



**DERWENT VALLEY
ORIENTEERS**



Newstrack

September 09

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Editors opener and Thoughts from the chair.....

As guest editor I get the chance to combine the editors piece and the chairs piece into one item.

The idea of guest editor is to relieve Neil of the pressure of getting some Newstracks out and to bring fresh ideas to the magazine.

Hopefully someone may even want to take the role on for when Neil has had enough.

This is a full edition with details of the 40th Anniversary happening and agenda of the 2009 AGM and minutes of the last AGM.

Next edition is being edited by Dave Bennett and I am sure he would like more articles sending to him. Even a short event report can be a useful contribution.

Don't forget to enter the Club Champs and attend the AGM.

Cheers

Steve Kimberley.

PS All badly written articles in this issues are done by me.

Thanks to all other contributors for the better articles.

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Sports personality 1

There are a few sports personalities scattered throughout this issue.

The first is from the Scottish and concerns... myself.

Knowing the Scottish vegetation I took along some old gaiters. The zip was a bit tight when I put them on but the struggle was after the run when I tried to get them off.

No matter what I tried I could not get them off (much to the amusement of Liz Godfree). Eventually I slid them off using the mud as a lubricant.

They are still zipped up and unusable. The next day I bought some new gaiters.



Peter Palmer Relays

Did you know that in all of DVO's 40 years this is the first year that DVO will have entered a competitive team in this Junior only event. The event is modelled on the Harvester relay with a six person team and some night legs.

The interest is such that the main problem this year is trying to decide who can't be part of the team.

Sadly not enough have night experience to enable us to enter two teams

Sports personality 2

Andy & Michelle Mackervoy combined running at Bakewell with a night away without the kids to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Andy was last seen washing the mud off his legs in a puddle before returning to their Bed & Breakfast.

What you might call a dirty weekend.

DVO—the first twenty years.....

(This piece was written by John Hurley, a DVO founding member, for a Club Handbook and also appears on the website)

Derwent Valley Orienteers burst on to the orienteering scene in 1969 with a scurry of activity that would be impossible in these more ponderous times of accurate maps, fairness and standards. The inaugural meeting was held in January with 5 members present. Four weeks later the club had selected a design for their new badge and by early March the club had held its inaugural event on Matlock Moor. 4 weeks later the club held another event in Shining Cliff.

In 1969, preparation for events was minimal. Permissions were obtained and a section of the 2 1/2 inch OS map copied with a cursory nod in the direction of the Ordnance Survey. Someone then planned a course. Although planners were encouraged to use features on these OS maps for control site, this was not always practical. This led to the introduction of the indefinite article 'a' in the description list. Any control site prefixed 'a' was not on the map, those prefixed 'the' was the one shown on the map.

Organisation and controlling was still in its infancy. At the club first event the planner was spotted on his way out in to the forest to place some of the controls as the first competitors started. Times for courses in these early days tended to be long – not due to course lengths but more to do with the standard of the maps.

By 1970 the club had 11 members attending the AGM, with a total club membership of around 20. "A sound financial statement " for the year showed a surplus of £2 9s 2d. DVO staged the Jan Kjellstrom relays on a bitterly cold day in Shining Cliff. Robin Harvey had drawn the map for us – and it was John Disley who insisted that it was printed at 1:20,000 as this was an international event and this was the scale used for international events.

Regular weekly training runs on Wednesday evenings were established in the same year, 1970, meeting at Jenny Tenant's house, Blue Mountains, with training sessions in May in preparation for the big events in June.

Since 1970, DVO have fielded a strong women's team. In 1973 we presented the DVO Trophy for the Open Women's event in the British Relays, and played our part in staging the event in Clipstone Forest. We also won the new trophy, which we have also received several times since. That summer 10 members of DVO also competed in the Swiss 5 day event with 16 month Zoe Wilkinson in tow. By 1974, the Buckley's welcomed us to their first DVO dinner, a well supported event, which continued at their house for a further 15

years.

1975 brought the British Championships to Strines with DVO heavily committed, and by the following year our membership had climbed to 48. 1977 saw the inauguration of the Club Championships – a closed handicap event for the Chris Yardley Trophy which anyone favoured by the handicapper has a good chance of winning. Chris was the DVO Secretary for 2 years and was killed in an avalanche on Ben Nevis in the spring of 1977.

1979 was the club's 10th anniversary and a replica of the first event was held. Membership had risen to 70 and DVO's women's team regained the DVO Relay Trophy (yes, we presented it and won it) at Swynnerton and retained it the following year when Roz Clayton's dazzling run also won her the William Younger Trophy for the best individual run.

1982 found DVO fully committed to the British Championships in Shining Cliff and Crich, planning, organising and bridge building. There were 2,000 entries compared with 800 in Strines in 1975. Zoe Wilkinson was chalking up victories in the W10 class. With the bracken high in Shining Cliff, Roz Clayton won the Club Championships. 1983 saw an attempt to break the record for running the length of Offa's Dyke; we didn't.

