

NEWSTRACK

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UNDER 17s GLENMORE LODGE TOUR 1997

After a long, hot boring journey we arrived at Aviemore Station. We already knew most people from previous tours so we settled down well at Glenmore.

The main techniques we would be focusing on during the week were compass work and planning ahead.

During the week we orienteered on Inshriach twice, Phorp, Roseisle and Alvie. We did basic bearing to start off with and control picking. We then developed it to do longer courses by choosing and planning back from that attack point, getting to the attack point and taking a bearing from there to the control.

During the week the tour champs were over three rounds, the first at Phorp, second at Roseisle and the third at Alvie. We had a winner on points, a winner on time and a king of the mountains. Unfortunately, I didn't win any of these.

Our coaches for the week were Tony, Hilary, John and Clare Duncan, Jez Edwards, Jamie Stevenson, Jenny Whitehead and Tom Jenkins. Other activities that we enjoyed during the tour included football, table tennis, climbing and 'silly games'. Rhys also took an involuntary swim to retrieve a football from a freezing cold river!

I would like to thank DVO and EMOA for grants towards the tour.

Charlotte Langhorn

YMCA LAKESIDE 1997

This was an action-packed orienteering weekend for M/W14,15 and 16s which took place on 29th and 30th November.

After a restful nights sleep in the chalets/huts/sheds (!) we were given a brief introduction by Director of Coaching Derek Allison.

On Saturday training was in regional groups morning and afternoon using two different parts of the Bigland map. The training programme was gruelling including relocation, fine 'O' and several map memory visualisation exercises with so many squiggly contours that it was important to simplify each leg, especially on map memory courses.

In the evening we had a detailed debrief from our expert regional coaching team and a highly motivating lecture from Derek Allison called "Where do we go from

here ?" . This included plenty of interesting 'O' tips on training and the future. Pool, table tennis, and basketball were other evening activities.

On Sunday, training was similar but on the 'Greener' more physical Grizedale. We did three courses getting progressively harder, and incorporating a race. A few people made detours, some to see the sculptures, others accidentally !

Our weekend was rounded off with another talk from Derek "What do we do in winter ?".

Thanks to Hilary Palmer, Mick Lucking, Dai Bedwell and Mike Godfree, our expert coaching team and EMOA for their support.

Charlotte Langhorn

SUMMER LEAGUE 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Planner/Organiser</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Nature</u>
5th June	Judy Buckley	Drum Hill	
12th June	Mike Gardner		
19th June	Steve Kimberley	Eckington	
26th June	Chaffey's	Shining Cliff	Brown only
3rd July	Andy Mackervoy	Darley Park	
10th July	Rob Shooter	Shiple Park	
17th July	Val Johnson	Elvaston	
24th July	Sue Russell	Stanton Moor	Compass and pacing
31st July	?		

This is a provisional programme for the Friday night Summer League events for 1998. Each event will have three courses: one about yellow standard, one of about light green standard and one designed as a more coaching type activity, e.g. the use of a brown only map at Shining Cliff and a course based on bearings and pace counting on Stanton Moor. Please would all those who have already volunteered to run events confirm that the date and venue is appropriate and let me know the type of exercise planned for the third course as soon as possible - thank you very much. As you can see, there is still one week to be filled, any volunteers? Full details will be produced in the next issue of Newstrack and I look forward to seeing many of you at the events Derek Gale has again agreed to produce the ranking lists so all bribes should be forwarded to him, any other queries / volunteers please contact Sue on 01773 857318. P.S. Land access negotiators please be warned that these are the areas of interest for this summer.

THE RETURN OF BIKE 'O'

A.K.A. Another chance to try Bike Orienteering and work up an appetite for the Club Dinner

When: Saturday 28th March 1998

Where: Hartington Youth Hostel Car Park

What is it?: A 3 hours score event with a mass start at 2 p.m.

You will need:

A bike (not actually essential as it would also be possible to run it as a Long-O, and control sites will favour runners)

A helmet

White Peak 1:25000 map (hopefully all controls will be on the west side of the back to back sheet), although the equivalent 1:50000 will probably suffice.

Entry fee of £1.50

In your own interests you should carry spare tubes or repair kit, there will be severe penalties for late return (as well as a low score, remember the sun is turned off about 6 p.m.)

