



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM is at Haytor Vale Women's Institute Hall. The hall stands on the loop road which serves the pub, marked Haytor Vale, towards the southern end (SX 772771).

The AGM will commence at 1430. Food will be available free of charge from 1230.

Any items for discussion should be sent to the Secretary before the AGM.

The Committee encourages nominations for Officers and Committee, and expressions of interest in any of the co-opted positions. These should also be sent to the Secretary ahead of the AGM.

### **THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH.....**

Well there is - Or nearly. We are organising a social 'Get Together' after the Score and Training event and before the AGM to be held in the Haytor Vale W.I. Hall, starting at 1330 until the AGM begins at 1430.

There will be vegetable soup with bread rolls, tea, coffee and cakes on offer. Any other culinary specialities which members may like to bring would be welcome but let us know in advance so we can co-ordinate our efforts and don't end up with a surfeit of sausage rolls and nothing else!

Lunch will be served after all controls are collected, course closure having been at 1215

There will also be some activities to occupy the youngsters.

If you want to contribute something let me know beforehand on:  
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

### By Nigel Bateman

Welcome to another issue of our newsletter – the final one for this ‘committee year’.

I would like to start by thanking the Committee on your behalf for all their efforts in maintaining the infrastructure which supports orienteering in Devon. We would have nothing to do on Sundays if no-one was willing to carry out the background work to create & update maps, find event officials, get land access, and maintain & develop equipment supplies. Not to mention edit this newsletter, maintain the website, keep the club accounts, organize the membership list, and keep our club documentation in order. And then there's the newer, more developmental areas like organizing training and coaching, helping juniors, working with schools, putting people in relay teams, publicising the club, organizing/supporting permanent courses, mapping, running technical courses, setting and training the standards for SportIdent use (which gives us a prompt and useful results system) and many other elements.

In fact when you look at that list you realize just how much effort it takes to keep the machine on the road and actually how successful we are in managing to achieve it. Without this basis we wouldn't have been able carry on progressing on the actual orienteering front.

IAs usual we have put on over 20 events in the last year, as listed in a previous issue, including Night events, Long Os and normal cross-country. As always we are in constant tension between our desire for more events and the effort in putting them on and as always I urge more members to get involved and take on an assistant planning or organizing role. Nothing will improve your fine navigation skills like trying to decide exactly where to put a bit of tape to indicate that this is the control site!

Many of our members have had some excellent runs in national competitions this year but as space precludes listing them all I wish to highlight the following examples as evidence of how we are starting to significantly reach out beyond our county boundaries:

- Fielded 3 Junior teams at the British Relays.
- At the JK Relays our Junior team of Duncan Taylor, Georgie Hazell and Lea Boucher, took on significantly older runners in the Junior Ad Hoc event and held their own well. We also had a Boys and a Girls team in mini relay: Angus , Cameron and Fraser Robertson, formed a spirited boys team with great potential; and Eulalie Boucher and Jess Hazell were anchored by a cannonball run by Lottie Hazell, and we can hope for great things in the future from all of them.
- On the adult side we had 2 teams in the Harvester Relays.
- Qualified for CompassSport Cup for first time.
- Organised two training days recently with a junior emphasis.

The reason this is all worth pointing out is that it didn't happen last year – or the year before that – or the year before that. Why has it happened now? Well, for sure it's because we've got some new members with younger children! However, as well as that, I think it's because we have reached a point where we have a solid infrastructure in place provided by some very willing and able people and we now also have some enthusiastic and creative people who want to drive development. The club needs both – too much of the former makes it a dry and boring place to be where we risk just doing the same all the time and too much of the latter makes it too light and airy, unfocussed and error-prone. The potential synergy from having the talents of the various people in the club at the moment offers great promise for the future.

My tenure as Chairman is ending and I would like to thank everyone who has done so much for the club during the last 3 years. Inevitably, I would have liked to be able to say we'd done more on the development front but I strongly believe we can only do what we do – we're all busy people and the best thing we can do is maintain the foundations so that when someone has the drive and available time to move the club forward they are fully supported.

