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DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

30TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ISSUE



Alan Simpson

giving his chairman's address at
the 30th anniversary dinner
at the Lavendar House Hotel Ashburton
Saturday 7 February 2009



Brian Parker

telling us about the history and
pre-history of Devon OC

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30th Anniversary – Chairman’s Address

Lavender House Hotel, Knowle Hill, Ashburton
Carol Earley and Keith Earley

Ladies and Gentlemen – Good Evening

It is my pleasure and privilege to preside on this happy occasion. Devon Orienteering Club is 30 years old. It is an opportune moment to look back and to look forward.

I was hoping to welcome our visitors this evening, but unfortunately we don’t have any. The snow intervened. However, I do most warmly welcome new club members, Carol and John Pearce, and Liz and Dave Bramley

We invited our president Nick Vaux, and our patrons, the Earl of Morley, and Sir John Cave. Unfortunately none were able to come. But I would like to spend a few minutes talking about these gentlemen. Nick Vaux is M70-ish, lives near Yelverton, and had a distinguished military career. The Earl of Morley is M85-ish, and recently decided that enough was enough. We say farewell, and thank him for his support. John Cave, our new Patron, is a mere M55-ish, and lives in Sidbury Manor in East Devon.

You may wonder why these dignitaries are important to us. Well, land, of course, is important to us, but we don’t own any. We don’t have a football field, running track, clubhouse, or even club shed – just a club tent. So everything we do depends on the goodwill of landowners, and it is therefore helpful to have some people in the club with more potent connections than most of us.

John Cave will be attending our next event at Core Cops to find out more about this strange sport he has agreed to support. I am hoping that either John or Nick will be able to attend our next Caddihoe Chase in September to give out the prizes. The Caddihoe will be on Haytor this year. We are extending the map to include Hound Tor. So we hope this will prove an attractive event on glorious Dartmoor.

The fixture list is the skeleton of all the club’s activities. We have a busy and varied program, putting on over 20 events each year. In descending order, we have one big event, the Caddihoe or the Tamar Triple, shared with KERNO. Then we put on a regional event, the Gallopen (today’s victim of the weather). There is the Long O in October, the Christmas Novelty, the Relay in July, and two score events. These score events have been rather close together at the start of the season in September/October. So, next year we propose to combine them into just one, which will be the Club Championship, preceding the AGM. This will enable the Devon League series, the backbone of the fixture list, to kick off a month earlier.

I would like to thank Mike Hosford for one his unseen contributions to the Club, namely compiling the Devon League results. Some years ago we introduced the policy of adding up points scored in the league events. I think this has been effective in encouraging people to participate regularly. Today is a good opportunity to award certificates to the first three runners in each class. Not all the winners are here, but I would like to publicly applaud them. I was looking for something to add interest to the certificates. The picture in the middle is a cartoon by a Russian orienteer.

Devon League 2007 – 2008



The author: Yuriy MANAEV (RUS)

Bryan Smith

2nd Place

Blue Course

DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB LEAGUE 2007-2008
FINAL POSITIONS AFTER 7 EVENTS - best 5 scores

BROWN

1 Jon Hurrell	M35	4520	1 Luke Hayward	M16	4412
2 Andrew Reynolds	M40	2948	2 Jacob Shah	M14	3870
3 Steve Edmonds	M50	2795	3 Susan Hateley	W60	3641

LIGHT GREEN

BLUE

1 Michael Smith	M20	4455	1 Sam Head	M14	3388
2 Bryan Smith	M55	4434	2 Asa Barnett	M14	2997
3 Ian Bowles	M50	3854	3 Josh Owen	M14	1888

ORANGE

GREEN

1 Matt Ryder	M16	3820	1 Sam Kelly	M12	1908
2 Ann Hughes	W60	3808	2 Lydia Medawar	W14	1803
3 Jill Green	W60	3630	3 Alice Kelly	W12	1678

YELLOW

WHITE

1 Heather Robertson	W10	1000
2 Susan Ross	W10	1000
3 Aidan Holborn	M7	872

Trophies

These are newly designed and made by our very own Jill Green – thanks Jill. The three trophies are:-

- The Haytor Trophy
- The Chairman's Trophy
- The Epic Trophy

We have a backlog of people who might be considered worthy contenders. So it has been my pleasure and privilege to make the choice, which may therefore appear somewhat random.