In 1984 we made our first innocent appearance in the CompassSport Cup – since then we have deployed our strength in the way most likely to achieve results. The club newsletter "Newstrack" was launched and we bought a club tent which provided shelter for competitors and their families and a focus for the club at large events. 1984 also saw Roz Clayton travel to Australia and win the Australian Championships.

In June 1985 DVO arranged the Derbyshire Round Relay. It started at the top of Thorpe Cloud at 7am and finished some 88 miles later at Derby Cathedral – DVO fielded 2 teams, 40 runners! We came 2nd and last! At the 1985 AGM it was agreed to introduce the 'Club only' membership, now called 'Introductory membership' to allow people new to orienteering to receive details of local events through Newstrack, hopefully providing a stepping stone to 'Full' membership at a later date. A Fixtures Sub-committee was also formed, but business meetings were no shorter.

In 1986, DVO used Chatsworth for the first time – it poured with rain but the Duke of Devonshire refused the shelter of an umbrella and presented prizes to a smattering of DVO as though it was a real pleasure. Full marks to the Duke!

1986 was also memorable because DVO fought its way to the final of the CompassSport Cup, and by just beating AIRE and South Yorkshire we won a

handsome trophy that goes with being TOP CLUB. We were also delighted to receive two blue cube frame tents as prizes.

1987 saw us travel to Witherslack to defend our trophy. This we did despite the rain this time beating SYO, Happy Herts and Edinburgh Southern in the final. A bit of quick negotiation changed our prize of 2 additional blue cube tents to a larger finish tent.

1988 saw DVO again organising a long distance footpath relay. This time it was based around the White Cross Way using Ambergate as a base. One of the founder members of DVO also left the area in 1988. Jenny Tennant left Derbyshire for the south. Jenny's house on Blue Mountains was used as the base for training runs for a number of years in the 70's. Jenny was also planner for the Women's Relay for the World Championships when they were held in Inverness in 1976. DVO also fielded 3 teams in the Harvester Trophy, one of them an all women's team. Unfortunately DVO had to hand over the Compass Sport Cup to SYO, although we again reached the final for the fourth year in succession.

By 1989 DVO introduced a planning competition for DVO members and also saw Eyam Moor used for a badge event in the Autumn.

This covers the first twenty years of DVO.....whilst John did write about the next ten years does anyone else want to give their take on the last twenty years of DVO for the next issue?

Sports personality 3

Again at the Bakewell event

Dave Vincent lost his control questions by the time he reached his second control so then was faced with trying to answer unknown questions at each point on his map and without knowing what exact feature the question might refer to.

Surprisingly many of his answers were spot on.

The future of DVO



Development Day 7th November 2009

Would you be willing to help your club?

Want to find out how?

The East Midlands Orienteering Association has arranged several training courses which are available for all its members:

Planner's course - Covers planning colour coded courses

Organisers Course - Enables you to organise a colour coded event

Mapping course - How to start surveying and using OCAD

Controller Grade 3 - Aimed at those with some experience planning and organising

Controller Grade 2 - for existing Grade 3 controllers with the relevant experience.

Venue for all the above courses- Groby Community College, Leicestershire Time - 9.30 - 4.30

Cost - No charge to EMOA club members. (Grant obtained from British Orienteering) Lunch provided

In addition a special three day course for those who want to help coach others has also been organised.

Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Orienteering Course (3 day course)

Day 1: 7th Nov

Day 2: 28th Nov

Day 3: 5th Dec Times each day Time: 9.30 - 5.30

Groby Community College Berry Hill Park Berry Hill Park

Cost: £195.00 Bursary available for those willing to offer time to coaching in their club or the region.

If you would like discuss the details of any course or would like further information please contact either:

Regional Development Officer: Pauline Olivant Tel 0115 9872083 email p.olivant@btinternet.com

or Val Johnson 01773 824754 email gmjandfam@aol.com

Application forms can be downloaded from the DVO Website.

Closing date for applications is:

Coaching course 1st October 2009

All other courses 24th October 2009

All completed forms to be sent to Pauline Olivant

email p.olivant@btinternet.com

Extreme Orienteering

Harvester Trophy June 09

I am always on the look out for a challenge to make the orienteering more interesting. There are several ways of making the orienteering more interesting (for interesting read harder). One is to go to areas which are more complicated which for me has included orienteering abroad. Slovenia has areas which are probably the most difficult I have been on with depressions the size of houses. However you can't do this all the time and there is another guaranteed way, to orienteer at night.

This is one of the reasons I was part of a five person team to go down to South Wales to run in a relay event with a difference. It was to be run on Merthyr Common an open area of rough moorland which is just to the north of Merthyr Tydfil. The area is renowned as one of the more difficult in the country with bleak moorland, lots of pits and depressions and few paths. Still in daylight you would be able to see quite a way and there would be other orienteers around. However this event was different as the relay started at 2am in the morning. My first leg would be starting in the dark.

