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Day 1 MOD Stafford



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Day 2 Brereton Spurs



Day 4 Beaudesert Park, Women's Short Relay 1<sup>st</sup> leg



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Day 3 Beaudesert



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### New Members

Welcome to our new members Geoff and Kate Ball plus children Robin, Nick, Sophia and Tom; Jennamari and Andy Terava; Jennifer Scotney; Andy, Lucy and Tilly Shearing; plus Sara Beetham and Harry and Charlie Beetham Grainger. Good to have you in the Club!

### Next issue

Thanks everyone for sending in items of interest from near and far (and helping us to the 2017 kite on the front cover)!

The next NT will be available at the Stanton Moor East Midlands League event on June 17th, making the copy date **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. A pleasant spring of orienteering, when it finally arrives!

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### Future Open meetings

The Open meeting in April will have discussed future Open meetings. It is likely that there will be no Open meeting in July, and future Open meetings may vary the time and/or day of the meeting, or even the venue, to see how this might suit members. The decisions, and dates, will be published on website, and in the next Newstrack.

## DVO 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Competition

This year, EMOA reaches its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be marked at the East Midlands Championships at the Dukeries on December 16th. LEI's Ernie Williams designed this logo for the occasion.

DVO's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up in early 2019, and the challenge is to design an anniversary logo, based on the existing DVO logo in some way.

Submissions to Andy Hawkins by the end of September please, and we'll announce or vote on the winner at the Awards Ceremony in the autumn. Good Luck!

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## Plans for the Celebrations

DVO is 50 in 2019! To celebrate this, we are planning a number of events, as well as introducing some additional items to the DVO wardrobe. We currently have a working party of four but would welcome some more volunteers. Please contact one of us for more details. The more of you who offer some help and ideas, the more fun we will have and the more successful our anniversary year will be.

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## Cardiac Screening Sessions for 14–35 year olds

The Club was contacted by Elaine Ward, county representative for the national charity Cardiac Risk in the Young, or CRY. Elaine became involved with the charity after her son Neil died from an undiagnosed heart condition in 1992. He was just 17. The dates for the screenings funded by the Neil Ward Memorial Fund for 2018 are:

Sat 14th July – Gosforth Playing Fields, Dronfield Woodhouse

Sun 15th July – Swanwick School and Sports College near Alfreton

Sat 4th August – Long Eaton Rugby Club

Sun 5th August – Abbeydale Sports Club, Sheffield

The sessions are for 14 to 35 year olds, and are free of charge. Any fundraising events gladly received as each screening day costs £3500.

See <https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/> for more details or to book a session.

**Elaine Ward**, CRY fundraiser and County representative for Derbyshire

## Yvette Baker Trophy

**BIG NEWS ... DVO Juniors are in the FINAL of the Yvette Baker Trophy 2018!**

The YBT is the inter-club competition for Juniors in English and Welsh Clubs. It might have looked like DVO came third at the Cademan event (LEI 25th February 2018) but in fact we came second! Due to LEI and OD coming from two different regions and scoring the same, and LEI being at the YBT Final last year, we also get a chance to run this year. Well done DVO Juniors!

So we are off to **Arrow Valley Country Park (Redditch) on Sunday 1st July.**

The same rules apply – enjoy the competition because you run the course that fits your orienteering ability. The last time we ran in the Finals in 2016, it turned out to be a fun day out in the sun!



**Ann-Marie Duckworth** [jasrduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:jasrduckworth@btinternet.com)

## Trip to Chesterfield Bowl, May 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Come bowling for a mud-free social on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May!

£13 per adult for 2 games, or £10 for 15s and under, and 60s and over. Stay on for a drink and chat afterwards.

Names to Anne Cunningham please, by May 5<sup>th</sup> [annecunningham15@googlemail.com](mailto:annecunningham15@googlemail.com)



## Double victory for Jake at JK 2018!



Congratulations to Jake on his win at the JK Sprint at MOD Stafford (opposite)! He also bagged the Trophy for the combined Days 2 and 3 (Middle distance race at Brereton Spurs and Long at Beaudesert), 9 minutes ahead of his rival!

Other top three placings in the overall competition include **Andy Sykes** (2nd in M50S), **Andis Ozols** (3rd in M35S), **Grace Pennell** (3rd in W18S), **Emily Powell** (3rd in W35S) and **Claire Selby** (3rd in W45S).



## Photography for publicity and Newstrack

The club now has a Photography Policy, part of the Safeguarding measures we have taken. It can be found in full on the website, currently under Members (but may be moved soon). **Any member** may be the one to spot some photography activity going on that they are not comfortable with, and should know how they can, and (in certain circumstances) should react. **Organisers** have some responsibilities, and some powers under this policy. Some **Parents** may have particular reasons why their children should not be photographed, and the Policy clarifies all these issues.

A summary of the contents:

- We cannot stop anyone taking photos or videos on publicly-accessible land, which includes public footpaths through privately-owned land.
- In general, we should welcome the good that photos or videos can do for our Club and for the sport of Orienteering.
- Photos and videos may be displayed in varied forums, including the Internet.
- As before, the general rule is, when publishing, to avoid the identification by name of Juniors or of vulnerable adults on photos. Names only, or photo only, is acceptable/safest.
- There must be an insert on photography (one of two possible) in **Fliers** and **Final details**.

Andy Hawkins, DVO Chair



Club Captain's Corner

### CompassSport Cup – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

As is generally known, especially by those who took part, it was 'Mission Accomplished' at the CompassSport Cup tie at Canklow when DVO made it through to the Final, seeing off the challenge of CLOK on 12<sup>th</sup> March and coming within a whisker (a mere 20 points) of upsetting the odds and turfing SYO out of the competition.

That is the bare statement of fact, but it really does not do justice to the day and to DVO's effort.

By my reckoning, this is the first time that DVO has made the Final for two years running in 30 years! You have to go back to 1987 and 1988 when this feat was last achieved, and we only made it to the Final at all twice between 1989 and 2012.

However, for me, this achievement is dwarfed by the sheer numbers of DVO members who answered the club's call and competed at Canklow, 69 of you in total. I wonder whether that in itself is a DVO record for a CSC tie, if not for any event. I doubt whether we'll ever find out since no-one has the time or the inclination to find out (or have they?!).



We call ourselves a club, but it often feels that this is a matter of convenience; orienteering is essentially an individual sport and it's rare that we actually compete as a club, maybe two or three times a year in relays. If the often-maligned CompassSport Cup achieves anything, it is to provide the one occasion (two occasions for DVO!) when every member competes not primarily for themselves but as part of a communal whole. The club photograph below of 40 happy members on this occasion exemplifies this.



As on previous occasions, the secret of DVO's success lay in two areas.

Firstly – and this is where bums on seats, or, more politely and accurately, fingers in dibbers, comes in to play – we crowded out the opposition by sheer over-population of certain classes. DVO supplied 45% of the runners on the Short Green Vets Cup course, and 52% on the Green Men Cup course, where DVO orienteers filled 9 of the top 20 places (shame the rules only allow four to count).

The other area where DVO scored well was, contradictorily, the smaller classes at the junior end of the scale where DVO members made their modest presence count: first and second on Short Green Juniors Women, first on Orange Men. We have become used to reliable contributions from the Duckworth and O'Donnell families but a less likely source of points was to be found in Brown Men where (and I'm sure he won't mind me mentioning this) Andis Ozols, normally found inhabiting the Green course, stepped up to the mark and registered a 9<sup>th</sup> place and 95 points on Brown.

There were other similar success stories to be found in perhaps less likely places (and I apologise for not mentioning more), but the message for me is that if we are to reproduce the success of a fourth place at the Final this year (realistically, this is the height of our ambitions, against BOK, FVO and SYO), we need to field a similarly strong team in October, and I need to wrinkle out some more candidates for these lesser (in numerical terms) classes. It is still a matter of regret, if not shame, that we could not supply a single Orange Woman. So if you can think of any candidate for these and other classes before the autumn, please let me know.

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 is the Final date.** Please mark it in your diaries now, and tell Aunt Agatha that you'll be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday the following weekend.

## JK Relays – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

The proximity of Beaudesert enabled DVO to field thirteen teams this year, more than for some time. Unfortunately, I can't report similar Compass Sport Cup success for our relayers; the closest any of them came to the winners' podium was when they ran past it on the run-in. A sixth place was the best effort by our Short Women's team, which is actually even more creditable than it sounds because we have arrived at the point when even our Women juniors are too old for a junior relay class, and the trusty combo of Duckworth, Duckworth and Pennell (conveyancing at competitive rates) now qualifies only for the adult classes.

DVO's motley relay teams included a troupe of virgin unicyclists (the 'virgin' adjective applying to their previous relaying experience – I have no idea what unicycling does for your sex life). The intricacies of relay exchanges can defeat even the most experienced of orienteers so I can only imagine what Messrs Prince, Young and Hartland made of it all. Perhaps we should have explained some of the rituals to them beforehand, particularly the concept of a mini-mass start, and that it's not a good idea to go off for a coffee shortly beforehand.

I thought the relay area was a cut above that part of Beaudesert reserved for the so-called Classic long even if the Sunday, but for most of us, the relays will endure in the memory for non-orienteering reasons as overnight rain and the assistance of thousands of INOV8's helped churn the Assembly into a mud soup of Glastonbury proportions.

(The Editor adds: being greeted with the words "welcome back" at Download just about summed up the day. Graham's chocolate-themed team names were enjoyed by all, as were the tub of Celebrations in the saggy DVO tent, which had suffered partial collapse from the weight of the overnight snow.)



**British Relays – Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May** As a result of a cycling holiday in France, I've sub-contracted the organisation of these teams to the capable hands of Mike Godfree (thanks, Mike). I look forward to tales of triumph north of the border. Good luck to all.

**DVO Joins the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** I end with some very exciting news, well, exciting for me anyway (I don't get out as often as I used to, these days). Traditionally, the club captain has always collected relay and CSC fees in cash on the day. Traditionally, the club captain has been left with about a third of payments uncollected. Well, the job of collecting contributions is about to get easier as, after considerable time and effort spent by Roger Keeling, our inestimable Treasurer, Lloyds Bank is about to grant the captain his very own bank account into which all DVO debtors can pay their dues, enabling them to sleep easy at night, no longer wracked by the torment of indebtedness to their favourite orienteering club. Further details to be released once available. I can't wait.

