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EDITORIAL

Well it seems like only yesterday that I was doing the August edition of Newstrack. I hope you liked the new format. There were one or two constructive comments which I have taken on board but the photocopying remains a problem.

The summer rest is over and we are back into the hectic life of an orienteer, what with Newstrack, DVO events and the many long weekends away (October Odyssey, Pembrey Forest, Karrimor Mountain Marathon, Epping Forest.....) there isn't much time left for anything else. I look forward to all the exiting, hilarious & stupid reports from my loyal reporters. Drop me a line if something unusual happens out there: silly remarks, unusual sights or you've just heard a good joke.

Good luck in the forests and on the moors!

Oh by the way, there were no volunteers at the AGM for NEWSTRACK Editor. I think some of you are under the misapprehension that this job is an horrendous one! Well, it's not, it's very satisfying and to quote from a recent Compass Sport article on the work of a Club Magazine Editor:

"... they have to get, by fair means or foul, contributions.... you have to bully, cajole, threaten or plead for material. Then ALL you have to do is decipher the contributors handwriting, fill in odd spaces yourself with any irrelevant nonsense make a fair copy suitable cover proof read several times don't forget the problems with folded A4 size an up-to-date fixture list (Fixture secretary has forgotten to do it and gone on holiday) Tipp-Ex out the unwanted lines and edges where you've pasted pictures in run off the copies, collate and staple then while reading the finished job one more time, you will spot that you have spelled his name wrong again!".

So you can see it's not as bad as you thought!

Alex

P.S. This is the second attempt at the October edition of NEWSTRACK - I lost the first one with a 'Hard Disk Error. You'd have thought that with 13 years in the computer industry I would have learned NEVER to trust a computer and to always take backups of your work. 3 months work (all the graphics, thousands of words) all lost! My apologies for the delay and for being such a twit - but you all knew that anyway!

Deadline For December Newstrack Is 12th December

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NEW MEMBERS

A WARM WELCOME to the following new members:

Ian Wilson, 17 Burncroft, West Hallam

Jill Drury, 68 Rectory Lane, Breadsall

Greenhalgh Family (Kevin, Carol, Paul and Andy)
8 Heathgrove, Buxton

L Pratt, 24 Windley Crescent, Darley Abbey, Derby

Russell & Kim Buxton, 5 Leafy Lane, Heanor

White Hall Centre (Phil Booth), Long Hill, Buxton

Do make a point of making yourself known, Ask at Enquiries to have a member of the committee pointed out to you. The best way to get to know other orienteers is to help at an event. Either ring the organiser beforehand or come to the finish tent - there is always room for someone else to help hang results or collect controls in.

DVO DIARY

Yes I know..... This is Newstrack.... not EMEWS. However, a born Journalist I am not and my first action as DVO Diarist was to miss the deadline for EMEWS. So here we have a short diary to apologise for my slip up and assure you that Sports personality of the month will reappear and I haven't forgotten the August candidate!
If any of you have any ideas for Septembers nominations please let me know (before EMEWS deadline)

Now a big THANK YOU to all of you who turned out on a slightly wet Sunday for Walton Chasers anniversary run. I trust everyone enjoyed the area, I for one got to know parts of it quite well after running around in circles trying to find certain controls. Congratulations to Harlequins on winning the trophy, we unfortunately didn't qualify as nobody from DVO ran the orange.

We have entered Compass sport Cup again this year and will need help from every member of the club to do well. The more people who turn up to run the better our chances, every point is vital and we need to score on every course.

The categories this year are as follows:

COURSE COLOURS

YELLOW

LIGHT GREEN

GREEN

BLUE

BROWN 2

BROWN 1

AGE GROUPS

M10,M11,W10,W11,W13

M13,M15,W15,W17

M55,M60,M65,W35,W40,
W45,W50,W55,W60,W65

W19,W21,M45,M50,

M17,M19,M35,M40

M21

Please take care and enter the right course. This is particularly important for the older and younger members of the club who may be tempted to run up a class.

Our first match will be well advertised as soon as I have the details - keep your eyes open.

Finally I have the details for O-Ringen 1991 which will take place in Sweden from 22nd to 26th July. Anybody interested should see me for more information. (Entries need to be organised by February).

Sue Russell

A.G.M.

**MINUTES OF THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DEWENT VALLEY ORIENTEERS
HELD AT ALFINGTON LEISURE CENTRE ON 12TH SEPTEMBER**

Present:

Alex Campbell, Steve Kimberley, Mike Godfree, Terry Peach, John Birkin, Tony Seaston, Ranald MacDonald, Viv MacDonald, Christina Wright, Alex Stalker, Graham Johnson, Alistair Buckley, Mother Buckley, Daddy Buckley, John Hurley, John Hawkins, Andy Thomson, Helen Finlayson, Neil Forrest, Ian Gregory, Dave Brodie, Mike Dakin, Paul Wright, Sue Russell, Dave Clough, Rex Bleakman, Debbie Wilkinson.

- 1) The meeting opened at 20.10
- 2) Apologies were received from: Tony Berwick, Christine Pollard, Andy Stevenson, Dave Nevell, Pete Jones, Daniel Kimberley.
- 3) The minutes of last years AGM were approved and signed with no matters arising.

- 4) Chairman's report: This is my first year as Chairman but things seem to have gone much smoother than I thought they would. As normal the club has run a full complement of events, including two Badge events, most of which were well attended.

There have been three innovations this year which have proved to be successful.

Firstly, the Summer League, a series of informal events held early in the summer. These have had a small (15-20) but consistent following including quite a few who do not go to the normal training evenings.

