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DEVON ORIENTEER
THE NEWSLETTER OF
DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1430 Saturday 13 October 2008
Walkhampton Village Hall SX 532 697

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous AGM (attached)
3. Chairman's statement
4. Treasurer's statement
5. Membership Secretary's Statement
6. Other Officers' Statements
7. Setting of club membership fees for next year and setting of guideline event fees.
Recommendation - Same as last year
8. Amendments to Club Constitution
9. Election of Officers and Committee
10. Questions and Comments from the Floor

Officers elected at an AGM are:

Chairman Club Captain Secretary Treasurer

Up to 6 committee members may also be elected.

All other officers, listed over, are co-opted normally at the first committee meeting after an AGM. All co-opted officers who have not been elected as committee members do not have a formal vote at a committee meeting (such votes are rarely called for), but they can certainly make their views known.

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Members willing to stand for office for the forthcoming year are:

Chairman	Alan Simpson
Secretary	Graham Dugdale
Treasurer	John Dyson
Club Captain	vacant - Wilf Taylor must retire

N.B. The Club Constitution requires that the above offices cannot be held for more than 3 consecutive years. Wilf has completed 3 years as Club Captain. Alan, Graham and John have all completed only 1 year in office.

The Editor has not been given a list of committee members willing to be elected/re-elected.

Co-opted officers willing to stand for the forthcoming years are:

Access Officer	Ella Bowles
Child Welfare	Helen Taylor
Clothing Officer	Kevin Hazell
Coaching	Wilf Taylor
Fixtures Secretary	vacant
League Table Compiler	Mike Hosford
Mapping Officer	Roger Green
Membership Secretary	Peter Flick
Newsletter Editor	Mike Hosford
Publicity Officer	Anthony Dew
Website Manager	Lew Bean

Any club member who wishes to be considered for election to office or committee at the AGM should submit their nominations to the Club Secretary, Graham Dugdale. (see below).

Members attending the AGM who wish to be considered for election or nomination for office may submit themselves for election or nomination up to just before Item 9 on the Agenda.

As some offices are held by very senior members of the club (e.g. M80) I am sure no offence will be taken if younger members wish to help in the running of the club.

The club had a Junior Representative for a number of years, but the juniors then all became seniors and the office became redundant. However, we now have a number of very active juniors and it would be good for the club to have a Junior Representative once more. There is no need for this person to attend committee meetings. The views of the juniors can always be passed to the officers and committee by letter, email etc.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by

Alan Simpson



The new season is upon us. The Come – and – Try – It event in Central Park Plymouth on 6th September attracted 26 participants on a fairly miserable day after predictions of torrential rain! Olivier Boucher is running a similar event at the Riverside Park Exeter on 12th October, and I am sure would welcome help from club members. These events are aimed at newcomers to the sport, and courses White to Light Green are on offer.

Meanwhile we have a new Club Champion. Ann Hughes, W65, was triumphant at Woodbury on 13th September. Fortunately the weather was kind, and we enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch afterwards in a woody glade, organised by Vivienne Maxwell.

Did you know that DEVON Orienteering Club will be 30 years old on 1st January next? The committee will welcome suggestions for a suitable event, sporting or not, to celebrate the occasion.

Plans for new club clothing are progressing, and it is all change. The most popular design was a facsimile of the Devon Flag. Kevin Hazell will shortly be circulating all members with details and prices of running tops and bottoms. It will be great to see a unified sartorial theme at future events, in place of the rag-bag of clothing styles we presently wear. The design is eye-catching. We also adopted Brian Parker's suggestion for a new logo. So the old sailing ship has gone to the breaker's yard!

Wheal Franco Score Event

Saturday 18 October 2008

Mike Hosford, who is organising this event, will need helpers on the day, and Mike Hughes, who is planning the event, would appreciate help with collecting controls after the event.

Volunteers please contact Mike on 01803 833806, or by email on mike.hosford@btinternet.com

NEW CLUB STRIP

At their meeting yesterday, based on the recent survey of Members' preferences, the committee took the decision to adopt a new colour and a new logo.

Final comments are invited. Talk to Kevin Hazell, or a committee member.

Kevin will go ahead and take orders from you.

Running Tops



Front



Back

There will be less writing than on these samples.
DEVON will be on the back in large white letters.

New Logo, Brian Parker's Design (opposite)

“It is time the Devon County ship in our logo was sent to the breakers' yard. The reason this was chosen, when it was widely accepted that our first badge of the mapped representation of Devon in the outline of the SW peninsula had proved misinterpretable (the 'wounded knee' logo), was that the Devon ship was the only symbolism then available to link the club with the county.

