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DEVON ORIENTEER

THE NEWSLETTER OF DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

Chairman's Chat

There is a lot of interest in club clothing. For too long, we have not had any orienteering tops or other gear available for club members, new and old, to purchase. Hence Devon club members tend to run in all-manner of assorted clothing. I am a particularly bad offender! We need an outfit to wear with pride. Elsewhere in the newsletter is an article with some design suggestions, to rectify this situation.



The Devon flag, left, was adopted by the county four years ago. and could well be the basis of a new image in a new colour. (The editor assumes the new flag was a result of Plymouth and Torbay becoming unitary authorities, hence removing the main nautical links with the county's maritime history that was manifest in the earlier ship logo)

What about the club logo? The Devon ship has served us well for some time, but orienteers are not sailors. Maybe an image from Dartmoor, the jewel in our crown, would be more appropriate?



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Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey, and send your thoughts to Kevin Hazell. If you have design skills, we need your ideas, and there is the prize of a complete new club strip.

Bear in mind that a new club Sail Banner would not be very expensive, and we need matching Start and Finish banners anyway. The club tents are conspicuous pieces of kit, which hopefully are obtainable in this mid-green. Letterheads can easily be swapped.

On other matters, a number of us are heading for south Wales for Croeso 2008. I will bring the (old blue) club tent to provide a gathering point for the Devon OC contingent each day.

The autumn season starts on Saturday 6th September with a Come-and-Try-It event in Central Park aimed principally at potential new members. Colour-coded courses will range from white to light green. A week later is the Club Championship event at Woodbury, with its fiendish age-handicap. Some have been heard to complain that this favours the oldies. Would we do that?



Alan Simpson (M65)

DEVON OC Club StripSurvey and Competition

There is no doubt that many club members would welcome a new club strip. We are certainly put to shame by the splendid gold and black turnout of our western neighbours in KERNO.

The problem is that 200 members will probably have 200 different views. This article is an attempt to put a few ideas in front of you and invite comments. Kevin Hazell, who teaches at North Devon College, has done most of the research for this article – our thanks go to him and his family.

1) A New Colour

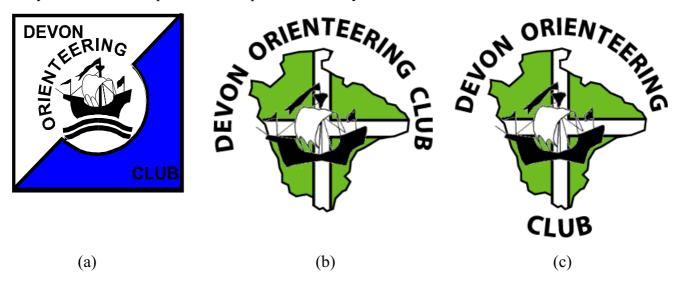
Should we adopt the colours of the Devon flag, which is predominantly green?



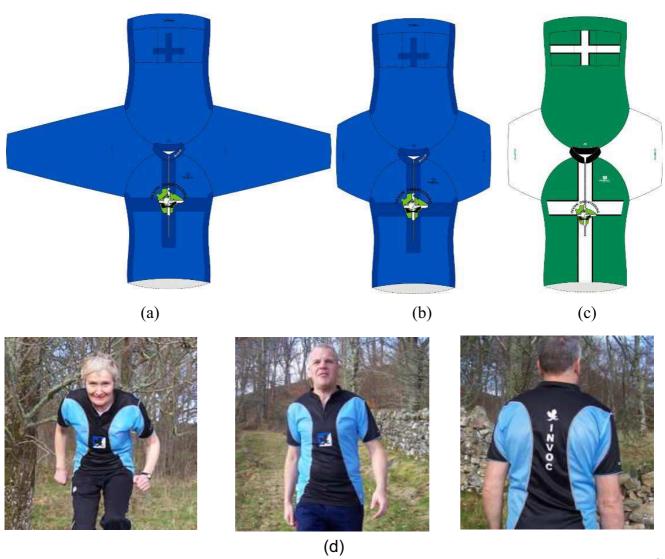


2) A New Logo

Do you want to incorporate the shape of the county of Devon?



3) Style Which of these appeal to you?

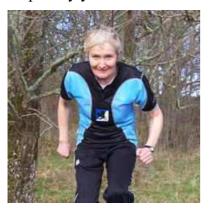




(d) is closest to our existing colours, and adopts a popular figure-flattering waisted effect.

