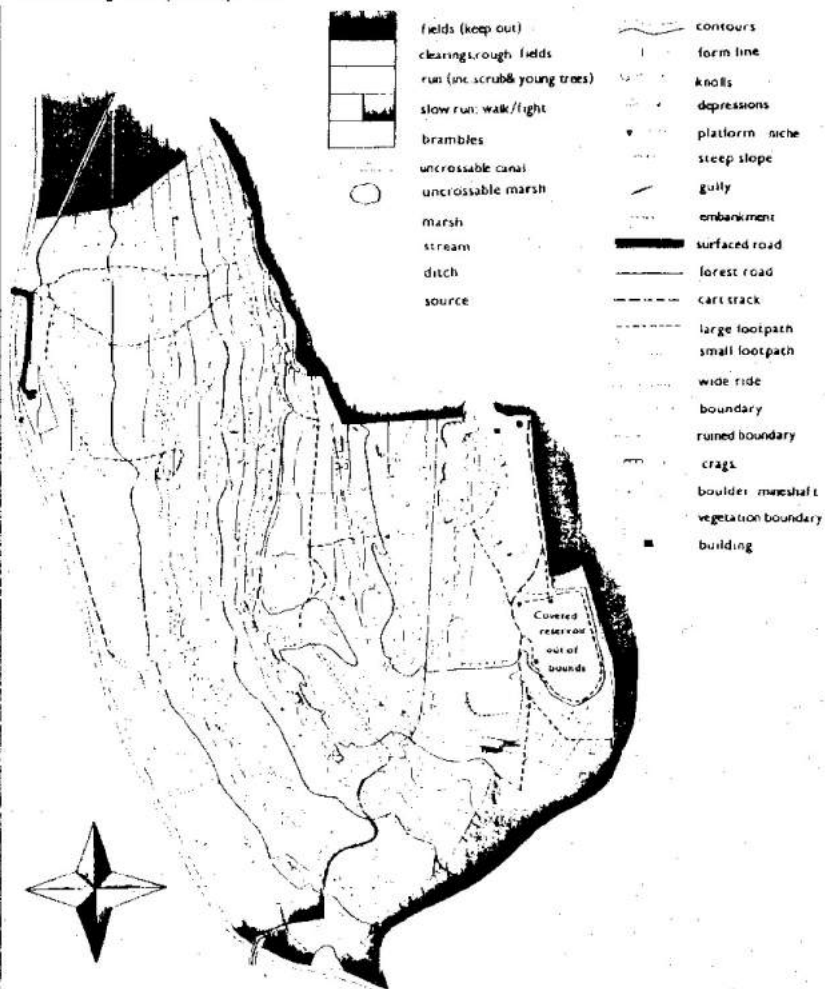


# NEWSTRACK

OCTOBER '89

"Exciting New Competition"

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## APOLOGIES (used to be called EDITORIAL)

One down 999 to go! That's how I felt at the end of the August issue. Guess how I feel at the end of this one - you've got it, 2 down 998 to go! (Only kidding.)

I decided to rename my spot due to the number of mistakes in my first newstrack. My apologies to Mr. Kimberley or is it Kimberly or Kimberley - who knows! who even cares! - Steve does, and if I don't apologise for spelling his name wrong TWICE he has threatened to start training for orienteering - obviously he thinks that a bit of training will help his (lost) cause to be a top orienteer. Apologies must also go to Chris Godfree for miss printing his result at the Scottish Championships.

M11A Chris Godfree 2nd  
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Of all the words to miss-spell yours truly chose DISASTOUR, what a disaster. Anyway enough of the apologies - what a busy two months we have had. Dartmoor, the Lakes and North York Moors to name but a few. I don't know about the rest of you but my body has had enough. October was a welcome rest.

No Mr. Nasty column this issue but who knows maybe we'll have one in December. I have been asked to use the Newstrack to embarrass all non-payers such as those who do not pay for their relay entries, so be warned.