Times have changed and we now have the widespread recognition of the Devon flag and its colours of green, black and white. We can now use these colours in a representation of orienteering as a land sport rather than a misplaced connection with the sea. Since Dartmoor is strongly linked with Devon in most people's minds and is the prime area for our activities, it seems appropriate to use the symbolism of tor and tree.”



We will need to change our website, letterheads, the sail banner(s), and tentage in due course, to reflect our new image.

Alan Simpson

13th September 2008

Footnote by the Editor

Brian Parker's original design was circular. However, I find the elliptical format attractive.



But not as crudely shown above where the the original was merely extended horizontally. The kite is no longer square and Bowerman's Nose has become obese. The surrounding print, too, has become reverse italic.

If he agrees to, Brian could add green left and right of his present scene to fill the ellipse- not easy.

A further suggestion is to print DEVON centred top, and ORIENTEERING CLUB centred bottom. Again, not easy.

DEVON RELAYS RESULTS

Hand-icap Pos'n Position	Team Name	Club	Total Time	Handicap Allowance	Time Handicap	Hand-icap Pos'n	Open Race Position
1	Vikings	BODØ	02:03:54	00:18:00	01:45:54	1	2
2	Wessextrems	WSX	02:02:08	00:09:00	01:53:08	2	1
3	Two & Two Halves	DEVON	02:13:41	00:16:30	01:57:11	3	3
4	Tauntonians	NGOC	02:15:02	00:16:00	01:59:02	4	5
5	Kerno One & Only	KERNO	02:14:44	00:12:00	02:02:44	5	4
6	Exmouth Quartet	DEVON	02:33:34	00:15:00	02:18:34	6	6
7	Devon Clotted Cream	DEVON	02:44:08	00:20:00	02:24:08	7	7
	Entente Cordiale	DEVON	Disq	Completed Yellow			
	Its Fun Out There	DEVON	Disq	Completed Yellow			
	Rag, Tag & Bobtails	DEVON	Disq	Completed Yellow and Green			
	Quantock Crackers	QO	Disq	Light Green unfinished			
	Quantock Questers	QO	Disq	Wrong Control 4 on Light Green			
	Oddments	DEVON	Disq	Ran courses in wrong order – orange too early			



Vikings of Bodø – orienteering
Ida Hegreberg, Arild Hegreberg, Håkon Hegreberg



Wessextrems
Dale Paget, Gavin Clegg

Let's parlez Franais (après Miles Kington)

LEÇON 47 - A LA COURSE D'ORIENTATION

Le Championnat de France 2008

Épisode 1: Au Départ; Sur la plage, a l'Île Grande, au bord de la Manche (Channel Anglais)

Premier coureur: Ils disent que les horaires de départ a been put back par une heure.

Deuxième coureur: Pourquoi?

Premier coureur: Ils disent que le tide ne va pas out rapidement enough. C'est un blunder plus grand! Le Planneur, Le Controlleur et l'Organiser, ils ne comprennent pas le vent et les surges meteorologiques. Il terminera in tears, je dis!

Deuxième coureur: Tout nous will be drowné !

Premier coureur: Peut être. Mais j'ai une life-jacket. Je serai OK, Jack!

Deuxième coureur: Ou est le kite de Start Triangle?

Premier coureur: A cette moment a temps, c'est sous la mer!

UNE HEURE PLUS TARD ET LE TIDE EST DISPARU!

Officiel du départ: Onze heure, quarant sept!

Premier coureur: Ma temps is up! Je dois aller.

Deuxième coureur: Avez vous a good run. Bon chance! Au revoir, or is it goodbye?

Il disparait sur la plage au milieu les petites îles, les roches, le seaweed, les crustacés et les odeurs maritimes.

Officiel du départ (avec un gallic shrug): Il était une idée magnifique, mais c'est ne pas l'orientation!

Épisode 2: Au Départ (Dans la Forêt de Quénécan)

Premier coureur: Ils disent que les horaires de départ a been put back par sept minutes.

Deuxieme coureur: Incroyable! C'est une ridicule petit amount of temps. Pourquoi?

Premier coureur: Ils disent que les fernes sont plus hautes et les sentiers d'éléphants ne sont pas complète yet. Oh, par the way, l'échelle de la carte est 1:7,500 et not 1:10,000 as décrit dans le Programme détaillé. Aussi le circuit pour votre class est 9.3 km et not 4.7 km as décrit dans le Programme détaillé.

Deuxième coureur: Une autre blunder de l'administration! C'est terrible! J'ai le wrong compass! Je n'ai pas la graduation correcte. Oh, par le way, quelle sorte de terrain y a t il?