Secondly, the informal relay held at Cromford Meadows at the suggestion of Judy Buckley was very successful, with approximately 120 people attending. Definitely to be held next year, lets hope we have the weather again.

Thirdly, the weekend at the Lakes, which though I didn't attend myself, was apparently very enjoyable.

The committee system as such also appears to be working well, but we do have a problem with no-one willing to come forward to take over the vacant posts. Perhaps we need some form of incentive?

Meetings at Alferton have been reasonably attended, particularly when we have had a guest speaker, which is something we will endeavour to continue with.

Looking forward to next year, the JK will obviously be all important, but in spite of this it looks as if we will provide a full programme of events as well.

The one thing I would like to see is more of the unseen faces of DVO, the people who are on the membership but whom we don't see very often. It would be good to see more of them next year.

- 5) Secretary's report: In summary we have 138 BOF units, 10 more than last year. We have approximately 250 orienteers registered. The BOF MEMBERSHIP has INCREASED yet again!!
- 6) Treasurer's report: No Report, No Accounts (not audited). This has been due to the lack of Treasurer for past 4 months. It was agreed that the committee would approve the accounts and present them at the next Open Meeting and publish them in the following NEWSTRACK. This suggestion was proposed by Steve Kimberley and seconded by Sue Russell.
- 7) Subscriptions: John Hurley proposed NO changes to the DVO membership fee. It was seconded by John Hawkins. John Hawkins proposed that local Membership should remain unchanged. Judy Buckley seconded the proposal.
- 8) Proposals for changes to the constitution: it was pointed out that the following two proposals did not require a change to the constitution:
- a) It was proposed that Local Membership should run from January to December and those who join around September get an extended year. There were no objections to this.
 - b) It was proposed that there should be a new committee post of CAPTAIN - responsible for Compass Sport Cup and Relays. When put to the vote everyone agreed.

9) Election of Officers

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	: STEVE KIMBERLEY	Continue unopposed	
Vice Chairman	: TONY BERWICK	"	"
Secretary	: MIKE GODFREE	"	"
Treasurer	: DAVE CLOUGH	J Buckley	D Brodie
EMOA Rep.	: PAUL WRIGHT	Continue unopposed	
Fixtures S-C Ch.	: JOHN HAWKINS	"	"
Social Sec.	: CHRISTINA WRIGHT	S.Kimberley	S. Russell
Equip. Officer	: JOHN BIRKIN	Continue unopposed	
Newstrack Ed.	: ALEX CAMPBELL	"	"
Minutes Sec.	: VIV MACDONALD	H.Finlayson	S.Russell
Devel. Officer	: DAVE NEVELL	Continue unopposed	
Committee Mem.	: DEBBIE WILKINSON	J.Buckley	A.Thomson
Captain.	: SUE RUSSELL	P.Wright	A.Buckley

10) Appointments:

DVO Diarist	: SUE RUSSELL	M.Dakin	J.Buckley
Perm.Course Dev.	: MIKE GODFREE	Continue unopposed	
Perm.Course Mgt.	: DAVE WALKER	Continue unopposed	
Mapping Co-ord	: ROGER WILKINSON	Continue unopposed	

John Hawkins highlighted the fact that Fixtures Sub Committee should be made up of the Chairman plus 4 others (including John Hurley as E.M. rep). He therefore required two further names and proposed Tony Berwick and Steve Buckley. Steve agreed and Tony would be informed.

11) Any Other Business:

- Mike Godfree reminded us that the Compass Sport Cup entry must be submitted very soon and put it to the floor "Should we enter?". The vote was YES!
- Dave Brodie reminded everyone that Dave Walker would be grateful for any help offered for the JK.
- Steve Buckley told us of a visit to Czechoslovakia and how the people he met over there would be grateful for hospitality over here for some orienteering events. We would also need to pay for their entry fees as they cannot bring money out of the country. However they would obviously be willing to provide similar hospitality over there.
- Ranald MacDonald pointed out that over 50% of the membership were in the North of the area and yet there was no official training run from the North. The members promised to put their heads together and publish in Newstrack possible training get-togethers in the north.

12) The meeting closed at 21:30

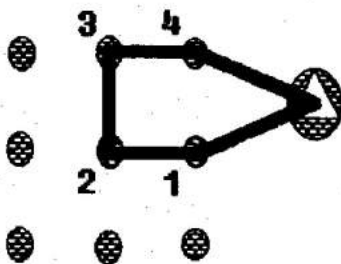
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT ALFRETON LEISURE CENTRE AT 20:00 HRS.

COMPETITION

REPLIES TO DAVE NEVELL'S DILEMMA IN AUGUST'S NEWSTRACK

In my view, the description of the problem does not impose any restriction on the start or finish point. It does not have to be a control site. This accords with normal orienteering practice, where start and finish are not normally control sites.

Therefore, a possible course shape is as follows:



Using rectangular co-ordinator, if control 1 is at 0,0 and control 4 is at 0,200 and the start/finish is at x,y then:

$$\sqrt{(x^2+y^2)} + \sqrt{(x^2+(200-y)^2)} = 600$$

The curve defined by the equation is an ELLIPSE and contains an infinite number of points.

Therefore there are an infinite number of start/finish points and so an infinite number of courses.

John Hurley

(Is he having me on or what?? Ed.)

Dear Ed, re the competition my answer is as follows:

1) Using the following assumptions:

- a) the string is 1200m long, of course not all of it has to be used.
- b) start and finish anywhere - not stated that it has to be a control site.

Answer: Infinite Possibilities

2) Using the following assumptions:

- a) start and finish must be at a control site
- b) 1200m of string must be used

Answer: 48

3) Using the following assumptions:

- a) start and finish at a control site
- b) up to 1200m of string can be used

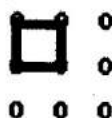
Answer: 496

I assume that answer No. 3 is the one you are looking for since it was the hardest to come upon.