The key to the night orienteering like any race is of course preparation. More importantly a good torch was going to be essential. I had done night orienteering before but only with a small Petzl headtorch (0.4w). Most orienteers at the event would be using much brighter headlights. So no point in being disadvantaged and bought a new LED super bright headtorch which was supposed to be 15w. Just don't anyone tell my wife how much it cost!

Next preparation was on the day and most of my relay team went in one car arriving well in advance in South Wales in the afternoon. After a run in a training area we went to the local hostelry hoping for a good meal and some pints. Surprisingly we did have a good though basic meal and only one pint!

Driving up to the area we passed through a quarried area and realised warnings about high cliffs around the area were very necessary. Not only would I have to navigate in the dark but if I got it wrong and went north west off the map I might find myself at the top of a 60 foot high cliff. After setting up camp it was time to get a quick nap before getting ready for the run. Waking at 1am thanks to an alarm it was time to put the contacts in

so I could actually see the map. This was one of the hardest things to do. I don't wear contacts except for orienteering and putting them in when still a bit bleary, in the dark with a small car mirror to see in was not easy. Even worse after getting ready I realised that my eyesight was a bit bleary as well as the mind. So I had to try a second time. By now time was getting on, and I of course dropped a contact which I had to find in the dark in the car. Finally with twenty minutes before the start I was ready and went to the start to join the others ready for the leg.

Being first leg I was in a mass start with about 35 others including Mike Godfree. What we didn't know was who was doing what course. Every one was doing first leg but were the courses gaffled or would we all have the same controls. Five seconds to go, lights on and then we were off, down a muddy track by the side of a quarry edge with a very big drop to the left and onto the moors proper.

PS In the photo my light is third from the left!

Once on the moors the first thing is to look at the map. Check the compass to make sure I was heading in roughly the right direction and head off trying to make features out.

Unfortunately the area was rather bland, but you could make out the larger landforms by looking at the horizon. It became a



trick of using the compass to check direction and using larger valleys and spurs to work out how far you have gone. I have never been able to rely on pace counting and on such a tussocky area it would have been difficult to use properly. As regards ticking off features such as depressions even though they were large there were so many that it was difficult to know which one you were passing.

Onto the first control with a bit of chaos as people darted left and right. The control was shown as in a large depression in a re-entrant. After going over a hill I noticed people off to my left lower down searching and as it looked like a large reentrant, I also quickly went down to discover my control. Sadly for

others this was not their control which meant that I could know that the leg was gaffled.

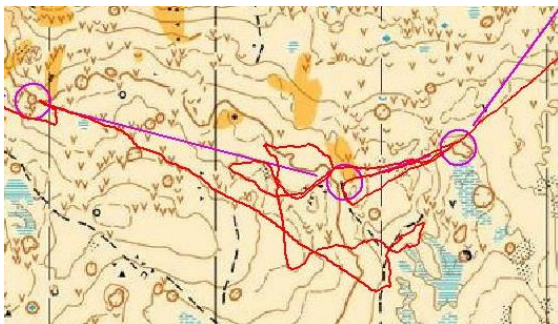
It then became a bit of a trick knowing when to ignore others and when to realise that you were going wrong. Control 2 I drifted too far right but realised that noone else was going with me, so cut back left and saw the control, though I never saw the path it was supposed to be on.

This carried on throughout the course, a mix of bearings, picking off landforms and watching other lights to work my way around the course. The hardest part I found was knowing when I had gone far enough, though sometimes lights ahead may suddenly stop and dart in different directions letting you know that someone felt they were in the right place for a control.

This became harder towards the end when there were fewer lights to give guidance. However by this time there were definite vegetation differences that could be used for navigation together with steeper slopes and more definite landforms. In all I was happy with my eight place on the first leg. I also feel it was easier because of the other lights on this first leg and was happy that I did not go out on second.

My biggest worry throughout was if had lost complete contact with the map. Relocation would have been a big problem and did actually prove to be for some very experienced orienteers.

As an example look at the routegadget GPS trace below.



The person on this course relocated off control 3 to find control 2.

PS No it is not me.

Routegadget is available at:

<http://>

www.bok.routegadget.co.uk/cgi-bin/reitti.cgi?act=map&id=33&kieli=

Overall a challenging event, perhaps next time I will make it harder by choosing second leg.

Steve

Lagganlia – My Story

Once we arrived at Aviemore we met some of the coaches with the Mini-buses waiting for us to take us up to Lagganlia. When we arrived we all found out our rooms and our task groups as each group had different duties each day, like cleaning out the mini-buses.

After tea we had our first meeting about what we should expect, what time breakfast was, what we were doing the next day. We also played a game to remember people's names. Then in the morning we had a more detailed meeting of what we were doing that day and a bit about the area.

