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### The Editor's Bit

We begin this issue with the stunning news that DVO and NEWSTRACK have their own Websites courtesy of Steve Kimberley. For those who have the necessary technology and know-how, the address for DVO is:

<http://www.skimber.demon.co.uk/orient/dvo/dvo.htm>

and the address for NEWSTRACK is:

<http://www.skimber.demon.co.uk/orient/dvo/newstrac/newstrac.htm>  
(remember that?)

I would have thought that Steve would be trying to generate as much interest in this new project as possible so I was a little taken aback to see on the first page of this site a rather fetching, I thought anyway, full-colour picture of yours truly in full grimace. It is a rather chilling thought that anyone round the world, from the Australian bush to the Hindu Kush, can be exposed to this sort of harmful material merely by pushing a few buttons.

Steve announces his intention of reproducing parts of NEWSTRACK on this site, which is a bit of a blow. Up to now, less than complimentary descriptions of events appearing in these pages have at least been confined to the fairly narrow readership of DVO, but now the more libellous references may have to be censored.

Given this world-wide exposure, I was a little hurt to see appearing alongside my image some disparaging remarks with reference to my orienteering ability. Now everybody knows!

(Little-known fact: there are over 250 references to Graham Johnson on the Web, and some of them may be true).

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### December Business Meeting

For the last few years, DVO's open meetings - held on the second Wednesday of the month every three months - have taken place at Belper Sports Centre which has the advantage of a large private room and a large choice of beers. However the cost to DVO of this luxury has become so exorbitant that an alternative has had to be found. After searching the length and breadth of the county to find a venue combining the above essential ingredients, the DVO committee is going to give the rather grand-sounding Blore Hall a go. The map ref is SK/137494 and it looks to me from the map as if access can be gained to it from the A52 west of Ashbourne, turning right. The hall is marked on the OS map on the right hand side. The place boasts a bar and pool table at the very least.

The date is Wednesday, 11th December. The time is 7.00 pm prompt for a run and/or 8.15pm prompt for the meeting.

Bring a torch.

## White Rose Weekend

It was eight years since I had last been to a White Rose Weekend, I had stopped going, because of three factors. One was the weather, it always seemed to be indifferent at best. Second was the cow manure on the camping field. Third was the forests which never seemed to be exciting enough.

### Day One

Well, this weekend, the first two factors were the same but at least the forest seemed to be better. The senior courses went mainly along the escarpment of Wass bank and Snever woods areas which have recently been used for the JK. As a result perhaps of this technical nature, most people I spoke to said that they had had bad runs on the first day, yet even so their results did not always reflect this. Ian Whitehead is a case in point, he finished his run saying how bad it was and how many mistakes he had made, yet he finished Day 1 in 8th place. Many seniors were caught out by the scale of the map, I for one did not expect to have a 1:10000 map for a badge event. Next time I will have to look at the details. Distance judgement did not come easily and this made it easier to make mistakes.

### Day 2

The second day seemed to be easier for most people and times were slightly faster, partly because of running in the same area and partly because it was a chasing start. Chasing starts are always exciting but none more so than in the M21L class. At the spectator control, less than 1 km from the finish, John Duckworth had caught up to just twelve seconds behind Jason Inman. By the finish, he was ahead and so was first overall despite having come "just" fourth on the first day.

### Night Event

At the end of the second day there came the third event of the weekend, the night score event. I don't think I have ever been in such a large field for a night event. The organisers even said that it was larger than the British Night Champs.

As you might imagine the start was sheer chaos with lights going in two main directions. Anyone with serious intentions had to go at breakneck speeds just to get ahead of the pack. In some ways it was actually easier than the day event with lights illuminating your way to many controls. There were a lot of child/adult pairings which was giving a lot of people their first taste of Night orienteering. As I heard only comments about how much fun it was maybe this will lead to a revival in this branch of orienteering. I just hope that they don't think that Night orienteering is always like that.

## Relays

Monday as always is relay day, and another run in the same forest. By now the same control sites had lost a lot of their difficulty but you still had very long run ins and the normal competitive nature of relays. Sadly I could not make head nor tail of the results lists so couldn't bring back any results, but I understand that the Dickinson family (Doug, Dougie and Matthew) came second in their relay class (mixed ad hoc).