APPENDIX - NEW INVOC CLUB ORIENTEERING TOPS

After a prolonged and painful birthing process the new design of O suits has come to fruition! Hopefully you will all think it was worthwhile and wear the new design with pride.







Pricing has been set to undercut the overall cost to the club, with the cost of design, printing and shipping absorbed and a little extra taken off as well. For the Extreme tops the price undercuts the standard shop cost.

As an added incentive, any juniors purchasing tops will be able to return and swap for a bigger size when required at no extra cost. Hopefully this will keep down the cost of making sure your wee darling looks good in the forest (enlarging adults will not get the same consideration!).

The name has been separated from their logo, which is an eagle.



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The tops come in two versions:

Standard with long sleeves and velcro neck, made in Trimtex o-polyester throughout. Price £20.00.

The slimmer fitting Extreme with short sleeves and zipped neck with collar. Price £30.00.

The sizes are probably best described by asking those who already have them and it is clear that for most it is best to take one size more for the Extreme version than the Standard. Stocks are held by Keith Slater and will be bought to INVOC events where you can try them on.

Not all of INVOC are of the grey power generation.



Also, here is a closer view of their splendid logo.

Kevin Hazell procures kit for North Devon College students for a variety of sporting scenarios, including cycling. In orienteering, the two main suppliers are

http://www.compasspoint-online.co.uk http://www.ultrasport.co.uk/

Have a look at the SARUM website for their new O-kit designed by their juniors.

New Club Strip – Brief Survey

It would be great to have a **HUGE RESPONSE** from club members.

1. A new Colour

a) Should we abandon our traditional blue, and go green, adopting the colour of the new Devon Flag?

Yes/No

2. A new Logo

a) Do you like the idea of incorporating the shape of the county of Devon

Yes/No

b) Should we retain our Sailing Ship?

Yes/No

3. Colour and Style

Please comment on the styles 1 (a) and (b), and 3 (a) to (f)

4. Design Competition

For those with some design flair, please have a go at

- a) a new logo (if you want one),
- b) complete new strip.

The winner of the best design will get a **COMPLETE NEW STRIP FREE**

Please send your responses by post or email to:-

Kevin Hazell 3 Ashton Crescent, Braunton, EX33 1RD

kev-deb@hazell333.wanadoo.co.uk

Include your name and BOF number

Closing Date 1st September 2008

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Take five youngsters comparatively new to Orienteering, mix with a large dose of enthusiasm, shake well and you have an interesting cocktail. Clearly Devon believes there is a future for us in Orienteering and if you are heading for the top why not go for the British Championships!

The flight to Inverness from Bristol seemed to be a who's who in Orienteering from the West Country but it's the only civilised way to travel. Needing a sixth runner to make up two relay teams we had kidnapped someone with some experience, Duncan "donuts" Taylor (M14) and he kept us on the straight and narrow.

Having a bit of spare time on the Friday it was necessary to find the snow so a visit to the Cairngorms was called for. Great fun until the hire car expired in the early evening up a mountain but that's only a minor problem.

Saturday morning saw us walking through the forest to the assembly area looking for the Devon tent and a familiar face or twenty. Where the individual races were concerned Duncan (obviously) and Matt had opted for the "A" class whilst Jack, James, Jake and Luke realised that the "B" class might be a better option. Despite us being really cool dudes the nerves were kicking in and we were relieved to just get going on the courses.

It's an interesting forest....... and a steep learning curve was being climbed by us all. No disgrace at all with the results but no National Champions either; that's for the future perhaps if Matt has his way. Needless to say Duncan had run his normal race being placed sixth so we were all quite satisfied with our days work.

The Sunday relays were something else to the uninitiated. Mass starts and people milling everywhere started to blow a mind or two but the "Older hands" of Devon took us under their wings making sure we knew what was going on. Having to be in the Under 18's meant that we were up against it but other than that no 6 control hidden in the middle of those trees that you just can't see through, all went well.

Did we learn a lot? : Definitely. Did we enjoy it? : Absolutely

Are we going next year and will we do better Oh yes.

Matt Ryder M16, Jack Baker M16, Luke Hayward M16, James Bourne M18 and Jacob Shah M16 DEVON







Matt Luke Jacob

BOC 2008 Relays

by Team Captain Wilf Taylor



DEVON had 6 teams entered in British Relay Champs this year, also a reserve, well a hobbled team captain who was ready to leap into the breach if any team was that desperate. The venue was Culbin Forest on the Moray coast, scene of the world Championships relay in 1976.