Day 1 – We didn't travel far to Uath Lochan where in the morning we counted our pacing to use in the exercises, along a track, up hill through terrain and down hill through terrain. We then did star exercises, aiming off and compass exercises. After that we had a clock relay where the coaches put you in pairs, the relay was fun and it got quite competitive towards the end, me and Guy drew first with a sprint finish from two different directions. Then we had lunch. We then played another game to see if we could still remember everyone's name. Then we moved to a different part to practice what we had learnt.

Day 2 – A nice day in the morning so we had our team photo took, then we travelled to Culbin where we had some exercises which were quite hard as on the control pick I got lost for quite a long time. Then out of nowhere the heavens opened and as I was still out I wanted to get back quite quick but went straight back out to stay warm. Later on in the afternoon we moved to a different area to do a peg relay which was fun as if you get to the control and there are pegs there then you have to take the longer route if not you carry on round the shorter route as we all set off at the same time at number one I didn't pick up a peg so half of us had the shorter route but after about 3 more controls we had to pick up the pegs and so on and at the end there was a sprint finish with 11 out of 14 of the boys, which was quite fun as it was downhill through the trees.

Day 3 – In the morning we went to a little area to do a couple of exercises which was quite good then we crossed over the road to another area where we did map memory. We got into three and one person set off two minutes ahead and hung kites for the next two. After this we travelled back to do the sprint qualifier which I didn't do too well on as for starters I punched 3 and 4 twice and just little stupid mistakes.

Day 4 - We went to Loch Vaa which is an open area and a few little scattered bits of woodland where we did some exercises. And one of them we were set off at couple second intervals depending on size, birthday etc. and some of us got told to do different things like Aidan got told to go a different way to see if people followed him which they did. The exercise was used for concentration then in the afternoon an odds and evens relay which the team I was in won. We then went to Badaguish where the sprint finals would be. I qualified for the B final just, but did a lot better even though I made over a minute mistake at number one. After our race we had a game of football against the Badaguish team and then had a BBQ.

Day 5 – We did a bit of training like sketching parts of a map to get round a course which I did kind of well. But then in the afternoon we had the Middle Distance tour champs. I did well besides number one which I made a 4minute mistake by going up the wrong re-entrant but then relocated off another of my controls and Olly who set off 4minutes after me had already caught me up but at the end I started picking up speed and left Olly, as he didn't go to 17 and followed me but I was on my way to 18. After 4.2km I came 7th but not far off 4th as 6th place was one second ahead 5th was 6 seconds ahead and 4th only a minute or so and 8th place just 7 seconds or so behind.

We then did a time trial 1.2km on paths then 1.2km through terrain which I did quite well in about 4:30 down a path and 6minutes or so through terrain.

Day 6 – Classic race tour champs made a bit of a mistake to number one. I was slow on the long leg which took us out of the easier bit across open for a whilst then into the technical part hit 3 bang on 4 looked quite hard so didn't know what to do but made 20minute mistake on it so took the rest steady. Then afterwards the tour relays which my team didn't do too good in. I was off last leg and me Chris and Adam had a mini mass start. We had different gaffles but me and Chris had one control the same we got the control feature bang on. It was a big depression in a technical area we kept going out near the start kept relocating loads of times kept coming back to the same depression as they were on little kites you can't see them very well after searching the depression I saw it hidden behind an ant hill!

Loved the whole week and learnt a lot too. Just extremely tired for the Scottish 6 days.

Ben Beresford DVO

The Joys of Routegadget

Chris Owen

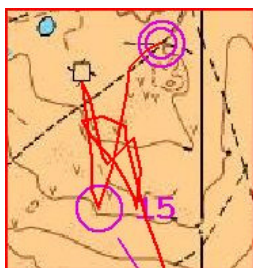
A little idle web browsing turned up this little snippet from a New Zealand web forum:

"Are any Oceania maps going to go up on Root Gadget?"

"Please don't distract Carsten from all the other things he's supposed to be doing now!"

"Surely you mean "route gadget".

There followed a little speculation about what a "root gadget" might be, but it was unsuitable for a family-oriented production such as Newstrack.



So that's the spelling sorted out then. But if it is about showing one's roots then I should show mine by saying that I'm a bit of an orienteering Rip van Winkle. Unlike the fictional Rip van Winkle I did not fall asleep atop a mountain for many years, but I might as well have done. After many years of orienteering as a youngster, back in the '70s, I pretty much neglected it until a couple of years ago, and what a difference I found when I came back.

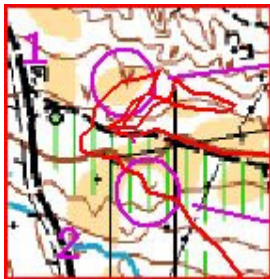
The summer evening training event I selected for this long-awaited return had immaculately pre-printed maps and SI punching (and hence a level of sophistication I had associated with only the JK back in the '70s). It also had Routegadget! Brilliant! The perfect and logical complement to the timing system delivered by SI. And for me, from day 1, a fun addition to the ritual surrounding an orienteering event.