The new list of DVO officials appointed at the recent AGM are listed above. Steve Buckley has stepped down as Chairman after holding office

for the maximum period. I am sure you all join me in thanking Steve for all his efforts while holding this most esteemed post. Just because Steve has stepped down doesn't mean he won't be busy on behalf of DVO - unfortunately for Steve he is heavily involved in JK '91.

Can we now have 2 minutes silence for the new Chairman - Steve Kimberxyz, I don't think he knows what he's let himself in for.

Thanks for all your contributions to the October issue of Newstrack and keep them coming.

Alex.

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## NEW MEMBERS

A WARM WELCOME to the following new members:

Jenny Gage, 86 Acorn Drive, Belper  
Judith, Elly, Richard and Susan Crockford  
Kob Kerrigan, 6 Durham Crescent, Washingborough, Lincoln  
Clare Fulton, Woodview, Little London, Hailway, Matlock  
Brian, Joy, Nathan and Simeon Adams, 186 Westnck Road,  
Sheffield 8  
Kirsten Williams, Westwood, Macclesfield Rd, Whaley Bridge  
Ewan Thompson, 6 Instow Drive, Sunnyhill, Derby

## CLUB NOTICE BOARD

I have details of the 1989 Coaching Conference at the Sports Council National Coaching Centre, Lilleshall near Newport, Shropshire on 1st to 3rd December.

Also the Club Orienteers coaching course at Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig for the week 7th - 12th May 1990.

And details of a conference on "The growing child in Competitive Sport" also at Lilleshall on 12th-15th December.

Also on the club file is a copy of the report from the Guildford Development Conference, entitled Orienteering 2000.

If you would like details or copies of any of the above let me know.

Mike Godfree

## The Good Old Days

I learnt to orienteer in Mid-Wales. You can tell - I'm brilliant at crawling uphill through ficht.

Contrary to popular belief, there are technical areas in Wales and one of the best is Ogof Flynfan Dales, an open hillside of limestone crags, limestone pavement, peat hags and hundreds of depressions. I first ran there in a score event in summer 1980, together with one of my orienteering mentors, Steve Kimberley. (spelling okay for you Steve? - ed.) On the way there he gave me all sorts of helpful advice about the area. The gist of this was; if it's foggy, stay in the car.

As there was no fog I set off clockwise round the course. Everything was OK until a control on a line of crags. After 10 minutes I found it, about 100m away from where I'd been looking. Undeterred, I carried on - after all, I was a relative novice at the sport.

Another runner caught me as I looked for a control in a depression in an area of limestone pavement. Steve, who was running the event anti-clockwise, appeared from the opposite direction and, after a thorough sweep search, we found the control, almost certainly in an unmapped depression. We then discussed all the controls, (over a cup of tea? ed.) analysing which were in the right place, and if not where they were. Steve had punched one control hanging off the planners arm as he moved it from where it had been to where it should have been. Armed with this inside information, I completed the course.

Despite the problems I really enjoyed the event. It was a fine day and terrain I'd never seen before, never mind navigated across. But if all events had been like that I don't think I'd have stayed in the sport for long.

Fortunately, lessons were learnt. Orienteering standards rose sharply in Wales in the early 80s, with National Events at Ogof in 1985 and 1986.

The good old days? I don't think so.

Pete Jones

DERWENT VALLEY ORIENTEERS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST AUGUST 1989

	<u>1989</u>		<u>1988</u>
	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Start Clock and Toilet Tents	305.47		207.29
Call Up Clock	-		150.00
String and Reel	-		50.00
	<u>305.47</u>		<u>407.29</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Stock of Maps	1,750.00		1,400.00
Stock of Permanent Course Maps	160.00		-
Stock of Control Cards	50.00		114.00
Stock of "O" Suits	51.45		72.60
Debtors	1,000.00		-
Bank Deposit Account	1,851.52		1,350.54
Bank Current Account	4.04		200.38
Cash	14.00		28.60
	<u>4,022.01</u>		<u>3,166.12</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors	<u>210.47</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>3,811.54</u>		<u>3,166.12</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>4,117.01</u>		<u>3,573.41</u>
<u>RESERVES</u>			
Balance at beginning of year	3,573.41		3,816.42
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	543.60		(243.01)
	<u>4,117.01</u>		<u>3,573.41</u>

Notes:

1. Economic quantities of maps have been valued at 25p each (1988 - 20p) and control cards at 1.5p each (1988 - 1.5p).
2. Depreciation has been charged at 25% on the written down value of fixed assets at the beginning of the year. No depreciation was charged in 1988.