All in all an enjoyable weekend, and I for one will not be waiting more than 12 months for my next White Rose.

Steve Kimberley

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## MDOC Twin Peak Event

### Day One (W10B Course)

When I started I met Lucy and she was doing a yellow course. I talked to her. I went to my first control, it was easy. To number 2, it was a bit hard and a bit easy because there was a bog and I stepped in it. After number 3 there were lots of people. Some were going my way and some were going the other way. I liked going from 7 to 8 because I fell over and I thought it was funny. I had to run really fast from my last control to the finish to over take someone.

### Day Two

It was easy to number 1 because there was a path and there were midges. And it was easy to number 2 because there was another little path and the midges didn't catch up with me. You had to follow a big path and there was a broken caravan at the side of the track. I liked the downhill bit between 4 and 5 and then I crossed the road and I went over a stile. There was a man there but he didn't help me but I didn't need help. The next bit was very brambly. I came out of the brambles and I went left to my last control which was the end of the wall. Then I ran down a slope but my brother caught up with me and we ran together. When I got to the finish I got a lollipop for being the first finisher back. I liked that best. Afterwards I played with my friends.

Erin Malley (aged 7)

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This year, DVO boasts a total of 162 BOF membership units, an increase from 145 last year. This breaks down as follows:

62 Family; 14 Junior; 84 Senior; 2 Groups.

There are also 23 local members.

### The Caddahoe Chase

The story so far: it is White Rose '93, a weekend forever emblazoned on the collective consciousness of those who survived camping that weekend, not for the standard of the orienteering but for the little sleep we got due to the screams of someone's little darling in a neighbouring tent, not to mention the enforced feeding of Cheerios to the cherub at 6 o'clock in the morning. Now read on:

### Forever Friends

One of the joys of going to 'O' events all over the country is that you meet up with different friends and acquaintances at each event. The Caddahoe Chase on the northern edge of Dartmoor was no exception (Lovely to see you again, Jenny).

We had parked and were off in search of control descriptions when whom should we see driving into the field but Hannah and her family.

Discussions of overnight campsites with the Buckleys were kept quiet for reasons which will become apparent. The nearest campsite was filling up rapidly with orienteers and the warden was rubbing his hands with glee at this unexpected end-of-season bonus before pedalling off across the site to direct us to our designated pitches. Imagine the look of horror on our faces as Hannah et al drove on to the field - and the sighs of relief as she was directed to a pitch well away from us.

That evening, as we sat in the local hostelry enjoying food and conviviality at the only unreserved table, we expounded at length to the Buckleys on that first meeting with Hannah. The tale was no sooner told than who should walk through the door but - yes, you're right, Hannah and her family. There were sighs of relief once more because she would never have thought of reserving a table! Moments later Judy's face crumpled and she giggled, "They're bringing a high chair." Sure enough, in trotted Hannah and sat down at the table with her Mummy and Daddy and her little sister - MARTIN. !! (Last year Graham sent Val a postcard from Strathspey '95 with the glad tidings, "Hannah's got a little sister"). (Hannah And Her Sister sounded so much better, I thought - NT Ed).

And did we have a quiet night, you ask? Well, I was woken twice by a child's distressed crying, but Judy reckons that it was just the bass thudding from the local rave which had woken her. I only heard the crying. Mike admits to hearing music (and an owl) but he thought it was coming from the adjacent chalet. Steve slept through it all. C'est la vie.

What about the orienteering? Well, it was a grotty forest - lots of brashings and windblown, with unmapped young trees of 6 feet - it was a 1996 map! However, it was dry overhead, not too cold and the Buckleys, Godfrees and John Hopper had a good weekend. (Apologies to any other DVO's whom we did not see).

## DVO goes Swiss

By now you will all have seen the article about the Swiss 6 day which appeared in EMEWS, so I won't bore you with the details of the weather (well the details are simple - RAIN) or the complexities of the transport systems employed. Instead this report will concentrate on the orienteering and the fortunes of the various DVO (and associate) members who ventured to Brunnen.

### Saturday 3rd August - The Opening - Prologue Brunnen

A town based opening to the event with a sprint around Brunnen for the Elite. Dave Godfree was the only member involved, and I'm afraid to say went largely unsupported by club members, but fared OK nevertheless.