The planner used a similar plan for most courses. 3 fast legs to get into oxygen debt and then wallop; a horror control in pale green forested sand dunes, with intricate 2.5m contours. Many competitors were seen limping back to the changeover, scrambled brain ousing from their ears. Our own Roger Hateley suffered this fate. 'Disaster' he uttered as he returned to the fold. Team mates Nick Maxwell and Mike Cullen were left to their own duel. We were not able to keep our JK podium boys together. Kevin Hagley had his usual fast effort and handed over to Stu Robertson and Eleanor Taylor, all enjoying the challenge.

Our remaining senior team, MW60, had a tremendous race with Kerno gaining a top 10 place. Tom Lillicrap was excellent home in 3rd seeing off a head banged Arthur Boyt by 3mins. Susan Hateleys steady leg was eclipsed by a stormer from Elsie Hargreaves bringing Kerno flying up to 4th. However Devon were up for the task. Anchor man Lew Bean quickly hauled in Roger Hargreaves and a titanic battle ensued. Lew's superb technique, matched by the athletic power of the Cornishman. Into the run in and one final desperate elbow to Roger's groin failed to slow him down enough as the 2 raced home 7&8th.

The Robertson lads are old hands at championship relays, and will be badly missed next season as they emigrate to Wales. Fraser was well in the pack after the first leg and steady runs from Cameron and Angus brought home an excellent top20 finish.

We had 2 young M18 teams, tasting the challenge in preparation for the serious assault on the New Forest next year. Duncan Taylor is a grizzled veteran of several championships and was not fazed by the evil wiles of the devilish planner, bringing DEVON LOCH home 9th. Luke Hayward steadied the ship with a fine run and Matt Ryder was able to reclaim the top10 spot in a very competitive field. Remember none of the lads were M18s. DEVON TARTAN were led off by Jack Baker. He responded magnificently. This was his first championship and his first headless chicken leg. He was challenged by a planner skilled in the most diabolical arts only a world champion can display. Duncan commented on returning ' Jack will be a while , he has the horror control' This was true this control destroyed many this day, But Jack emerged just outside the top 10 with the 3rd fastest time on this evil gaffle. Jacob Shah held the team together and James Bourne had the glory leg. He almost had a blinder. 41 minutes for all but leg4, which would be top drawer. James showed tremendous resilience . Leg 4 beat him horribly, 41mins he struggled with the monster, but he emerged triumphant, bloodied but not bowed in 14th.

This was a great area and a great challenge. All our teams emerged with distinction and we can look forward with optimism to next season's relays.

OLYMPIC POTENTIAL by Brian Parker

Would you believe me if I told you we had a potential Olympic star in our Club? Someone whose sprinting would make any world championship track competitor sit up and take notice. Someone who can move along rough paths at speeds that world sprinters would like to match on tartan track.



Her name is Ellie Stone and her age class is W12. At the Mutters Moor event she covered a short leg 4-5 on the yellow course in 9 seconds. I measured the leg length on the map; it is 120m. Now that is fast! Even the mens' world record for 100m is slower than that.

You don't believe me? The winsplits on the Devon web site show 9 seconds. Lydia Medawar, who is no slouch, took 15 seconds for that leg. Perhaps there is an error somewhere. The answer, of course, is in the SI timing. I have checked with Alan Simpson, our SI guru, and he confirms that the clocks in the boxes do drift. They are reset for major events, such as the Caddihoe and the Tamar Triple, but, in between, they are allowed to drift. Alan checked out the two boxes on this short leg and found that the box at 4 was 15 seconds fast and that at 5 was 24 seconds slow. So Ellie actually took 48 seconds and Lydia 54 seconds. So perhaps neither quite ready for the Olympics just yet!

But to be serious for a moment. Ellie has produced excellent fast performances on yellow courses and has real potential. I, for one, will be interested in how she performs when she moves up the colour-coded courses and starts to mix serious navigation with running speed. She may well become an orienteering star, and if orienteering does finally make it into the summer Olympics ...