So now, if an event doesn't have Routegadget, I feel a sort of incompleteness about missing off that last activity. So it's good to see that more and more clubs are using Routegadget, and good to see that more and more orienteers are mapping their routes on there (if not their roots). I think it is also an advantage if the Routegadget map can follow hot on the heels of the results, while the event is fresh in people's minds. There's a better take-up that way.

I don't claim to be the world's expert on Routegadget but I



can comment on some of its features. Recording your route can be a bit hit and miss at first, so the "Undo" button is a friend. It erases the last bit of route, so you can "back up a step" and re-enter it. To move the map about, you have to "grasp" the map by clicking the mouse button down and holding it down. A normal down-up click gets interpreted as further route input, suggesting that you flew off your route capriciously in a dead straight line across country! "Undo" button to the rescue!

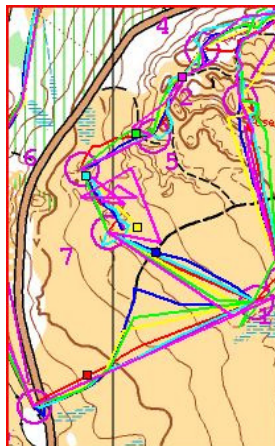


Another useful one is the "Snap on/off" checkbox. I often switch snap off until the last moment. That way I can capture the hapless dandering that occurs before I finally spot the control. Switch snap on for that last bit though, otherwise it can be tricky to click the exact centre of the circle.

The Zoom buttons are useful too, if you're finding it tricky to click in the fine detail of your route. You can then zoom out again to get the more general picture.

What do people make of the Comments box? Most of us seem content to just get our routes in there, without adding comments. When I first used Routegadget I treated the Comments box as a sort of visitor's book, for things like: "Nice course. Shame about the driving rain. Could have done with fewer brambles round marker number four!". It all adds colour, though I suspect the serious Scandinavian Routegadget designer intended it for comments to accompany the route detail: "Control 4 - lost 3 seconds in brambles. Must polish my bramble-hopping." They would also of course put in their 3-second pause at the brambles by using the "+3 sec" button.

It's the animated playback bit that really appeals to the inner child in me though. In fact I left my actual child with it recently and came back to hear how he had made it into a computer game: "Oh and it's Daddy in the lead from Roger Person but Person is catching up! No, Daddy's pulling away again but misses number seven by miles!" It's fun to stage those head-to-head mass start simulations, though it can also be interesting to uncheck the mass start option and get it in real time, especially if you remember being in a group at some stage, or being caught up. You can then perhaps



work out how it was that Roger Person came to catch you up in the first place. The animation feature also works with people who have not entered their route. It's less interesting to see, as their moving dot just runs along the straight line, but it does still reflect their average speed for each control, giving some basis for comparisons.

Maybe the next development will be an interface into the Catching Features game, so we can relive our outings as animated figures bounding over virtual Carsington Pastures!

Or am I asleep again on Rip van Winkle's mountain?

Editor: The pictures (which may or may not come out in Black and white) are all screenshots of some of DVO members routegadget courses. Some of you may recognise them, though the names will not be released.

As for the experiment Chris mentions at the end something similar has already been done. See the link below.

<http://news.worldofoc.com/2007/07/18/woo-tv-gueorgiou-3d-terrain-model-for-orienteeing-tv-productions/>

(For clickable links and colour pictures look at the online version of Newstrack)

Sports Personality 4

Some of you may not know Andy Sykes but he is a very good performer who won his class at the Scottish six days.

However he was not so lucky on Day one at the White Rose. Not only did he go to the wrong start necessitating a 4.5km walk before his own start but after a storming run given the circumstances he was disqualified for not punching the second last control.

He would have won by over five minutes as well.

Very short report

As part of celebrated artist Antony Gormley's One & Other project occupying the empty Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, Adrian Bailey from Harlequins Orienteering Club raced" round the Plinth in could be the world's smallest orienteeing event - occupying a space of just 6.3m².

Further info for those interested at:
<http://www.oneandother.co.uk/participants/DADGE/blog>



DVO 40th Anniversary Club Championships

As part of the club's continuing 40th anniversary celebrations this year the club champs at Hardwick on Saturday 3rd October is also open to past members (and their spouses) as well as all current members.

You do need to pre-enter (there is no EOD) to allow your handicap to be calculated.

There is also the club dinner in the evening at Wirksworth. (see opposite page) If you know of other former members please pass on the details.

Your start time is calculated so that ideally everybody finishes at 12 noon. The normal 4 trophies will be awarded to the first current member in each category but there will be an additional trophy for the first past member across the line.

There will be 3 championship courses,
long roughly blue in length, but, remember, Hardwick is not
that technical,
medium— roughly green,
short roughly orange/light green
and also a white/yellow course for younger children who may be shadowed.