There will be prize(s) for the best score(s) and for the best excuses (like children not replacing all the borrowed patches from the repair kit)

Control descriptions will be issued at 1:30 to enable time to copy up from the master map. Note that you have to provide your own map and photocopying of OS maps is illegal. Remember that you can only ride along roads (including green lanes) and designated bridleways.

Queries to Mike Godfree on 01332-515862

STORAGE OF CLUB EQUIPMENT

As of 1st February, all control cards, finish clock etc. that used to be kept inside at the Buckleys', has moved to 8 Amber Road, Allestree, Derby - Andy and Michelle Mackervoys'. Telephone - 01332 557892

If you need any of this equipment, we can bring it to the Wednesday evening training run, or you can drop round and see us!

Similarly all maps will now be kept at the Godfree's house - 26 Rangemoor Close, Mickleover. Telephone - 01332 515862.

ALL OTHER equipment, i.e. that which is kept in the sheds, will remain at the Buckleys', access arrangements as before.

FINAL REMINDER FOR THE CLUB DINNER & WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday, 28th & 29th March.

I'm as guilty as the next orienteer of not entering until the closing date for an event is almost upon us -- or even later -- but the club weekend is only weeks away and, if you have not given your name(s) and deposit to Val, you really should be picking up that receiver/sharpening that pencil/whatever.

As already advertised earlier in Newstrack, Saturday afternoon is already planned for you with a nice relaxing three hour Bike 'O' to sharpen the palate and stimulate the appetite. You can then shower and partake of an aperitif before settling down for an evening of good food, lively conversation and DVO's annual awards ceremony -- and all without the slightest risk of Danbert Nobacon emptying a bucket of ice over the top of you.

After a relaxing night in Hartington's luxurious apartments, you can stroll down at your ease for an English breakfast before a casual saunter in the environs of Hartington or alternatively a thrash round the highways and byways of the Peak District. Who can resist?

So, it's £25.00 per senior for the weekend inclusive of dinner, £15.00 if aged between 11 - 18, £10.00 if between 6 - 10 and £5.00 for 5 and below. Those attending the dinner only will pay £13.00 or £6.50 if of junior status.

Names and 20% deposits to Val asap please

COMPASSSPORT CUP RESULTS

A big 'thank you' to all of you who ran at Elland Park Woods, especially those who ran a different class to be competitive. The area was quite good, with plenty of fiendish point features. So many so, in fact, that the planner was foxed too, leading to the voiding of the Brown course due to a control being placed on a platform 200m from the one marked.

The rules say that if a course is voided, then the scores should be collated from the remaining courses, so that's what we did. Either way, EBOR would have beaten us, but it may be some small consolation to you gents who ran the Brown to know that the scores would have been closer if your results had counted. The final scores are:

EBOR 49	DVO 40	(without Brown)
EBOR 67	DVO 64	(with Brown)

However, EBOR went on to be slaughtered by the might of SYO in the second round (the same courses re-scored: SYO 52, EBOR 39).

Details of scorers are given below. A rather poor performance (nul points) was put in by your club captain, who mis-copied Control 5 100 metres to the south and would probably still be looking for it now if not for some collusion with Claire Gale.

BROWN 1 (voided)

A Buckley	M21	DVO	6
M Jubb	M21	DVO	5
A Udris	M21	EBOR	4
A Mackervoy	M21	DVO	3
N Cooper	M21	EBOR	2
????		EBOR	1
EBOR 7		DVO 14	

BROWN 2 (voided)

Steve Whitehead	M45	EBOR	6
John Hurley	M40	DVO	5
A Barraclough	M40	EBOR	4
S Kimberley	M40	DVO	3
G Johnson	M40	DVO	2
S Corrigan	M40	EBOR	1
EBOR 11		DVO 10	

ORANGE

S Adams	M12	EBOR	5
M Prendergast	M14	EBOR	4
F Malley	W12	DVO	3
EBOR 9		DVO 3	

LIGHT GREEN

D Adams	M16	EBOR	5
J Kendal	M16	EBOR	4
M Ellison	M16	DVO	3
D Baines	M16	DVO	2
EBOR 9		DVO 5	

GREEN

J Nicholson	W40	EBOR	6
Peter Wells	M60	EBOR	5
Christine Roberts	W45	EBOR	4
H Finlayson	W50	DVO	3
Judy Buckley	W50	DVO	2
J Malley	W40	DVO	1
EBOR 15		DVO 6	