EM OPEN CHAMPION

P.S. Who is Dave Nevell anyway?

The Official Answer, Courtesy of Dave Nevell



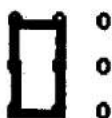
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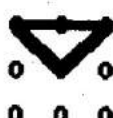
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Any complaints, arguments, queries, please feel free to contact Dave direct.

FALSE OR TRUE

Some of these statements are TRUE, some are FALSE. Can you spot the false ones. The first correct entry out of the hat will win a superb prize, purchased from that wonderful shop run by Ken Broad.

1. Until 1957 it was illegal to go swimming in the State of New York on a Sunday.
2. Teddy bears were named after the American President Theodore Roosevelt.
3. In Southern Italy tulips are not grown because they are nice to look at, but also because they are considered a delicacy and are regularly eaten as part of a salad.
4. Typewriters were first developed to help the blind.
5. Benjamin Franklin invented the digital clock in 1777.
6. An earthworm can pull ten times its own weight.
7. Originally the yo-yo was a Filipino jungle weapon.
8. Cars were first started by ignition keys in 1949.
9. William Lee invented a knitting machine in 1589.
10. Indian Ink actually comes from China.
11. The oldest account of a chimney describes one in Venice in 1347.
12. President Dwight Eisenhower was once North American Monopoly Champion.
13. Cleopatra was the product of six generations of brother/sister marriages.
14. Elephants cannot jump.
15. No mammal has poisonous glands.
16. A gorilla's brain weighs 10lbs.
17. The Romans used weasels to catch mice.
18. Only male nightingales sing.
19. The Emperor Napoleon was an alcoholic.
20. Ovid wrote a book about cosmetics.
21. It is recorded that Louis III of France was bled forty-seven times in one month.
22. Queen Marie Antoinette of France and the actress Jayne Mansfield had identical bust measurements.
23. 'School' is derived from the Greek word Skhole which means 'leisure'.
24. Six different dialects are spoken in India.
25. During their studies medical students increase their vocabulary by 10,000 words

FAMOUS QUOTES

Overheard at the Pembrey Forest National Event:

"Having spent 20 minutes looking for the depression I now know every tree in the area by it's first name!".

JOKE PAGE

It has been rumoured that Sue Russell is an alcoholic. This rumour es based on the fact that she is always first to suggest the PUB after the Wednesday training run. However, a good friend of Sue has informed us that this is not the case as in her lounge there hangs a sign saying 'DRINK IS YOUR ENEMY'. A Newstrack reporter was sent to confirm this and sure enough there it was in 6 inch high letters. However, our eagle eyed reporter noticed a small note underneath, barely readable, it said LOVE YOUR ENEMY!

Kimberley received £10,000 for injuries in a traffic accident whilst his wife received £2000 " How badly injured was your wife?" a friend asked "Oh my wife wasn't injured in the accident at all" replied Kimberley " but I had the presence of mind to kick her in the teeth before the police arrived".

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

D.V.O. Bonfire Night

Once again at the Buckley's on the 2nd of November at 18:30. bring a bottle, some food and some money.

Remember, remember the 2nd of November.

Next Years Weekend Away

This will probably be the weekend of the West Midlands Badge event, assuming that it is in a nice area! Will keep you posted.

Annual Club Dinner

Currently, Hardwick hall is being checked out for our next Club Dinner and will probably take place in March.

DVO Booze 'O'

On trying to gain a report from one of the competitors, a Mr. Dave Clough, our reporter was only able to obtain the following:

"It got Dark!".

Thank you Dave!

DEAR ED.

Dear Ed,

Last issue of Newstrack gave details of Local Events with no times or exact location. However I did like the new format.

Geoff William

(Unfortunately I can only print the information that is sent to me. However I have told them to supply me with more detailed info in future. Heres hoping! Ed.)

Dear Ed,

Just to let you know DVO now have two new Grade III Controllers - Dave Clough and John Hawkins.

Paul

Dear Ed,

When Paul Wright asked for a name at a recent committee meeting he was told Adrian Riley. Paul was then spotted writing down A.G.M. Riley.

A Friend!

Dear Ed,

Members are warned to be on the lookout for a strange teenager who has been seen skulking around Darley Abbey taking photographs of peoples letter boxes, evidently has also been seen running around in circles (swearing) in Allestree Park

wearing lilac pyjamas, answers, to the name of Alistair, do not approach, phone the Police or his Mum and Dad (the Buckley's)

Infuriated of
Darley Abbey

Dear Ed,

Taking down the Iron curtain is nothing to this club, E.T.is provisionally planning our next event at Calke Park.

Friend (Ex) of
Ewan Thompson.

Dear Ed,

It was rumoured, a couple of years ago, that Dave Nevell's retirement from the sport due to injury was only to be temporary, isn't it about time someone told him that marriage is forever. Likewise John Seaston also used to be an orienteer, I think, It must have been the gay life at Cambridge university that diverted his attentions.

A relation of Toby
Beeswick.

Dear Ed,

Tony Berwick's orienteering appears to be coming on in leaps and bounds, it appears that whilst on holiday in the summer Tony was navigating to "a Hill, on top of", it took him 2.5 days to get to it, puts the

blue course into perspective,(evidently the hill had a name "Mint Blank"or something.)

AN Other Orienteer
(once beaten by Tony)

Dear Ed,

I hear that Steve Buckley(Ex Chairman and bar) has withdrawn from the Karrimor this Year on some trifling excuse, its not the drive up the M6 that's worrying him it's approaching the M45.

A Young man.