Good luck to the new Chairman and Committee and especial thanks from all of us to Mike Hosford who is retiring from the Committee again, supposedly for the last time. He will of course continue to pop up from behind controls to take your picture for the Newsletter!

## Junior Safety

The committee has recognised that with the introduction of a programme of junior training events it is only right that we establish someone to keep an eye on all aspects of the safety of the children participating. I'm very pleased to announce that Helen Taylor has offered to take on the role of co-ordinating best practice for the club. She will no doubt be looking for support from us all in due course.

Nigel Bateman

## HAPPY (TRAINING) HOUR (9.30-10.30am, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct)

Before the 60 min Score event on Haytor North there will be an opportunity to fine tune your O' skills. On the Haytor South area (south of the road) there will be about 12 controls marked on a master map, to show the site of controls each with a simple punch (not SI). You will have various options to practice different skills such as running on a bearing, using attack points, pacing, etc. Help will be on hand but you can do as much or as little as you want. Both juniors and seniors are welcome. Then you will be fully tuned in for the 60 min score event on the North Haytor map, with a mass start at 11am (followed by lunch and the AGM).

Organiser: Adrian Taylor

*Please note that the upper car park, just below Haytor, should be used for the training and score events, NOT the lower car park with the public toilets.*

## **E Major team events to report on:**

### **JK relays near Chepstow British Relays in Brecon Beacons**

We had 6 teams this year. 2 M165 and 1 W165 as well as 3 AdHoc. Erik Pecket and Wilf Taylor were standing by in case Way family failed to turn up, in were pressed into service to bring Bryan Smith's team came as best of Devon in AdHoc. A sign of the times was Duncan Taylor running long leg while aging Adrian resigned himself to a nice steady middle leg. We had 2 top 10 finishes. Eleanor Taylor ran first leg for W165 coming home in close order in the top half. Susan Hateley had a tremendous middle leg pulling up to 7<sup>th</sup>, and beating Carol McNeil. Ann Hughes couldn't repeat her cannonball ride of 2006 but finished in a close 8<sup>th</sup>. For the M165 teams both Tom Lillicrap and Mike Wimpenny had strong first legs in the top 10. John Dysan took over confidently from Mike but had 1 error when he got confused by an interesting feature of the area, namely the railway system. Kevin Hagley was again magnificent on anchor leg and pulled the team back to 6<sup>th</sup> on the day.

Revolution at BOC relays in Brecon Beacons on Pwll Du. An Intricate reclaimed slag heap system by Blencawe. We entered 7 teams; 2 M50, a mens short and a womens short, but most importantly 3 junior teams. Tom Lillicrap and Adrian Taylor had excellent runs and were able to carry a hobbled Wilf Taylor to a top 10 place. Kevin was tried out on first leg for a change and had his usual storming run, leading home his highly talented gaffle. Also Olivier Boucher on anchor had a very fine run on the day, pulling up several places. Unfortunately Stu Robertson manage to demonstrate most of the things 'NOT to do in relays' for his keen protégés. We had 2 teams in the M/W12 relay. Unfortunately there was a problem on the first leg as a control was missing and the organisation made a mess of informing the first leg runners of what to do. Eulalie Boucher was quite reasonably upset by this mess up and I hope it doesn't put her off. Young Fraser Robertson does not seem to get phased by anything, which is a tremendous asset for a first leg runner. He was followed by his brothers Cameron and Angus for a sound team effort promising much for the future. The Hazell twins followed Eulalie and Jess's steady middle leg set up Lottie for a cannonball ride, storming round the anchor leg in great style. Our senior Juniors were entered in the M/W18 adHoc which was always a big ask, and they performed admirably. Ducan Taylor led off on the long leg, taking on M18s. Georgie Hazell put in a godd steady debut as did Lea Boucher sprinting round on the short anchor leg. Another positive outcome of the weekend was that, the Juniors have become fed up with all the procrastination and shilly-shallying of the committee to get around to coming up with new O kit and will design it themselves with Georgie and Kevin Hazell taking the lead.

Harvester relays June 3rd on Penhale:

I have only entered 2 teams at the moment, though we may be able to finagle a late entry. Both are in the 5 person race starting at 1:30am. We have to make 2 teams from the following names.