J. Buckley : Treasurer

I have examined the books and records of Derwent Valley Orienteers for the year ended 31st August 1989, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club at 31st August 1989 and of the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

M. J. Lucking B. A., A.C.A.

\*\*\*\*\* Competition \*\*\*\*\*

**The (not so famous) famous forest**

Last Issues competition - guess the famous forest - was won by NOBODY!  
It looks like we need to have much simpler competitions for our readers!  
The Forest was Crag a' Barns - to be used for next years JK. (you will love it - nothing but lots of contours, crags and heather!)

**Planning Competition**

Planning is one of the most rewarding jobs that you can do at an orienteering event. To see people come back, and hear their comments on your courses, is always great fun. Even those people who criticise your courses can be interesting to listen to; they may have valid comments in which case you can learn for the next time, or they can give you a laugh when you hear what happened.

However, many people are worried about planning and think it is difficult. It can take some time, a couple of visits to the area are normally required, but it is a job anyone who has been orienteering for a short time can undertake. Remember, whenever you plan an event there is always a controller whom you can turn to for advice and guidance. The controller should stop you doing anything "silly".

Now is your chance to have a go at planning an event. Enclosed should be a copy of a Crich Chase map. The competition is open to all DVO members, if you want extra maps (i.e. you are part of a family) then let me know.

You are now planner of an event which is to take place on Crich Chase in May. The bracken should be down and the area should be runnable. I want you to plan 3 courses :-

WHITE  
ORANGE  
BLUE

You should draw up the courses, clearly on the map, and send a control description sheet for each course. The choice of start and finish are entirely up to you, but you should treat it as if it were a normal event (i.e. consider distance to walk).

There will be 3 categories :-

Over 19  
Under 19  
Never Planned an event

Hopefully I will be able to persuade the treasurer to provide suitable prizes. I would particularly encourage those of you who haven't been involved at an event before to have a go (there's your own category to enter!).

In order that I can judge the courses fairly please do not put any identification on the map or control descriptions, but enclose a separate piece of paper with your name, age and address on. Following the competition I will endeavour to return your entry with my comments attached.

Send your entries to :-  
DVO Planning Competition,  
3 Gatcombe Close  
Oakwood  
Derby  
DE2 2PZ

Please mark the envelope "Planning Competition" so that I can get Cathy to process it to remove name etc. before I mark it. Anyone with any questions should contact me at an event or ring me on Derby 665671.

Closing Date for entries is December 21st.

Mike Gardner

#### Local Events

##### Allestree

With many Orienteers travelling down to the Caddihoe Chase and National Event V, Allestree was destined to be deserted. However, the splendid weather, coupled with the fastly spreading news that Graham Johnson was organising the event brought the orienteers out in their hundreds - well nearly two hundreds (which ain't bad for Allestree).

In a closely contested WHITE course W. Barker M9 from WCH beat J. Richardson W9 from DVO by a near 20 seconds.

At the other end of the spectrum the BROWN course was won by Mike Gardner in an excellent time of 47.21 (must have been the shortest Brown course in history - only kiddin' Mike). Other results were:

Yellow	1st	C. Armstrong	W7	DVO
Orange	1st	T. Holt	M11	LEI
	8th	S. Diggory	W35	DVO
Green	1st	E. Porter	M45	LEI
	2nd	D. Gale	M45	DVO
Blue	1st	D. Heffernan	M19	NOC
	8th	B. Bibby	M50	DVO

Ed.





## Caddihoe Chase

This was only my second chasing start event, but it was to be nothing like my first one. In my first chasing start I was starting well down the field in about 20th position. However on Day 2 at Golden Dagger I was first off with the next runner only 40 seconds behind me. I ran off far too fast trying to increase the gap early on so that he wouldn't see me and follow. What a twit, I blew the second and sixth controls. However I wasn't overtaken until the long slog up the hill from checkpoint 11 to 12.

