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The Editor's Bit

Enclosed with this issue are the minutes of the A.G.M. I have misgivings about this because, rather like a father witnessing the birth of his child, those who did not attend can marvel at the result without the pain of the experience. Perhaps I should shut up because I was one of those absentees - struck down with the lurgy I hasten to add. This rather reminds me of the story of the late Jeffrey Barnard, who was also unwell, and who once delivered a review to his editor only for it to be pointed out that the play he was supposed to be reviewing did not open until the following week.

But I digress. The A.G.M. sounded as though it was quite a lively affair with a number of issues being hotly debated. One of these concerned whether DVO should contribute to the purchase of Lea Wood.

For the uninitiated, Lea Wood covers an area of 73 acres of mixed woodland on the east of the Derwent to the south of Lea Bridge. It is adjacent to the DVO mapped areas of Bow Woods to the north and Cromford Moor to the west across the river. Despite Cromford Moor being separated from Lea Woods by river, canal, railway and the A6, the potential for a future Badge Event combining all three areas exists because Cromford Moor is accessible by both bridge and tunnel.

The woodland was first mapped and used by DVO in the late 1960s and used regularly for training and competition until the mid 1980s when the death of the owner, Mr Bowmer, restricted access whilst development of the area was considered. It is probably best remembered for the 1984-ish Club Champs when I would have beaten John Hurley had my glasses not fallen off into a depression and I had to spend the next five minutes blindly hunting for them.

(Excuse me, I had to break off just then to chase two pigs out of the back garden).

Lea Wood was put on the market earlier this year following the death of the owner, Mrs Bowmer, and purchased by a group of local residents with the intention of passing the wood onto the ownership of the Woodland Trust, the UK's largest conservation charity protecting and restoring broadleaf woodland. The Woodland Trust are now appealing for £15000 to match a Heritage lottery Fund bid. A significant part of the £15000 has already been pledged by local people.

Thus it was that it has been proposed that DVO should put some of its collective

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PERMANENT COURSE UPDATE

Then there were 7. Yes two new permanent orienteering courses have been added to make 7 in total. The new courses are at Darley Park and Chaddesden Park in Derby. The new map of Darley Park includes both sides of the river between the toll bridge in Darley Abbey and the old railway bridge at Chester Green. Some of you will have seen the new map at the Summer League event this year. I look forward to the first event there with a route choice of swimming the river or running a long way around to use one of the bridges ! This permanent course is intended for general public use and map packs should already be on sale at the Ranger's office at the Chester Green entrance and possibly also at the cafe at the Darley Abbey entrance.

The course at Chaddesden Park is intended as a resource for local schools to use since it is a much smaller and simpler area and the maps for that are likely to be only available from Derby City Leisure Services or myself. The setting up of these courses as well as a refurbishment of the Allestree Park course has been funded largely by Derby City Council as a result of a grant from the Sports Council.

The total list of permanent courses now reads like this:
Allestree Park, Darley Parks, Chaddesden Park and Sinfin Moor Park in Derby.
Elvaston Castle Country Park south east of Derby.
Shipley Country Park at Heanor
Black Rocks, between Cromford and Wirksworth.

Obviously the courses are very different in nature with Black Rocks being by far the most challenging. Allestree Park, Elvaston, Darley and Shipley are suitable for introducing friends and family to the sport. Maps packs are available from an appropriate sales point for these 5 areas. Sinfin Moor and Chaddesden Parks are intended for school and youth group use for introducing the sport to groups of beginners. Bulk copies of maps for all the courses are available from me, usually either with or without the controls being marked, at 25p each, though please think about it in good time. We are constantly surprised by people who need them for tomorrow but expect us to trust them to pay next week. If you need information or have any problem with any of the courses please contact me.

All this leads me to a further point. These courses bring in a modest income for the club, but they all require a certain amount of maintenance. I am looking for an assistant to take over some of the work, or to pursue further areas.

Mike Godfree 01332 515862

FIXTURES

October

- 25th EM NOC Night Event, Bestwood Nottingham (SK 565470)
Eric Gebbett (0115-914-1458)
- 26th EM NOC Colour Coded Event, Bestwood, Nottingham (SK 565470)
Paul Billam, 103 Repton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (0115-923-1172)
East Midlands Schools Champs & Regional Heat of Junior Inter Club Competition.