Ann Hughes W60 handicap 1 point	John Dyson M65 3 points
Dave Livsey M65 3 points + running night leg	Tom Lillicrap M60 4 points
Jill Green W60 1 point preferably day	Nick Maxwell M50 6 points
Nigel Bateman M45 7 points	Ella Bowles W45 4 points
Steve Rose M45 &points	Damian Wilson M21 10 points

Reserves are: Stu Robertson M40 8pts. And Wilf Taylor M55 5pts

April was the month for championships this year. For the first weekend we set off for Midhurst in Sussex. 3 teams represented Devon. Mixed Ad Hoc, W50 and M50. Unfortunately a communication breakdown meant that the W50 team (Devon Cream) set off without an anchor leg runner. First leg runner for Ad Hoc (Devon Deadly Sins) got a little over competitive and forgot to check at penultimate control. This was a pity because anchor man Duncan Taylor had a really good run. M50 team (Devon Pillars of Wisdom) did complete the course. Wilf Taylor started really well on leg one opening a 2 minute lead on the pack after 5 controls. Unfortunately his eyesight wasn't up to the complexities of the contours around the later controls and he came back 12<sup>th</sup>. Tom Lillicrap had a very good run on the middle leg and pulled back close to a podium finish in 4<sup>th</sup>. Then Adrian Taylor competed well but was finally edged back to 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Even so not a bad performance with 2 ageing juveniles and only one runner near his prime.

2 weeks later and we mustered 5 teams in Yorkshire for the JK relays. This was flat and fast with a maze of ornamental wood decorated with various obelisks. Devon Deadly Sins again represented us in the AdHoc. However on the long first leg, Mike Cullen spent 20 mins on one control, chasing the wrong obelisk. Duncan, again had a fine run, and Eleanor Taylor pulled up places competitively on the anchor leg. For our W165 team (Devon Brides), our championship team of Jill Green, Susan Hateley, and Ann Hughes again flew our flag. Jill just missed the break on the first leg and though Sue had a good steady run there was too much for Ann to do. Nobody told Ann though as she rode a cannonball through the woods winning her gaffle.

We even had selection problems with our 3 M165 teams. (N.B. for the uninitiated, add the 3 age groups together and they must be 165 or above. E.g 3x M55s or M35 + M70 + M60 (You will have to get Brian Parker out of retirement, Damian, if you want a relay run next year)) Unfortunately our 'a' team (Devon Brothers) were dealt a hammer blow when Tom went down with chicken pox in the week before easter. Then Dave Livsey gained a rapidly expanding knee the day before the race. Chairman Nigel actually had a very good opening leg, for all the good it did us. In fact all our opening legs were competitive, with John Dyson volunteering for a long leg as he felt he was in top form. We had a great spectacle at the race in for the short middle leg. Rogers, Green and Hateley were eyeballs out passed our banner on run in to the final handover, with Roger Hateley (Devon Stars) not quite able to wipe out the opening leg deficit on Roger Green (Devon Pillars of Wisdom). However was 20metres going to be a big enough lead for Adrian over Kevin Hagley. Not a hope. Adrian soon had spike marks up the back of his shirt as Kevin launched himself to a storming, gaffle winning run.

I've only managed one team for the Scottish champs later this month, and the Devon tartan will be proudly worn by Devon Loch in the 11:00 at Banchory. We have not got a Harvester team this year as it was another trip to Scotland, but I have high hopes for next year.

Can we get some junior relay teams organised? I hope so, the SW relays are an excellent introduction to team racing, please contact me if you want to make up a team with some more experienced competitors. Ask me for details of any of the events. Let us at least get some teams for the Devon Relays at Killerton. This is a very fast venue, and there will be legs to suit even the most inexperienced competitor.

*Wilf Taylor's report arrived just after the previous issue had gone to the printers. As it adds much more flavour than the bald results published in issue 126 the editor has decided much better late than not at all.*

# RELAYS

Susan Hateley

This year we decided to attempt the SWOA relay series which runs in the summer to fill in the awkward time between the end of the Galoppen series and the summer holiday events in Scotland, the Lake District or Wales.