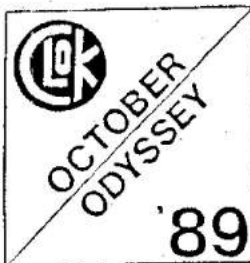
11 to 12 meant a climb of 24 contours (120 metres) out on the open moor and whoever it was that passed me sure was fit! He ran all the way to the top while yours truly tried to keep with him, hands on thighs, head down and shoulders rolling. He messed up locating the control on the other side and followed me into the checkpoint, however we were both caught by another 4. We stayed together for the next 6 controls - boy were they fast! I was dying quickly and knew I had very little left so took a different route from everyone else from 18 to 19. WHAT A TWIT!! I never saw them again and by the time I got to 19 I was dead - I walked, jogged, stumbled and crawled to the last 4 checkpoints finally crossing the finish in 8th place. The Campbells then went to the beach where I fell asleep vowing never to go orienteering ever again!

Top DVO results at Caddihoe were:

Course	Name	Day 1	Day 2	Overall
W15A	Kim Buckley	3rd	3rd	3rd
W21B	Catherine Campbell	23rd		
W40A	Judy Buckley	2nd	5th	3rd
W40B	Liz Godfree	2nd	2nd	1st ****
W45A	Deborah Wilkinson	5th	9th	4th
M13A	Chris Godfree	18th	14th	16th
M17A	Alastair Buckley	7th	11th	9th (17 already!!)
M21A	Alex Campbell	1st	16th	8th
M21E	David Nevell	3rd	8th	3rd
M35A	John Hopper	62nd	43rd	43rd
M40A	Steve Buckley	1st	3rd	2nd
M45A	Roger Wilkinson	1st	2nd	1st ****

String Course Day 1 Heather Campbell 16 minutes  
String Course Day 2 Laura Campbell 17 minutes

Ed.



## FIVE GO TO THE OCTOBER ODYSSEY

"Where's my bagoule?"

"I don't know. Where did you put it last?"

It is 7 o'clock on Saturday morning and we are late. Several weeks ago in what now seems a moment of madness, we'd entered the October Odyssey, knowing that it would mean delaying our faithful tent's hibernation a little longer than usual. Camping in North Yorkshire represents the triumph of hope over experience at the best of times, but at the beginning of October, it is sheer folly. Facing this fact, we have opted for the early morning drive rather than the extra night under canvas. And as usual the lure of the mattress has won hands down over the lure of the compass.

Fighting a losing battle against time and with a 10.07 start time looming ever larger, I point the car north and prepare to face the best that contraflows and haywagons can throw at me. By 9.40 and still 15 miles to go, the junior section of the family has had enough and stages a well-planned mutiny.

"Dad, I feel sick."

Of all the weapons in the child's armoury, that one never fails. The thought of this morning's breakfast being distributed round the interior of the car is enough to ensure immediate application of brakes as the car shrieks to a halt. Like embryonic trades-unionists, the remaining two offspring follow the maxim "One Out, All Out" to the letter. Two disappear behind convenient bushes whilst the third breaks into the squash. I resign myself to the changed start time.

Several minutes later and progressing at a more decorous pace once more, I glance at my Day one start time. 11.01! Cursing the source of my inaccurate information beside me, I don't know whether to laugh at the unreasonably early time at which we will now arrive or cry at the extra minutes forever lost between those distant sheets.

Day 1 of the October Odyssey is in Skelder Woods, a few miles outside Whitby. The area is typical of many North Yorkshire forests in that it would be quite runnable if it were not for the brashings, brambles, undergrowth and the annoying habit which the Forestry Commission has of planting trees in rows at intervals just wider than the average orienteer's pace. This means that it is impossible to run against the line of plantation with any rhythm unless you adopt a style somewhere between Quasimodo and Long John Silver.