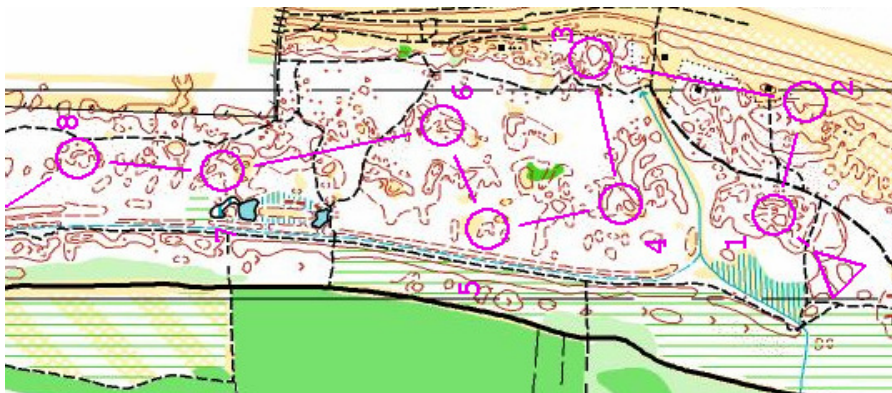
The handicapper reserves the right to move you to a more appropriate course. The long and medium will consist of loops run in different orders as we anticipate a fairly compressed range of start times and will also visit the extension to the old Hardwick map.

Look for final event details and start times on the club website.
Weather permitting we will picnic afterwards.

Entries by email to Mike.Godfree@btinternet.com or by phone to 01335 346004, with details of age class, SI card number (or hire) and ideally a note of a recent event result. **There is no charge.**

Is this some of the best orienteering this summer?

Not sure how well this will come out but this is one of the best parts of the Scottish 6 days. An excerpt from one course (rotated to fit in the space)



Sat 3rd October

DVO 40th Anniversary dinner Wirksworth Town Hall



You are invited to the DVO 40th Anniversary Dinner.
As we are using outside caterers, it will be by ticket, payable in advance. We will also be presenting the Club Awards on that evening.

Menu:

Starter;

Main Course (choice of vegetarian option)

Dessert (pudding and fruit)

Prices:

Over 16 - £15

10 - 15 year - £10

Under 10 years - £5

Cash Bar -sorry but we cannot bring our own drinks.

Please contact Viv or Ranald on 01629 734307 or email using the new address; r.f.macdonald@btinternet.com

Annual General Meeting 2009
Milford School
7.30pm, Wednesday 14th October 2009
(Please note that the normal run will start at 6.30pm)

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2008 Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chair's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Proposed change to the Constitution Article 3.1 currently reads "The club shall be based in the county of Derbyshire (excluding the High Peak District) and shall provide opportunities for orienteering within that county."
The proposed change is that in order to reflect the work done with the satellite club in Buxton the words "(excluding the High Peak District)" should be deleted.
8. Election of Officers
 - a Chair
 - b Vice-Chair
 - c Secretary
 - d Treasurer
 - e Captain
 - f Fixtures Secretary
 - g Committee Member
- 9 Appointed Officers The current positions are

Social	Vacant	Lead Coach	Val Johnson
Equipment	Paul Wright	Mapping	Mike Godfree
Newstrack	Neil Forrest	Permanent Courses	Mike Godfree
Access	Neil Forrest	Publicity	Dave Bennett
Press	Paul Wright	Minutes Secretary	Jen Gale
Development	Derek Gale	EMOA Rep	Steve Kimberley
Junior Rep.	Val Johnson		
- 10 Presentation of the Budget
 - a Full, Local and Social Memberships fees.
- 11 Life Memberships
- 12 A.O.B.

Minutes of the last AGM are over the page.

Derwent Valley Orienteers Annual General Meeting 8/10/08 Belper Leisure Centre

Present Ranald Macdonald (Chair), Derek Gale, Mike Godfree, Brian Ward, Pauline Ward, Tony Berwick, Sue Russell, John Hurley, Val Johnson, Graham Johnson, Pete Ambrose, Paul Wright, Rachel Davis, Andy Mackervoy, Dave Bennett, Jen Gale, Robert Shooter, Paul Beresford, Stephen & Anne Kimberley, Dave Chaffey, Ray Stuart, Ian Hodson, Brian Denness, Helen Finlayson and Neil Forrest.

1. **Apologies** Viv Macdonald, Liz Godfree, Tracey & Ian Grant, Margaret & Roger Keeling, Mike Gardner, Rex Bleakman and Michelle Mackervoy.

2. **Minutes** Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2007 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Dave Walker was asked to "audit" accounts by Sue Russell but declined. New Deposit Account with higher rate of interest was investigated by Sue Russell but required signatures so handed on to new treasurer to complete.

EGM was not called because no-one was found to take on vice-chairman's role before the AGM.

The need for seven posts to be elected every year was discussed by the committee, see Constitution changes.

The new signs were created by Paul Wright.

Venue for AGM was agreed by committee to be Belper Leisure Centre.