Dear Ed,

Overheard on a training run was Mike Jubbs complaining of a groin injury after returning from a Scandinavian (paid for) orienteering tour, several explanations for this were put forward.

A "Loans only for students" campaigner.

Dear Ed,

I have a list of DVO members who mutinied on the day of Shipley Park CAT1 event and went to the NOC colour coded event in Thieves Wood, I will forward this to you for inclusion in the next edition of Newstrack'90.

Disgusted Clapham
Common.

Surplus To Current Needs

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Expedition) / Sleeping Bags /
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MIDLANDS SITE FOR NEW FOREST

An article of interest spotted by John Hawkins in the local press:

THE MIDLANDS could see a massive planting operation in the very near future due to proposals by the Countryside Commission for a new national forest.

The Government is being strongly urged to accept a proposal for the forest to be established on the ancient site of Needwood and Charnwood forests.

And one of the main advantages for the area is that it would be a 'working forest' in that a number of jobs will be created locally.

The location for the 150 square mile forest lies within three major urban centres - Leicester, Derby and Nottingham, and the West Midlands conurbation.

Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the Countryside Commission, spoke of the advantages to be gained by the forest.

He said "It would provide an important national asset that will benefit the landscape, wildlife and recreation and at the same time assist tourism, create jobs, and offer new uses for agricultural land. Not least, this great mass of trees would clean the air and help combat global warming".

Mr Peter Hartley, chairman of Burton Civic Society said: "We would be very much in favour of additional forestation as so many trees have been removed without replacement."

The forest would be a blend of woods, trees, towns and villages, with about half the land eventually under trees, most of them broad-leaved species.

The Commission envisages that 70% of the area would be planted in the first 10 years, although the forest would take nearly 100 years to mature. (I'll be running M132 then, I look forward to it. Ed.)

The chosen site was one of five short-listed. Also considered were: Sherwood Forest, the Forest of Arden (Birmingham), Rockingham Forest (Northamptonshire) and Wyre Forest in the Severn Valley.

Announcing the Commission's choice, Sir Derek said "It was an incredibly difficult decision. But, in the end, we felt that the Needwood/Charnwood area offered the greatest opportunity for achieving widespread and lasting environmental improvement."

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PEAK DISTRICT

13th October, 9am; Matlock. The start of the Limestone Way, and my long anticipated day after 4 months of training - for torture or enjoyment?

Within 100 yards of the start, I had been hailed by a cheerful local couple, who remarked that I wasn't even in a sweat yet. Strangely, I spoke to no-one else on the whole route (excepting a balloonist, and my supportive wife of course!) until I was within half a mile of the end at Castleton, when one of a group of walkers remarked that I looked as though I was about to finish (or was it "finished"?). But despite the complete lack of conversation, I thoroughly enjoyed the odd 28 miles in the middle.

The ascent of Masson Hill from Matlock is a stiff climb for walkers - I wasn't going to attempt to do anything more than romp up the 600 feet or so of ascent, and with a total of some 4500 feet over the whole route, plus some 100 miscellaneous obstructions (mostly stiles!), I had no intention of using up valuable energy to gain a few minutes. Half way up the slope, a line of curious cows were gathering along the wall, leaning over and staring at a blue and white balloon draped on the ground. Two balloonists, intent on preparing to cross the Peak the easy way, ignored the gathering audience.

First stop Bonsall; still misty from early morning cottage fires. I stop to swap tops; a rucksack is not the usual companion for a runner, and vest tops are not the ideal protection. The stiles, are coming thick and fast now, and most are aptly named squeeze stiles, for people with thin legs and no bottom. The worst simply have to be climbed over. My running total of obstacles reaches thirty on crossing Bonsall Moor, or was it forty? I wonder if the best way to count the stiles is to let them leave a mark on me as I pass through, and then count the scars at the end. Perhaps not.

An electric fence brightens the monotony for a moment, but then it's back to a diet of stone wall after stone wall. By now the sun has come out - something I dread; it looks like it will be a hot day after all. As I pass the road above Winster, I am accosted by a gentleman with a clipped moustache and an accent to match, enquiring if I had seen a green and white balloon. Sorry!

I was 25 minutes down on my optimistic schedule by now, which actually meant that the effects of a rucksack, plus the hills, plus the stiles, has made me 50% slower than expected. It was something I would have to live with, but would my wife understand when I turned up at Monyash one hour late? There was nothing I could do but keep going. I sweated up past the familiar and welcome landmark of Robin Hood's Stride, but more evocative was the stone circle on Harthill Moor, with the long dark shadows of the still early sun stretching across the grassland, creating an extra

dimension to this little known stone age feature.

Down the road past a strip of woodland, the distinctive smell of stink horn reaches my nostrils. I look in, and there it is! I should have been a fly. The way turns through the woods, still damp and cool after the night; the sprouting fungi are all around now that the recent rains have broken the long drought. Across the fields towards Youlgrave, and the start of the well-trodden tourist route up Bradford Dale. The flatness of the route makes the going easy. But I'm worried about how tired I am starting to feel - perhaps the track bottoms will have to come off, but a previous recce of this part of the route had found a particularly vicious patch of nettles lining the precarious ascent out of the dale, so I hold onto my trousers, and toil on. The nettles still penetrate, but they don't win. Higher up on the hillside, I sit on a stile and remove the leg protection, but my dew-soaked socks pick up soil from the steps - why do walkers have to wipe their feet here, when they can do it on any pub doorstep!