The convolutions of these arrangements lead to one moment of hilarity at the expense of the writer. I am forced to reveal this to avoid editorial distortion. I am performing my customary ablutions when eldest daughter runs in and demands custody of the key to gain access to her block. Mindful of the consequences of refusal, I surrender it without second thought. I complete my sanitary services and find myself imprisoned, the last occupant of the block having obeyed his instructions to the letter. I cannot swear who this was, but I have my suspicions as to his identity. I decide to bide my time, knowing from my extensive studies of human activities that this is the busiest time of the day in the Gents latrines. Not on this campsite it isn't. Five minutes later I swallow my pride and, standing on a dustbin, poke my head through the rear window and yell for all I am worth.

Day 2 is on Eston Moor and Lazenby Bank, just a whiff away from the gigantic ICI complex on the outskirts of Middlesbrough. The area is owned by ICI, we drive past the ICI conference centre, the ICI squash club, the ICI golf course. Beats the British Coal bike shed any day. In fact the area is a great improvement on Day 1. Most of it is on a steep escarpment, riddled with paths and covered in bracken but of the normal manageable 3 foot variety. A bit Crich Chaseish if you like. The south-eastern part is moorland, an interesting feature of which is its attraction for pyromaniacs. These have left large tracts of charred waste land which does have the added advantage of increasing runnability. Some patches are still smouldering and give a new meaning to running hot foot.

I manage a run sufficient to maintain my reputation for consistent mediocrity. On taking a cup of orange, I notice that the barrel is empty. I attempt to replenish it, but such is my state of exhaustion that it takes several seconds for me to recognise that the tap at the bottom has been left on and the contents of the barrel are steadily being deposited down my left leg. There's a lesson there somewhere.

We finally make our way steadily homewards as another weekend in the life of a typical orienteering family draws to a close.

Graham Johnson

## **NAT VI Swindale**

"The end of an Era". Catherine swapped her car plus a few pennies for a bright orange caravanette. With fingers crossed we set off for the lakes at a steady pace. We stopped at Morecombe by the sea-front and had a brew-up and some lunch. It felt strange sitting in the van having lunch while everyone walked by staring in. (next time I'll close the curtains!). Anyway, after a walk along the beach we set off for the campsite at Pooley Bridge in the lakes.

We arrived at six o'clock, paid for the site and some eggs and ribena and drove up to the top of the site. I turned to Catherine and said "What now?". She told me to unclip the roof and push it up! - 5 seconds later "What now Catherine?", "That's it!" she said and we sat down and had tea. NO unpacking the tent, NO pitching the tent, NO inflating the two double lylos, NO setting up the cooker and table, NO unpacking the clothes and food, NO trekking off to get water - just SHEER BLISS, how did we ever manage before??

We woke up at 8:00 am on Sunday, washed and had breakfast and were on the road for 8:45 arriving at Haweswater shortly after 9:00. It was only then that it sunk in that I was running 13.4 km with 450m of climb - and me not well (oh shame!). However I survived and enjoyed the course. What with no training for a fortnight and still not fully recovered from my bout of sickness at October Odyssey, my legs were heavy and my brain wasn't functioning too well - 11 minutes of mistakes, 6 of which were on one checkpoint (having relocated after a silly error I then blew it by making another mistake on top of that going too far down the hillside only to have to come back up again). I have to confess, though, I really enjoyed the run. The weather was kind and the area was very runnable with great views. The navigation was by compass, marsh and contour.

Unfortunately there were very few results up when we left. However Heather seems to think she won the string course. It was one of the best string courses I've seen - paths and fields all the way round with a short climb offering glorious views (not that the kids noticed). Uncle Ken proved popular again providing badges for all the finishers.

Catherine had a good run on her course apart from a big blunder at number 6. But the best news of all was NO MORE CAMPING (I hope!).

Ed.



## Training

### UNDER 17 TRAINING TOUR TO HALDEN, NORWAY AND WOC SWEDEN

Both Alastair and I were selected for this year's tour in the summer. We met the minibus on Tuesday 8th August and travelled to Harwich to catch the evening ferry to Gothenburg. The crossing takes 24 hours (48 if carrying football hooligans) to reach Sweden. There's quite a lot to do with a swimming pool, cinema, lots of food and a disco.