The 2007 AGM was not quorate.

4. Chair's Report – Ranald Macdonald

Ranald expressed the hope that his 1 year stand in would end this evening.

He recognised the contributions made to the club by Peter Bourne and John Armstrong, both of whom sadly died this year.

He recognised Liz Godfree's achievements this year, winning the Sprint at WMOC, the W60 class at the Interland Competition and Veteran Home International. And Paul Addison came 3rd in his M40 class at the Interland. He covered other events DVO has competed in and the Juniors entry in the Peter Palmer Relays. DVO was knocked out of the Compass Sport Cup.

He covered the year's program of events including the Club Championships at Longshaw and the dinner at Wirksworth.

The first satellite club was successfully launched at Buxton.

5. Secretary's Report –Helen Finlayson

Helen reported that individual numbers were down by 9 from 2008 and that of the 273 members, 60 are between 2 & 15 and 213 are 16 years or over.

2008	Total individual	273
	members Senior Nat BOF	58

Senior LBOF	5
Junior Nat BOF	3
Junior LBOF	2
Family Nat BOF	50
Family LBOF	12

2008 Total individual 29

Non-renewals	Senior Nat BOF	2
	Senior LBOF	5
	Junior Nat BOF	0
	Junior LBOF	0
	Family Nat BOF	4
	Family LBOF	2

Helen also pointed out that BOF now deals with all membership and if we want to change the rate we have to decide now for 2010. Also BOF is now issuing everyone with a unit number as well as a BOF number.

Helen has sent out contact lists with name, phone number, e-mail and general location, updates will appear in Newstrack. Helen will supply an up-to-date list and further information to organisers on request.

6. Treasurer's Report – Sue Russell

Sue presented details of the club accounts for the year ending 31/8/08, the Balance Sheet, Income/Expenditure Account and Event Accounts .
 Accounts down £600 on last year, but income missing from 5 events likely to be about £900 so likely to be slightly up.
 Average event income is roughly 50p per competitor, if we need more would have to raise entry fees.
 Miscellaneous included
 Gift for John Armstrong's memorial.
 £7.50 income from Chesterfield BC
 Unknown £41 income paid in at The Spot.
 Approx £3,500 in for Bemrose School and approx £3,000 out.
 Sponsorship for Liz Godfree's international run.
 Insurance

Thanks to Mike Godfree for income provided by mapping and permanent courses.

There was a discussion on the need to raise the membership fee. It was felt there were no bigger expenses expected next year and we have a good balance for contingencies. Mike Godfree asked if we could change our minds later in the year, to which the answer was yes, by calling an EGM, or maybe at an Open Meeting, or the committee could be authorised to take the decision on a year-by-year basis. It was decided to leave the fees as they are for now.

7. Proposed Changes to the Constitution (previously circulated)

Ranald went through the changes one-by-one.

Paul Wright raised an objection to the terminology of the area served by DVO, but since this had been discussed by committee and the wording agreed, Ranald pointed out that

Paul would have had to circulate the membership with the amendment the appropriate time before the AGM to have it considered at this AGM.

Robert Shooter expressed some concern about the extension of the allowed term of office to 6 years for Vice-Chair, Club Captain, Fixture's Secretary and the Committee Member. Some discussion followed.

A vote was then taken and there were:

1 Against 2 Abstentions 23 For

8. Election of Officers

Chair:	Steve Kimberley	Proposed by Ranald	Seconded by Derek Gale
Vice Chair:	Ranald	Proposed by Ian Hodson	Seconded by Paul Beresford
Secretary:	Helen Finlayson	Proposed by Derek Gale	Seconded by Robert Shooter
Treasurer:	Roger Keeling	Proposed by Ranald	Seconded by Sue Russell
Club Captain:	Dave Lawson	Proposed by Derek Gale	Seconded by Val Johnson
Fixtures Secretary:	Paul Beresford	Proposed by Ranald	Seconded by Ian Hodson
Committee Member:	Graham Johnson	Proposed by Ranald	Seconded by Jen Gale

Steve took over the Chair.

9. Appointed

Social	Suggest leave vacant	Lead Coach	Val Johnson	
Equipment	Paul Wright		Mapping	Mike Godfree
Newstrack	Neil Forrest		Permanent Courses	Mike Godfree
Access	Neil Forrest	Publicity Fliers	Dave Bennet	
Press	Paul Wright	Minutes Secretary	Jen Gale	
Development	Derek Gale		Junior Rep	Val Johnson
EMOA Rep	Steve Kimberley.			

10 Presentation of Budget

It was agreed to leave membership & entry fees as they are.

It was proposed that a single signature be accepted on cheques below a certain figure.

This figure was suggested as £250 by some and £500 by others. A vote was held and 8 voted for £500

15 for £250

So £250 was agreed. The method of achieving this will have to be discussed at committee since the facility does not exist at the current bank.