**Graham Johnson, Club Captain**

## **Matlock Level D events – winter 2017/18**

Matlock O Club ran a Saturday afternoon series of winter level D series during 2017–18. Our venues were:

**Stones Island, Carsington** – courses were planned by Randal and used both the island and the land near the Visitor Centre to give some length. We had 22 adults and 12 juniors.

**Whitworth Park** – Sarah Duckworth planned the courses here (ably assisted by John) and it was great to see the thought she had put into them, with a Short, Medium and 30 minute Score. She also kindly did the results as it was a bit complicated for me on the mini-printer!

**Lea Green** – always a popular venue and we were nearly overwhelmed with the numbers - 26 adults and 38 juniors which included a Belper cub pack. Judith planned the courses, although couldn't be there on the day to see everyone enjoy them.

**Holmebrook Country Park** – the weather was grim but we still got the numbers – 37 juniors and 18 adults. This included the Chesterfield Scouts who used it for their annual competition. Jane had planned the urban at Holmebrook, so knew every nook and cranny and did excellent courses here.

**Oker Hill** – the afternoon was fine but the condition of the hill after the snow melt and the cows was very challenging. Andy Sykes planned the courses and a few people were deceived by the short lengths but quite a bit of hill climb and a lot of mud. The kids loved it and we spent some time washing the hire dibbers. 27 adults and 23 juniors.

My thanks as ever to everyone who helped plan, with starts and registration and control collecting and to all those who came along.

We are running the **Matlock Club Night on Wednesday evenings 6:30–8pm from 11 April to 16 May** and another series of Level D (Local) events in June and July (see back cover) – details on the DVO website. Offers of help are very welcome – especially if you are new to planning or organising.



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## Mary Finlayson

Mary moved back up to Tansley about 15 months ago for cancer treatment which gave her 4–5 months remission. She then spent time doing all the things she wanted to do – going to football matches, hot air balloon ride, steam train ride, canal boat trip, swimming with the dolphins, cycling, tai chi, walking netball ... the list goes on.

We were really pleased when she took up orienteering again, having done many years of it with Helen and Neil and her brother Ian. In the summer of 2017, she took part in the Matlock Summer Series of Level D events and was intrepid! Mary clambered over fallen trees in Bottom Moor, completed a tricky sprint course at Lea Green, fought off horseflies at Whitesprings, waded through deep mud on Oker Hill and, at the last event at the Whitworth Park, proudly picked up her certificate and badge to recognise all the controls she had visited that summer. Sometimes the conditions were awful but Mary never gave up. She even managed to complete two of the Scottish 6 Days. As her cancer returned she courageously kept as active as she could but sadly succumbed on 6 April.

With fondest memories from us all,  
Viv Macdonald on behalf of the Matlock group



**Looking for adventure this spring?  
and in Years 3-8?**

**Learn to Orienteer with  
Matlock O Club!**

**Every Wednesday, from 11<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30-8:00pm**

The first 2 sessions are at the Arc Leisure Centre, the next 2 are at Hall Leys, the 5<sup>th</sup> at Whitworth Park and the last one at Black Rocks.  
**1<sup>st</sup> session free**, after that 50p for children, £2 for adults. No unaccompanied children, but each adult attending may bring up to 3 children.

To find out more, please call Viv on 01629 734307 or [matlockO@btinternet.com](mailto:matlockO@btinternet.com) Matlock O Club are part of Derwent Valley Orienteers, so updates are on the DVO website: [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk) click the "Matlock Orienteers" tab.

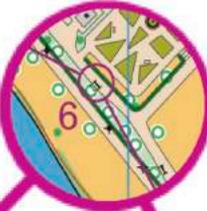
**Derwent Valley Orienteers**

**Matlock Orienteering Club**

**Get fit as a family!  
Gain confidence outdoors!  
Learn map & compass skills  
Come to one or more of the sessions**

**Find the checkpoints  
Work towards Explorer Awards  
Run a Relay with your friends!**

**25 BSOA CHALLENGE**  
**100 BSOA CHALLENGE**






## Report from Sprint Organiser Sally Calland

The Jan Kjellstorm International Festival of Orienteering is a four-day event taking place over Easter every year. This year, The Royal Signals Orienteering Club (RSOC) agreed to host day one of the Jan Kjellstorm International Festival of Orienteering on MOD Stafford headed up by Maj Sally Calland. RSOC members volunteered their time to marshal and help on the day as well as run in the race.

This was a World Ranking Event, which meant elite athletes from around the world flocked to race on the newly mapped Beacon Barracks. The race was fast and furious and lasted about 10 mins for the quickest runners!

Over 2000 competitors flooded through the camp gates in over 2000 cars, many more than was first expected given its popularity. We ended up with about 20 spare car parking slots, close call!!

The gymnasium area was transformed to become the race arena and was full of traders and club tents from all over the UK.

The buzz in the arena was electric when I visited about 1200 and the event went without a hitch (well, less the small problem at the start, which was quickly fixed!!), extraordinary considering the amount of competitors. We also hosted the BOF AGM, painless really, all they needed was space of which we had plenty!

After 18 months of planning and preparation the event went extremely well, even the sun shone for most of the day despite hideous weather forecasts in the build up to the event!

To anyone thinking of organising a WRE event, go for it! I really enjoyed it, but made sure I had a fantastic team of volunteers, stayed calm at all times and just took that condor moment (M/W35s and under: it's on YouTube) when things went wrong! Use the 6 Ps – Prior Preparation and Planning Prevents Poor Performance!!

Photo is of me and Lt Col Sarah Streete, another volunteer, who presented all the prizes. She also informed me that I am now a qualified Level A organiser – I need a rest!!



## DVO says good-bye to Sally, who is off to Qatar

As some of you know, I left the Regular Army at the beginning of April after 23 years' Service. Whilst I loved my Army career I feel it is a young man's and women's game and was tired of living for the weekend away from my home.

For my resettlement I was offered an overseas work attachment by Woo Allen (Southern Navigator) working with the Female Qatari Armed Forces, teaching them basic military tactics. I was given the most enjoyable task of teaching map reading - what more could a girl want!

The Military College there is mapped for orienteering and so after basic map reading skills were taught, I tested them physically with O maps and of course, most of them loved it! I also planned several courses for the 100s of male students for one of their big Inter section competitions.

The course was a 3-month pilot, the first all-female course in Qatar, ground breaking really. It attracted ministerial attention and I was lucky enough to brief their Defence Minister about the course. I consider myself very lucky to be part of the history made and to have trained such amazing women, many of whom will go on to work alongside our Armed Forces as pilots and Engineers.



Doha by night



And now the bad news, well for DVO membership anyway! I have been offered a 3-year contract in Qatar starting in May time. As you can imagine I am overwhelmed, very excited and am trying to cram in as much O as possible! I have also taken up Stand Up Paddle boarding, which is worth a try (In a hot country!).

I suppose I will have to settle for orienteering in Hong Kong, S Africa and Australia for the next few years! I hope to compete at the Spanish 5 Days in August too. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with DVO so far, the club is thriving and a great little family I feel proud to be part of. I look forward to seeing you all out in the woods.

Sally Calland

Good luck Sally & thanks for your help & enthusiasm!

## 2017 – Review of DVO events

Dave Nevell

This time a year ago we were looking back at 2016 and observing that it was, in terms of number of events staged, probably the busiest year the club had ever seen. A year on and these sentiments can be repeated for 2017. Never before has DVO managed to put on as many as 37 events in a calendar year. This wholeheartedly reflects the effort that has gone into fostering grass-roots activity across different parts of the county. The Matlock Summer Series, the South Derbyshire Series, the National Trust Try-0 and the Derby Parks Challenge have all contributed significantly to this, and in doing so have managed to pull in very encouraging attendances; getting as many as 95 competitors at a single event in Darley Park is unprecedented, for example.

Using British Orienteering classification, the events came out as follows (2016 figures in brackets):

Level A (Major)	0	(0)
Level B (National)	1	(2)
Level C (Regional)	7	(6)
Level D (Local)	29	(24)

To put this into more context, DVO only staged 12 local events in 2015.

In all, 33 different areas were used. Whitworth Park was used three times, Ilam and Forty Acre Wood twice and all the rest once. There were a whole cluster of areas that in name at least, don't appear to have been used before. These were Thorpe Pastures, Ashbourne Town Park, Highfields School, Lea Green, Openwoodgate and Carsington Reservoir. At the other end of the spectrum, Allestree Park was used for the 66<sup>th</sup> time. There would have been one more event too if the EM Champs at Eyam Moor hadn't been postponed due to bad weather and pushed into 2018. The Thorpe Pastures event was slightly unusual as it was a Military League event organised by Sally Calland (a first of this type for DVO?). Other non-standard events included the two staged on World Orienteering Day (25<sup>th</sup> May) at Whitworth Park and Highfields School.

There were no particularly large events in 2017. The highest attendance was the 340 at Shining Cliff in January. The Matlock Summer Series event at Forty Acre Wood in June pulled in just 13 runners. In all the total attendance over the year was 4056, well up on the 2466 of 2016 and an average of almost 110 per event. The average number of competitors per event classified by event level was as follows:

Level B	340	(306)
Level C	247	(181)
Level D	68	(31)

This just emphasises the really successful turnouts the club has had at its smaller events. The larger (and more expensive!) events continue to show long term decline in attendances but local events (with a league element) are currently doing well.

Saturday and Wednesday were the most popular days for events. Just seven were held on a Sunday, less than half of those held on Saturday. There were no Tuesday or Thursday events but there was a Monday one (New Year's Day).

A year ago I mentioned that 631 DVO events had been identified and added to the register. After further research (now complete) that total has now risen to 913 (with over 111,000 attendees). At the current rate of progress it seems likely that the 1000<sup>th</sup> DVO event will fall in 2020. Watch this space.

