been rather unwell for some time and not been training I did not even attempt the first day in Pickering. I kicked myself for not following Caroline round her Damen 10A course. it was about Green standard and took her 90 minutes. Poor Tom Brodie had a similar experience on Herren 10B. Cas had strict instructions to ask the way on day 2. I took my map out on day 2 but having observed that 90 percent of the course was contouring on a 1 in 2 slope I contented myself with Jogging round the paths.

Day 3 was the relays. Team manager Judy Buckley insited on putting me in the D35A team despite protestations of heart murmurs and cloudy vision. Debbie Wilkinson had a great run and came in within seconds of the leaders. "Oh hell." I thought, "how am I going to live up to this?" Tony saw me setting out and called "Take it easy, enjoy yourself", so I stopped panicking, changed down a gear and concentrated on the map. It was a really pleasant area, undulating with lots of little valleys, gullies, streams and lots of copses. (I'm deliberately avoiding terms such as 'low visibility' and 'lots of contour detail') I only made one time-wasting error and that was on the way to mumber three when Chris Woods from 4th Valley appeared to be on the same leg. I shouted something to her, before she disappeared into the valley. "Was that gamesmanship." I wondered then recalled Sue Harvey having done something similar to me about twelve

years ago. "All's fair "

July 17th/18th

I thought my day had come when Clive Allen announced over the P.A. that I was the leading runner on the second leg of the D35 relay. The rest must hve stopped off for a cup of tea! However 'twas not to be. Chris Roberts of EBOR had already gone out ahead of Judy and not having competed for in the individual was fesh as a daisy. Second again, saves on trophy cleaning. We'll try again next year! Fuller details of DVO placings in the next issue, or when the results come.

Jo Thornley

FIXTURES

May 10th	Shining Cliff Club Event. GR 333518. Organiser
John .	Seaston. Derby 514000
May 17th	Bestwood Park Club Event. GR 571466.
	Organiser M. Barker 0602 732986
May 31st	Greno Wood Club Event. Sheffield. GR 336958. B.Shaw 0742 303905
June 7th	DVO Relays Hardwick Park. GR 453638.
Julia / Cli	Organiser G. Johnson Belper 4754
June 21st	Thieves Wood Club Event, Mansfield GR 545576.
	Organiser J. Hopper 0602 299825
July 3rd	Winster Wakes Fun event, by popular demand. Starts
	6.30 to 7.30. Includes virgin terrain. String to 5k
类	courses. Offers of help please to Frank Mason
₩.	Winster 738, ring soon to avoid being left out.
July 11th	THE WHITE PEAK WALK. A 26 mile walk around the
1389 80	beautiful hills and dales of the White Peak.
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July 18th Inter-Club Long Distance Relay - Dark Peak. Contact Steve Buckley (D.552664) to run.

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Organiser N. Campbell 19. Horrocks Rd. Upton. Chester

BUSINESS MEETINGS Last Wednesday in the month at 253 Duffield Road. Allestree at 8.0 p.m.

But not in May! Try Tune 3rd.

A sporty young lady named Jo Thought she'd give controlling a go. A few hours in Matlock West With scarcely a rest Gave her the most chronic B.O.