We need an independent Financial Examiner. Paul Wright suggested Dave Kenworthy, not a member of DVO, but DVO allows him to store cricket equipment and as an accountant he might be persuaded to take it on. **ACTION: Paul Wright**

11. Life Memberships

None.

12 AOB

Graham asked if we wanted the next Open meeting in January at the Belper Leisure Centre and said he'd book it as soon as it was possible.

Meeting ended at 9:50pm.

Rocky Knoll Recommends

An eclectic mix of suggestions for your diary including events at which you are likely to meet other club members.

First up is the club champs at Hardwick on Saturday 3rd October. A handicap event for all club members. But you do need to pre-enter, there is no entry on the day. Email to Mike.Godfree@btinternet.com with your SI card number and which course you wish to run.

Why not try your hand at urban as opposed to sprint orienteering this autumn. Electronic punching on very detailed 1:5000 maps. Chester on 11th October looks interesting and a bargain at £5. How will the map show the two levels on the Rows? Although it can't be as confusing as the Barbican. Cambridge is full but Oxford on 31st October can be combined with the November Classic in the New Forest the next day. The November Classic is a long established fixture and always a good event – but you will need to hire an Emit brikke.

DVO stage the Veteran Home International on 14th & 15th November. Hopefully you are helping on one day or the other.

The last National Event of the year is on Cannock Chase 13th December and this is also the Midland Champs. Don't miss one of the few age class events of the year in the new structure (room for rant here!) when it is as close as this. Good practice for next year's British Championships.

Visiting the friends and family at Christmas? Always check the local club web site, there are often low key events advertised at the last minute. West Cumberland and Wimborne for instance usually run simple events on Boxing Day. There is of course DVO's own traditional New Year's Day Street O, this year in Darley Dale.

Looking further ahead and afield the World Masters is in the Jura in Eastern Switzerland, see www.wmoc2010.org then look at the Bulletins. 31st July to 7th August 2010. For once during the school holidays and as close as WMOC is likely to be for a few years. Swiss efficiency will doubtless rule. Previously known as the World Veterans this is the World Orienteering Champs for the over 35s yet it is open to everyone. There are races for the rest of the family but it is really geared at the empty nesters. Expensive entry fees for five days of orienteering but in relation to the cost of travel surely worth it. Entry fees go up after the end of October.

Fixtures

Note that this list is not comprehensive and for other events see the [British Orienteering website](#).

Sat 03/10/09	DVO	Local	DVO Club Championships	Harwick Park SK460635
Sun 04/10/09	NOC	Local	Local Event	Harlow Wood SK552568
Sun 04/10/09	WCH	Local	BirchesValley Local Event, Cannock Chase	Birches Valley, SK018171
Sat 10/10/09	LEI	Local	LEI Autumn Series Event	Castle Hill SK555082
Sat 17/10/09	MDOC	TBC	MDOC Sprint Score	Riverside Park SJ910730
Sun 25/10/09	EPOC	Regional	EPOC Regional Event	Marsden Moor SE047118
Sun 01/11/09	NOC	Local	Local Event	Byron's Walk SK513528
Sun 01/11/09	WCH	Local	West Midland League Event	Brindley Heath, SK006141
Sat 14/11/09	DVO	Local	Local Score Event	Longshaw SK265799
Sun 15/11/09	DVO	Regional	Regional Event	Eyam SK 200780
Tue 17/11/09	LEI	Local	Welbeck College Score Championships Day 1 & Open Event	Outwoods SK515163
Thu 19/11/09	LEI	Local	Welbeck College Score Day 2 and Open Event	Outwoods SK510145
Sat 21/11/09	SHUOC	Local	Sheffield City Chase 2009	Sheffield City Centre

Fixture continued.....

Sun 22/11/09	LOG	Local	Local Event	Stapleford Woods SK861566
Sun 29/11/09	POTOC	Local	West Midlands League Event	Swynnerton SJ 851 329
Sun 13/12/09	WCH	National	National Event , Midlands Championships & Interland Selection Race	Beaudesert, Cannock Chase SK052132
Sat 19/12/09	DVO	Local	Shipleby Country Park - (White to L Green)	SK340733
Sun 20/12/09	NOC	Local	Local Event	Walesby Forest SK664703
Sun 20/12/09	LEI	Local	LEI Xmas Novelty Event	Aylestone Meadows SK568009

JIRC's 2009

Held on the 12th and 13th September in Northern Ireland a group of DVO juniors were part of an EMOA junior squad to attend these Junior Interregional champs.

Saturday was the individual on a rocky moorland area which was boggy in parts. Harriett Lawson of DVO did particularly well winning the W14 class.

Sunday was the relays in a wooded parkland area. No prizes for the EMOA relay teams but all seemed to really enjoy their weekend experience

DVO members of team

Harriet Lawson

Jean Sellar

Amy Bevan

Amy Kimberley

Jess Beresford

Ben Beresford

Islay Sellar

Jess Addison

Luke Addison