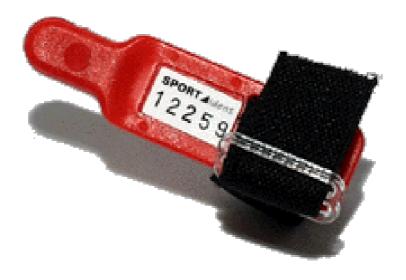
As to the reliability of the SI timing, there is no error in the relative time differences between competitors. The clock drift on the day is truly negligible. The absolute timing errors due to drift do affect calculations of speed across the ground, as in the example above. If that concerns you, ask the Club to reset the box times more often.

Registering Your Sportident Card

DEVON OC adopted SportIdent, the electronic punching system



two and a half years ago.





The system has worked well, and generally been well received by members.

Most people now appreciate the benefits of:

- a) having your own SI card and
- b) registering it in the national archive.

Basically having your own "dibber" saves you £1 at each event, which slowly offsets the purchase price of £27. We are currently selling dibbers to club members for the discounted price of £20. I suggest you move quickly if you need one. They are always available for sale at club events.

Registering the dibber with Sportident UK helps us because it speeds things up considerably at registration at each event. If you own a dibber but have not visited the Sportident website, please take five minutes to do so.

The site is <u>www.sportident.co.uk</u>.

Select the second option on the left: Buy/Register SI cards

Then: Please Register your SI card

You get the simple form opposite to fill in...

Now the information will not instantly by magic find its way into the club computer. But, fairly frequently I do download the latest version of the "Archive". We can then get your details into each event at the click of a mouse.

Many thanks

Alan Simpson

Update / Register SI-Card

SI-Card or, if you card is not already registered it allows you to register

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*First Name:	
*Last Name:	
*Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yyyy
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Orienteering Just a thought by Chris Miller



Orienteering is like - Mountaineering
You always see your goal disappearing
Into the clouds
Into the mist
Through the trees
Over the next ridge
And only the select few reach the pinnacle

Or perhaps

Orienteering is like - Chess
Except for the mud and mess
Plotting your moves
Outdoing your opponent
Reading the terrain or game
Seeing - from afar - the end game
And only the select few reach the pinnacle

Or perhaps

Orienteering is like - Marriage
A love and hate relationship
Love It? - The Great Outdoors
Nature and Wildlife
Hate It - Wind and rain even hail
There's always a better route choice
through the brambles and the fight
And only the select few reach the pinnacle

Or perhaps

Orienteering is like - Say
A breath of fresh air
An escape into the wild
A bit of a break
A general rush without being - hush hush
Yep
Undefinable and Incomparable
And absolutely Great

Club Meting held on Friday 23 May 2008 at the Bishop Lacy, Chudleigh

Present

Alan Simpson, Roger Green, Graham Dugdale, Adrian Taylor.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Susan & Roger Hateley, Peter Flick, Lew Bean, John Dyson, Wilf Taylor, Anthony Dew, Mike Hosford, Damian Wilson and Ella Bowles.

DEVON GALOPPEN 2009 (Holne Moor)

Roger Green's examination of the feasibility of using Holne Moor for the 2009 Galoppen is ongoing. Alan Simpson reported that he had visited Jane Marchand of the DNPA and that there were no objections raised to using Ringleshutes mine workings. Moreover it was acceptable for the yellow course to pass through a designated out of bounds area. Alan had also met the owners of West Stoke farm and obtained outline agreement to use one of their fields for parking at £1 per car.

SWOA reaction to our proposed double-header Galoppen with Kerno had been favourable.

Caddihoe 2009 (Hound Tor)

Mike Wimpenny has declined the proposal to take on the mapping of Hound Tor. Fortunately Erik Peckett has offered to visit the landowners to seek permissions and to carry out the mapping if successful.

Embargo on Exeter University Campus

Adrian Taylor confirmed that the site is subject to an embargo until the JK2010. Competitors at the Sprint "O" on 22 June will be advised that if they were to finish in the first three at the JK sprint event in 2010 and a fellow competitor made a claim against them, BO would be unable to support them. The CATI event on 12th October has been moved to Haven Banks.

Orienteering for Devon Scouts

Roger Green has sounded out Steve Perrelle about the feasibility of organising an event for scouts across Devon. At the moment Steve is unable to undertake this, as it would involve a great deal of preparatory work.

Development Evening

Celia Watkinson, RDO for SWOA, held a development evening in Plymouth on Tuesday 20th May which was attended by Susan Porter, Susan Painter, Bryan Smith, Steve Perrelle, Lew Bean, Alan Simpson (all Devon), Roger Hargreaves (Kerno), Rosemary Steer (NGOC) and Martin Northcott (Outdoor Education Officer, Plymouth).