November

- 2nd WM HOC Badge Event, Malvern Hills (SO/742375)
Organiser Rollo Rumford (01905-726967).
Entries to:- Safestart (HOC), 22 The Willows, Gwent, NP5 2HB.
CD was 12/10. Late entries + limited EOD £6.50/3.50. Cheques payable to HOC
- 9th WM WCH CC Event, Fair Oak & Brindley, Rugeley (SK 018173)
Graham Reynolds (01785-663834)
- 16th NW MDOC Hope Woodlands, 20 km west of Sheffield (SK 165875)
Closed event for DVO and MDOC members only. For details see elsewhere in
Newstrack. Organiser:- Nick Maxwell (MDOC) 0161- 6337391
- 16th EM LEI Score Event, Benscliffe (not yet registered) Thelma Spalton (0116-275-1255)
- 22nd EM NOC Night Event, Thieves Wood, Mansfield (SK 545575)
Steve Wright (0115-931-3592)
- 23rd EM NOC CC Event, Thieves Wood, Mansfield (SK 545575)
Dave Booker (01623-442850) *East Midlands Galloping Event*
National Final of Junior Inter-Club Competition
- 23rd YH SHUOC Colour Coded Event, Rivelin, Sheffield (SK 282862)
Monika Cooper (0114-236-6822)
- 29th EM LOG Night Event, Stapleford Woods, Newark (SK 860565)
Ian Durrant (01522-532245)
- 30th EM LOG Colour Coded Event, Stapleford Woods, Newark (SK 860565)
Ian Durrant (01522-532245). *East Midlands Galloping Event*

Derwent Valley Orienteers

Annual General Meeting 24.9.97
Belper Leisure Centre

Present: Helen Finlayson, Mary Finlayson, Judy Buckley, Terry Peach, Paul Wright, David McGivern, Gill Harrington, Steve Buckley, Viv Macdonald, Robert Shooter, Liz Godfree, Sal Chaffey, Val Johnson, Mike Gardner, Michelle Mackervoy, John Hawkins, John Hopper, Steve Kimberley, Mike Godfree, Sue Russell (Chair), Andy Mackervoy, Brian Denness, Dave Chaffey, Tony Seaston.

1) Apologies: Ann-Marie Priston, Jayne Malley, Debbie Wilkinson, Ranald Macdonald, Graham Johnson, John Duckworth, Dave Brodie, John Hurley, Neil Forest, Kim Buxton, Christina Wright.

2) Approval of Minutes

3)

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved as a true record.
Proposed - Steve Buckley
Seconded - Paul Wright

3) Chairperson's Report

Thanks to all those who support the club through working on the committee.

Thanks also to everyone who has helped at events over the past year, but especially to those who have taken leading roles.

Special thanks to all who were involved in BOF '97, particularly the planners on Day 1, the organisers and to John Hurley for all his hard work.

Congratulations to Kim Buckley on running for her country in the World Championships and to Al Buckley for making it through to the selection events.

DVO has organised many successful events over the year, but to guard against complacency, we need to ensure that planners and organisers notes are prepared and that controllers maintain their vital role of overseeing all aspects of the event.

4) Secretary's Report

Membership

BOF units		129
comprising -	Family	54
	Seniors	67
	Juniors	5
	Groups	3
Local		23
comprising -	Adults	30
	Children	12

There was discussion of the reasons for a 20% reduction in membership. It was noted that local membership remains the same while BOF membership has dropped. Should there be a club membership drive? No; it was agreed that we are just about managing to fulfil requirements for events. There remains a question as to how we can involve more people to support the usual nucleus of helpers.

Can BOF supply us with a more detailed breakdown of membership?
Sue to check. Action S.R.

5) Treasurer's Report

This was presented by John Hopper who responded to questions from the floor. The accounts have not yet been audited since the auditor is on holiday.

Proposed Tony Seaston

Seconded Mike Godfree

6) Election of Officers

Position	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
Chairperson	Sue Russell	Mike Godfree	Viv Macdonald
Vice Chairperson	Ranald Macdonald	Tony Seaston	Mike Gardner
Secretary	Jane Malley	Steve Buckley	John Hopper
Treasurer	Debbie Wilkinson	Sue Russell	John Hopper
Captain	Committee to co-opt		
Committee Member	Dave Chaffey	Mike Gardner	Mike Godfree
Fixtures S/C Chair	Tony Seaston	Paul Wright	Mike Godfree
Fixtures S/C Member	Ranald Macdonald	Tony Seaston	Sue Russell

7) Presentation of Appointed Officers

Social Secretary	Val Johnson
Equipment Officer	Andy Mackervoy
Newsletter Editor	Graham Johnson
Minutes Secretary	Brian Denness
EMOA Representative	?
Coaching Co-ordinator	Ann-Marie Priston
Mapping Co-ordinator	Mike Godfree
Permanent Course Manager	Andy Mackervoy
DVO Diarist	Brian Denness
Publicity Officer	Steve Kimberley

8) Budget

It was proposed that the entry fee for colour coded events should be raised to £2.50 for seniors and £6 for families. The first rise in fees since 1991, this will help to offset losses that have accrued over the past two years. A debate about the necessity of increasing the fees culminated in a near unanimous vote in favour of the proposal.