We docked in Gothenburg the following evening and travelled to Halden in Norway, about 2 hours drive away. By the time we arrived it was pitch dark so we had some supper then went to bed.

We stayed in the Gimle I.F. club hut which is about half a mile into the forest outside Halden. It is very well equipped with saunas, a sports hall, a kitchen and much more.

Most of the time we went training twice a day. We started off with rough compass work and then moved on to fine orienteering. On the first Sunday we ran in a small badge event about 30 miles away. The course was fairly easy and I had quite a good run despite finding some barbed wire to cut myself on. Even though there were only 22 runners on M15 there were 7 prizes. The Brits took away 5 of them. I won a mug which was made in Stoke-on-Trent!

One evening we went into Halden to see Licence to Kill at the cinema. After buying our tickets and chocolate we were asked for identification to prove that we were 15. We deliberately didn't have any because some of us weren't 15. The man let us in when one of the coaches explained that you had to be 15 to come on the tour!

After spending a week and a half in Halden we travelled to Gotene in Sweden where we were to stay while the World Champs was on. The following day we got up early to travel to the World Champs. There were thousands of people there and the Swedes had even brought club tents. Most controls had someone at them with a radio so you could tell who was doing well. Unfortunately the British Team didn't do very well.

The next day we returned to the World Champs area to compete in the spectator race. The M15 course was 8.3km. I only made a few little mistakes and was pleased with my time of 49mins, until a Swede did the course in 38mins.

At the relays the following day we were expecting the British teams to do quite well, they didn't. The Norwegians won the men's race for the 5th time in succession much to the annoyance of the Swedes. The Swedish women won their race 15seconds ahead of the Czechoslovakian team.

On our last day we had our tour championships in a Swedish forest. The course was short but very technical. Some people ran off the map and I got totally lost. In the afternoon we returned to Gothenburg to catch the ferry home.

David Godfree.

## Forthcoming Events

### Syan Moor & Bretton Clough Badge Event November 26th

All offers of help to Steve Buckley (0332 552664). Free run to all helpers. Send normal entry form to Mike Godfree by closing date, November 8th, no cash needed.

Please check the helpers list or club notice board and "tick" to confirm your availability.

Thanks  
Steve.

### 1990 Relays

The British Relays - March 25th 1990

The J.K. Relays - April 16th 1990

All club members attending the above events are welcome to take part in the relays. I will coordinate entries to both relay events. Either enter with your friends as a full team or let me know which class you wish to run and I will fix up the team.

Sign up on the club noticeboard or let me know by phone.

The closing dates are early if we are to obtain the cheapest entry fee.

BRITISH RELAYS to me by December 17th

J.K. RELAYS to me by January 20th

Fees for both events are:

M/W 11	Free
M/W 11 - M/W 17	£1.50 per head
All others	£3.30 per head

Late entry fees rise to £5.00 per head for seniors.

Steve Buckley

DVO - BADGE AND COLOUR CODED EVENTS

Volunteers are always required for organising planning and controlling these events (see the chart in this issue), please let Steve Kimberley know if you can fill one of the vacancies for the Team N events or Steve Buckley for the other events. If you haven't done these jobs before but would like to have a go then it is usually possible to be an assistant to one of the officials to learn the ropes prior to jumping in the ~~deep~~ and rhododendrons.

DVOs SUMMER EVENING LEAGUE 1990

It was agreed at the June Open Meeting that our programme of summer evening events should be updated, it was proposed that we should hold a Summer League (similar to other clubs), where events will be held every two weeks or so generally in place of the training run on a Wednesday evening from about May to August.

The events will should vary, some straightforward orienteering and others perhaps biased towards particular areas of training i.e. line events etc. and others maybe with a twist (like orienteering snooker!) but there will be a league linking all the events.

SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS are required, a coordinator and league runner, this person will have to devise and operate the league, and also planners/organisers for each of the events (also maybe mappers), we hope to hold the league over all of the DVO region and with luck on some new areas, with perhaps black and white maps produced for the events.