She gave an overview of the groups involved in developing sport within schools and where funding might be available.

Lew Bean gave a presentation of the principles of drawing maps for school grounds.

Celia then outlined the standard BO courses training teachers and others delivering orienteering on school and safe enclosed sites:

- Teaching Orienteering Part 1 for teachers and others
- Teaching Orienteering Part 2 extension activities up to K.S 4
- Young Leader Award for junior leaders aged 14 19 delivered by teachers and others who have attended Teaching Orienteering Part 1 or BOF level 1 training.

The above courses are not certificated. BOF has a coaching award scheme which offers accredited coach qualifications.

Finally she gave details of three orienteering school leagues organised by Weymouth, Wimborne and Cleveland orienteering clubs.

There was serious interest among the attendees in the idea of developing and supporting one or more school leagues in Devon. Although monies are available, finding the best structure and organisers will be a major undertaking.

Celia again raised the issue of Devon OC achieving Clubmark status. Whilst we already comply with many of the requirements, coaching seems to be the most obvious stumbling block. A discussion on coaching will be included at the next committee meeting.

Mapping

Allan Farrington is keen to get the area around Okehampton Camp mapped and has agreed to pay for a joint Devon BAOC map. Devon OC would organise the mapping and updating. It was proposed that Lew Bean be invited to undertake the mapping.

Members' SI Registration

It was agreed to provide details on the club website of how club members can update their club affiliations on the SI database. Also a note is to be included in the next newsletter.

SINS Distribution

SWOA are keen to limit distribution of SINS to members of SWOA.

Devon's Best Orienteering Course

Do you have any views on which location in Devon is the best for orienteering? If so we would like to know, so that we can pass on these views to Compass Sport, who are compiling a list of the courses nominated by each orienteering club as the best in their respective area. It doesn't have to be a large location as quality rather than quantity should be the criteria.

If you have any views please send them to me at <u>secretary@devonorienteering.co.uk</u> and I will put forward two sites: one with the most votes and the second with the best supporting argument.

Graham Dugdale

Meeting held on Friday 4 July 2008 at the Bishop Lacy, Chudleigh

Present

Alan Simpson, John Dyson, Graham Dugdale, Wilf Taylor, Bryan Smith.

Apologies

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Matters Arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere covered) ACCESS OFFICER

Ella Bowles has agreed to become Access Officer on a trial basis. John Dyson will continue to organise access in East Devon and will provide Ella with advice and assistance as she takes on the new role. The committee wish to thank Phil Way for his efforts on behalf of the club and for continuing in the role of access officer until a replacement was found.

CLUBMARK

Attaining Clubmark status remains a long term objective of the club, but the immediate priority is to stimulate orienteering at school level within Devon (see below). We need to identify an individual who can steer the club towards Clubmark and particularly co-ordinate the 30 hours a year of coaching for youngsters.

CHANGING SI REGISTRATION

An article explaining how to register new dibbers online with Sportident UK has been put on the club website. The dibber numbers are then available for download into the "archive" used on the club computer. There is no provision for informing Sportident UK online of club changes, though Sportident UK should presumably be notified by BOF. Alan has emailed Martin Stone with the details of the former Devon members whose SI registration does not show their new club.

Lottery-funded Orienteering in Schools

Bryan Smith is an Advisor on Outdoor Education and a Business Manager within the Devon Education Authority, which covers most of Devon but excludes Plymouth and Torbay. As part of the government's drive to improve the health of children a large amount of money is being directed into sports projects, with 6% allocated to 'Outdoor Activities'.

4 permanent courses (Haldon, Killerton, Riverside Park and Cookworthy) have already been set up.

8 of the authority's 37 secondary schools will be mapped along with two clusters of primary schools (in Dawlish and Barnstaple).

Two day-long training events will be provided in spring and autumn for teachers and site managers (eg at Haldon and Killerton).

The aim is to establish a schools mini-league to operate over three consecutive weeks (probably Wednesday afternoons) during the summer of 2009 at the permanent courses near to Exeter. The organisers will be looking for Devon Orienteering Club members to help out.

Although the project is capitally funded and only covers 2008, it is anticipated that there will be ongoing need for training on an annual basis.

Club Kit

Alan prepared a note which outlined the options that were available to us and included a questionnaire. It was agreed that we needed feedback from the club members and that should be sought at events and via the internet. The decisions would be taken at the next committee meeting (September) on the basis of the feedback received.