### Sunday 4th August - The Royal - 1st stage Rigi

For the long courses the start was at 1750m and for all courses the finish at 1150m on terrain that was described in the details as "interspersed with partially wooded landslide areas that do not allow for high speed orienteering and are also quite challenging from the orienteering point of view. Characteristic for the entire Rigi region is the geological structure, the many Nagelfluh ridges up to dozens of metres high." These Nagelfluh ridges certainly made for slow orienteering, particularly for Judy Buckley who became crag bound on one of them. This was a day on which a knowledge of what the black lines on the map meant made a difference, as Ted Smith clearly showed by producing the best finish for the DVO contingent. In fact, this was to be Ted's best day although he did finish with a strong day 6, it was also my best day along with Steve Buckley (if only we'd known it was all downhill from here).

### Monday 5th August - The Fast - 2nd stage Stoos

I'm still not sure why this was designated "The Fast" the details explained that "only certain parts of the Fast Stage are truly fast [whatever that is]. The longer courses also lead through the "Chruterenwald" a forest whose name refers to the high, dense vegetation which impairs both visibility and mobility." This was Vanessa Smith's best day and Judy finished with the highest DVO score (note both of these were on "shorter" courses and so avoided the worst of the Chruterenwald).

### Tuesday 6th August - The Spectacular - 3rd stage Ibergeregg

"The numerous streams and rivers typical of the terrain run through wild and romantic gorges down in to the general direction of Schwyz and Oberiberg. The courses are thus characterised by frequent changes in terrain, from marshy alpine pastures to gorges and pre-alpine forests, which requires much skill and strength." I added to my strength requirement by adding an extra 80m climb to the 320m of course climb to produce my poorest showing of the week. I was not alone in struggling with this area, but it was treated with contempt by Haydn Fowler who produced his best result here, and David who showed the best DVO score.

### Thursday 8th August - The Unspoilt - 4th stage Bodmeren/Pragelpass

The details of the terrain for this day were long so here you will find the information which appeared under "ATTENTION: Orienteering on the Bodmeren is unique and requires the competitor to be especially careful! In particular, be aware of:

- Crevasses and Dolinen [holes up to 50 m deep]

- Sharp edges [knife sharp limestone ridges]
- Impaired visibility due to high vegetation [over slippery mossy rocks]
- Quickly changing weather conditions."

Indeed we were lead to believe by event officials that should the weather preclude the use of rescue helicopters, then the event would have to be cancelled. Survival on this stuff became the aim of the game, nevertheless both Judy and Liz Godfree produced their best runs on this day with Judy producing the best DVO score.

#### **Friday 9th August - The Short - 5th stage Seelisberg**

This was orienteering as we know it. "The terrain leads across a wooded mountain ridge which is finely structured...The terrain is mostly fast." The area provided a real challenge to many of the club with Liz Smith, Jude Smith and Ranald Macdonald all producing their best results on this area; while it proved the worst area for Judy, Steve, Mike Godfree and Phil Smith. Although not his best day David produced the highest club score on what was only the second day in which all DVO members finished.

#### **Saturday 10th August - The Decisive - 6th stage Hochstuckli**

The Decisive really ought to be The Toughest with several people out for long long times. Two distinct sections appeared on this map, the details in the event description failing to explain that the early heavily ditched areas only had a fraction of the ditches map and that the gorges that appeared later were more like rock crevasses with entry rapid and escape almost impossible. But DVO are a tough lot and Viv Macdonald, Mike, John Hopper, Rex Macdonald, David and Phil all produced their best runs on this day, with David producing the best club finish.

#### **Overall**

A mixed bag of terrain, transport and success. The holiday was good although certain aspects left a little to be desired it didn't actually rain while we were at an event and there were no serious injuries, which considering some of the terrain used is quite a result. Like the Scottish 6 days, points are awarded on each run, dependent upon your time relative to that of the leader on your course. The list below show the DVO contingent with their final scores.

ov - points	Name
2281.08	Viv Macdonald
3304.15	Judy Buckley
2888.21	Liz Godfree
2314.28	Liz Smith
2838.72	Sue Russell
2250.22	Jude Smith
2894.73	Vanessa Smith
2105.04	Haydn Fowler
951.93	Ranald Macdonald
3481.78	Ted Smith
3463.24	Steve Buckley
3201.84	Mike Godfree
2833.19	John Hopper
3210.47	Rex Bleakman
3852.53	David Godfree
3083.72	Phil Smith

Sue Russell



### O In The USA - Orienteering. Jim. But Not As We Know It

S'funny how a piece of paper can change your life. 1986, conveniently slotting as it did between two lots of Scottish 6-Days, had long been planned as the year of our assault on America, and there I was idly leafing through assorted O-related literature at Strathspey 95 when I happened upon an advert for "Roundup 96", six days of orienteering in Harriman State Park, 30 miles north of New York, falling in the very week in August 96 when our whistle-stop tour of North-East USA landed us in...New York. What self-respecting orienteer could resist this coincidence?