As you know, orienteering is a VERY organised sport. Every event is a project in its own right. The traditional event officials, organiser, planner, and controller put in many hours before the event, supplemented on the day by other helpers on registration, computer, start, control collection etc.

As in all clubs, a small hard core of dedicated members puts in most of the work, and some people turn their hands to many, if not all, of the above-mentioned jobs. One young man from the Torbay Scouts stands out as a potential contender for a trophy on account of his spectacular progress and contribution to the club, but, on reflection, this year the awards all go to the oldies.

.The Haytor Trophy

For her major contribution to the Club over a long period, and to the Region as SINS Editor, the Haytor Trophy goes to Susan Hateley.

The Chairman's Trophy

For his major contribution to the Club over a long period, for being our official photographer, for compiling the league results, and, last but not least, for editing the club magazine, the Chairman's Trophy goes to Mike Hosford.

The Epic Trophy

Awarded by Jill Green (herself a survivor of numerous epics)

The trophy went to Lew Bean, for Swim-O in the River Plym.

Bouquets

I have mentioned our events program. But life should not be all work and no play. So, this year we have made some effort with social gatherings. The outdoor barbeque in September after the club championship event was very successful, and there was a mountain of food. For the second year running, we had a buffet lunch before the AGM in October. And now we have this grand occasion.

Three ladies in particular have been pre-eminent, and I would like to show the club's appreciation in the usual way.

For her magnificent cakes – Helen Taylor

To the mistress of the kitchen, pottery, and light entertainment – the irrepressible Jill Green

To today's hostess. It has been perfect because this lady determined it should be – Vivienne Maxwell.

FUTURE ISSUES OF DEVON ORIENTEER

In early December I emailed all members with known addresses stating:

I would be most grateful if you would advise me if you would prefer to receive future issues:

- > 1.. in hard copy only
- > 2.. in pdf format by email only
- > 3.. in both hard copy and in pdf format

I have received only 29 responses.

Will all those who have yet to respond please do so. I have no wish to print and post hard copy to those for whom the pdf format would be sufficient.

HISTORY & PRE-HISTORY OF DEVON OC

30 years + 38 days old	Temporary Committee
Pre-history 1965;	Chair BHP (West) Vice Peter King (Exm)
Swirling mists – faint figure	Sec Heather Till Teignbridge
Slim, athletic, bursting with vigour,	Treas & Memb Chris Virgo TO
Mass brown hair blowing in wind	+ Rosemary (Quantock)
Image grows clearer	Mike Steward (West)
It is Erik Peckett	Michael Green (Ind)
Start of regional orienteering	Founder members include:
Father of – Grandfather of	Mike Hosford M50
Helped form TO in 1967	Erik Peckett M43
	Mervyn Walker M43
By end 60s three other clubs	Dave Livsey M35 and family
Westward	Roger Hateley M35 and
Exmouth	!!! Susan Hateley W19!!
Exeter Footsloggers – George Foot	Don't run away with idea Roger ...
By mid 70s clubs in decline	PETER KING
Improving technology demanded	Sorry declining
No more OS 6" with wiggly lines	<u>The</u> founder of DEVON
No more ink stamps	Made big contribution in newsletter with
Increased demands, clubs too small	technical articles
Peter King – Chudleigh GM 1 Dec 78	Only Club member to appear in Times
All agree form new big club	crossword No17153
31 Dec 1978 TO, West, Exe no more	'Peter King is not so enterprising' (5)
1 Jan 1979 Devon OC born	'Safer'