## Dave Bennett boldly goes where no mapper has gone before...

In the middle of the Kedleston Park o-map there is a feature which no-one has ever seen. It's a large depression. Not even the mapper has seen it. And why has it never been seen? Because it's on an island! And how do I know that the mapper hadn't espied it from the shore, or from an aerial photo? Because it doesn't exist! I've now seen with my own eyes that it isn't there to be seen. At least not as mapped. What \*does\* exist on the island is a small pond. But it's not as large as the mapped depression. And it is full of water!

With thanks to the National Trust ranger Jon for taking us to the island on a volunteering task to cut back the brambles.



### Dovedale Dipper Help Needed!

Would anyone be willing to help tag or marshal the Dovedale Dipper on **Sunday 5th August**? Anyone helping would get a free run.

A day or two before the event it would involve setting out markers (red and white tape) along parts of the 26 mile route reporting back anything that is not right. The job can be done in sections with transport to and from Harrington Village Hall.

It would also be good to have sweeps on the day. There is also a free hot meal afterwards in Hartington Village Hall. The map is on the Dovedale Dipper website:

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=489537&ClubID=1318>

If you are interested, please could you contact: [terryfox1@me.com](mailto:terryfox1@me.com) or 07785 574 846.

Thanks, Terry Fox

# WSC

When Sunday Comes

(Except when it's Saturday or Wednesday)

RDO – Real Derbyshire Orienteers. Fanzine No 26

Just 'cause we said it, don't mean that we meant it

## JK results were rigged

~~It's an actual fact~~ Rumour has it (page 4)

~~It was the R\*\*\*\*\*s~~ Someone did it but we're not sure who (Page 7)

~~These sensational photos prove it~~ Sensational photos that sensationally prove it are sensationally stolen (92-96)

Other news: "JK results were rigged" headline was rigged (page 221b).

""JK results were rigged" headline was rigged" headline was rigged.....

### Cancellation of Linacre

We refer the right honourable members to the answer we gave in the previous issue of WSC.

### Qualification to RumpassSport Cup Final

We refer the right honourable members to the answer we have given in numerous previous issues of WSC.

### Winning stuff at the JK

We'll make an allowance for younger juniors. Just this once mind (we'll have a word with his Dad).

### Riots sweep North East Derbyshire

Civil disobedience has continued overnight as a result of BOO's recent announcement that next year's membership cards will be purple and printed in France. The main trouble hotspot has again been North Wingfield where several disaffected orienteers rampaged through the streets stamping on daffodils and knocking over milk bottles. In Dronfield Woodhouse somebody set light to a copy of the BOO eNews. "If the perpetrator of this heinous crime is identified" raged incandescent BOO spokesman Eric Slowly (who asked to remain anonymous), "they will be on the naughty step for a very, very long time. And then some! These membership cards require precision craftsmanship that has unfortunately died out in the upper Erewash valley".

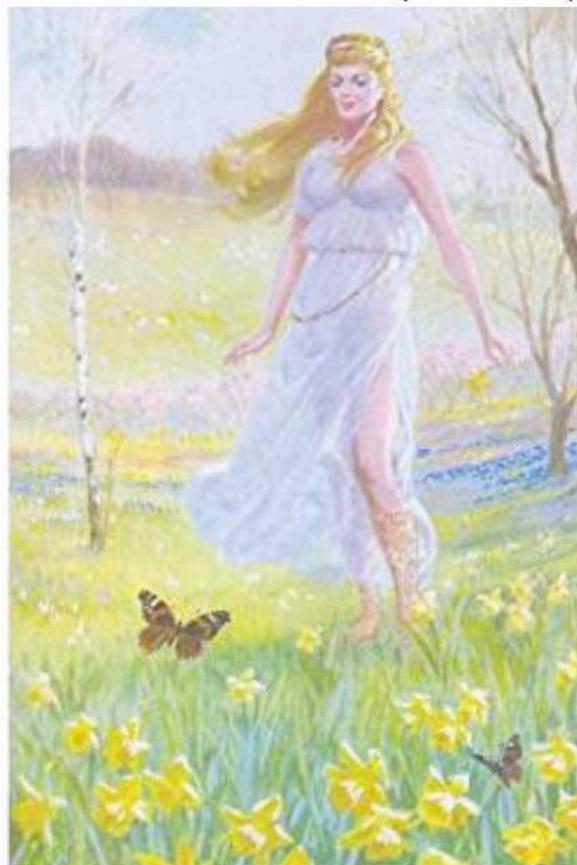
### RDO member wins prestigious award

Eric Bale is BOO Car-Parker of the Year 2017. He took top spot with special commendation for his highly original reverse herring bone with pike design used at Cromford Rocks. "I'm over the moon" chortled Eric "Mind you I thought I was a goner when that coach turned up last thing. Luckily it was the Ilam Adele fan club day trip gone astray. How we laughed."

### Your questions answered

R\*x asks "Is an early sighting of the Naked Orienteer on February 12<sup>th</sup> an indication of a good summer?" Well R\*x, are you some kind of a... (cont page 2)

### The Orienteer – How It works (continued....)



There are many jobs in an orienteering club.

Chairman, secretary, treasurer, captain.

Organiser, planner, controller, downloader, car-parker.

Nobody can remember the exact circumstances in which Sandra was appointed to her current role. Or indeed exactly what that role is.

But everyone agrees that she is very good at it.

From the casebook of reporter extraordinaire Miles Piles, WSC is proud to present ....

### **The Mystery of Cromford Rocks – Part six**

*The story so far: Belper Thunderer's top reporter Miles Piles is undercover at CLOT HQ posing as a health and safety officer and has just learnt that evil chutney magnate Sir Branston Smalls and Kevin the three-toed Hungarian boll weevil are plotting to wreak destruction on Cromford Rocks in order to obtain the land for a pickle factory. A hoard of disease-carrying weevils is about to descend upon Derbyshire's finest orienteering area but has Piles' disguise been rumbled? To find out I'm afraid you will have to read on...*

It went deathly quiet. Everyone turned to look at me. I froze. Smalls spoke again. "I do know you, don't I?" he barked. I caught puppet BOO chairman Bob McNut's eye. He definitely knew who I was but thankfully it looked like he had decided it was best not to do me in. I stepped forward to Smalls holding out my hand. "Pleased to meet you again sir," I bluffed. "Archibald Gibbons, East Midlands Hygiene. We bumped into each other on an occasion when I was inspecting the piccalilli line at Peak Pickles a couple of years back." It went quiet again. I cursed under my breath for choosing such a ridiculous name. He looked confused for a moment but quickly snapped out of it, waving my hand away. "Gibson, yes. I never forget a name or a face. Anyway, we're wasting time here. What the heck are you still doing here weevil" (this directed at Kevin), "You need to get your six legs and eighteen toes off to Cromford Rocks pronto to organise the troops. And you McNab," (looking at McNut), "are going to have a little sit down with me while we sort out your next BOO eNews. It's about time we announced Peak Pickles as major new 'sponsors' of orienteering, don't you think...?"

The group dispersed. It looked like I had got away with it. Ideally I'd have liked to have tracked Kevin but I knew where he was headed and I already had a man on the ground there, my young assistant, Robin Wood. I needed to phone him and fast. My mobile had been switched off during my stealthy operations and I had no idea what he was up to. I departed by the front door this time. It was early evening and dusk was already gathering. As soon as I was clear of the premises I rang Robin. He answered sounding a little flustered. I quickly established that he was stationed at a discrete point in the forest that had good views along several major paths. "Good", I said. "You better keep your eyes and ears open because you're going to have a few visitors tonight." I explained what I had uncovered. "They'll be coming in under cover of darkness by the sounds of it. You need to listen carefully if you can't see anything. They'll be a lot of munching going on, mainly on the larch. Find out where they are and let me know. I'll be over in a bit. Think you can handle it?" There was a pause then what sounded like a stifled giggle. It wasn't Robin's voice. The penny dropped. "Oh no, you've got company haven't you?" I groaned. "It's Alice, isn't it?" Alice Treepark was Robin's latest flame. It had been difficult to separate them recently and I wasn't sure if it hadn't been distracting Robin from his job. "We can't have a woman there, it could be dangerous!" There was what sounded like a snort and a lot of rustling. Then the phone sprang back into life. It wasn't Robin this time. "Hello, Mr Piles. I heard that. I'm not scared of anything I'll have you know. Robin's going to need some help and I'm here to help him. If truth be told, he's frightened of the dark so if you want your story, you need my help. So there. Let's go get those weevils!"

If truth be told, I was taken aback. I had pictured Alice (who I had never met) as a docile creature, nothing like the feisty bundle of energy resonating in my ear. I was lost for words and as a result didn't use any at all. The phone went dead. What next? I rather suspected if I got the police involved at this point we might end up arresting a few weevils with zero chance of linking it all back to Smalls. It would at least save the forest for the time being but I wanted more. I wanted the really big story and it was clouding my judgement. I reached the car, situated out of sight from the CLOT HQ and sat wondering. As I did so a large limo shot past. It was Smalls. Without really thinking I fired up the ignition and gunned it down the road in pursuit. I had no idea quite what I was doing but perhaps if I followed him things might fall into place. He didn't seem to be heading to Cromford Rocks. In fact he was heading in the opposite direction, a direction that increasingly included Carsington Moor as a possibility. I had a very uneasy feeling. It was dark now, but there was a strange glow on the horizon in the direction we were travelling. The phone rang. I didn't recognise the number. It was Alice. She was breathless but composed. "Mr Piles, the weevils are here. We didn't see them until was too late. They've taken Robin but I got away. I'm stalking them to see where they take him. I'm not scared. I've not had so much excitement in ages. I'll keep in touch." Before I had a chance to reply the phone went dead and we turned the corner. The view took my breath away. The horizon was full of flames. Carsington Moor was burning! **More next time**

## A History of DVO, Part 2 (1968–76): Learning to Walk, Learning to Run

*In the March 2014 Newstrack I traced the origins of DVO from the very start of the sport, through the early years of British orienteering up to late 1968. Part 2 takes us through foundation and the first few years of the club's existence, set into the wider context of what was happening to the sport in general.*

By the late 1960s the rate of foundation of orienteering clubs in Britain had risen from a trickle to a torrent. Derwent Valley Orienteers (or Derbyshire Dashers if history had been just a little bit different) represented part of that trend and in doing so, entered the sport at a time when seeds of significant change were being sown. The first revolution of British orienteering was about to take place; this was in the area of mapping standards. Arguably its culmination was in 1976 when Great Britain staged the World Championships for the first time with a quality of maps hitherto unseen in this country and which undoubtedly set the standard for what followed, not least the first Scottish 6-Day event in the following year. Domestic orienteering would be completely transformed in the early 1970s, rather like it had been in Scandinavia a quarter of a century before. All fledgling clubs would have to deal with this rapid change and as we shall see, DVO was perhaps better equipped than most to deal with it. But we are getting ahead of ourselves...