BLUE 1

Paul Armstrong	M45	DVO	6
John Hopper	M45	DVO	5
Steve Buckley	M45	DVO	4
M Speake	M18	EBOR	3
J Adams	M45	EBOR	2
Bill Hystop	M55	EBOR	1
EBOR 6		DVO 15	

BLUE 2

Kim Buckley	W21	DVO	6
Amy Willis	W21	EBOR	5
Jenny Whitehead	W21	EBOR	4
K Jackson	W21	DVO	3
M Mackervoy	W21	DVO	2
C Harrison	W20	EBOR	1
EBOR 10		DVO 11	

Editor's Historical Note: This was the first time in fifteen-odd years of competing for DVO in CompassSport Cup competitions that the Newstrack editor has come close to scoring one point for DVO, let alone two. It was also the first time in fifteen-odd years that a Brown course has had to be voided in this manner. Sod's Law or what ?

FIXTURES

February

- 15th EM **DVO BADGE EVENT & Midlands Champs, Shining Cliff, Matlock**
C3 Signed from GR SK331544 at Whatstandwell Bridge, south of Matlock on A6
Organisers: - Margaret Keeling 01773-852991, Viv Macdonald 01629-734307
Entries: - Mike Godfree, 26 Rangemore Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5JU
01332-515862 (before 9.30pm please). CD: 25/1/98, £6.00/2.50, Family £14.50
SEF, Lim EOD (£1 surcharge), Chq: DVO, String, Limited colour coded.
- 22nd WM OD Colour Coded Event, Bentley Woods, Atherstone SP 283957
C4 Organiser: - Peter Guillaume 01926-511490. White to Brown and String.
Car Park fee £1. *Compass Sport Cup Match NOC v LEI*

March

- 1st SC **BKO NATIONAL EVENT (Concorde Chase), Star Posts, Sandhurst**
C2 SU 854607. Organiser: - Sue Cload 01344-771574
Entries: Concorde Chase, 12 Jerrymoor Hill, Wokingham, Berks, RG40 4UG
0118-973-4662 CD 31/1/98 £7.00/3.00 Special EF, No EOD, Chq: BKO
- 1st EM LEI Colour Coded Event, Burbage Common, 15km SW of Leicester
C5 GR 140/446954
- 7th EM LEI Schools Event, Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire
Contact: Jean Hall 01509-880506
- 8th WM WCH BADGE EVENT, Cannock Chase, Stafford. SJ 966174
C3 Organiser: Rod Niven 01785-662486 Entries: David Scholfield,
6 Elm Avenue, Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford 01785-604472. CD: 16/2/98,
£6.00/£2.50, SEF, Lim EOD, Chq: Walton Chasers
- 11th EM DVO Open Meeting, 8.15pm, Old King's Head pub, Belper
- 15th EM EM Junior Squad Colour Coded Event, Sherwood Forest West.
Contact: Hilary Palmer 0115 982 0651. (Parking off A6075 between
Edwinstowe and Mansfield).
- 15th YH EPOC Colour Coded Event, Newmillerdam, Wakefield SE 330155
C4 Organiser: Phil Thompson 01226-770991
- 21st EM DVO Colour Coded Event, Cromford Moor, near Wirksworth, Derbyshire
C4 Parking at National Stone Centre (SK 285555)- signed from junction of B5036
and B5035. Organiser: Jayne Malley 01335-350467
- 22nd WM AOK Colour Coded Event. Lickey Hills Country Park, Birmingham
SO 988755. Organiser: Ian Rowan 0121-382-2735

FIXTURES

March

- 22nd EM LOG Colour Coded Event, Bourne Woods, 10 miles NE of Stamford, Lincs
C4 TF 079205. Signed off the A151 2km west of centre of Bourne.
EMOA Galoppen Event. Organiser: Ian Durrant 01522-532245
- 29th EM LEI Colour Coded Event, Fermyn Woods, Brigstock Country Park, Northants
C4 GR 141/951851. Organiser: Neill Costello 01773-235817
- 28/29th **DVO Dinner & Weekend at Hartington Youth Hostel**
Please book ASAP via Val Johnson 01773- 824754