And so it came to pass that the party of 70-odd Brits competing in this event included an intrepid contingent of five of Belper's finest orienteers.

Never having orienteered outside of these shores before, we had no idea of what to expect. Some small clue was contained in the entry details. Rather than the age classes being spread over 20-odd courses, there were only seven available, each one colour-coded, except that Brown fell between Yellow and Orange and Red between Green and Blue. This meant there were some strange bedfellows - M65A and W35A (no Long and Short in America) for example. In fact, some courses were over-subscribed so M40As found themselves in Red-Y whilst M45As found themselves in Red-X. Confusing or what? The planners in fact missed a golden opportunity to offer a wider spread of courses, by making the X and Y courses more or less parallel. The continued bracketing of M40 and M45, albeit on separate courses, meant that M45s were offered the same 1:15000 scale map, rather than 1:10000 as they have expected, which caused complaints amongst those M45s with failing eyesight (i.e. all of them).

The organisers sent us an advance list of all the foreigners entering the event, numbering about a hundred. Apart from the majority British group, there were representatives from thirteen countries including Japan, New Zealand and Italy. However the foreign element made up about 20% of the numbers, meaning that there were never more than 500 at any of the six events, about the size of the last Cromford Moor event.

Orienteering is obviously very established in the US. There was a full program(me) of events planned for the Autumn, but the difference was that whereas on a typical English weekend, you could choose from up to perhaps half a dozen events within a hundred miles of Derby, in the US, you would be lucky to have a choice of two in the whole of the East side of the country. Furthermore if you wanted to orienteer once a weekend, you might run in New York State one weekend and have to travel down to Pennsylvania the next, 3-400 miles away.

I spoke to one orienteer who thought nothing of being 14 hours on the road every weekend.



If the labels attached to the courses suggested events more akin to colour-coded than badge, this was very much borne out by practical experience.

The relative lack of numbers gave the events a casual atmosphere, and informality was often what characterised the organisation. Considering that America is the home of the computer, there were virtual no electronic devices evident at the events at all, at either end. Starting was by means of a manual flipover and whistle/horn; finishing was the traditional pen and raffle ticket - although, despite this basic approach, the results were posted on the Internet within the week. There was never more than one punch at any control other than the last, and these were more often than not, hung inside the control, rather than separately. This was only slightly less irritating than those bits that ITV insist on inserting between adverts and film premieres. To display the results, wide plastic tape was strung up and the control card itself, showing your already worked out result, was stapled round it.

The event centre was Camp Smith, a US Army base, and two of the events took place on or around the West Point military academy. We could have stayed in one of the barracks or camped, but decided against the former as being too noisy and the latter as requiring too much equipment. In retrospect, we lost out on much of the social side of the week as a result. We did spend the last night in the barracks and one was enough, with Val and the girls in their separate accommodation being woken at 3.30 am by one over-enthusiastic family. We couldn't have survived a week of that but it would have been worth while lugging a tent and stove with us to camp. Army life continued undisturbed around us, with recruits practising how to load howitzers and squaddies marching past from time to time shouting Full Metal Jacket-style chants or whistling "Colonel Bogey", oblivious to its amusing English connotations.

The reason for the early start referred to above was the early start times generally. In an effort to avoid midday temperatures in the nineties, the spread of times was between 8 and 10 o'clock generally, which made unfamiliar early rising an inevitable necessity. I never thought I would see the day when I stood on the start line at 8.04. If you thought Speyside 95 temperatures were uncomfortable, they were nothing on these, bearing in mind that my less than spectacular navigation still left me with post midday finishes on late start days. To counteract this, the organisers provided not one or two refreshment points halfway round, but numerous at the control sites themselves in the form of a dozen or so spring water-filled containers with cups. Some of these sites were quite remote and it must have involved considerable effort to hoik the containers there, but very welcome they were.