There is a curious ante-natal element to the birth of DVO in January 1969 because November 16th, 1968 saw the staging of an event that is clearly “Event Zero” as far as a Derbyshire-based club is concerned. This was organised jointly by newly founded NOC and a body calling itself Derwent Valley Orienteering Club (DVOC) even though no such club appeared to have been formed at that point. Only two of the 96 competitors ran under the name of DVOC namely, Jenny Tennant (winner, Senior Ladies) and debutant John Hurley (6<sup>th</sup>, Novices). It was held at Shining Cliff although this was, according to the pre-race details, not the originally intended venue. With sunset at 16:45 and with challenging courses on an inadequate map (a O.S. 1:25000 photocopy that failed to properly replicate blue), it seems extraordinary that the first start times were originally planned to be at 13:30. Even with them pulled forward to 13:00 by the “course setter”, many runners must have finished in dim conditions with times across most courses stretching out towards three hours. The event however, was reported to have gone well although there were many retirements and disqualifications for mis-punching, something noted in the post-race comments. For the record, the Senior Men’s course was won by K. Kjemhus, a Norwegian running for Halesowen and District OC (shortly to be merged with Harlequins) who had finished runner up to Gordon Pirie in the inaugural British Championships of 1967<sup>1</sup>.

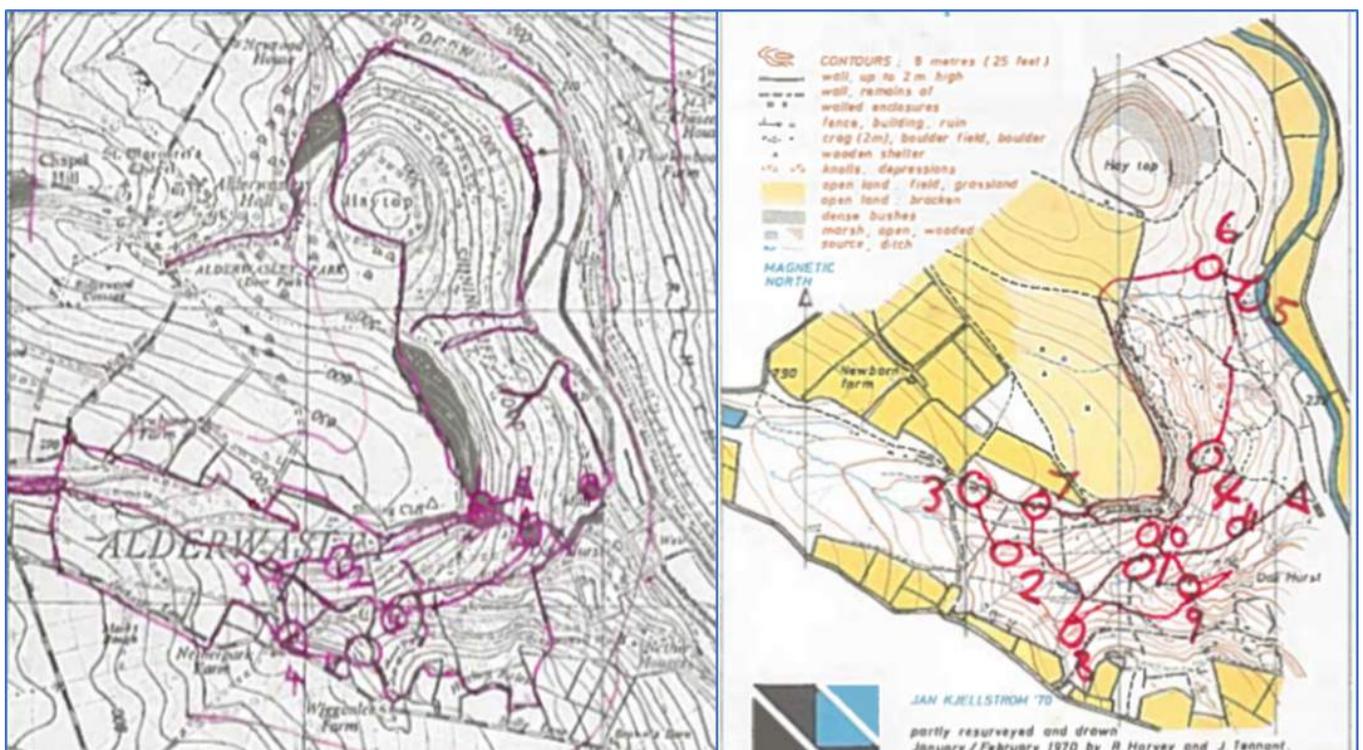
One of the joint planner/organisers for that event was John Clarke, a local teacher. It was John who sent out invitations in mid-January 1969 to people interested in attending a meeting to formally set up a “Derbyshire Orienteering Club”. That meeting was in the library at Swanwick Hall Grammar School on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and John Hurley was one of about twelve people to attend. By the end of the meeting the club had its name, its badge, its constitution and its officials. Jenny Tennant was elected Chairman, John Clarke Secretary and Malcolm Taylor Treasurer. It also had its inaugural event pencilled in for 9<sup>th</sup> March on Matlock Moor. Derwent Valley Orienteers was now officially up and running. However, with just eight founder members and four active orienteers it was a fairly humble beginning.

As it was, heavy snowfall pushed that first DVO event back by a month to Easter Sunday, which had not yet been adopted as the standard date for the JK. It was classified a “National Event”, once again using OS 1:25,000 reprints. The senior pre-entry entry fee was five shillings (25p) and as was common for important events at the time, the exact venue was not disclosed until the preceding week; all the entrants knew was that it would be somewhere in “Central Derbyshire”. The turnout of just under 100 was disappointing due to the late change of date but there were some good standard runners including Senior Men winner, international Mike Wells-Cole. Jenny won the Senior Women race with Olympic runner Sheila Carey, still competing for OD in 2018, back in third. In all, there were 11 DVO competitors, predominantly juniors; presumably most of the seniors were involved in the organisation. The results mention the difficulty in finding a number of controls due mainly, it seems, to the quality of the map. However, things were about to change and for DVO, in a fairly dramatic way.

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<sup>1</sup> Jenny Tennant finished 5<sup>th</sup> behind Carol McNeill in this 1967 race; she was leading halfway round but fell victim to the sort of “bingo control” that was all too common in the early days of the sport

Two more events were held during the rest of 1969 including an inaugural event at Lea Woods, but March 1970 saw something in a different league altogether. DVO's next event would be the JK Relays on Easter Sunday at Shining Cliff. The JK was now in its fourth year and was developing from its fairly elite beginnings (including a challenge match between GB and Sweden) to a larger concern. There were four courses on offer, but no explicit allowance for Veterans or Junior Women. The most significant outcome of this event, apart from giving the club a lot of organisational experience, was that in the space of little over a year, DVO moved from using very crude black and white maps to specially drawn four-colour maps, one for Shining Cliff (titled Alderwasley) and one for Lea Wood Knoll, provided for training on the Friday. The missing colour was green. Robin Harvey and Sue Bone (later Harvey) were instrumental in the mapping, along with Jenny Tennant. Robin and Sue were of course later to form Harvey Map Services, the first professional such company in the country. Whilst the Lea Wood Knoll map was surveyed at 1:10,000, the international nature of the JK itself meant that Shining Cliff was to a 1:20,000 scale, significantly restricting detail. But it was huge step forward from anything before and gave a DVO a headstart over many other clubs at that time. By the end of the year, Jenny had produced another two purpose-drawn maps for Matlock Moor and for Whitesprings, the former of which staged the 1970 Midlands Championships which drew 430 entrants.



*Shining Cliff maps less than eighteen months apart. November 1968 to March 1970.*

The club, and the sport, were both growing steadily. A hand-written club newsletter (No. 1) by John Clarke dating to July 1969 shows that membership had already risen to 23 in just six months, comprising 14 seniors, 7 juniors, 1 boy and 1 girl. Another well-known name from the early days of the club appears there, Brian Gibbs, still active well past 2000. By October 1971, according to an early edition of EMEWS, the membership was up to 31.

The sport was now producing its own stars, rather than seeing ex-international athletes like Pirie, Hyman, Brasher and Disley to the fore. Geoff Peck was undoubtedly the leading male runner who had emerged, and he managed to maintain this position throughout the whole decade. At successive World Championships from 1968 through to 1976 he was the leading British competitor reaching a best of 11<sup>th</sup> in 1972, although he was still a long way off challenging for the medals.

On the women's side Jenny Tennant made the World Championships team in both 1970 when she finished 35<sup>th</sup> and in 1972, when she ran on the first leg of the relay with Allyson Reed and Carol McNeill coming ninth. Allyson, still a junior at the time, was also a DVO member, having been "audaciously poached" from WCH by Jenny (so the story goes) twelve months before. She placed 29<sup>th</sup> in the 1972

individual race and also ran in the 1974 World Championships in Denmark, coming 36th. She was the youngest ever winner of the Senior Women's title at the 1973 British Championships at Tarn Hows. For Jenny though, the development of the sport and international competition structure arguably came a little late for her to have a lengthy career at elite level and Carol McNeill was undoubtedly the leading domestic female competitor of this era.