9) Any Other Business

i) Lea Wood A proposal was made that DVO donate £3000 in support of the Woodland Trust's £15,000 bid to purchase Lea Wood, on the understanding that the club would have free access over a ten year period for the following purposes:-

a) the production of orienteering maps by DVO members or persons acting on their behalf

- b) orienteering training under the auspices of DVO, provided reasonable notice is given to the offices of the Woodland Trust
- c) open orienteering competitions organised by the DVO on a frequency of approximately once a year

There followed an extensive debate which culminated in a number of votes. It was agreed that:-

- a) DVO will make a no-strings donation to the Woodland Trust in the region of £50 - £100
- b) DVO will offer a donation of £1500 for a minimum of 10 years access and if possible permanent access
- c) access will be for training events, club events and an annual o/c event, and will be spread throughout the year with a 30 week minimum
- d) DVO will not support the offer with a commitment to work on the area, but would be willing to put effort into helping to keep the woods suitable for orienteering

It was agreed that negotiations would continue with the Woodland Trust on the basis of the above decisions.

ii) Split Starts Paul Wright pointed out that a good system of split starts had been used at the White Rose which utilises blank cards with a time window that is filled in by the starter. It was agreed that this should be tried out and Mike Godfree offered to utilise the system at Shining Cliff.

iii) Invitation Event MDOC Have invited DVO to a closed event at Hope Woodlands. Short, medium and long courses will be prepared for Sunday 17th November. It is hoped that the club can muster at least 50 people for whom a bus could be provided if there was enough interest.

iv) Summer League Diminishing support has led to calls for change. Ideas have been requested through Newstrack and both the Committee and the Fixtures Sub-committee have addressed the issue. It has been proposed that the events should be straight orienteering, perhaps with some coaching, and that scoring should be handicapped. This would encourage new members rather than meet the needs of the experienced runners. It was agreed to try the new format in 1998.

Meeting Closed at 22:56

December

- 6th EM DVO Night Event, Drum Hill, 6 km North of Derby
Signed from B6179 in Little Eaton at map ref SK 365418
Christina Wright (01773-856387)
- 7th EM DVO Colour Coded Event, Eckington Park, 10km NE of Chesterfield (SK415793)
Steve Kimberley (01246-233575)
- 7th WM WCH Colour Coded, Sherbrook East, Stafford (SJ 995210)
P.Green & B.Heathcote (01889-882436)
- 14th YH AIRE CC Black Carr & Park Wood, Bradford (SE 218305)
Ken Patterson (0113-294-8488)

January 1998

- 1st EM DVO Score Event, Ashbourne & Bradley Woods, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
Car parking at Ashbourne Recreational Park (SK 183468). 60 minute score event.
Start at 11.00 am. Organiser:- Stuart Swafwell (01335-300092)

The above list shows the more local events. For a more comprehensive list see EMEWS or Compass Sport. If you are uncertain of whether an event will be on, check with the organiser stated. The writer cannot accept responsibility for wasted journeys!

Tony Scaston

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IMPORTANT PERMANENT COURSE UPDATE

Black Rocks Permanent Course. Because part of the land between Intake Lane and the incline has been sold by the Forestry Commission posts 12, 13 and 14 have been removed. If you use the course please do not enter that area in order to search for the posts, you will only make an unfortunate situation worse (and you may end up being shot as vermin!). If you know of anybody else who uses the area please let them know. As soon as I have agreed new locations for the posts with the Forestry Commission and the County Council the posts will be replaced in new positions and updated maps will be available.

Mike Godfree 01332 515862



Hope Woodlands 16th November 1997

Closed event MDOC v DVO

Reason for event

MDOC has for some years been trying to gain access again to Hope Woodlands and Hagg Side and have been in discussions with Severn Trent Water and the Upper Derwent Valley User's Association. As a first step it was agreed that we would put on a small event at Hope Woodlands with a view to then remapping the area and holding a badge event. It is important therefore that we are careful with parking and our use of the area and I would ask all competitors to act responsibly. If we get it wrong for this size of event it will put us back to square one.

Car Parking

Car parking is at the Glossop end of Ladybower reservoir along a track off the A57. It will hold a maximum of 50 cars and although not an official car parking area, some spaces may be taken by walkers. Please share cars and come early: there are many nearby parking areas on the way to the event which could be used as meeting points. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be a convenient fall back car park if this one becomes full. We may be able to offer/co-ordinate a ferrying service from the turning point (see below). Please be prepared to stop at the turning point car park on your way to the event to assist (look out for signs). It would not be a good idea for people to walk from the turning point as it involves walking along the road: there is no path by the reservoir there.

Access is tricky from the Glossop direction as it would involve turning right off the road after a sharp bend. For this reason those approaching from Glossop will be directed further east along the A57 about 1.5 miles to turn round at a large public parking area. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TURN RIGHT IF APPROACHING FROM GLOSSOP.**

Access is via a narrow track which should be negotiated slowly to avoid ground obstacles.