I would like to hear from anyone who would like to do something. (its always a big job getting volunteers,) so since these events are meant to be more on the informal side if you haven't planned or organised before why not give it a go, I'll be pleased to discuss with anyone what may be involved.

Next summer might seem a long way off but the programme could do with being sorted out fairly quickly so PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!

NIGHT EVENTS

The Fixtures Committee decided that since the turnout to last years night events (inc street events) was rather low, that we would not arrange any for this season, if however you are particularly keen to organise/plan a standard night event or street event then please contact me so that arrangements can be made.

There is no EM Night league this year (we think!).

STOP PRESS - There will probably be a night event at Whitesprings a couple of weeks or so before the British Nights, org. T Berwick.



### MAPPERS REQUIRED

We have a few maps to produce in the next year or so, once again it will need to be done by DVO club members, so please let me know if you can help, (don't worry you won't have to do a whole map by yourself).

These maps will need producing:

Matlock E & W - resurvey (check) - for badge Autumn 1990

Hardwick - Resurvey (if Chatsworth not available)

for colour coded Jan 1991

Lindop - Resurvey - for 1991/92 season

John Hawkins, 11 New Road, Darley Abbey, Derby. 0332-552104 or 557593

### **DVO Fixtures Program**

These are the events that will be put on by the club, however officials are needed, please volunteer to do a job where "REQUIRED" is shown, if you feel that you are not experienced enough then you can be an "Assistant Organiser/Planner" etc. Please contact Steve Kimberley for Team N events or Steve Buckley for others.

Date	Event	Team	Organiser	Planner	Controller
29 Oct	Cromford C/C	N	A Thomson	J Hopper	P Jones
26 Nov	Eyam Moor Badge	N+S	S Buckley	J Hawkins	R Parkinson (MDOC)
1 Jan	Shipley Park Score	-	M Godfree	D Godfree	REQUIRED
7 Jan	Calke C/C	S	D Walker	M Gardner	M Godfree
11 Feb	Linacre C/C	N	S Russell	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
1 Apr	Chatsworth Badge	N+S	REQUIRED	S Kimberley	REQUIRED
29 Apr	Stanton (Moor only) C/C	S	D Dickinson	D Dickinson	I Whitehead
20 May	Whitesprings C/C	N	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
17 June	Kedleston C/C + Schools League	S	T Seaston	M Godfree	D Wilkinson

Fixtures List

FIXTURES

OCTOBER

- 29 DVO COLOUR CODED, Cromford Moor, Matlock. MR 316551  
A Thomson, 0773 747881

NOVEMBER

- 5 NATIONAL EVENT VIII, Lyndhurst, New Forest.  
Entries closed, M Ballard, 0703 785202
- 5 SYO Colour Coded, Greno Woods, Sheffield. MR 336942  
J Atack, 0246 410833
- 5 NOC Colour Coded, Blidworth Woods, Mansfield. MR 595544  
A Jones, 0623 795497
- 5 MDOC Badge Event, Lyme Park, Stockport. MR 965825  
Entries Closed, P Ross, 0625 533259
- 5 WCH Colour Coded, Brindley Heath, Stafford. MR SK 003153  
D Keley, 0785 661373
- 12 WRE Badge Event, Stapeley, MR 320980  
EOD only, D Turner, 0785 840286
- 12 LOG Colour Coded, Ostlers Plantation, Woodhall Spa.  
EVENT CANCELLED
- 18 LEI Colour Coded, Outwoods, Loughborough, MR 511163  
D Bramley, 0509 2197
- 19 NATIONAL EVENT IX, Newby Bridge.  
Entries Closed, M & S Roome, 0995 23885
- 19 WASH/WAOC Badge Event, Sandringham, Kings Lynn.  
MR TF 689255, J Paul, 8 Jubilee Dr, Dersingham, Kings Lynn.  
0465 41031, £3/£1, SEF + Ltd EOD
- 26 DVO BADGE EVENT, Eyam Moor, Sheffield, MR 224780  
OFFERS OF HELP TO STEVE BUCKLEY  
Helpers must enter on an SEF  
C Godfree, 26 Rangemoor Cl, Mickleover, Derby  
SEF + Limited EOD + Limited Colour Coded  
0332 515862, Closing date 8 Nov