Looking back at those 1970 Midlands Championships, there were a good number of WOC competitors (past and future) present including John Disley, Adrian Barnes, Rik Plumb, Brian Bullen, Tony Wale and Mike Murray. Right in the middle of this mix is found the name of Roger Wilkinson, then running for Harlequins but shortly to become one of the key figures in DVO's history throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

It has already been mentioned that the central focus of progress was mapping standards, but there were other important changes occurring in the early 1970s. The demographic profile of competitors became more oriented towards families. For example, this was reflected by the shift of sponsors from Guinness to Robinson's Barley Water. The range of age classes expanded. This fitted in well with the Sports Council's Sport for All initiative of the time. As a result, the proportion of women in the sport began to grow from a baseline of only about 10% towards 25%. At club level, this period saw many more new ones appear.

BOF membership and participation rose steadily and many of the well-known "signature" events such as the White Rose, November Classic and BOK Trot were established.

In the East Midlands, another two open clubs were formed (Leicester OC and North Ants) along with university clubs at Nottingham and Loughborough. The first edition of EMEWS made its appearance in March 1971, edited by Sylvia Warburton. This notes that at the time, the EMOA covered not only the East Midlands but also East Anglia, along with the discouraging (and not altogether accurate) comment that this did not include any outstanding orienteering land. Jenny Tennant was chairman of the EMOA, John Clarke Vice Chairman and Malcolm Taylor Treasurer. The DVO section of this two-page newsletter advertises regular Wednesday evening runs from Jenny's house at Blue Mountains and various technique training evenings. The October 1971 edition of EMEWS advertises a club dinner at the Hurt Arms, Ambergate, and there is a call from Jenny for everyone to be on the alert for new members, although there is some disquiet from the NWOA that the proposed BOF subscription of £1.50 would put people off joining. All club themes that are still recognisable decades later.

The club staged seven events of various standards during 1971 but only on areas used previously. The next new venue to appear on the roster was Cromford Moor in May 1972 followed closely by Drum Hill in June. The Cromford Moor map was a two-colour production surveyed and drawn by Dave Sprakes, who became a very active member throughout the 1970s. The drawer of the 1973 Drum Hill map was Roger Wilkinson who would go on to survey many of DVO's best areas including Shining Cliff and Stanton Moor. This is the first DVO map to feature the colour green although rather oddly it is used in place of blue to show water features. Then in February 1974 Longshaw became a very significant addition to the venue canon on a four-colour map surveyed by club members and drawn by Dave Sprakes. Allestree Park was next (Mike Reynolds 1974 and 1975) followed in 1975 by Lindop (also Mike Reynolds). This appears to have been the club's first genuine five-colour map, with liberal use of the colour green. It had an unusual symbol, namely warren, represented by a brown cross in a brown circle.

By now, the 1:20,000 scale, still used on Jenny's initial Matlock Moor map, was thankfully a thing of the past and most of these maps were more appropriately at 1:10,000 or 1:7,500. By the end of 1976, with Crich Chase too in the portfolio (Chris Yardley), the club had about a dozen areas to choose from with a good range of experienced surveyors and mappers. Dave Sprakes also produced a map of Strines for the 1975 British Senior Championships, an event supported heavily by DVO and undoubtedly the most prestigious the club was involved in over this period<sup>2</sup>. Roger Wilkinson and Jenny Tennant planned it, with Debbie Wilkinson taking the role of Event Coordinator. There is a curious turn of phrase in the progress report for this event in the February 1975 Orienteer; the area (at that stage known only to be somewhere in the Peak District) is described as being steep and strenuous, thus making up for its small size, but "*ladies should not be alarmed as their needs can be catered for*". A sign of different times.

By 1973 two names were becoming increasingly prominent in the club's affairs; Buckley and Wilkinson. Without taking anything away from other members, much of what happened over the next

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<sup>2</sup> This event, although under the auspices of the EMOA, was to all extent and purposes run by DVO and as such has now been added to the list of historical DVO events.

twenty years in DVO revolved around these two families. Their collective contribution through the organisational roles they took on, the success they had in competition (both senior and junior) and providing their houses as bases for training and social events was immense. In 1974 the Buckleys welcomed us to their first DVO dinner, a tradition that continued for fifteen years. Roger Wilkinson's contribution to surveying has already been mentioned. And competitive success for DVO in the early 1970s manifested itself especially in the shape of the women's team, with Judy Buckley playing a prominent role. In 1973 the club presented the DVO Trophy for the Open Women's event in the British Relays and promptly won it straight back, a feat it repeated in 1975. Judy was in both these teams as well as Allyson Reed although Jenny was unable to run in 1973 due to her being the event organiser (Gill Hunter ran middle leg that year). Measured by female British Relay success alone, DVO was the most successful British club of this period.

So, given that we started by claiming that in some way, British orienteering had come of age by 1976, can the same be said of DVO? Probably not. There were certainly growing pains at that time that are revealed by a response from Roger Wilkinson to a letter published in EMEWS from Roger Smith of LEI who was at that time editor of *The Orienteer*. Roger Smith had objected to the high entry fee of 40p at the recent Lindop event and the lack of assistance provided at the event for beginners. As Chairman of DVO, Roger Wilkinson robustly explained that although the club had been very active in putting on a wide range of local events over the previous year, the organisational and mapping burden had been a considerable strain on the small group of committed members. He estimated that central core to be about a dozen (at the time the total membership had grown to 48). The burden was also financial and not only had the club been forced to borrow £100 from EMOA, it had also benefitted from a club member himself putting up £75 (about £600 in 2018 terms) to pay for two maps and wait for event profits to reimburse him, hence the level of entry fee. Lack of manpower had prevented better assistance. Reading between the lines though, it can be seen that DVO was in fact laying down a strong legacy for moving forward. The sport was about to receive a boost from the publicity surrounding the World Championships (Chris Brasher had managed to get a 40-minute programme about it broadcast on BBC2 over Christmas) and as a predominantly Sunday activity, orienteering had limited competition from other sports. As we will see next time, through the hard work of a few, DVO was moving steadily towards maturity and some of its greatest successes.

**Dave Nevell with help from John Hurley**

## Springtime in Portugal

Liz Godfree

Portugal O meet or POM as it is known is an annual 4-day event taking place in the days leading up to Shrove Tuesday, though we were unaware of the significance of the date at the time of booking. We were looking for early season warmth. It was certainly warmer than home, but temperatures were not high – we had to scrape ice off the windscreen of the hire car one morning.

Once we had relocated to an apartment where we could have heating AND an electric kettle without fusing the electrics we were free to explore the old town of Évora – one and a half hours drive east of Lisbon. Some folks still seemed determined to negotiate the narrow cobbled streets rather than park for free outside the city walls and then walk the short distance into intriguing alleyways.

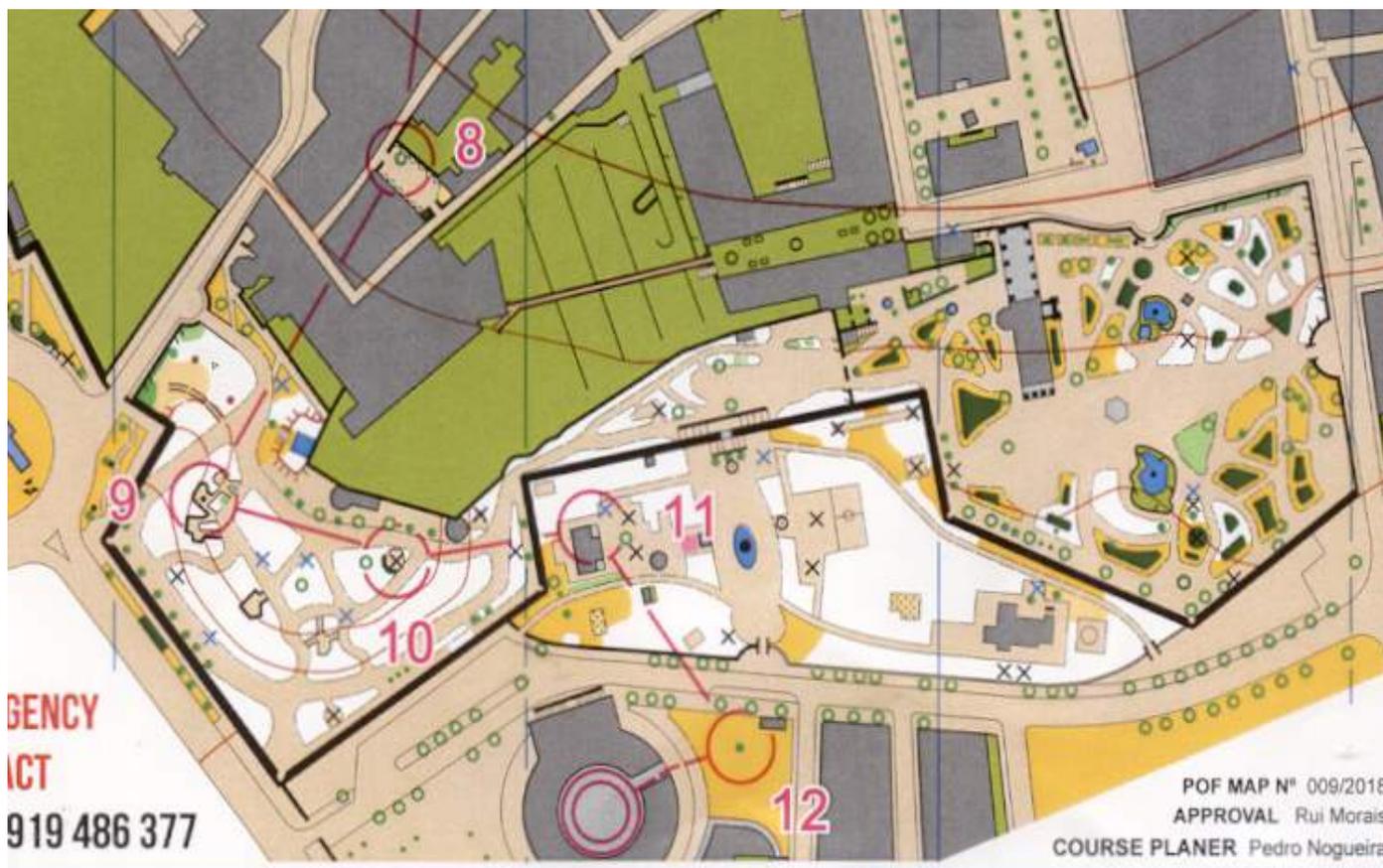
From the Final Details we knew where Start and Finish for the City Race were so explored what we could – no embargoed areas. The Cathedral, the ruined Roman temple and the Ossuary seemed likely places to take in on a run around the city.

