

APPENDIX A

Chairman's Report (AGM 2012)

Thank you all for coming to the 2012 AGM of Derwent Valley Orienteers. This is probably the most important meeting of the year for the club as you get to hear from the certain of the club's committee members, vote in your new committee and get a chance to air your views on relevant matters. Since the club has its roots in 1969 this must be something like the 43rd AGM.

This is my first year as Chairman and I must say that it has been very interesting indeed and has included some unexpected challenges. It has been absolutely great to be involved in the day to day running of such a successful and developing club, there are many people without whose efforts the club would be in nowhere near as good shape as it is. I am pleased to say that the club has put on a tremendously good programme of events from the Compass Sport Cup Final, through to a full series of Level C events and a great number of other events through the Summer League and of course through the efforts of the Community O clubs – in fact by some magic maths DVO put on the most events of any club in the country as noted in BOF's Focus magazine.

Turning to sporting success, the club has had quite a number of successes this year including:

Being best EM club at the Compass Sport Semi-Final

Midlands Champions: W10 Rachel Duckworth, W18 Harriet Lawson, W55 Fiona Sellar, W60 Liz Godfree and M45 John Duckworth

Harriet Lawson achieved a 3rd position at the Interland competition.

Liz Godfree, Judith Holt and Pauline Ward won the W60 relay at the British Championships.

... and winning many many mugs at the recent White Rose Weekend.

Another success of the year is the club's embracement of technology. I hope you have all visited the, what was new, website and continue to do so to obtain whatever information you require, whether that be fixtures, results, back issues of Newstrack or some of the other useful information that is available there. The efforts expended by Steve Kimberley and John Cooke have certainly been very worthwhile and much appreciated. Further to that we now have a Facebook page which surprisingly is actually operable by M/W40s and above, contrary to expectations. This is a useful communication tool for all and is still to reach its zenith.

Continuing the success theme are the Community O Clubs that are a little varied in their success – Buxton continues to do very well, Matlock is fast developing whereas Chesterfield and Derby have a little way to go. It is really great that these clubs within a club continue to thrive, where they do, and long may it continue.

This coming year presents plenty of challenge for us. We have the British Middle Distance Championships at Stanton Moor – Organiser Sal Chaffey, Planner John Duckworth – together with a full series of Level C events and hopefully a full series of Level D events to compliment.

There are many people to thank for all their efforts this year including:

All the event officials and helpers from the many events we have put on

The coordinators of the Community O Clubs

All the Committee members for their sterling efforts on many many fronts

The Mackervoy and the Johnsons for hosting the regular Wednesday evening runs throughout the year – and of course those who have put on the less regular runs.

... and a special mention to Ranald and Viv Macdonald who, after quite some time, are stepping down as event co-ordinators – many thanks for all your efforts ... and many thanks to Rob Shooter and Mike Gardner for agreeing to step into their shoes.

Then finally just to mention that there is the Club Championships this Saturday at Hardwick Park. Followed later that evening by the Club Dinner and Awards ... including the long awaited competition for the club's new O Kit!