At this point I have decided to relate a holiday anecdote for your delight. It was going to be a difficult choice between "How we spent half a day getting into New York and failed in the attempt" or "On the trail of the mythical American Shopping Mall" but in the end the winning entry is "In Search of Three Hasidic Jews and a Rabbi" - and I defy anyone to come up with a more attention-grabbing title than that one.

It starts halfway through the week when an announcement was made that as a result of coliforms being found in the water, it was undrinkable. We had no idea what a coliform was but had no desire to imbibe any alien lifeform (I mean, look what happened to John Hurt). So, late one evening we called in at a nearby spring to fill up on coliform-free water, only to find ourselves in the midst of some very anxious native New Yorkers awaiting the return of the aforementioned juvenile Three Hasidic Jews and a Rabbi (sounds like a Yiddish version of Three Men and a Baby) who had set out into the woods 3 or 4 hours previously but not returned despite the nocturnal conditions.

Included as a freebie in the 6-Day event was entry to the (first ever) US Night Champs, which were taking place a matter of only 3 miles down the road. (Quite what the 3 HJs and an R would have made of this had they stumbled across it I don't know). Rather than spend two hours running around in the dark with a headtorch strapped to my forehead, I decided to throw my lot in with the search party and, well, spent the next two hours running around with a headtorch strapped to my head. In fact, we waited until the arrival of an ancient forest ranger and his trusty Alsatian and then set off into woods blacker than even Blackburn Rovers' hopes of Premiership survival. After half a mile we found a set of abandoned bikes and the mystery deepened.

It seemed to me that we had set ourselves a redoubtable and forlorn task, there was an awful lot of wood in which to lose four human beings. I fully expected to spend all night in a fruitless search, but after about an hour of walking and the repeated sounding of a "shofar" (a ceremonial hunting horn) we heard some plaintive cries in the depths of the forest. It was at this point that someone was required to stay on the path while the rest of them plunged into the undergrowth to complete the search. Guess who was volunteered with his superior head torch? So there I was, getting on for midnight, standing alone in complete darkness in a foreign country and miles from anywhere. I had not realised what a noisy place a forest can be that late and, as I scanned my surroundings in a constant sweep of my torch, waiting to be attacked by Andy McNab or some other unspeakable creature, I was quite glad to be wearing a pair of brown shorts.

After what seemed like an age, the hunting party returned, their numbers swelled by four. Having seen "Witness" a couple of times, the phrase "Three Hasidic Jews and a Rabbi" had prepared me for a group of people dressed in black, the Rabbi

wearing a flat-brimmed hat, a long, straggly beard and hair in ringlets. My preconceptions were somewhat wide of the mark and, long beard apart, the rabbi and children could have been mistaken for any party setting off for an early evening ride in the woods. It turned out that they had abandoned their conveyances as the path got rockier, set off on a pre-marked trail and lost their way as the gloom descended. Rather than wander aimlessly, they had sensibly sat down and waited to be rescued, even taking a nap whilst they waited.

So it all ended happily - and I am welcome to share kugle whenever I am next in New York. The thing is, what is it?

To be continued.....

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Chris Bourne, 23 Greenhill, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4EN  
Tel: 01629 824960  
Chris is also a member of EPOC (but we're not fussy).

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#### ODDS AND SODS

##### Sports Personality of the Month

Just before the Castle Carr event at the end of September, the Godfrees received a telephone call from Tony Berwick asking if he could have a lift. Nothing unusual in that you might think - except that Tony was telephoning from Nice Airport!

(Historical Note: Tony's last SPOTM award resulted from his sending instructions to badge event officials during a previous foreign summer sojourn).

Retiral of the Month (a sneaky way of avoiding yet another SPOTM award myself).

On return from holiday, I found my contact lenses solution had leaked, leaving the lenses themselves a shrivelled shadow of their fs. I have subsequently found that every insurance policy excludes liability for contacts as a matter of course so I tried to avoid shelling out for a new pair by rehydrating them in saline solution (it was a good idea at the time). Seemed to have worked too as the lenses resumed something like their former shape. I should have tried them out first of course but didn't until the Cromford Moor event. Nothing untoward happened until I came to copy the controls down from the master map board. The first control was one of five depressions. Problem was I could see twenty swimming before my eyes (no, I hadn't been drinking). If only I'd known which of the twenty I was aiming for I might have stood a chance but after ten minutes of blundering round in a visual fog, I'd had enough, and achieved yet another personal first - a retiral before the first control.