Toilets

There will be a primitive portaloo for emergencies but otherwise competitors are asked to make use of public loos before arrival. There are loos by the main road on the Bamford side of Ladybower or at the visitor centre at the southern end of the Derwent reservoir. The reservoir adjacent to the area and car park is of course used for drinking water.

Courses

There will be 3 courses on the day, broadly orange, green, blue/brown. We have not put on shorter courses as many juniors will be at the British School Championships: apologies to all families this may affect. Mike Garvin is the planner.

Registration/Starts

Registration will be from 9.45 am with starts broadly from around 10.30am to 11.30am. Entry fees will be £2/£1

Competition

The competition will be flexible! You can enter any course you want and provided there is a competitor from the competing club in the same age class who you can 'pair' yourself with in the results, you will count as a runner for your club: 6 points for the winner down to 1 point for 6th place. Every counter for a club has to be 'paired' with a person from the competing club to count, for example, if on the long course there were 3 M60's from MDOC and 2 from DVO only 2 M60's from MDOC could count. There may be a tactic on which course to enter here but I have not worked it out.

Enquiries

Any enquiries contact Nicholas Maxwell (Organiser) 0161 633 7391

largesse, over £7000 in the bank, to some constructive purpose. As will be seen from the A.G.M. Minutes the club has decided to enter negotiations with the Woodland Trust with a view to donating £1500 on top of a straight donation of £50-100 in return for access for events of a competitive and training nature.

Also as a result of the A.G.M., there is to be a change in the format of the Summer League so that the emphasis is to be more on coaching and training, and an increase in DVO event fees to £2.50 for seniors and £6.00 for families, juniors staying the same.

(This article, like my orienteering, keeps diving into the undergrowth in search of a more interesting route, but how did Southdowns Orienteers manage to make a £1143 loss on a badge event which attracted about 500 people as reported in the last CompsSport? They're having to put their membership fees up by up to 300% as a result. If DVO put its membership up fees up by £300% it would still cost you nothing to join).

After what I feel has been a lacklustre Autumn so far as events have been concerned, there's a rush of activity at the end of the year - with a new area at Eckington Park on 7th December, a night event at Drum Hill the evening before and a rare opportunity to use Hope Woodland, an MDOC area next to Ladybower not used for some time. This last event is invitation-only i.e. DVO and MDOC, and DVO is organising an experimental coach trip which will pick up from the A6 from Derby northwards. Further details below. Everybody in DVO welcome. Please support this - Hope is badge standard, if a little, ulp, vertiginous.

(Apologies to Steve Buckley whose article on Lea Wood which missed a previous Newstrack has been shamelessly plagiarised for the purposes of this one).

DVO COACH TRIP TO HOPE WOODLANDS 16.9.97.

A coach has been booked for this event to help alleviate the car parking problems. It will leave Derby - probably the Buckley's, 253 Duffield Rd, unless someone has a better idea - at 8.00am and travel via the A6, through Chatsworth and on to the area. There will be a flat rate (subsidised) fare of £1 per person. We will leave for the return journey at approx 1.30pm

To book and arrange a pick-up point please ring Val (01773 824754).

Please try to use this service.

EMOA NIGHT LEAGUE 1997/8

The EMOA are proud to present a series of informal night fixtures constituting the night league. These events are open to all, but only EMOA members are eligible for the league.

The series culminates in the **MIDLAND NIGHT CHAMPS** on FEB 7th 1998

FIXTURES

Oct 25	Bestwood Park GR SK 565470.	Organiser:- Eric Gebbett. 01159 141458
Nov 22	Thieves Wood GR SK 545575.	Organiser:- Steve Wright. 01159 313592
Nov 29	Stapleford GR SK 860565.	Organiser:- Ian Durrant. 01522 532245
Dec 06	Drum Hill GR SK 365418.	Organiser:- Christina Wright. 01773 856387
Jan 10 1998	Blidworth GR SK 590520.	Organiser:- Ian Ward. 01159-676355
Jan 17	Burrough GR	Organiser:-
Jan 24	Calke Park GR SK 356240.	Organiser:- Andy Mackervoy. 01332 557892
Feb 07	Sherwood Pines GR SK 612645.	Midland Night Champs Organiser:- Richard Torr 01159 664771
Feb 28	Burbage GR	Organiser:-
Mar 14	Byron Walk GR	Organiser:-

Rules:-

There will be four leagues

**Men - Long; Men - Medium.
Women - Long; Women - Medium.**

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each league. They are open to all members of an EMOA affiliated club.

Points will be awarded using the following formula:- Your time x 100

Time of Top EM runner in class

The best three scores to count. No other handicap system to be used.

There will be short easy courses at each event, but there will be no league.