DECEMBER

- 2 SYO Night Badge Event, Ecclesall Woods, Sheffd MR 322926  
SEF + Colour Coded EOD  
M Wainwright, 43a St. Albans Rd., Sheffield  
0742 304187, Closing Date 13 Nov
- 3 SYO Badge Event, Rivelin, Sheffield, MR 292864  
SEF + Limited EOD, Other Details as above
- 10 NOC Colour Coded, Bestwood Park  
Details not available
- 17 WCH Colour Coded, Alton Towers, Cheadle, MR SK 070437  
T Duncan, 0889 591080

JANUARY

- 1 DVO MASS START (11.00am) SCORE EVENT, Shipley Country Park  
Ilkeston, MR SK431454, M Godfree, 0332 515862
- 7 DVO COLOUR CODED, Calke Park, Melbourne  
D Walker, 0332 574003
- 14 NVO/SMOC Badge Event, Salcey Forest, Northampton.  
A Harris, 0908 669619, further details not  
available yet
- 21 NOC Colour Coded, Rufford, Details not available
- 28 LEI Colour Coded, Beaumont Leys, Details not available
- 28 SYO Colour Coded, Eccelsall Woods, Sheffield  
Details not available

The above is an approximate description of the west of the forest. I really cannot comment on the state of the floor of the east section of the map, because it is covered with an impenetrable layer of ferns. Eight foot high, man-eating ferns. And I am the first one out. It is like orienteering through treacle. I feel like a pygmy in Darkest Borneo. Like Livingstone without his Stanley (knife, that is). I panic. I start to go round in circles. The most elementary problems take on the proportions of theories of relativity. And I get lost. What started out as an encouraging run deteriorates into a disaster of embarrassing dimensions. Shamefacedly I sidle into the finish, hoping no-one will recognise me so far from home. Too late. Screams of welcome from aforementioned infants blow my cover and I resign myself once again to the derision that will inevitably succeed.

Much later, an examination of the Day 1 results reveal that my despair, while not unfounded, was misplaced. A time of 1 hour 50 minutes would normally be enough to consign me to the lower reaches of the M21bs, but today it is sufficient to give me an overnight placing of 8th, the winner running up a modest 1 hour 31 minutes. Obviously I am not alone in falling victim to the cryptogamous curse.

These being foreign parts, DVO is surprisingly well represented. I spy two Campbells, a Gardner, a Hurley (minus chips) and a Pollard at least. None of us has exactly covered ourselves with glory. (Her Outdoors is incidentally hors de combat for the weekend).

Putting Day 1 behind me, I head for the coast and Whitby.

"Dad, what did Captain Cook do?"

"He discovered Australia and made a very important contribution to our cultural heritage. Without him, there would be no "Neighbours". The man has a lot to answer for."

"Oh. I thought he fought Peter Pan".

I give up.

By the way there are 199 steps from the harbour to the Abbey in case anybody else's kids want to drag their unwilling parents all the way to the top to find out.

The recommended campsite is outside Guisborough, 15 miles inland. I know that the NEWSTRACK Editor is staying there and after his unfounded slurs upon my dormitory habits in last month's issue, I am determined to camp as close to him as possible. Too late again. He has made a sortie the previous evening and already given the Campsite warden strict instructions to reserve me a spot at the opposite end of the campsite to him.

In the gathering gloom, we unfold the tent, ready to erect it. So that's what happened to my cagoule.

The campsite is quite something. It is run with German efficiency, Nazi Germany that is. There are no armed guards or tracker dogs, but the place abounds with notices which start with the word "NO..." I almost expect one to announce "No Campers". The toilet arrangements are particularly worthy of note. Upon deposit of £5, each internee is given a key to the toilets and enjoined on pain of death to lock the door to the toilet block on entry and exit even if it remains occupied.