Premier coureur: Il y a beaucoup des roches et falaises. Vous trouvez les postes comme vous jouez 'bingo'!

Officiel du départ: Treize heure, vingt et un!

Premier coureur: Ma temps nouvelle is up! Je dois aller.

Deuxième coureur: Avez vous a good run. Bon chance! Au revoir, or is it goodbye?

Premier coureur: C'est goodbye.

More factual information about the French Championships may be obtained from other articles.

Roger Green



Ile Grande 19August 2008

THE FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 IN BRITTANY

A small party of DEVON members went to this nearby event, only 80 miles driving after getting off the Plymouth-Roscoff Ferry. The event was centred on Mûr de Bretagne, a small town in the centre of Brittany. To the west of the town is a large artificial lake, the Lac du Guerlédan and a large forest, the Forêt de Quénécan.

We took part in six events. The first was a long distance race in a forest some way north east of Mûr de Bretagne. The next event was an evening Sprint race around the streets of Mûr de Bretagne. There were only a few courses, many age classes being lumped together. Jill came first in D55+ but no prizes!

This was followed by a medium distance race at Île Grande on the north coast of Brittany. This was novel as it took place within the intertidal zone of the beach. The event was due to start when the sea level reduced to a certain level on the outgoing tide. The event had to be over before the tide came in again to flood the competition area. The Start times were delayed by an hour because the tide went out slower than usual due to wind and meteorological surges. The 'Granite Rose' coast does not have cliffs as in Cornwall but many low islands and piles of rock. Controls were placed on these features and one had to run across sand, rock and mud between them. The club had some success at this event as Jill Green was first in D60 and Alan Simpson was third in D65 and prizes were duly collected.

The next two events were medium distance held in two adjacent parts of the Forêt de Quénécan, using the same parking, assembly area and Finish. First a qualification race and then a finale. But you still got a run both days even if you didn't qualify, which we didn't as we were not French!

The last event was the Long Distance French Championship for which the great and the good had already qualified at previous events in France. We followed on afterwards using the same courses. This was held in another part of the Forêt de Quénécan.

All the forests were challenging, both technically and physically, although the amount of climb was not great. There were hundreds of charcoal burners' platforms, on level ground, some of which were more noticeable than others. There was plenty of rock detail on the maps. Lots of rocks, crags, clutter and cliffs all had to be negotiated, along with some head high bracken. Late starters had elephant tracks to help them through this stuff.

There was a Trail 'O' on one day which we didn't go to but we went canoeing on the Lac du Guerlédan. We didn't bother with the relays as the French categories are about as incomprehensible as the British.

The organisation was OK but not up to the standards of the Belgian Three day event that we went to in May. The waterproof maps did not have any course descriptions on them so you had to rely on a non-waterproof loose description. The maps did not have any legend but they did have an enormous lot of sponsorship logos around the actual mapped area. I think sponsorship of orienteering must be much bigger in France than in the UK. This may explain why the entry fees were only €8 (£6.40) for each event except the Sprint which was only €5 (£4.00).

The structure of the event - this 'qualification' and 'finale' was a bit incomprehensible but we got a run each day, even if we didn't know what it was for! The difference between 'Medium' and 'Long' courses was hard to fathom. There did not seem to be much difference in course lengths.

The weather was the same as in Devon – indifferent, but it didn't actually rain while we were running in the forest.

Roger Green



Ile Grande 19 August 2008

Croeso 2008

Croeso is a six-day orienteering festival which takes place in August every fourth year. Led by Judith Powell the organisers put together an excellent set of challenging events in varied terrain, mostly moorland, all fairly close to Merthyr Tydval in South Wales.



**Alternative fare
to Wilfs vegetarian**



Paperweight trophies

27 Devon members participated in all or part of the festival.
Congratulations to the following:

W12B	Jessica Hazell	2nd
M12B	Angus Robertson	2nd
M12B	Cameron Robertson	3rd
W50L	Ella Bowles	2nd (pictured opposite)
W60S	Susan Hateley	1st
W65L	Ann Hughes	1st (pictured opposite)
M60L	Tom Lillicrap	3rd (see picture opposite)



Ella Bowles

W50L 2nd



Ann Hughes W65L 1st



Tom Lillicrap M60L 3rd
(impersonated by Ian Bowles)