First event Little Haldon 28 Jan 1979

"...thick snow lay everywhere, this being compacted to ice on the roads. A cold west wind brought up a rain-bearing front at about race start time. Despite this an incredible 73 people turned up. These brave souls were rewarded with pre-marked maps [B&W!] and an entry fee of only 20p"

Club abbreviation – DOC

Newsletter titled *What's up DOC?* Thumbs down - *Devon Orienteer* Darlington OC nabbed DOC so we chose DEVON. Much better

Club badge - Rosemary proposed ship – Weymouth had ship - So

geographical – later likened to bandaged knee or epicormic growth on tree limb

But club had name & badge– it was on its way

Club strip came later 1984

Until then gardening shirt or much-patched any old O-suit thought to be English – not flaunting ability - Bill Vigar (QO) maintains tradition!

Disgraced by foreigners. Recall coming last but one in Sweden (Dave Livsey last) and looking like ragbag.

At JK 82? in NE many smart foreigners

Katie Bennett friend Laura Pearson ASUB design chosen for us

Dark blue sea – Lt blue sky – either white for china clay or yellow for gorse

Good stuff *Ulex europea*, people even name their dog after it!

White chosen – design lasted to 2008 with changes

Recall conversation with Royal Marine wearing red O-strip?

Red formerly banned because too noticeable – give control away

Why wear red? Disguise the colour of blood

Funny – we wear blue for same reason

That is early history of Club

For rest will pick out reminiscences from three areas

EVENTS

1979 JK in Fernworthy - mapper

Peter Robson SOU Controller, Peter King Planner Problem with map

How do you re-locate a 5 ton boulder?

Cover it up brashings Build false one, log heap covered slabs stone, gaps filled moss, small sapling on top. No-one commented.

1985 First National Plym – Mapper & Planner

NT Warden “*Let me show you a place I think you’ll like.*” - Alpine meadow

Heavy snow Friday – Dartmouth cut off – Mike Hosford Organiser – got lorries out and to Plym Sat pm

Similar problems to today but then parking on hardstanding and site not exposed.

Glorious weather – lots of Disq – 4 last controls, not one – Yvette Hague punched at pit in open not pit in wood 53m away.

Widely declared “Best event ever”

Even Andrew Beldowski (WEY) who had been disqualified at every previous event attended said so.

“Best event ever” repeated at JK1997 – Erik – Do same next year!

Plym National Valerie Livsey pit

Dug depression – 2 x depth EP pit

How much longer to dig?

Val pit minibus size!

Later event on Plym, whilst flogging up steep slope, I stepped up on a crag. It moved, it was a black pig! I got to the top of the slope in no time at all!

1986 Transatlantic Cup

Burrator BP Planner of Individual /EP Controller, switch roles for Relay

Problem with Relay map How do you bring in a 10 ton boulder? Unwanted transfer of Letrasset sybol. You don’t, you tippe it out on the map.

Thunderstorm when checking relay course up by Leather Tor, gap between flash and bang less than 1 second.

SCANDINAVIA

Picture Erik sprinting in

“He showed the Scandinavians how to get from the last control to the Finish”
Trouble is, they showed us how to get from Start triangle to last control

Like Erik, I aim to impress the world on run-in but everyone was looking downhill one side, especially all DEVON members. Swedish W21s stripped off in stream!

5(?) person relay with Rosemary; ‘British team through the radio control’

Rosemary very late, obviously upset;

Told to go and say something – ‘You made a right pig’s ear of that’ did the trick!

RUSSIA

Old days before glasnost, perestroika; Demonstration events

Leningrad Alexandr University man, never been out of Russia had good command of English humour: Where’s the Finish? I asked at the run in. He pointed towards Helsinki

Jaroslavl forest: No debris, all collected for firewood;

Man in leather coat + trilby - KGB

I decided to merge into background, saying ‘Dobre utra’ He answered Good morning!