April

- 11-13 WOA **JK98 Dolgellau, South Snowdonia.** Enquiries: Judith Powell 01291 690702
C1R1 Entries: Safestart(JK'98), 22 The Willows, Raglan, Gwent, NP5 2HB
CD2: 28/2 £21/10 two days ; Later entries £23/12 if available ; no EOD
Special EF, Chq JK'98, Relay entries via Clubs.
- 26th EM DVO Colour Coded Event, Stanton Moor, 6km NW of Matlock, Derbyshire
C4 Signed from Birchover village at SK 242622
Organiser: Colin MacDonald 01629 814001
- 26th SW BOK National Event, BOK Trot 98, Stourhead, Wincanton ST 730338
C2 Organiser: Robin and Celia Watkinson 0117 968 3968. Entries: Peter and
Joanna Foster, BOK Trot 98, 8 Windsor Rd, St Andrews, Bristol, BS6 5 BP,
0117 942 1572. CD: 27/3. £8/3.50. SEF. No EOD. Chq: BOK. Lim C/C

May

- 2-4th SC **1998 British Orienteering Championships Weekend, Camberley, Surrey**
Sat 2nd, Informal Orienteering Event- to be confirmed
Sun 3rd, BOC98 Individual Championships.
Entries: BOC 98, 12 Jerry Moor Hill, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire,
RG40 4UG. 01189 734 662. CD1: 19/2 £9.00/4.50, CD2: 24/3 £10.50/5.25.
Special EF, Chq: BOC98
Mon 4th, British Relays, Entries through Club

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

JK RELAYS AND BRITISH RELAYS

JK Relays: 13th April – Dolgellau, North Wales.

British Relays: 4th May – Mitchett, Surrey

The classes (and approximate leg distances) for the JK Relays are:

JK Trophy (7.5, 5, 5, 7.5)

Women's Trophy (5.3, 3.5, 5.3)

Men's Short (5, 3.3, 5)

Women's Short (3.5, 2.4, 3.5)

Men total age 120+ (5.9, 3.9, 5.9)

Women total age 120+ (4.5, 3, 4.5)

Men total age 165+ (5, 3.3, 5)

Women total age 165+ (3.5, 2.4, 3.5)

Men total age 48- (5.6, 2.8, 4.2; Green, Orange and Light Green)

Women total age 48- (5.6, 2.8, 4.2; Green, Orange and Light Green)

Mini-relay, M/W12- (three Yellow courses)

Mixed Ad-Hoc (Green, Light Green, Orange)

Cost £6 per adult, £4 per junior (the club will pay a proportion of the Junior fee).

I haven't yet got details for the classes in the British Relays, but will try and enter everyone in a class appropriate to their age group, unless you state a preference for an ad hoc team.

Please contact me on 01773 825418 or e-mail sal.chaffey@zetnet.co.uk if you haven't already signed up for the relays and wish to enter. I need names for the JK by Feb 20th, and for the British by March 10th.

* Sal may not have the details for the British Relays but I do – it's amazing what you learn when you nick a NOC Black and Green Word Machine.

A Mens Open

C M35

E M45

G W35

I W45

K M/W55

M Med Open

O Womens Short Open

Q M14-

S M18-

U BOF 125+

W Mixed Ad Hoc

B Womens Open

D M40

F M50

H W40

J W50

L M/W60

N Short Open

P M/W12-

R W14-

T W18-

V BOF 165+

X Junior Ad Hoc

Entry Fees are £6.00 Senior and £2.50 Junior, except that Class P is £2.00.

While I think of it, since Ruth will be slaving away on her GCSE revision this weekend (won't you ?), Val drew the short straw and will be staying behind to, ehem, supervise. So there will be at least one if not two spare seats in the Johnson jalopy this weekend, probably going down to camp on the Saturday afternoon, if anyone's interested.

JK ACCOMMODATION

After last year's seaside break with tradition, we're reverting to the usual accommodation arrangements for those that don't mind good company, hard floors and a roof over their heads at this meteorologically dodgy time of the year. We have booked for DVO use Llanegryn village hall, which is to the west/south west of the JK areas, about 17 miles from Dolgellau where the event centre is. It is said to be a very beautiful part of Wales and is not far from the coast.

The hall has a new extension, cooking facilities, toilets and wash facilities. There is a leisure centre for swimming and showers in nearby Tywyn. I think that this is the fourth time that we've used a church/village hall and none has been unsatisfactory yet.