As a preliminary, this year saw QO putting on a 2x2 relay, in place of their controversial regional event. This relay was for teams of two, each running two courses, held at Blackborough on the Devon/Somerset border. It was great fun with a series of different colour coded courses that teams opted to tackle, so Dev-On Fire chose to run green and light green. A mass start saw one member of each team head out on their respective course while their other team member took it easy in the assembly area. One by one the first runners came back and handed over to the second runner, who had collected their sealed map before entering the change-over pen. Slowly the second runners returned and the first runners went out on a second course of their chosen colour. Excitement set in as the third map came back and the final leg runners went out. There was quite a close finish as novice runners on the orange competed against experienced people on the blue.

The relay series proper started with NWO putting on an event at Coate Water Park, Swindon. One map was marked with three courses, yellow, orange and light green, each was to be run twice. The teams could have 2 or 3 members; we chose to run with Ian Bowles. As Ian is considerably fitter than either of us we elected that he should do all three courses while we ran the others between us. Our team was told to run orange, yellow then light green to finish. To avoid following other teams ran the courses in a different order. The weather, which was cloudy and wet as we drove to the event, cheered up and we were able to run in the dry. The courses were fairly straightforward and each took a slightly different part of the park with the light green going around one of the lakes. With a mass start every team had someone rushing into the park, yellow runners came back first, then light green followed by orange, before the second leg runners set off on the same course with the same map.

The following week saw us teaming up with Ella Bowles and heading to Ashton Court in Bristol for the BOK Adams Avery Trophy. The format was different again. This time the team of 3 had to run three different courses, two light green and one green just once. The mass start had a large number of bodies hurtling into the distance before returning exhausted and muddy to hand over to the next team member. Finally the last leg runner set out and rushed back to attempt to get up the leader board.

After a weeks rest Dev-On Fire set out with Alan Simpson and Ian Bowles to tackle the Wessex Hardy Relay at Culpepper's Dish. Four team members had to run one green course twice, a light green and an orange course four times. There was an age handicap so teams started at different times. In theory this should mean that all teams finish together! Three team people could be out at one time and a cunning plan was used to ensure that the courses were run efficiently and the light green course kept moving. The area chosen for the relay was a complex area of contour features and steep slopes with some brashings and plenty of mud features called paths! The plan would have worked very well if Susan had not had a brain storm at two controls on the light green. It would be the critical map! However the rest of the team did very well and we achieved a credible third place.

The Devon relay had a new format devised by Nigel Bateman. Four maps were used, teams could have from two to eight members, each map had to be run twice by different people. Dev-On Fire chose to have five members, Steve Rose, Lew Bean, John Dyson and ourselves.

The first map to be run was the yellow and then the green map could be taken out; both the first two runners out (Roger & Steve) sprinted round and achieved very good times. The Light green map was then released and John made steady progress keeping the team in contention. Steve did a second stint running the orange before John went round like lightening and ensured us a good position. Roger and Lew carried the light green and green maps home to ensure that we were second finishers and second on handicap, beaten by 18 seconds by a Kerno team of Graham, Annabel and Jenny Pring with Arthur Boyt.

The final relay of the series was the Wimborne Furrow hoppers relay. We were unfortunately unable to attend but the format is also challenging. There are two normal classic courses, a park memory course and a park orienteering course. The five runners between them have to run each course three times. The map memory is especially useful as it provides a challenge to remember the map and get round at speed because the rest of the team depend on you! Each control has a piece of map with the position of the control you are at and the next control to visit. It pays to spend time looking closely at the map and planning your route before you set out.

The whole series provides plenty of interest and a chance to hone ones orienteering skills before setting out on an orienteering holiday. Each one has its own idiosyncrasies which makes the whole series a pleasure to participate in.