#### Disqualification of the Month

The next DVO event was the Shipley Park event, an area I'd run on only weeks before in the relay event held there. As I ran into second master maps, there was Paul Wright leaving them. I hastily copied down the second part of the course and charged into the undergrowth after him. As I emerged, there he was stood by the next control about to tackle the following one. I clipped my card and headed off in hot pursuit, eventually and with some satisfaction leaving him behind. Except the control he was stood by wasn't on our course and I was disqualified for mispunching. And I call that a pretty mean trick from someone I used to call a friend.

Having failed to complete the last two DVO events, I await Shining Cliff with more than usual interest.

However, just in case you think the NEWSTRACK editor is a complete buffoon:

Pigs Fly

Rivers Boil

NEWSTRACK Editor comes third in M40L at the October Odyssey.

One of these unlikely events has come to pass during the last month.

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Spotted Outside (well a few yards from, but it doesn't sound as good) Paul Wright's house, a huge sign proclaiming: "WANTED. CLEAN HARD CORE". Whatever can this mean?

The campaign started in these very pages for a new Brown/Blue course for those of us with difficulty in matching up master maps gathers pace. Latest convert to the cause is Mike Gardner who fell victim to the cruel discrimination practised by the present rules at Ecclesall Woods.

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Congratulations to Annie Carrington and Mike Wynne on the birth of Zara on 18th September, weighing in at 3.14 kg.

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#### Dates for your Diaries

Longshaw will be the venue for next year's Club Champs on Saturday 14th June. It will also be used as DVO's contribution to MDOC's Twin Peaks - you read it here first - weekend in September.

DVO's first CompassSport Cup tie of 1997 will be against Harlequins on Cannock Chase on Sunday 19th January.

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Watch out for details of a coaching course next year on Crich and a weekend away in the Lakes.

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### MIDSHIRES WAY RELAY

On Saturday 13th July, 11 members of Derwent Valley Orienteers ran in relay the Derbyshire section of the Midshires Way, from Sawley Marina to Whaley Bridge a distance of 67 miles. The total time taken was 8 hours 35 minutes 12 seconds.

#### The legs and runners-

LEG	RUNNER	TIME
START		0800
Sawley Marina to The Blue Ball Risley	P ADDISON	08.45.35
Blue Ball Risley to Bridge Inn Stanley	J BUCKLEY	09.44.26
Bridge Inn to Bridge Inn Duffield	M TOPLIS	10.40.43
Bridge Inn to Sandy Ford Farm	S BUCKLEY	11.35.57
Sandy Ford farm to Middleton Top	D CLOUGH	12.32.13
Middleton Top for 150M	S WRIGHT	12.32.42
Middleton Top to Chapel Plantation	P WRIGHT	13.25.24
Chapel Plantation to Sparklow	D WALKER	14.17.42
Sparklow to Cowdale	V JOHNSON	15.10.56
Cowdale to Errwood Dam	N ADDISON	15.58.42
Errwood Dam to Whaley Bridge	I WHITEHEAD	16.35.12

Neil Addison

### The DVO AGM

This produced little change in the make-up of the committee. In addition to the officials on the front of the newsletter, we now have the following:

Fixtures Sub-Committee Chairwoman: Kath Whitehead

Fixtures Sub-Committee Member: Dave Clough

Equipment Officer: Steve Buckley

Coaching Co-ordinator: Ann-Marie Priston

Mapping Co-ordinator: Mike Godfree

Permanent Course Manager: Mike Godfree

DVO Diarist: Dave Brodie

Publicity Officer: Steve Kimberley

Students will now pay the junior rate for badge and colour-coded events at the discretion of event officials. Colour-coded entry fees will remain the same.

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### The EMOA AGM

The attempt to introduce wholesale a new East Midlands constitution fizzled out almost completely with the proposal attracting in the end only one solitary vote, but, in true British fashion, a working party will now examine possible changes with a view to putting a more palatable set of rules before next year's meeting.