In theory Model events should be an example of what is to come in the main event. The city model was centred on a rather dubious social housing estate which bore no resemblance whatsoever to the Old Town. However, the forest model was a good foretaste of boulder strewn open land with scattered trees and clumps of dense vegetation but no brambles or undergrowth underfoot.

Late starts in the City race enabled us, along with other competitors, especially Brits, to view the approach through the park towards the Finish in the Bullring. We identified the 3 final controls and the route through the city walls from the upper gardens (discovered on our exploratory walk). Surprisingly some folks hadn't taken advantage of this opportunity and had a very long deviation. The course itself was

quite straight forward for me with no real route choice – just remember lefts and rights and keep your thumb on the map.

How do you get from 10 to 11 (and the thinner sections at the corners aren't breaks in the very high wall just look-outs)?



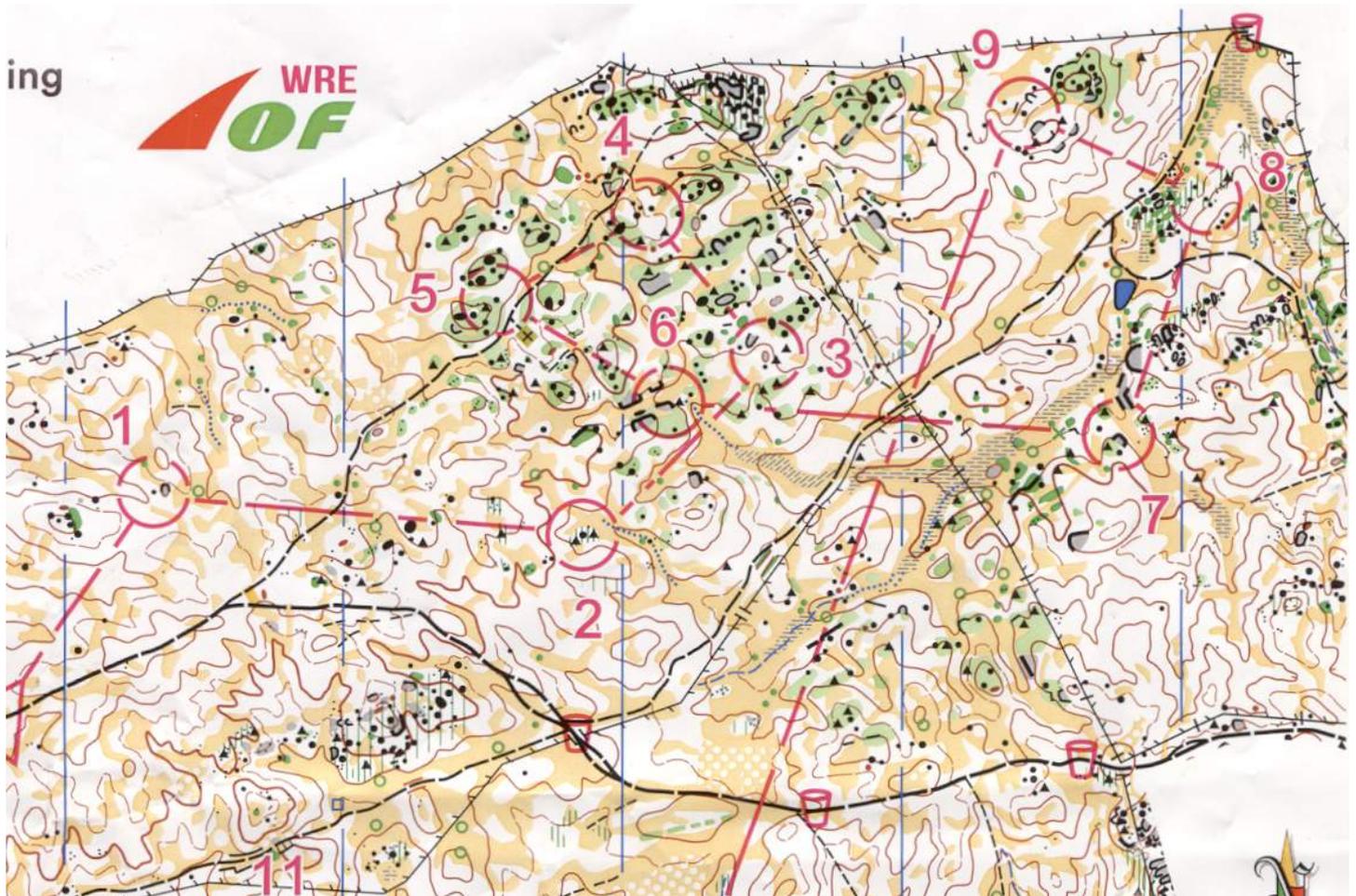
The next three days were based in the cork oak forest around San Bartolomeu do Outeiro with an arena composed of O traders including CompassPoint with its new owner, minus his O-Nosh trailer and a restaurant selling good value meals – €5 for a big plate of spaghetti and mince. The forest, like the model event, was scattered trees with boulder groups and huge slabs of rock plus a lot of fences – very easy to get confused. Day 2 was my headless chicken day when I spent a long time trying to relocate.

Day 3's Middle Distance went from the same Start as the previous day but covered a different part of the forest. This was the day when I was the penultimate starter on W70 and had dreamed the night before of there being no map left for me (Mike had picked up 2 maps at the City Race). Well, I picked up the last map in the box. I trust the last W70 nipped across and took a map from the M80 box – same course as us.

That evening there was a Night Sprint round the hilltop town of Portel with its cobbled streets remarkably similar to Évora. You won't be surprised to learn that we'd walked round the town in daylight, climbing the steps to the castle at the top. I don't really enjoy Night O but round lit streets is a totally different experience to nights in the forest. Suitably clad in lycras, lifa, O top, DVO training jacket and Buff as well as fingerless gloves I could only shiver at the sight of the Elite men in singlet and shorts. It was a straight forward course with some intriguing crossovers – I passed 5 en route to 1, 2 en route to 6, ran up steep steps to 10 which I then ran down again to 11, which I'd passed on the way to 9 and was announced on the run in – because there were no Elites at the time.

Day 4 was a Chasing Start for the Elites but another Long for we lesser mortals. I struggled with 2 controls – just because its blue on the map doesn't mean there will be a water-filled ditch on the ground. Some of the ground covered was as for Day 2 but the only common control was the final one – no need for close scrutiny of the 1:7500 map just hell for leather downhill to the ditch then uphill to the Finish. Then it was the agony of waiting to see how everyone else had done as we waited for late starters to finish and

combined scores to be calculated. Mike had even more concerns as he was shown as mp, though he had punched his map with others when a box failed to register and had shown said punch at Download where it was verified as correct. After pointing this out (his Portuguese is fluent!) he was reinstated. Overall scoring was as the old Scottish 6 Day system of relative time to the winner rather than position – much fairer.



Final positions over 4 days:

- Mike 28<sup>th</sup> M65 out of around 100 but best of 6 Brits to complete all 4 events, Liz 6<sup>th</sup> W70 out of 32.
- Night Sprint – Mike 19<sup>th</sup> out of 39 starters on M65 and Liz 1<sup>st</sup> out of 16 starters on W70!

Just in case you should think we did nothing but orienteer I'll add that we did hit the tourist trail. The western extremities of Europe is a Celtic fringe be it south west England, Wales, Scotland or Ireland. There were menhirs to visit, cromlechs (stone circles less impressive than Stonehenge) and dolmens and all were free. We were fascinated by the cork oak trees with their bark stripped trunks. Twenty-five years of growth before the first harvest and at least another 10 years before a second one. We followed the line of the medieval aqueduct which still carries water into Évora. David Attenborough would have been enthusing over the nesting storks. Why build your nest high up in a tree when an electricity pylon has ready-made steel bases for you? We spotted many such nests, Some singles, more doubles and at least one multi-occupancy of 11 nests all at different levels. Storks obviously like the company of others. It was intriguing how many pairs were snuggled up together – on February 14<sup>th</sup>!

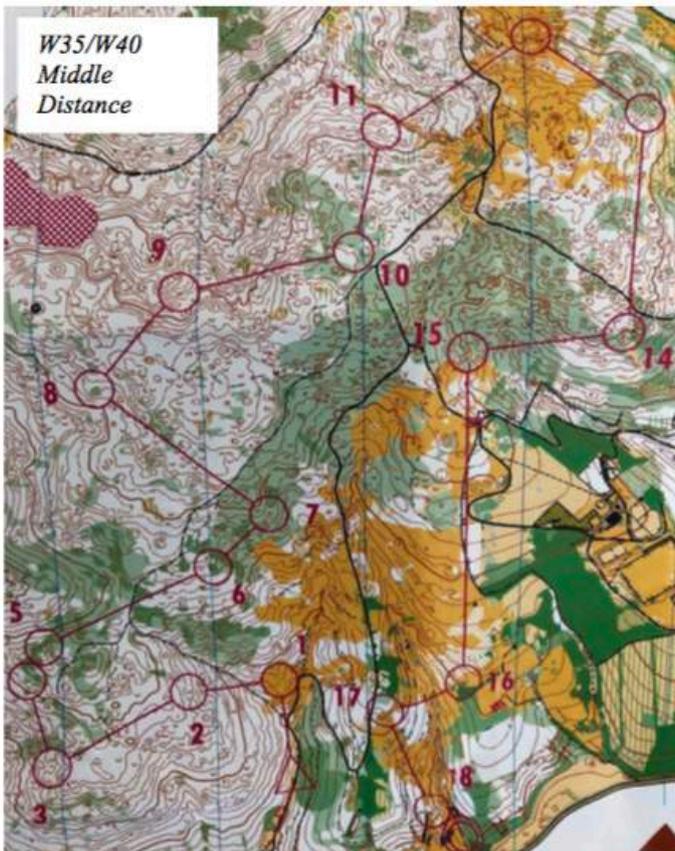
Next year's event will be centred on the sand dune area of Figueira da Foz between Porto and Lisbon in the days leading up to Lent, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March, Easter being late in 2019. I suspect we could be there joining the other regular Brits!