Event Officials 2007-2008

Did you know that members of Devon OC. put on 22 events in the 2007-8 season (Sept-July)? This included 7 regular league events (and another which doubled as a regional Galoppen league event), 2 longer O' events (Dartmoor Long o' and Meldon Hill race), 3 night events, a club champs 1 hour score event, a club relay champs, one Sprint O' (Exeter University), a Christmas novelty event, 2 of the 3 days of the Tamar Triple Regional event, and planning for 2 days of the Caddihoe Chase. We are indebted to the contribution of the key officials listed below as well as the many more casual helpers on the day, whether it be with car park duties, helping on the Start/Finish, collecting controls, etc. We should also thank Peter Flick for his regular appearance in the red Range Rover as Membership Secretary and information/key holder, despite being unable to compete. In addition there are several teams of SI operators (often drawn from the same people) who ensure we enjoy split times, graphs of our performances and route gadget (on-line real-time post-performance analysis) and instant results provided by new technologies.

Buller's Hill (Club Score Champs)	Ella Bowles	Ella Bowles	Bryan Smith
Cookworthy Forest (Caddihoe 1)	Roger Hargreaves	Susan Hateley	Arthur Boyt
Cookworthy Forest (Caddihoe 2)	Roger Hargreaves	Susan Hateley	Arthur Boyt
Dartmoor (Long O')	Roger Green	Jill Green	Steve Rose
Haytor (Score)	Adrian Taylor	Mike Cullen	Susan & Roger Hateley
Burrator	John Hurrell	Jill Green	Dave Livsey
Plym Forest	Alan Simpson	Lew Bean	Greens
Burrator (night)	Paul Glanville		
Killerton (x-mas event)	Jill & Roger Green	Jill & Roger Green	
Smallhanger	Stuart Robertson	Lesley Ratcliffe	Lew Bean
Whitchurch Common (night)	Nigel Bateman		
Harcombe (Galoppen)	Bryan Smith	Damian Wilson	Pete Morton
Meldon Hill Race	Nigel Bateman	Nigel Bateman	Steve Rose
Exeter University (Night)	Phil Way		
Woodbury Common	Helen Taylor	Adrian & Duncan Taylor	Greens
Mutters Moor	Adrian Taylor	Olivier Boucher	Roger Green
Plym Forest (Tamar 2)	Nick Maxwell	Alan Simpson	David Holmes QO
Smallhanger/Newnham (Tamar 3)	Nick Maxwell	Nigel Bateman	Roger Hargreaves KERNO
Gt Plantation	Ella Bowles	Rob Parkinson	Dave Livsey
Exeter University (Sprint O')	Adrian Taylor	Erik Peckett	

Ashclyst	Susan Hateley	Nick Hockey	Roger Hateley
Haytor (Relays)	Roger Green	Wilf Taylor	Alan Simpson

There can be as much pleasure from being an official or just a helper as entering an event, knowing that you have played your part in keeping the sport going, and from meeting others. We look forward to seeing some new faces among the officials and helpers in the 2008-9 season. If you want to know how you can get involved please contact the Fixtures Secretary, as shown on the website or e-mail: docfixtures@yahoo.co.uk

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Updated fixture information and results always available on our club website

www.devonorienteering.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref.	information
Saturday 4 Oct	0900 1200	Two Moors Long O	North Dartmoor (Okehampton)	SX 589 931	Roger Green 01392 278512
Full information and entry form on club website www.devonorienteering.co.uk					
Sunday 5 Oct	0900 1200 tbc	Two Moors Long O QO	Exmoor Wootton Courtenay Village Hall	SS 936 434	Martin Longhurst 01179 516145
Combined entry form for one or both days on club website www.devonorienteering.co.uk					
Sunday 12 Oct	1100 1300	CATI & limited colour coded	Haven Banks Exeter	SX 928 907	Olivier Boucher 01395 270366
Saturday 18 Oct	Mass start 1200	Devon Score Event	Wheal Franco	SX 503 690	Mike Hosford 01803 833806
Saturday 18 Oct	1330 1430	Lunch & social	Walkhampton Village Hall	SX 532 697	Ann Hughes 01822 616608
	1500	Annual General Meeting			Graham Dugdale 01626 852944
Sunday 19 Oct	1000 1300	District	Poly Joke	SW 784 604	KERNO
Saturday 15 Nov	1000 1230	Devon League 1	King Tor	SX 561 749	Bryan Smith 01626 879305
Sunday 16 Nov	1000 1300	District	Hayle	SW 573 385	KERNO
Saturday 6 Dec	1000 1230	Devon League 2	<i>Burrator</i> tbc	<i>SX 568 694</i> tbc	Susan Porter 01752 892421
Sunday 9 Dec	1000 1300	District	Tehidy	SW 635 435	KERNO

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.