## **CHARITABLE NGOC**

SWOA editors exchange their newsletters and this editor was impressed by a paragraph in The Legend, NGOC's newsletter. NGOC's treasurer's report for their forthcoming AGM included a paragraph stating that since the Asian tsunami disaster, they have donated the proceeds from their New Year's Day event to charity. This year they supported Practical Action (formerly ITDG – Intermediate Technology Development Group), an organisation which specialises in locally-produced, low-cost, low-tech answers to local problems, from chicken wire and concrete water tanks to soft rag harnesses for plough animals or winter shelters for alpaca goats. If they register the event as 'charitable' they will be let off the British Orienteering levy, which means they can contribute a further £1.10 per head (22p for juniors).

## **OMM**

**I live in Okehampton and will be taking part in this years OMM (formerly Karrimor Mountain Marathon) in southern Scotland, I am trying to find out if anybody in the club is also attending so we can share a lift north. I would be grateful if you could forward a message to your members.**

**Regards**

**David Rickwood**

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# SCOTTISH 6 DAYS Highland 1977 and Spey 2007

by Susan Hateley

Back in 1976 the World Orienteering Championships were held in Scotland. Tales of the excellent terrain and maps reached us by people who had been helping including Rosemary Roach. Then in early 1977 we read about a “Scottish 6 Days” using the areas and maps produced for the World Championships. Novice orienteers that we were, we decided to be brave and venture up to Forres and experience a new type of orienteering. Now 30 years later the 16<sup>th</sup> Scottish 6 Days was held, based around Grantown on Spey, but using three of the original areas.

This year we arrived in Speyside in time to buy a map of one of the training areas and have a walk around some of the controls placed out in the forest at the northern edge of Grantown. A real bonus, as we normally have a long drive to get to the area from our overnight resting place.

Day 1 in both years was the Alvie Estate south of Aviemore. In 1977 we were close to the then A9 road, in fact we had to cross it during the competition! The day was wet but the forest lovely and runnable, with red squirrels scampering up the trees as we ran past. 2007 saw us parking in one of the competition fields from '77, using the forest north of most of the previous area. Age had made the forest less runnable as older legs and a knee scrape made the bilberries and heather more of an obstacle to progress. Map scales were very different for us, in '77 the scale was 1:15,000 with 7.5 m contours, but in '07 we had 1:10,000 and 5 m contours. Both courses, W19A and W60L were interesting and made one think all the time. If one lost contact with the map then a lot of time was lost.

Day 2 this year was in Balavil; overnight heavy rain made the parking interesting and the river running through the centre of the area was in full spate. All courses had to cross it and I took the coward's option of using the ford, rather than taking a chance and crossing close to the straight line route. Day 2 in 1977 was in Queen's Forest where the map was a very pretty colour of green and I seemed to have all my controls in green areas.

On day 3 we went to Inshriach West, in an area new to us. Again the courses were designed to get us into the best bits of the forest and allow us some interesting route choices. 30 years ago on Day 3 we were at Cawdor on a map no bigger than A5. The things that stand out in my **memory** are that the visitor toilets at the Castle overflowed with the pressure of the nervous competitors and the wood-rush plants were very prolific.

The rest day in 1977 saw us visiting the course set out in Roseisle, a forested sand dune area. 2007 was spent resting a very tired leg and trying to get it to recover from three days of abuse.

Day 4 was at Culbin in both 1977 and 2007. Culbin is a forested sand dune area covering a very large area. It will be the site of the British Championships in 2008. In many ways it is less challenging than either Braunton Burrows or Penhale as there is a network of tracks and rides dividing the forest into a grid pattern. In 1977 the map scale was 1:15,000 with 2.5m contours, this year we had a 1:7,500 scale again with 2.5 m contours. Longer courses in '77 saw us getting into the very complex dunes close to the beach, but this year we had to make do with the more mature, less complex dunes. Electronic punching allowed us to chase our tails and go round some areas in circles!



In 1977 we were privileged to visit Darnaway for day 5. The map scale was 1:20,000 with 5m contours! It had been the area used for the final of Individual competition at the World Championships. The forest was covered with more prolific wood-rush and there were some very interesting control descriptions – “Reentrant. Recent forestry operations around control.” In 2007 we went to Camerory, an area with a small bit of forest and a large amount of moorland. My course visited the rough open only briefly, there was some nice runnable wood, and unfortunately on the way to the first control I damaged a tendon and had to take it at walking pace for the rest of the event. This prevented me “running” on the final day as my knee had swollen like a melon.