I pass the car park at Moorlane picnic site at a respectable trot (can't be seen walking in full view of other people). and set off across the ploughed landscape towards Calling Low; an unfortunate and desolate by-product of misguided farm subsidies. Cales Dale is the next obstacle; a deep cleft branching south from the arid stony scar of Lathkill. I trip carefully down the slippery plank and stone steps, the nearest to a one-in-one slope on the whole route. It's not far to Monyash, but I arrive nearly one hour down, and apologise to an anxiously waiting wife and son. A change of socks, an exchange of insults and a pint or so of liquid, and I'm ready for the next bit; the side roads and green lanes between Monyash and Flag. Here I start to....(yes It's true!), and have difficulty even trotting up the slowly ascending road through the village, on the long ascent to the top of Taddington Moor. Here a bull and several cows have gathered to greet me; they obstinately block the narrow track, and I have to traverse several walls to get back on the route. I could do without that sort of surly interest.

Spirits rise as I descend from the moor towards Miller's Dale, with wide, open views of hills and dales, merging into the soft summer haze of the distant horizon. The woodland autumn colours are glorious, but it's soon back to open grasslands again as the route ascends steeply around the edge of Monk's Dale Nature Reserve, and then plunges down to the impressive crag-lined dry valley of Peter Dale. Here the remoteness is accentuated by the strange landscape, the valley becomes a cleft, with the limestone buttresses gleaming in the bright sun. I spot a pair of rare falcons in the trees; I dismiss the identification as silly and impossible, and hope I'm not suffering from illusions.

I stop yet again; this time to put more plasters on my left ankle, which is now suffering from several grazing blows from my right foot. The water is getting low, and the heat of the day is at its height in the airless confines of the valley. I am overheating, and the effort of a lurching trot in the sun is becoming too much - I even walk without vigour. At last the route curves away out the valley, and yet another climb; it feels the most taxing yet, but the slope is shallow.

The A623 crossing provides the final stopping point, and welcome refreshments. I can afford to cast aside the rucksack, and set off with just a bum-bag and water bottle. I feel five pounds thinner. Now the sign-posting is non-existent, and having gone over the White Peak map edge, I rely on map memory, and vague route instructions, to traverse the highest part of the way as it winds by wall-lined paths to over 1500 feet. A seemingly endless grassy landscape opens up, but reveals its true nature; stony, steep and hazardous for walkers and runners alike. But the scenery is truly dramatic, with ankle-wrenching limestone scree, rugged crags, and

finally the ruins of Peveril Castle perched on a crag, seemingly blocking the bottom of the valley. I put on my best pace. The feeling of exhilaration is tremendous as I run the last few hundred yards towards the final cleft, and entrance to the tiny town of Castleton. The weakness in my knees is worth it; I would gladly do it again the next day, if my legs would let me. And the time taken - forget it! That's not the point.

Nigel Gilligan

LOCAL EVENTS

Shipley Country Park

A beautiful September day with a greater than expected turn out. The Buckley girls got lost trying to find the event on their bicycles, eventually, arriving from the direction of the American Adventure. The new "finish" stop clock/printer proved a worthwhile acquisition although we've still to find something that's Campbell proof (Laura sat on it and reset the clock).

Beaudesert

WCH Anniversary Event, £3.00 for a Colour-Coded event. What was the justification? Was it the fact that there were 2 extra brown courses? I don't think so! It must have been because:

- a) the grid reference for car park was actually the start (15 minutes walk away from the real car park), even WCH helpers turned up at the wrong place.
- b) the registration was 5 minutes uphill in another car park, instead of the very large, hard standing car park where all the orienteers were
- c) having spent 5 minutes going uphill in the rain to register and then coming back down you then had the luxury of going back through registration to get to the start a further 10 minutes away.
- d) the added luxury of trying to find the start, no tape!!
- e) at the start you were treated to a 15 minute delay in the pouring rain, even those running at the end of the day were not informed of the delay.
- f) the start clock was not working initially.
- g) standing at the solitary stake after the call up, you are told to go on the whistle and the master maps were just over the brow of the hill (£3.00 and master maps!!). READY, STEADY, GO..... sprinting over the hill our path was blocked by a lady at "-2" 'slow down' she says!
- h) it is at this point that things start to look up - the master maps are sheltered from the rain and although it was wet and miserable the forest and courses were enjoyable, although I did hear angry words about the difficulty of the junior courses.

back to the reasons for the £3.00

i) results still not up after 2 hours!!

j) results incorrect : i) wrong by 5 minutes
ii) wrong by 10 minutes
iii) put up in wrong course

k) string course was very late!

l) helpers seemed harassed and were not too helpful.

Good value for £3.00 don't you think !

Some DVO Results:

String	Laura Campbell	8 mins.
Yellow	K. Armistead	2nd
Orange	Nobody	
Red	A. Clayton	1st
L/green	K. Buckley	2nd
Green	H. Finlayson	12th
Blue	N. Forrest	6th
Blue Plus	A. Buckley	2nd
Brown 1	R. Clayton	3rd
Brown 2	S. Buckley	7th
Brown 3	A. Campbell	4th

Allestree Park

A lot less than £3.00 and a fabulously organised and well run event. The best long course I've run at Allestree. My thanks to Alex Stalker, the organiser, and David Godfree, the planner, and all the helpers on the day. The sun was shining and the golfers were swearing, what more could one ask for. Thanks to Christina's excellent tuition Heather and Laura are now experts on the finish, organisers take note. For would be string course planners, Alex Stalker did a magnificent job of the string course map on his computer and is only too happy to help produce future maps.

Top DVO results were:

String	Heather & Laura	5 mins.
White	Heather Campbell	26th
Yellow	A. Bleakman	19th
Orange	N. Hall	21st
Red	A. Buckley	1st (N/C)
L/green	T. Seaston	3rd
Green	J. Hawkins !!	1st (N/C)
Blue	B. Bibby	13th
Brown	A. Campbell	4th

BADGE/NATIONAL EVENTS

Three events over the last couple of months: October Odyssey, Caddihoe Chase and Pembrey Forest. We didn't go to the Caddihoe Chase (did anyone?), but the October Odyssey event and Pembrey Forest were complete contrasts.