Also, when I expressed a wish to swim in the Volga, I was told to keep my mouth shut. What they meant is, OK swim but don’t take in any of the water – polluted. So I did – and have repeated the dip in the Dnieper and the Mississippi at other orienteering events.

We were determined to make a Russian laugh, difficult

Commenting on their map-making which is blank sheet and plane table, we said. Why not use aerial photos? They said, Government won’t release them. Erik said, Ask the Americans. They laughed at that.

FRANCE

Virgo tours mini coach of unparalleled luxury Brittany; Training secret location

One man, pile of maps, no others.

Main event – like Field of Cloth of Gold or Devon County Show. Even had

Banks. Our only international gold medallist

ROSEMARY D45 CHAMPION DE FRANCE

I was glad to win silver – 3 kisses from pretty woman.

Local paper needed action photograph of Rosemary. We staged this in her back garden which has woodlands of Paignton Zoo as backdrop. She had to accelerate fast from end of garden path then pull up before colliding with clothes post.

Good picture

STALWARTS

Club relies on its members in Committee, at events and elsewhere

They keep the show on the road, always have done, do so now and will do in the years ahead.

Although the commitment unvarying, technology changes. Eg. Web site updated yesterday within minutes of cancellation. Well done Lew!

One stalwart group is whole family - South Brent Family Gould.
Only family OW environmental reasons.

Draw special attention stalwarts not really orienteers – time for three in particular

MIKE HOSFORD FOUNDER MEMBER

Organiser 25+ Arctic and similar expeds so Devon event straightforward

BRNC Orienteering Clubgroup member DEVON

BRNC sports clubs rules Capt + Fixtures Sec – I was Captain and

MBH Fixt Sec – easiest job ever, no fixtures

Due to training pressures limiting sports choice but we still got the grants – for equipment and affiliation fees, all of benefit to DEVON,

We did stage one or two events. E.g. Devon Relays

Only regional competition with map smaller than the description sheet

MBH various Committee duties – Newsletter, treasurer for two 3 year terms.

Carol Bennett comes from Ottery (hails from?)

Expansive figure but personality to match – her forte social, decade of numerous social events.

Shone like super nova

Peter Flick He of the yellow gaiters and monster hat with voice to match directing traffic at JK.

Multi talented. Hashing and other interests. Looked up web. Crediton/ Throwleigh/ Dartmoor Railway, etc.

Report football Kirrie Thistle

“An error by goalkeeper PF gifted Vics the lead in the 8th minute”.

My time knowing him PF not appear to have aged at all. More than can say about his cars. Longevity proven by Web search:

“PF arrived in Philadelphia off ship ‘Neptune’ in Sept 1753”

“PF survived wreck of ‘Anglo Saxon’ off Newfoundland in 1863.

Thank God you survived to help us with your key press and information point to newcomers

My thanks to these non-O and also the Orienteering stalwarts. So many who deserve mention, Alan, Roger, Wilf, Ella, John, Tom and many others.

So in 31st year the Club has a new badge and new strip

Devon green appropriate choice as colour of IOF mapping symbol 401 Impassable

Brings me to a final name drop Jill Green. She almost certainly approves of the strip. It goes with her hair colour!

With all this, I get sense of renewed vigour with the Club, it is on a roll

Toast to Devon Orienteering Club **‘The next 30 years’**

MEMBERS AWARDED TROPHIES



Susan Hateley

The Haytor Trophy



Mike Hosford

The Chairman's Trophy



Lew Bean

The Epic Trophy



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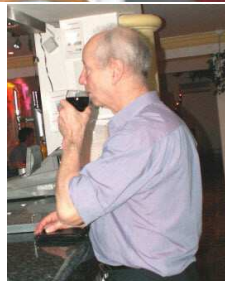


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BRIAN PARKER: OUR FIRST CHAIRMAN

by Mike Hosford

BRNC

Brian Parker is a man of many talents. He joined the academic staff of the Britannia Royal Naval College in September 1972 having been a reactor physicist commissioning Wylfa nuclear power station on the north coast of Anglesey. He lectured in the oceanography department and it was soon obvious that the midshipmen enjoyed the subject and his friendly style, some even taking up the subject as a career specialisation.