And EMOA is presently without Chairman or Vice-Chairman so if you feel the urge, please telephone Steve Kimberley NOW. Don't leave your phone Steve.

That was about it really except that I did notice in the odd quiet moment that, in addition to there being 2145 roses on the wallpaper, an amazing 45% of the male populous present sported beards. I felt positively naked. I have no idea of what the national average is but it's certainly much less than this. So what does this say about male orienteers? Or is it just male orienteers who attend EMOA AGMs? There must be room for a social anthropological thesis there somewhere.

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Finally I express my gratitude to all those contributing to this issue, young or old, making my job that much easier.



DVO GOES TO DERBY SUPERBOWL.

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WHEN? --- Friday December 6th.

TIME? --- 6.30 for a 7.00pm start.

HOW MUCH? --- £11.95.

WHAT DO WE GET? --- One game of bowling followed by a game of quasar, shoe hire, choice of meal and a party pack complete with hats, streamers and certificates.

WANT TO COME? --- Well you'd better be quick as spaces are limited, see Val with a fiver deposit in hand to reserve your place.

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## FIXTURES

- 2nd Nov WCH Gentleshaw Common Night Event, Cannock SK/050120  
Organiser: Alison Warren (01889) 576910
- 2nd Nov SYO Burbage Colour-Coded, not Strines as advertised  
Organiser: Martin Bradley (0114-236-9683)
- 2nd Nov SOC National Event - Iron Well, New Forest
- 8th Nov (Fri) LEI Burbage Common Night Event, Hinckley  
SK/446954 Organiser: Greg Jones (01455 824696)
- 9th Nov (Sat) LEI Burbage Common Score Cup, Hinckley SK/446954  
Organiser: Bob Titterton (01455 552648)
- 10th Nov DVO Shining Cliff Colour-Coded (not Badge) SK/331544  
Organiser: Margaret Keeling 01773 - 852991
- 16th Nov (Sat) NOC Walesby Night League Event SK/670702  
Organiser: Colin Portman (0115-9720-956)
- 17th Nov NOC Walesby Colour-Coded Event SK/670702  
Organiser: Andrew Buckavs (01476) 582361
- 17th Nov OD Sutton Park Colour-Coded Event SP/107952  
Organiser: Liz Furniss (01827) 872171
- 24th Nov NN National Event VII - Bewick Moor, Alnwick  
NU/047201. Pre-Entries: Patrick Smith, 31 South View,  
Hazelrigg, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE13 7BS (0191-236-4152)  
CD: 10.11.96. Fees: ? Chq: NN
- 24th Nov HOC Kinver Edge Badge Event, Kidderminster SO/837828  
Pre-Entries: Safestart(HOC), PO Box 22, Whitchurch,  
Shropshire SY13 2ZZ (01948 840522)  
CD: 28.10.96. Fees: £5.50/2.50 Chq: HOC
- 24th LOG Stapleford Woods Colour-Coded Event, Newark SK/860565  
Organiser: Ian Durrant (01522 532245)
- 1st Dec WRE Nesscliffe Hills Badge Event, Shrewsbury SK/385193  
Pre-Entries: Safestart(WRE), PO Box 22, Whitchurch,  
Shropshire SY13 2ZZ (01948 840522)  
CD: 17.11.96 Fees: £5.00/2.00 Chq: Wrekin O
- 1st Dec NOC Bramcote Hills Local Event (i.e. low-key, up to  
Green course) SK/507380  
Organiser: Paul Beverley (0115-923-1352)
- 8th Dec DVO Eyam Moor Colour-Coded Event, Eyam SK/239748  
Organiser: Martin Brown (01332 294876)
- 29th Dec SYO Beeley Wood Colour-Coded Event SK/319920  
Organiser: Guy Seaman (0114-236-8263)

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- 1st Jan DVO Elvaston Castle Score Event, Derby SK/414328  
Organiser: Andy Hawkins, 11 Oakwell Drive, Ilkeston, DE7  
5GL (0115-932-6323)
- 19th WCH Cannock Chase West C-C Event, Stafford SJ/966174  
Organiser: Tim Gray (01902 791325)
- 2nd Feb DVO Calke Park Colour-Coded Event, Ticknall SK/356240  
Organisers: Ruth and Hilary Johnson (01773 824754)
- 17th May British Champs, Clumber
- 18th May British Relay Champs, Chatsworth