The Odyssey was wet, windy and hilly whereas Pembrey was dry and flat. At Pembrey, day 1 was a National event and a good run put me in the top 10 for the Chasing Start the next day. I wasn't looking forward to it (speed merchants). However, I ended up thoroughly enjoying it. I built up a rapport with a couple of competitors out in the forest (one started 3 minutes in front of me and the other 1 minute behind me). It was interesting to watch the different techniques and route choices as we worked our way through the numerous checkpoints. The one who beat me on day 1 nearly always ran straight but struggled when he neared the checkpoint (no attack point). The other chap took a great deal of time working out where to go immediately after the previous control (or was he waiting for us to pass so he could follow), however once he got near the control he seemed to be very confident and located it very easily. Me, well, I was just lucky as usual! The surprising thing was, I am obviously fitter than I had thought, I proved this again at the Karrimor, however that's another story.

This was probably the most enjoyable orienteering I've had this year - an excellent area and well organised.

All I can remember about the October Odyssey was it was wet and windy, starts were delayed by an hour and the kids and I spent several hours collecting cheggies! If anyone as an interesting story to tell about either the October Odyssey or the Caddihoe Chase please drop me a note and share your story with the readers.

OTHER EVENTS

Orienteering From The New States Of Western Europe

1) Veteran World Cup, Kormerd, Hungary.

Three days driving from Derby including a detour to Newcastle for a 100th birthday party brought us to the camp at Kormerd close to the Austrian border. One hour queue to register and get our campsite pitch number, and we joined the rest of the British camp on the local sports field. Marker posts indicated the pitches, but no officials and no numbers on the posts produced a free for all which eventually had a structure in spite of the marker posts rather than because of them.

The world cup is a sort of world champs for all veteran classes from M/W35 up to M85. It is open to all-comers and attracts a scattering of competitors from many nations. This year GB had a good representation but was still overshadowed by the Scandinavian countries. There are two qualifying race where all entrants are divided equally into groups of 80 maximum for each class. The best 80 competitors over the two days then go into the 'A' final, next 80 into the 'B' final and so on, not that all this bothered the two competitors in the M85, one of whom failed to start!

Qualifier 1 started with flat open Epping forest type Beech wood followed by rather greener coniferous plantation. After a steady run for most of the course I badly lost a small re-entrant and ended up in the lower half of the field. Qualifier 2 needed a good run in order to make the 'A' final. The area was much greener than day 1 and was generally a run around well overgrown tracks only discernable by the ruts beneath the undergrowth. A good clean run to penultimate control when I punched number 8 in box number 7. Where is no 7? Then I notice a solitary pin mark on edge of the control card. What a time to mispunch, should I go back and lose 5 minutes or chance not being disqualified? I decide to gamble on my time being fast enough and go back only to discover control 7 has a faulty punch with only the point of a 'v' being present. What a waste of time. I revisit control 8, timing my error on my watch, and race into the finish to complain to the controller. It's all no good though he is happy with a one pin punch and my time must stand complete with it's extra 5 minutes. Fortunately my time is good enough for a place in the 'A' final. Other competitors check the control on their runs and found that both punches have been made to have the single pin mark, a common enough remedy on the continent, so it was said.

As for the final I've learnt what it's like for the youngsters as I made a few small mistakes here and there and end up 10 minutes down and 33rd position (in the world)

A victory for Jenny Thompson of Winbourne in W50. Ivor Noot of EPOC managed 10th place in M50 just beating Helmut Conrad, our visitor at Easter from Dresden.

2) Jicin 5 day Czechoslovakia

A return visit of two years ago, with the children learning more about real competition with hundreds in their classes. Three days of fairly ordinary forests and 2 days of interesting fast woodland with incredible sandstone outcrops. Controls perched at the top of almost inaccessible pinnacles ready to catch out the unwary. Best day was the fast rock day (my birthday) with Alistair in 7th, Kim in 9th, Judy in 12th, and I repeated my run of 2 years ago to take 2nd, 2 seconds down on the leader from Lithuania.

The biggest difference was not in orienteering, but in the hospitality. We were constantly approached by Czechs, Estonians and Lithuanians wanting to use their English. Radio Free Prague broadcast at the competition in English, French, and German.

Finally on the last day there were requests for British event details from fellow competitors in M40, wanting to journey beyond the Eastern borders for the first time. Unfortunately there still exists one big problem - MONEY. It is impossible for them to change their currency into western currency and so the requests for details implied a request for hospitality from British orienteers. Hospitality would, of course, be returned for orienteers from Britain wishing to compete in Czechoslovakia or Lithuania.

Could we do anything as a club to welcome overseas runners for next years JK or even the Scottish 6 days?

Steve Buckley

Jicin (interpreted by another member of the Buckley family.)

My account will be centred around day 3 for various reasons but mainly because of the quality of the race that I produced on this particular run.

Day 3 of the 5 day competition was the one with my latest start time, so I had enough time before hand to prepare myself and finish reading my current book (Noddy and Big Ears meet Spotty dog ? Ed). I ambled off to the start via the results to see the current winners time. This was followed by the usual orienteers psyching up routine, which involves telling yourself you can win even though you know fine well you can't. But this time I really did feel good and I really wanted one of those pieces of useless plastic, usually called a medal, that you got for coming in the top 3 on the day. But the spirit of optimism and hope was suddenly overcast when I left the start line. First I failed to grab my map from the box and had to go back again and pick it up, and then without looking properly at the map I took the wrong path out of the start having to cut back across a patch of thick gorse to get on the correct side.