We are aiming to get thirty (to avoid – heaven forbid – sharing with another club) so, if you're interested, phone Val on 01773 824754 asap. Cost is likely to be approx. £2.50 per person per night. The hall will be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

EMOA MAPPING DAY

On Saturday, 14th March at Outwoods & Loughborough

For more details, contact Roy Denney on 0116 233 8604

EAST MIDLAND CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following on their success at Sherwood Pines on 8th February:

W10	Erin Malley	W16	Hilary Johnson
W21	Sal Chaffey	W35	Val (4 times in 5 years) Johnson
M50	Steve Buckley	W50	Judy Buckley
M55	Dave Walker	M60	Dave McGivern

Final 1997 DVO BOF Ranking Positions

W21		M35	
4 Kim Buckley	3983	54 John Hawkins	3252
35 Sal Chaffey	3348	91 John Mailey	3003
78= Ann Marie Priston	2960	92 Steve Kimberley	2994
95 Val Johnson	2810	160 Mike Gardner	2663
W35		M40	
14 Val Johnson	3658	52 Paul Addison	3348
62 Sue Russell	2858	57 Ian Whitehead	3331
84 Kath Whitehead	2712	84 Paul Armstrong	3122
W40		87= John Hurley	3219
88 Jayne Mailey	2746	133 Graham Johnson	2893
W45		229 Robert Shooter	2511
40 Viv Macdonald	3369	M45	
49 Liz Godfree	3170	50 John Hopper	3420
55 Ann Armistead	3136	89 Mike Godfree	3211
81 Judy Buckley	2862	124 Neil Cameron	3060
W50		208 Ranald Macdonald	2804
4 Judy Buckley	4121	231 Stuart Swalwell	2706
13 Helen Finlayson	3686	M50	
63 Jennifer Gale	2977	2 Steve Buckley	4158
78 Margaret Keeling	2820	39 Doug Dickinson	3503
M21		117 Rex Bleakman	3014
11 Al Buckley SHUOC	3851	88 Andy Hawkins	2723
19 David Godfree EUOC	3743	205= Derek Gale	2674
30 John Duckworth	3610	227 Neil Forrest	2597
79 Chris Bourne	3264	M55	
128 Dave Chaffey	3079	23 Ted Smith	3416
153= Dougie Dickinson	2983	56 Dave Walker	3104
273 Mike Jubb	2632	100 Barrie Stephens	2819
282 Dave Clough	2613	107 Dave Tryner	2772

DVO OPEN BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, 11th March

As mentioned in last Newstrack, there is a change of venue for this due to escalating Belper Sports Centre costs. We're still in Belper but at the Old Kings Head on Days Lane (Cost to club – nothing). We're using the back room to the pub which is at the junction of Days Lane and Brookside on the opposite side of the traffic lights to the Co-op on New Road, coming up from the Safeway roundabout. (No room for a map, I'm afraid). It's best to turn left at traffic lights, park in Co-op car park and walk to pub in view of lack of car parking spaces

We can use the pub to run from at the usual time of 7 o'clock but obviously there are no showers, but if you don't complain about the smell, I won't. Business meeting will start at 8.15 (probably).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The first few are all youngsters who have joined the club having come through a Derby City Council sponsored course:

Kayleigh Barry, 1 Cedarwood Court, Oakwod, Derby DE21 2EQ

James Burke, 34 Wilson Road, Littleover, Derby DE23 7BZ

Angela Gates, 1 Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6SL

Christopher Gotheridge, 43 Chilson Drive, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5PG

William Horsburgh, 17 Carsington Crescent, Allestree Derby DE22 2QJ

Simon Jessop, 52 Station Street, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5GJ

Alex Taylor, 4 wentworth Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5YE

Holly Whitehouse, 31 Chellaston Lane, Aston-On-Trent, Derby

Other BOF Members

David Bennett, Flat 2, 5 Hartington Street, Derby DE23 8EB – 01332 290874

Mark & Glenda Cresswell Cast, 158 Chapel Street, Kilburn DE56 0PB – 01332 880566

Jennie Hicks, 12 Broughton Drive, Swanwick, Alfreton DE55 1DT – 011773 609650

New Local Members

Maggie Gorman, 18A The Crescent, Holymoorside, Chesterfield, S42 7EE - 01246 56882

Wendy & David Jones, 72 Macclesfield Road, Buxton SK17 9AG – 01298 27959

Robin & Gwynn Allen, High Hazles, Hardwick Hall, Doe Lea, Chesterfield S44 5QJ – 01246 852353

To all other Local Members:

This will be the last Newstrack you receive unless you renew your membership for 1998. Not much of an incentive to rejoin I know but you should all have received a reminder from Jayne Malley. If not please contact her on 01335 350467.