ICE & MOUNTAINS

Brian had been a keen advocate of the sport of scuba diving until a mysterious, since partly-explained, accident at 100 ft depth in October 1973 encouraged him to look elsewhere for active physical enjoyment. He relates ringing his wife, Sally, from hospital to say that, although there were no ill effects from the incident, he was giving up diving and going to concentrate on rock climbing and mountaineering instead! Meanwhile I was organising a series of twenty-seven annual Joint Services Colleges Expeditions, which I sent to icecaps and mountains in Norway, most of them to the Jostedalubre icecap. Imagine a mass of ice roughly the size, shape and orientation as Cornwall perched on cliffs a 1000 metres high with breaks where glaciers plunged down into valleys which they had gouged out over millennia. In due course I invited him to lead NORPED 1977.

The expedition's four teams variously climbed Norway's highest mountains in the Jotunheimen – literally the Giants' Home of *Peer Gynt* legend – and a range of miniature Matterhorns in the Hurrungane, and trekked the length of the icecap. A few years previously I had triangulated the Lodalsbre glacier and established the precise relative positions of large crosses painted on the valley walls, which would act as the reference points for future detailed surveys of the glacier. Brian resolved to conduct a plane table survey of the glacier, and his A3 size colour map with its contours, crevasses, lateral moraines and very pronounced medial moraine in the glacier is a tribute to his determination and cartographic skill.

The following year Brian was joint leader of a Royal Navy & Royal Marines Mountaineering Club climbing expedition to the Lofoten Islands in arctic Norway. Quite an achievement for a civilian to be invited to lead a services expedition.

ORIENTEERING & MAPPING

In the meantime Brian had taken up orienteering, having being encouraged by Jonathan Thomson, the Royal Marine GB International, to attend an event in Plym Forest in February 1974. He took nearly three times as long as the winner, but was completely entranced by the sport and began to direct his energies towards it. Plym Forest was to feature again in Brian's orienteering experience. He mentioned in his address that he had planned Britain's first ever National Event there on 17 March 1985. This was an event that nearly did not take place because of heavy snow but the snowploughs opened the roads in time for me to get the equipment to the forest and we were rewarded by an outstandingly successful outcome.

Brian mentioned that he also drew the map for the event, but he did not touch upon his outstanding successes in orienteering mapping. He has been awarded three major awards for mapping by the British Orienteering Federation:

- 1986 - Chichester Trophy for map of the year (Burrator 2)
- 1987 - Bonington Trophy for contribution to mapping
- 1997 - Silva Trophy for Professional Mapping

In those pre-OCAD days Brian's superb cartography stood out among that of his peers. OCAD has resulted in a levelling of the playing field in that respect. He has now returned to mapping after a long enforced break and is re-surveying Braunton Burrows for JK 10.

AWARDS & INTERNATIONAL ROLES

In addition to planning events Brian, who was a BOF Councillor from 1989 to 1998, has controlled major international events including the Flying Pig World Ranking Event in Cincinnati in 1999. He has also become something of an authority in Trail Orienteering being IOF Senior Event Adviser, controlling the first world championships in Sweden in 2004, then in Ukraine in 2007 and will do so in Norway in 2010. He is the Technical Adviser to the IOF Trail-O Commission and is author of documentation relating to elite competition.