I arrived back at the finish almost 50 minutes later having had one of the most amazing runs in my life. Having made NO navigational errors! Amazing, considering I was running extremely fast while reading the map. I didn't come in the top 3 but 7th is the nearest I'd ever come to it by about 35 places. I didn't have bad runs every day, in fact 2 of them were quite good, but the positions I gained from them, 42nd and 46th, don't really show their quality. There were 3 classes in our age group with about 130 runners in each, mainly Czechs, who are all very good (although the winner had some local knowledge as he came from TJ Turnov, a club about 15km from most of the areas).

Moving onto Czechoslovakia's better points, the food, drink and 'O' kit. Taking but one instance of spending difficulties, when we were on the way out of Czechoslovakia we had about 100 Krona (£2) left and intended to spend it on the journey. No problem, we stopped at a small cafe on the road and sat down with 4 lemonades and 4 coconut macaroons, well that's a good 50p gone we thought, but no, that only came to 10 kroner (20p), another 2 macaroons and 4 more lemonades brought the total price to 32p. Next stop a small stall on the road to Germany near the border, 8 bottles of orangeade, 2 large apple strudels and 1 kilo of peaches but still 35 krona to spend (70p). At this we gave up, (mainly because we, and the car, were full of food and drink.

Alistair Buckley

Orienteering On Horseback

During the summer holidays I had the chance to try a different kind of orienteering. Lynda and I set off from the stables as the riding school holding the event was several miles away. When we arrived Sarah, with her pony Sunny, joined us as no-one was being sent alone. It was a score event with 15 controls marked down on a black and white hand drawn horror of a map with no scale or contours. Owing to the limitations of being on horseback the course was mostly on lanes and bridleways although there was still plenty of scope for mistakes, as we found out. Luckily there was not too much on main roads as our ponies were young and silly - plastic bags and ornamental gardens were frightening never mind the more conventional horrors of lorries and tractors. I was relieved that we were looking for letters pinned to features. I don't think my pony would have gone near the usual kite.

Our stupidest mistake was at a railway bridge where there was a pile up of 10 ponies and riders, none of us realising that we were at the wrong bridge. We also muffed at the only technical part of the course, in the riding school grounds. The re-entrant (described as a shallow valley for the benefit of the uninhibited) with a brown letter on a brown stick in a brown field was overlooked because we were galloping madly about at high speed. There was perhaps too much galloping and even jumping done but the ponies loved it and never complained.

My worst moment was when Goldie, in mid gallop, saw 'pond, east side' and leapt violently sideways but at least this alerted me to the fact that we were about to overshoot it. Rosettes were given for completing the course rather than the fastest time which was lucky because we had taken the controls in a strange order, riding about 20 miles by the time we had finished. The ponies owner arrived to find out where on earth we had been and taking one look at our sweat soaked mounts told us to lead them home. Sarah drove past in a horse box, waving with Sunny eating hay in the back as we plodded home.

After making our ponies comfortable, stuffing them with mints and telling them what marvellous orienteers they were we went into the conservatory to eat ham sandwiches and go over our course. Finding that the map had disintegrated we didn't bother, just ate the sandwiches.

Lucy Wilson

TRAINING

Orienteers, Your Club Needs You Now!

We have a comprehensive series of events programmed for the next two years and as such very much need the club members to participate in the making sure that the programme goes ahead, to this end the following are needed now:

MAPPERS, experienced and novice

ORGANISERS and assistant organisers

PLANNERS and assistant planners

CONTROLLERS

Usually the same group of members do all the above jobs which are essential for keeping the club running, if you would like to do one of the jobs for an event/map or feel you would like to know more about it then please let us know, if you are inexperienced then being an assistant is a good start and of great help.

The events programmed are:

4 November	1990	Matlock	colour coded	(both teams)
2 December	1990	Eyam Moor	colour coded	(Team N)
1 January	1991	Cromford	Score	(both teams)
5 January	1991	Calke Park	colour coded	(Team S)

10 FEBRUARY	1991	Rough Pitt	colour coded	(Team N)
21 April	1991	Kedleston	Relays + CC	(Team S)
12 May	1991	Bow Woods	colour coded	(Team N)
16 June	1991	Matlock	colour coded	(Team S)

Summer Evening League (Various dates + locations)

September	1991	Drum Hill	CATI + CC	(both teams)
October	1991	Cromford	colour coded	(Team S)
November	1991	Longshaw	colour coded	(Team N)
December	1991	Whitesprings	colour coded	(Team S)
January	1992	Linacre/Rough PS	colour coded	(Team N)
February	1992	Robin Wood	colour coded	(Team S)
March	1992	Stanton Moor	colour coded	(Team N)
April	1992	Chatsworth	colour coded	(Team S)
May	1992	Crich Chase	badge	(both teams)
June	1992	Bow Woods		(Team N)
Autumn	1992	Lindop		
November	1992	Eyam Moor	NATIONAL	(both teams)

Planners, Organiser, Controllers and assistants are required for all events from January 1991, NOW!

Mappers are required for Bow Woods (NOW), Drum Hill (NOW), Robin Wood (Jan/Feb 91) and Lindop.

Please contact Steve Buckley, team S, 0332 552664, or Steve Kimberley, team N, 0246 233575, or addresses as in membership list.

Remember your help is required to enable this club to keep staging orienteering events, without your help I'm sure that we could still put on an event at Allestree Park and Markeaton Park each year, with your help we may even be able to stage events at some new venues.