ODDS and SODS

SPORTS PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH

Mike Gardner was casually reading his EMEWS on Saturday 17th January, looking forward to the Lyme Park Badge Event that he'd entered the following day, when he noticed that EMEWS had got the fixture down for Saturday 17th January. "Strange," he thought, "EMEWS doesn't often make mistakes like that". Meanwhile 40 miles away many DVO orienteers were enjoying a badge event on Lyme Park, wondering where Mike Gardner had got to. "Strange", we thought, "Mike doesn't often make mistakes like that".

Not content with completing his M10 course at Lyme Park, Teige Malley decided to take part in his very own biathlon by launching himself headlong into the lake. Next time you feed the ducks, Teige, don't forget to remember to let go.

A Cautionary Tale It was reported in *The Telegraph* that a Peak District runner required medical treatment following an aggressive attack by a male red grouse. It appears that the plucky but dim bird saw Peter Gillot as a sexual rival and, pepped up by prodigious levels of mating season hormones, challenged him in the time-honoured grouse manner.

Twice the runner's way was barred by his hissing and flapping assailant. He eventually attempted to sprint past the bird and made some 15 yards before feeling a searing pain in the buttock as the animal attacked from behind. Discretion being the better part of valour, Peter retreated to high ground to nurse his wound for ten minutes, before edging past the still alert grouse and continuing on his run.

The moral of this tale – if you run out in the Peaks in spring, be sure to wear nothing red – particularly red shorts !

(Contributed by Brian Denness)

A Warning to anyone planning to attend the OD Bentley Woods Colour-coded event – excellent area for a club event by the way. They should be forewarned that it's being used as a four-way CompassSport Cup tie involving NOC, LEI and two others. There will be congestion and parallel Brown, Blue and Green courses.

Seniors - £3.00. Juniors – £1.50. £1.00 car park fee. (Thanks once again to NOC B&GWM).

The Full Monty. I'll bet that headline grabbed your attention – no cliché is too tired for Newstrack. The reason for its appearance is the most unusual reason for making an area out of bounds that I have ever come across. A sizeable chunk of the Elland Park Woods was unused, and according to Paul Wright (and how did he know I wonder) the reason was its use as – a nudist colony ! Now the weather on Sunday of the event was as balmy as the naturists were barmy, but the thought of people frolicking in the altogether in the normally frozen wastes of West Yorkshire is not one that even the most fevered imagination can easily conjure up.

Personally I see no reason why we couldn't have used the area – if EPOC had got their act together, instead of having a clothing discard and reclaim at the start and finish, they could have had one at either end of the out of bounds area and we could have just run through – it would have done wonders for my minutes per k.

Fancy making a fashion statement? Well now you can by wearing your very own DVO bobblehat. Contact Steve Kimberley for more details. Steve wishes it to be made clear that it is not him who's actually knitting the headgear but he knows some one who does and who is apparently willing to take individual orders. The cost is just £4.00. But do they do matching O-bottoms too ? Mmm, tasteful.

What is a Family Unit ? The answer to this philosophical question so far as DVO are concerned is that if you qualify as a BOF Family unit, you qualify as a DVO family unit for the reduction in entry fees (adult plus adult plus child). I think that this means that M20 students for example, although considered juniors by BOF cannot constitute a family member (I'll be asking questions later about this so concentrate). So if Oliver Orienteer and his wife Ophelia Orienteer turn up with their offspring Oswald Orienteer (M12) and Orville Orienteer (M20), Orville will have to pay the junior fee in addition to the rest of his family who have to pay the family fee. (But since Orville is probably a student with, as everybody knows, copious amounts of money to waste on drink, drugs and fags, nobody is going to worry too much about him). There, I'm glad I've got that straight.

This year's Club Champs will take place on Friday, 12th June – on a brand new area, Carsington Pastures, if all goes well, with a colour-coded event pencilled in for 20th September

New Maps for Old Forthcoming events on Allestree, Cromford and Stanton will have the benefit of new maps.

Kedleston Park on 12th July will have reduced entry fees of £1.50/£0.50/£3.50 to take account of the National Trust policy of charging a hefty entry fee to the park.