Our annual family European orienteering trip came early this year, with us electing to swap the JK for the Belgrade Open, for what we hoped would be drier and warmer climes. It did not disappoint with no rain (unlike the JK) and temperatures of over 20°C most days, although we were glad we packed our hats for the day it dropped to 10°C (again unlike the JK)!

We found cheap flights from Luton, courtesy of Wizz Air and a super apartment, complete with sauna for post-race recovery in the centre of Belgrade. The orienteering consisted of two races – a middle distance and a classic, both on an area about an hour south of Belgrade, called Babe. The area had previously been used for a WRE in 2012 so we had high expectations! The old maps looked like they were going to present a good orienteering challenge, consisting of steep open forests which has been used as copper mine in Roman times, leaving behind thousands of depressions, pits, holes, knolls, and micro-contour details.

### Middle distance



The day was warm and sunny as we had ordered! When we arrived in the assembly field the event director came over to personally welcome us – the local clubs love to see competitors from further afield coming to their events!

Courses were what you would expect from a middle distance, but with more than your standard amount of climb, so we knew we were going to be in for a tough physical challenge. The final details warned us “Courses require from athletes top level navigation skills and strong physical and mental shape. Courses based at contour features, bearing legs and lots of direction changes and in the Classic there will be several long legs.” Expectations were high!!

The area and planning did not disappoint. My W40 course was 4.6km with 230m of climb and I was out for 67 mins, hunting for controls and slogging up steep hills.

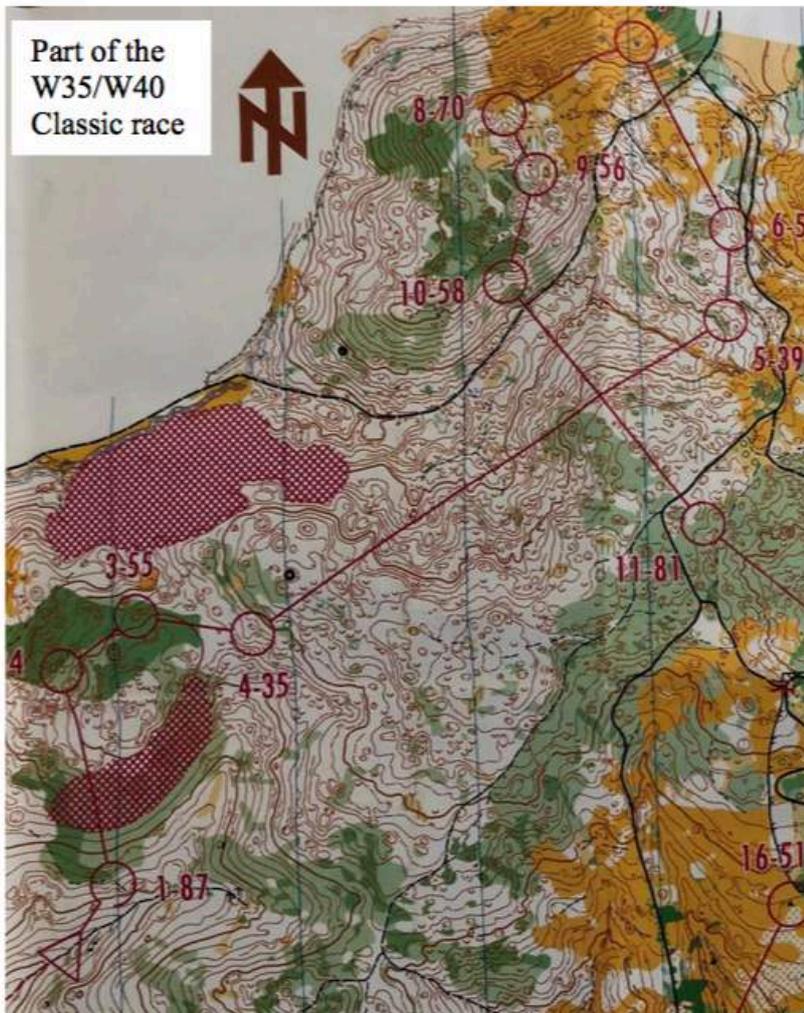
Line features were few and far between and you really had to keep in touch with the map if you were not going to lose a lot of time. Depressions were deep, and knolls were tall, so if you were on the wrong side of the contour features you did not see the controls!

There was a good atmosphere in the assembly field and also a local catering firm serving up goulash and beer, which went down very nicely in the sunshine after the race!



*Final control and run in*

### **Classic race**



The Classic was on the same area as the Middle, although the map was extended to cover an additional hillside. We therefore knew what to expect! Courses were very hilly again, with W40 having 6.3km with 350m of climb.

Unfortunately, the temperatures dropped overnight and we were presented with a bit of a dreary day and at least 10°C than the day before. However, we consoled ourselves with the pictures posted on the internet of the quagmire that was the JK and felt very smug!!

Proving the practice makes perfect, we all had better runs in the Classic than in the Middle. The planner included some great long legs, as promised, and once again you really had to stay in touch with the map in order not to get hopeless lost!



Prize winners!

We had early starts in the Classic and therefore had a nervous wait next to the results board to see if we needed to stay for the prize giving! Turns out we cleaned up (maybe they won't be so keen to see the Brits there again!) with a Gold for my sister, silver for me and my brother-in-law and bronze for my Dad! We were presented with plaques to go with the nice wooden mementos given to all competitors at the finish.

### Après-O

All these European orienteering events are really only an excuse to visit somewhere new, and the Belgrade Open was no different. None of us had ever been or even considered visiting Serbia before, and the event provided the ideal excuse! So we made sure that we had a few days either side of the event to go exploring. We managed to see the highlights of Belgrade. It has a fortress that we all agreed would make a fantastic sprint map if permission could ever be gained! Positioned on a large hill overlooking the Danube and Sava rivers, it had

loads of tunnels, impassable walls and steep slopes – route choice would be interesting! We also took in the delights of the Nikola Tesla museum – a name you will all know from school physics lessons, and who Serbia seem to have adopted even though he was born in what is modern day Croatia and had Austrian and American nationalities! We also saw several monuments commemorating the Partisans from the area who died during the National Liberation War in WWII.

We took a day trip up to Novi Sad, which just like Belgrade had a fortress overlooking the Danube. We enjoyed a slightly rustic wine tasting in Sremska Kamenica on the way home, which promotes itself as one of Serbia's leading wine producing regions.

Overall it was an excellent trip and whilst I wouldn't necessarily recommend a trip to Belgrade purely to see its sights, the addition of some great orienteering made it a good weekend. The Belgrade Open is an annual event – so keep your eye peeled on the World of O calendar for future editions.

## Sports Personality of the Month...

### ... at Canklow 11/3/18

Since she is so used to parking in fields at O events, Rachel D made a fashion faux pas at the CompassSport Cup Heat, when she turned up in purple wellies when the parking was on the entirely mud-free tarmac of Oakwood School, Rotherham!

## Forthcoming Fixtures

\*\*\*Please check websites of organising clubs before travel. Even for DVO events, there may be changes\*\*\*

= East Midlands League – best 8 scores from 13 runs (DVO, NOC, LEI, LOG)

EMUL East Midlands Urban League – best 4 from 8 runs; UK Urban League – best 7 from 20 runs

UKOL = UK O League – best 12 scores from 24 runs. BOF categories (former Level): M(A), N(B), R(C), L(D)

DPS = Derby Parks Series, NT = National Trust Series, SDS = South Derbyshire Series

## April

- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **UKOL**  Thirsk Urban (HALO)
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> **UKOL** Wass Forest (Northern Champs; EBOR)
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>  9 **Spring Cottage**, Registration 10–12noon
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> **DPS** **Elvaston Castle Country Park**, Registration 1–3pm
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> **EMUL** **Southwell Urban**, Reg 10–12 noon



## May

- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> **DPS** **Allestree Park**, Registration 1–3pm
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> **UKOL** **Balmoral** (British Long Distance Champs, MAROC), entries via SI
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> **Relay** **Torphantrick (Cambus o' May)**, Mike Godfree taking entries
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> **WOD** **World O Day** activities in Whitworth Park, Darley Dale
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup>  **Exeter University Urban** – Day 1 of Tamar Triple Weekend
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> **UKOL** **Braunton Burrows Long**, sand-dunes west of Barnstaple
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> **UKOL** **Braunton Burrows Medium**
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> **R** **York City Race** (Eborienteers)



## June \*\*\*Matlock Summer Series, Wed eves\*\*\* Details on last page!

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> **N** **Kilnsey South**, Dales Town and Country Weekend
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> **R** **Skipton Urban**, ditto, see Airienteers website nearer the time
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> **Relay** **Pegswood** nr Morpeth, British Mixed Sprint Relay Champs (NATO)
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **EMUL** **Quorn Urban**, Reg 10–12 noon
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup>  10 **Stanton Moor**, Registration 10–12noon
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>  **EMUL** **Skegness Urban**, Registration 10–12 noon but pre-entry recommended

## July (including Lakes 5 Days)

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>  **Halifax Urban** (EPOC)
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>  **Sheffield Urban**
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> **SDS** **Staunton Harold**, Reg 1–3pm
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> **SDS** **Foremark**, Reg 1–3pm
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>  **Barnard Castle Urban** (CLOK)
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> **UKOL** **Silver Howe**, Grasmere
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> **R** **Angle Tarn Pikes**, Patterdale
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> **R** **Harrop Tarn**, Grasmere
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> **R** **Askham Fell**, Pooley Bridge
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug **UKOL** **Dale Park**, Newby Bridge