John Hawkins (Fixtures Sub Committee Chairman)

International Control description Symbols

M17A	85km	210m
1 31	≡	○
2 52	•	○
3 37	○	△
4 40	m	4 L
5 49	H	15
6 75	△	15
7 32	—	—
8 54	•	—
9 70	△	—

example: control 5

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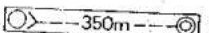
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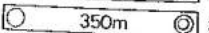
north side

refreshments

marked route to the finish
350 metres



350 metres, marked funnel



350 metres, no markings

Key to the columns

i	ii	iii

i class

ii course length

iii climbing

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

A control number

B control code

C which feature

D the control feature

E details of appearance

F dimensions of the feature

G location of the marker

H other information

column C

- northern
- northeastern
- upper
- lower
- middle
- between

column D

- steep bank
- quarry
- earthbank, dam
- terrace
- spur
- rib
- re-entrant
- gully
- dry ditch
- hill
- knoll
- saddle
- depression
- small depression
- pit
- cliff
- bare rock
- cave
- boulder
- boulder field
- stony ground
- calm
- lake
- pond
- waterhole
- stream
- ditch

column D (continued)

- marsh
- small marsh
- firm ground in marsh
- well
- source
- open land
- semi open land
- forest corner
- clearing
- thicket
- felled area
- vegetation boundary
- copse
- road
- path
- narrow ride
- wall
- fence
- footbridge
- building
- run
- tower
- shooting platform
- ladder rack
- rock pillar
- single tree
- salt lick
- tree root
- boundary stone
- charcoal burning ground
- anthill
- broken ground
- special feature
- special feature

column E

- shallow
- deep
- overgrown
- open
- rocky
- marshy
- sandy
- coniferous
- deciduous
- end
- bond
- junction
- crossing

column F

- height in metres
- length/width in metres

column G

- northern side
- northwest edge
- east corner (inside the angle)
- southwest corner
- southern tip
- western part
- upper part (head)
- lower part (foot)
- on the top of
- southern foot
- at the foot
- direction not specified

column H

- refreshments
- radio control
- manual control
- first aid

FIXTURES

DATE	REGION	CLUB	TYPE	AREA	DETAILS
November					
4th	EN	OWO	Bedge Colour Coded	Natlock Forest SK/530627	R.Shooter 0332 661525 EOB £1.50/60p
10th-11th	YN	AIRE	Sealer Home Internat. Incorp. NAT VII	Malham Moor, Skipton SB 900626	Day 1 - Relay Event Day 2 - (Individual event, incorporating NAT VII (CD for NAT. is 15.10.90)(£4.25/££1.75) SEF & Cheque to 'NEI' + 2 SAEs to Lindsey Johnson, 68 Norwood Terrace, Bradford, BD10 2BB (0274 536127) [Indoor creche]
17th	EN	LEE	Colour Coded	Outwoods, Loughborough SK/511163	Isabel Griffiths 0509 852582

DATE	REGION	CLUB	TYPE	AREA	DETAILS
18th	YH	SYO	Badge	Barbage Moor Sheffield SK 287816	J. Chercher 47 Crimicar Drive, Sheffield, S10 4EF (0742 306214) (CD 30.10.90) (£2.75/E1.25/E2.00 M/W 19 & 45) SEF & Ltd EOD
25th	SE	CHIG HAYOC	NATIONAL 'VIII'	Epping Forest TL/487838	Start times 0930-1230. Car park at North Weald Airfield TL 487838. Bus journey of up to 30 mins from car park to start. (Crucis for £1.50 booked in advance and open from 0900-1400) (£4.50/£2.25) (SEF by 27.10.90 + 2 SEAs) to Keith Ryder, 9 Shenfield Crescent, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8NN. Send SAE for accommodation list.
25th	NW	HBOC	Badge	Haggside SX/172892	T & E Roberts, 7 Brisbane Close, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1LF, 061 439 8435 CD 9.11.90. (£3/E1 - £2 for M/W 19 + U840) SEF, Ltd Late Entry, NO Eod.
December					
2nd	EN	DVO	Colour Coded	Eyam Moor	Organiser: Well Forest
2nd	Road Race		Half Marathon	Yarborough Sports Centre, Lincoln	The Lakeside Half Marathon 10:30 at Yarborough Sports Centre in Lincoln. (CD 09.11.90) No EOD. See Ed. for a copy of Entry Form.
9th	NW	VCH	Badge	Allon Towers Uttoxeter SK/078437	Mrs. J. Wilson, 4 Goodill Close, Walton, Stone, ST15 0LJ (0785 812878) (CD 19.11.90) (£4.50/E1.50 - includes entry to AT) SEF only
16th	EN	HOC	Colour Coded	Walesby	
16th	NW	HOC	Colour Coded	Pitcher Oak Wood SP/039475	A. Wing 0905 773484
23rd	YH	EPOC	Colour Coded	Storches Hall, Kirkborton SE/183123	G. Kennedy 0484 605990
January 1991					
1st	EN	DVO	SCORE	Cromford	
February					
3rd	NW	VCH	Badge	Beandesert & Ramsley, Cannock Chase SK/024151	S. Findley-Robinson, Ty-Carleon, 18 Cottage Close, Hodnesford, WS12 5NS (05436 5653 early evening preferred) CD 14.01.91 SEF Ltd EOD, Fees not yet known
23rd	NW	HOC	British Night Champs	Cleat & Hagley SO/938807	N. Griffin, 32 Ladypool Close, Halesowen, B62 8SY (021 558 0445) CD 23.01.91 SEF (Feast)
24th	NW	OB	Badge	Setton Park, Setton Coldfield SP/190970	N. Simpson, 181 Loxley Road, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 7DW (0789 55343) CD 03.02.91 Fees not known, SEF & Ltd EOD