Day 6 was at Anagach in both 2007 and 1977. In 1977 we were unable to attend as we had to drive back to North Devon, but in 2007 Roger was able to run. His course took him through the very wet marshy area on narrow corridors of higher ground and into the small part of woodland above the assembly field. He enjoyed his course and felt it was well planned and necessitated some careful navigation.

There were many differences between 1977 and 2007. In both cases the maps were of a very high standard for their day. In 1977 the map unit included the control card and so was “confiscated” at the end of each run, so that the punch marks could be checked and the maps were returned next day. In 2007 we used electronic punching and maps were not collected. In 1977 start times were allocated at random, so Roger and I usually started over a hundred minutes apart, some days as much as 200 minutes difference. Now club members are usually started within the same time block of 45 minutes and people on the same entry form but different classes are within a few minutes of each other. Toilets are now Polyjohns but in ’77 it was more often a trench surrounded by Hessian. Parking is now usually close to the assembly field, but in ’77 there was no proper assembly area and parking was along roads or forest tracks. In 1977 there were around 870 competitors but in 2007 there were over 3,700!

The next Scottish 6 days will be in 2009 and be based around Perth, taking in a mixture of areas from very runnable forests to sand dune areas around the mouth of the Tay. It should be some great orienteering and a good holiday.



Prize giving at the Devon Relays

## 2007-2008 DEVON & CORNWALL NIGHT LEAGUE

Here we go again. ....plug in your torches and get eating those carrots ready for the 16<sup>th</sup> running of the South West's premier Night Orienteering League.

For those who don't know, we organise 6 events on Saturday nights through the winter, open to all. Each event offers Orange, Jade (short Green) and Green courses and you can enter on your own or with friends and family. Registration and Starts are from 6:00pm to 7:00pm only, sometimes extended earlier if it's dark but please don't be late as we aim to be finished and in a local pub from 8pm onwards!

These are low key, informal events, with as much emphasis on the social side as the competition and we're really keen to see some new people trying it out. All you need is a decent torch – fitness and speed are less important than in day orienteering (most of us would be quicker if we walked round anyway!). For those who are more competitive there is a trophy for the league winner on each course at the end of the season.

Date	Venue	Club	Location
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	DUCHY COLLEGE	KERNO	Stoke Climsland
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	BURRATOR	DEVON	Yelverton
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	LANHYDROCK/HALVANA	KERNO	Bodmin
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	WHITCHURCH COMMON	DEVON	Tavistock
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	COOKWORTHY SOUTH	KERNO	Okehampton
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	t.b.a.	DEVON	South Devon



# British Orienteering Ranking List

## Ranking List for Members of DEVON in class order

class		Name	points	events
Class	pos			
M21L	219	Steve Edmonds (M50)	1770	2
M35L	61	Emmit Andrews	3013	3
M35L	65	Mark Bagley	2635	3
M35L	100	Jonathan Hurrell	1217	2
M35S	39	Olivier Boucher	3625	3
M40L	73	Andrew Reynolds	5525	6
M40L	218	Stuart Robertson	142	1
M40S	48	Stuart Robertson	5740	7
M45L	26	Kevin Hagley	7344	8
M45S	100	Kevin Hazell	3239	4
M50L	76	Adrian Taylor	6397	8
M50L	139	Nicholas Maxwell	4988	12
M50L	163	Rob Kohler	4402	4
M50L	264	Ian Bowles	1484	2
M55L	13	Mike Wimpenny	7649	18
M55L	70	Christopher Virgo	6486	10
M55L	156	Wilfrid Taylor	4295	4
M55L	191	Bryan Smith	3186	3
M55L	237	Michael Cullen	1878	2
M55L	280	Graham Dugdale	926	1
M55S	49	Graham Dugdale	5875	9
M60L	20	Tom Lillicrap	7290	9
M60L	72	Alan Simpson	6473	9
M60L	119	Lew Bean	5654	6
M60L	131	Roger Hateley	5123	12
M60S	36	Michael Hughes	5709	7
M60S	45	Roger Green	4646	6
M65L	90	David Livsey	5329	7
M65L	96	John Dyson	4629	4
M70L	83	Erik Peckett	1783	2
W35S	42	Marie Boucher	1246	3
W40L	57	Alison Reynolds	5037	6
W40S	44	Deb Hazell	5418	6
W40S	68	Alison Kohler	3394	3
W40S	71	Lynda Robertson	3169	8
W45L	20	Ella Bowles	7053	8
W45L	89	Eleanor Taylor	2776	4
W45S	60	Helen Taylor	3544	5
W55L	133	Vivienne Maxwell	883	2
W55S	35	Vivienne Maxwell	4712	7
W60L	16	Jill Green	7032	12
W60L	28	Ann Hughes	6667	8
W60L	34	Susan Hateley	6530	10
W65L	22	Valerie Livsey	6440	7