## August (after Lakes 5 Days)

- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> **EMUL** **Lincoln City**, Reg 10–12 noon
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **NT** **Ilam Park** (Try O, 11–2:30)
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> **SDS** **Swadlincote Woods**, Reg 1–3pm
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **SDS** **Rosliston Forestry Centre**, Reg 1–3pm
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> **NT** **Longshaw** (Try O, 11–2:30)
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> **NT** **Hardwick Park** (Try O, 11–2:30)
- 25–27<sup>th</sup> **White Rose** **Duncombe Park**, near Helmsley

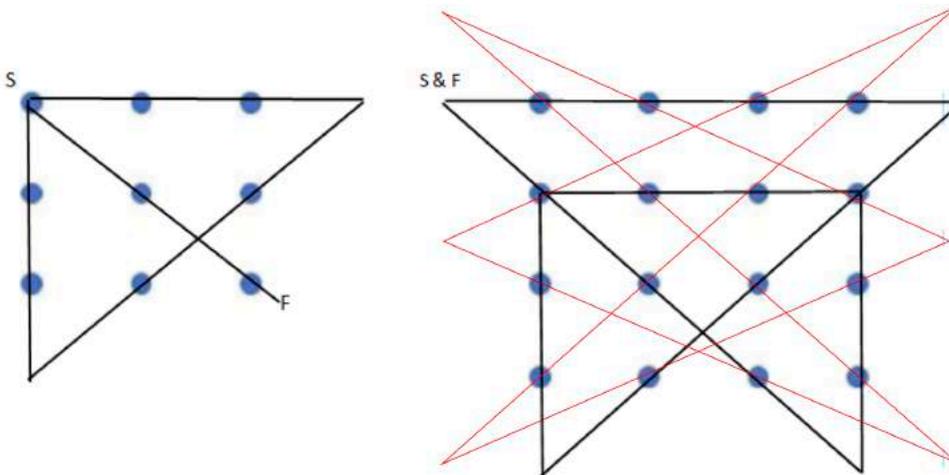


## September

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> **UKOL** **Bath University**, British Sprint Champs
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> **UKOL** **Stock Hill**, near Wells, British Middle Distance Champs
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> **D** **West Park, Long Eaton**, Registration 1–3pm, **new area!**
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup>  **Hanley Urban**, Stoke on Trent (POTOC)
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> **EMUL** **Nottingham City**, Reg 10–12 noon
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> **N** **Caddihoe Chase**, SARUM
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> **N** **Caddihoe Chase**, Day 2, Venue TBA
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> **Closed** **Junior Interregional Championships, Individual Race, Chatsworth.**
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> **Score** **JIRCs Relays, Carsington. Helpers needed for both days!**

followed by **2018 East Midlands Score Championships** on same area

I seem to have once again done down Andy Mackervoy by not recognising his worthy efforts in supporting this puzzle page for which I once again have to apologise. Going back over the year I made the same mistake I had made earlier in missing him and then I docked him the double points at the end. So, he should have had 8 points in 2017, not 2 and would have finished a fantastic fourth, not a miserable eighth. Let me say straight away before I forget, that **Andy submitted a correct solution for January.** And here it the solution for Economy of Effort, where a route had to be found through these two grids of controls in 4 and 6 lines respectively.



I also had correct solutions from Jen Gale, John Hurley, Francesco Lari and newcomer to this page, Chris O'Donnell. John Hawkins sent a solution that I cannot allow as it involved retracing steps along the same bearing, which should count as an extra bearing with 180 degree shift. But hey, everyone gets some points, which is more than if you don't enter at all. Now here's a thing. There was a much more elegant solution to the second puzzle which I would have given double points for and which didn't involve revisiting controls. This is shown in red. Oh, and did I say, **Andy Mackervoy submitted a correct solution for January.** Onwards and upwards. This one shouldn't be too difficult.

### Sal's Bad Day

Sal had a bit of an off-day producing the last edition of Newstrack. Running through her draft version she found 24 errors. When she gave it to husband Dave to check he found 30 errors. On closer inspection it was discovered that only 20 of these mistakes were ones that they had both spotted. How many errors do you suspect were missed by both of them and ended up in the final version?

Answers to [dnevell3@gmail.com](mailto:dnevell3@gmail.com) by the editor's copy date please.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Newstrack Editor

I was delighted to see that the Macedonian Tourist Board had taken the time to read and respond (January 2018) to my article about our recent orienteering trip to their fabulous country (December 2017).



In hindsight I had perhaps missed some of country's highlights from my article, mentioning only the small naming dispute with Greece! The eight little known facts should definitely help to pique my fellow orienteers' interest. I can verify that the Millennium Cross is truly impressive and worth a visit, and there are lots of hiking opportunities in the mountains around Skopje.

I note that you are looking forward to welcoming many more Newstrack readers in the future, and so I thought some tips on how to best serve orienteers might be helpful. You see us orienteers are always

busy running around sunlit forests on Saturdays and Sundays, and the Macedonia event was no exception. So, on the Monday morning of our trip, we were ‘keen-beans’ and up early to see what Skopje had to offer outside of its fabulous forests. However, our keenness was quickly quashed when we discovered that all Macedonian museums are closed on a Monday! Only Mother Theresa herself kept us from a full day of coffee drinking as her museum was open! It would be a huge step forward for orienteering tourism if you could consider moving your national museum closing day to a Sunday, when orienteers are busy exploring the countryside!

If any Newstrack readers have been tempted to take in the highlights of Macedonia, I can update that in 2018 the MOCPA event will be a 4-day competition held from Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 September 2018:

- Day 1 – Night sprint in the city centre of Prilep
- Day 2 & 3 – Middle distances in the rocky hills around Prilep
- Day 4 – Long distance chasing start on Shatorov Kamen

I can attest from our experience in 2017, that all these areas provide an excellent technical and physical orienteering challenge. Further info will appear on the website nearer the event: <https://zlatovrv.mk/mocpa>

I trust that has provided some useful tips to help expand Macedonia’s profile on the international orienteering tourism circuit!

Helen Chiswell

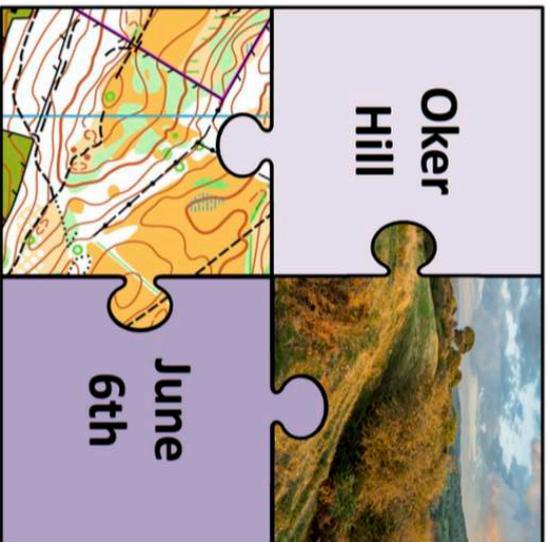
## Event Officials Needed

Date	Event Name	Organiser	Planner	Controller
28/04/2018	Eivaston Castle, Derby Parks Challenge	Richard Needham	Helen Chiswell	
05/05/2018	Allestree Park, Derby Parks Challenge	Dave Bennett	Ben Crane	
23/05/2018	World Orienteering Day	Stuart Swalwell	Rex Bleakman	
06/06/2018	Oker Hill, Matlock Summer Series	Viv Macdonald		
13/06/2018	Farley, Matlock Summer Series	Viv Macdonald	Jane Burgess	
17/06/2018	Stanton Moor – East Midlands League	Sal Chaffey	Dave Chaffey	John Hurley
20/06/2018	Whitesprings – Matlock Summer Series	Viv Macdonald	Judith Holt	
27/06/2018	Bottom Moor – Matlock Summer Series	Viv Macdonald	Jane Burgess	
04/07/2018	Hall Leys Park- Matlock Summer Series	Sal Chaffey		
14/07/2018	Staunton Harold – South Derbyshire Challenge	Michelle Mackervoy	John Hopper	
21/07/2018	Foremark – South Derbyshire Challenge	Andy Hawkins	Andy Hawkins	
11/08/2018	Swadlincote Woodlands – South Derbyshire Challenge	James Prince	James Prince	
15/08/2018	Ilam Park – National Trust Series	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	
18/08/2018	Rosliston- South Derbyshire Challenge	Rex Bleakman	Brian Denness	
22/08/2018	Longshaw – National Trust Series	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	
29/08/2018	Hardwick Park – National Trust Series	Mike Godfree	Mike Godfree	
08/09/2018	West Park – Long Eaton	Andy Hawkins		

There are some vacancies for Planners over the summer, please contact Ann-Marie if you would like to have a go at course planning [jasrduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:jasrduckworth@btinternet.com). or Viv Macdonald for Matlock events: [viv.macdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.macdonald@btinternet.com)

Support in the role is available from experienced club mates.

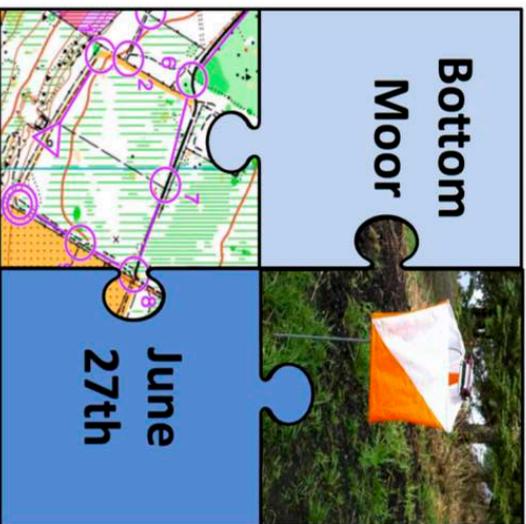
Vacancies further into the future are on the website under Fixtures/Future Event Officials.



# Matlock Summer Orienteering Series 2018

All events Wednesdays  Registration/Starts 6:30–7pm  Courses close 8pm  Adults £4, children £2

See <http://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/> under Fixtures tab for parking and further details



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