Secretary

BO have notified us that the British Schools Orienteering Score Event Championships will be held in Nottinghamshire in October. It was agreed that we should contact Trinity School and Torquay Grammar.

Treasurer

It was agreed that John Dyson should amend the pro forma documents that event organisers have to complete so that the documents included all the (non-competitive) helpers. This information is required for insurance cover.

Alan Simpson (in his role as equipment officer) has paid the club's insurance premium.

There has been no funds received from the Tamar Triple yet. John Dyson will contact Graham Pring (treasurer of the Tamar Triple).

It was agreed that John's rate of 25p per mile for reimbursement of travelling expenses was acceptable.

All bills have now been paid with the exception of some recent levies.

Fixtures & Mapping

A draft of the fixtures for 2008-9 was presented to the meeting. It was noted that there were 11 Devon League fixtures (including the Gallopen on Holne Moor) starting in mid-November. With a continuing range of other events such as CATIs, Compass Sport Cup, Relay, Long O and Score events to support it was thought that this was too many. It was proposed to drop some events (a couple may be used as CATIs) and to move one event.

Two new areas, Fernworthy and River Dart were included.

Haytor North was pencilled in for Caddihoe 2009 and is embargoed from September 2008.

The spreadsheet on Google Docs is the definitive version of the current fixture list. This also enables the Access Officers to record progress on Access applications.

Captain's Report

There were no takers for the Harvester this year. Wilf was now turning his attention to the British Champs 2009 to be held in the New Forest. The JK 2009 will be in the North-East of England.

SWOA Report

Due to health problems Susan and Roger Hateley are no longer able to continue as the club's representatives on the SWOA committee, although Susan will retain her role as editor of SINS. Pro tem we shall have an itinerant representative.

Sale of Dibbers

Dibbers now cost £27 inclusive of VAT. We are currently selling dibbers for £20. It was agreed to put forward a motion to the AGM that we increase the sale price to £25 for club members, and £27 for lost dibbers..

BARBECUE AFTER CLUB CHAMPS 13 SEPT 2008

Vivienne Maxwell will be organising a barbecue at Woodbury on 13th Sept.

Next Club Meeting

7.30 on Friday 12th September at Wilf & Eleanor Taylor's house in Chudleigh.

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Parkin L 179377

Derek (M40)

Stitson L 45281

Mark

Amended Address

Steve Perelle L 24822

Additional Telephone Numbers

Will Fordyce Luke Hayward

Lisa James Paul Moroz

Josh Owen Jacob Shah

Changed email addresses

Graham Dugdale

Phil & Sarah Tadd

The data above is not be published in the club website version of this newsletter

Next issue of Devon Orienteer

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref.	information
17 Aug	1000 1300	Local	Coldrenick nr Menheniot	SX 307620	KERNO
Saturday 6 Sept	1000 1230	CATI & limited Colour	Home Park Plymouth tbc	tbc	tbc
Sunday 7 Sept	1000 1300	District	Craddock Moor	tbc	KERNO
Saturday 13 Sept	Mass start 1100	Devon Score event (open) & Club Championships	Woodbury Common tbc	tbc	Jill Green tbc
Saturday 4 Oct	0900 1200 tbc	Two Moors Long O Devon	North Dartmoor (Okehampton Camp)	SX 589 931	Roger Green 01392 278512
Sunday 5 Oct	0900 1200 tbc	Two Moors Long O QO	Exmoor Wootton Courtenay Village Hall	SS 936 434	Martin Longhurst 01179 516145
Sunday 12 Oct	1100 1300	CATI & limited colour coded	Haven Banks Exeter	SX 928 907	tbc
Sunday 19 Oct	1000 1300	District	Poly Joke	tbc	KERNO
Saturday 18 Oct	Mass start 1200	Devon Score Event	Wheal Franco	SX 503 690	
Saturday 18 Oct	1330 1430	Lunch & social	Walkhampton	SX 532 697	
1500	Annual General Meeting	Village Hall			
Saturday 15 Nov	1000 1230	Devon League 1	Haytor tbc	tbc	tbc
Sunday 16 Nov	1000 1300	District	Hayle	tbc	KERNO
Saturday 6 Dec	1000 1230	Devon League 2	Burrator tbc	tbc	tbc

Orienteering takes place over terrain that is sometimes rough and may be overgrown with vegetation. Weather conditions may be adverse. Competitors take part at their own risk.

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