Devon Relays: waiting to start



Erik presents the trophy to the winning KERNO team

## **Club Meeting held on Friday 20 July 2007 at 39 Prospect Park, Exeter**

**Present:** Nigel Bateman, Ella Bowles, Jill Green, Roger Green, Alan Simpson, Adrian Taylor, Damian Wilson

**Apologies for Absence:** Mike Hosford, Peter Flick, Wilf Taylor, Phil Way, Susan Hateley

### **Toilet Hire**

Alan Simpson had obtained some quotes for toilet hire. Eagle Plant Hire had given a favourable estimate. Alan has checked with the club's insurers and toilets can be insured at the normal equipment rate (1.2% per year). Alan has insured them. The club should check that Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) will allow toilets to be placed out on the moor from Friday to Monday.

### **CompassSport Cup**

10 people had indicated to Wilf their wish to participate. Adrian asked who was on the list. Alan suggests that Susan Hateley could take on the captaincy for the event.

### **Long-O**

Both the Devon OC and QO Long-O events will be a standard course rather than a score type event. Roger Green will ensure that a combined winner can be determined.

### **Christmas Event**

Roger and Jill Green will be running this event at Killerton. Permissions are still needed. This event will be at 1100 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mike Hosford had provided a written report. The club has seen a small decrease in funds (£241 from a turnover of £4696) during the last year (started 4/8/06), but this has been without a Caddihoe Chase or Tamar Triple. The club still has plenty of funds, hence there is money for major activities such as mapping.

### **Membership report**

Peter Flick had provided a written report. Membership was slightly reduced from last year. There are 202 Devon OC members (compared with 233 in 2006 and 252 in 1997). Of these, there are 111 National members, 81 Local members and 10 Contact members; 149 Seniors and 53 Juniors; 116 male and 86 female orienteers.

### **Equipment Report**

Alan Simpson reported that nothing had been heard about the repairs to the current printer. He does not want to purchase another printer, but it would be an independent backup.

### **Mapping**

a) Nigel suggested that Lydford Forest would be a good location to map. Mike Wimpenny has suggested mapping Hound Tor (with appropriate permission) and joining the map with Hay Tor. *The mapping of Hound Tor was agreed by the committee.* Mike Wimpenny will confirm access for Hound Tor and quote for mapping the area. Alan Simpson will explore this with Mike Wimpenny.

b) *It was agreed that Sourton Tors would not be mapped because of the parking issues.* North Dartmoor was agreed to offer the most potential, but this needs the support of the Army in order to allow car parking. Nigel Bateman will contact DNPA to check on access restrictions. Phil Way will contact the Army to discuss possibilities of parking at Okehampton Camp.

c) Erik Peckett has said he is happy to revise the map of Harcombe for the 2008 Galloppen but would like the planner to go round with him so Erik can point out the best orienteering parts.

d) Alan Simpson introduced to the committee some new mapping techniques including aerial photography and GPS tracking of paths. Erik Peckett would like the Club to purchase itself an aerial photograph of Five Tors to assist in the improvement of the map. *The committee agreed this*, but had concerns whether the purchased photograph would be out-of-date.

e) Erik Peckett is organising a short introduction to planning with OCAD for planners. An invitation is in the latest copy of Devon Orienteer. Alan Simpson supports this as he would like to see more planners come forward and for them to use OCAD. Additional courses may be offered later.

Adrian Taylor suggested that a taster demonstration could be put on at the AGM in order to keep people (especially children) interested with what is going on. Nigel will contact Erik to ask whether Erik wishes to give a taster of OCAD at the AGM.

f) Regarding the number of OCAD9 licences the Club requires, Nigel suggests that two licences ought to be sufficient – one for Roger Green who manages the club's maps, and a floating licence that would be used for event planning. *The committee agreed that a second license should be purchased and that a third should be considered.*

### **Fixtures**

a) The 2008 Galloppen will be at Harcombe. Damian Wilson volunteered to plan this event. Wilf Taylor was suggested as a potential organiser.

b) The Devon OC Tamar Triple 2008 locations will be at Wheal Franco and Virtuous Lady, although this runs a risk of not getting permission from DNPA. Ideally we would wish to have back-to-back days, rather than Saturday/Monday. Nigel Bateman will talk to KERNO regarding these issues.

c) Nigel Bateman will provide a list of night events shortly.

d) Alan is organising the Plym Forest event, Roger is controlling and Lew Bean is planning.

e) Nigel may organise the 2008 Meldon Hill Race under FRA (rather than BOF) rules. He will check the merits of each option.

f) Locations have been decided for events up to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008. This event may be at East Hill Strips but would clash with the Talaton Trotter.

### **AGM preparations**

a) The AGM venue has been booked (the Women's Institute Hall in Haytor Vale). Damian will find out where the WI Hall in Haytor Vale is located. There will be a score event and (earlier) a training event that day. A flier will be done for this event. There will be food available at the AGM (Jill Green will arrange this) and this will be advertised.

b) Nigel Bateman will approach Graham Dugdale to ask whether he would be willing to stand for secretary or a committee role. Andy Reynolds was also suggested as a possibility.

## FORTHCOMING KERO FIXTURES

<b>date</b>	<b>venue</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Grid reference</b>
7 October	Inny Foot	District	tbc
18 November	Smuggler's Cove	District	tbc
9 December	Mount Edgcumbe	District	tbc

## NEW MEMBERS

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref.	information
Saturday 6 Oct	0900 1200	Dartmoor Long O	Princetown (start)	SX 591 734	Roger Green 01392 278512
Options for solo run or teams on Long, Medium & Short, plus score course See website for full details					
Sunday 14 Oct	tbc	Compass Sport cup final	Mansfield East Midlands	Venue tbc	Travel details tbc Check website
Sunday 28 Oct	0930- 1030	DIY training event	Haytor	SX 758 767	Adrian Taylor 01395 274152
	1100	60 min Score event			
Sunday 28 Oct	1330  1430	Lunch  AGM	Haytor Vale Womens Institute Hall	SX 772 771	Damian Wilson 01392 469182
Sunday 18 Nov	1000 1230	Devon League 1	Burrator	SX 568 693	John Hurrell 01548 560778
Sunday 8 Dec	1000 1230	Devon League 2	Plym Forest	<i>Tbc</i> check website	Alan Simpson 01752 311367
Saturday 15 Dec	<i>tbc</i>	D & C Night Event	Burrator	<i>tbc</i>	Paul Glanville 01822 617713
Sunday 30 Dec	<i>tbc</i>	X-Mass Novelty Event	Killerton	SS 975 002	Roger & Jill Green 01392 278512
Sunday 6 Jan	1000 1230	Devon League 3	Smallhanger	SX 563 593	Stuart Robertson 01752 787657
Saturday 19 Jan	<i>tbc</i>	D & C Night Event	Whitchurch Common	<i>tbc</i>	Nigel Bateman 01822 617291
Sunday 3 Feb	1000 1300	Devon Gallopen	Harcombe nr Exeter racecourse	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>
Sunday 10 Feb	<i>tbc</i>	Meldon Hill Race	Meldon reservoir nr Okehampton	SX 563 917	Nigel Bateman 01822 617291

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**All Devon League events have courses suitable for novices: most have string courses.**