Brian has received a number of honours including:

- BOF Award for Services to Orienteering 2001
- Silva Award for Services to Orienteering 2007
- International Orienteering Federation (IOF) Bronze pin 2002

Last but not least he has been the Photo-O controller for all CompassSport competitions so far, 1995 to present. He is also keen on map memory, which he claims is not as difficult as it sounds for familiar areas, although the twenty-seven controls of a black colour-coded course at Plym is not something he would care to attempt now, he says. (I find it difficult to remember one thing for more than a few microseconds!)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Perhaps because of his oceanographic work Brian began to take an increasing interest in the environment, becoming Environmental Officer for the British Orienteering Federation 1988 – 1999 and then Chairman of the IOF Environment Commission in Helsinki from 1999 to the present. In addition to all these he has represented orienteering at the International Olympic Committee *World Sport and the Environment Conferences*. As IOF delegate he delivered a paper in Japan (2001) and has attended conferences in Italy in 2003, Kenya in 2005 and China in 2007 where he had opportunity to see preparations the Chinese were making for the Olympics last year.

Brian has also conducted research studies on the environmental impact of orienteering and has been awarded an MPhil (Open). A number of his reports have been published on the IOF website and in the Scientific Journal of Orienteering.

NIGHT ORIENTEERING

Apart from his leadership responsibilities Brian has been a more than competent orienteer, especially in night orienteering in which he was British Champion in 1984, '85, '86 and '88. After his first such win Sally would not allow his trophy to be on display at home, not so much because it was rather hideous, in the style of a miniature mausoleum, but because the brass plate defining the trophy simply stated **British Night Champion**; no mention of orienteering. Apparently it created too much interest among the ladies of the bridge club!

**Club Meeting held on Friday 16 January 2009
at Wilf & Eleanor Taylor's Fore St., Chudleigh**

Present

Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Nicholas & Vivienne Maxwell, Tom Lillicap, Ella Bowles, John Dyson, Wilf Taylor, Jill and Roger Green.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Lew Bean, Peter Flick and Mike Hosford.

Matters Arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere covered)

INSURANCE CLAIM

The insurance claim for equipment stolen at Mutters Moor remains outstanding. Our club policy has always been to leave controls out overnight only where the risk is thought to be minimal and the time savings involved are significant (i.e. for the more remote controls). It does appear that other clubs operate similar policies although the insurance claims rarely if ever seem to be for controls left out overnight. Some clubs leave stakes and kites overnight and attach the control boxes in the morning. Jill Green pointed out that of the two controls which went missing at Mutters Moor only one had been left overnight, the other having been placed on the morning of the event. Alan will communicate this information to our insurers.

CLUB PATRON & PRESIDENT

Sir John Cave has accepted our invitation to become club patron.

The Earl of Morley is stepping down as patron and the committee recorded its thanks to him for his support during his time both as patron and president.

Major General Nick Vaux has signalled his willingness to remain president of the club.

New Club Strip

John Dyson reported that only three of the original order of tops now remained. Of these, two were earmarked and he expects the final one to go fairly soon.

Financial Matters

The bank balance was up by £600 at year end.

The British Orienteering membership fiasco continues to run its course. Members who paid an adjusted amount by cheque have been processed normally and Alan Simpson confirmed that the correct amount was debited from his account. However there were members who paid the BO invoice in full and John Dyson has now received reimbursement for this overpayment, and these members will be contacted.

The club will be paying relay fees for Devon OC teams entered in the British Champs and the JK and for individual entries in the Compass Cup.

Secretary's Report

Graham Dugdale reported that the Devon Countryside Access Forum were seeking nominations for membership by 27th February. The aim of the forum is to achieve a consensus view on priorities and policies affecting access provision within Devon. It was decided that it was not an effective use of the club's resources to be represented, although individuals may well wish to seek nomination.

There was a request for assistance and guidance from Martin Miller, Exmouth Community College Schools sports co-ordinator. Lew Bean is already mapping the community college and Wilf Taylor has contacted them to offer coaching. They are running a recruitment fayre on April 1st and invited Devon OC to attend.

The next SWOA meeting will be on 11th February at the Ruishton Inn, near Taunton. At the moment we have no volunteers to attend on behalf of Devon OC.

Fixtures

The Compass Cup event has been moved to the 15th March as we could not obtain the Bullers Hill venue on the 29th March. Tom Lillicrap will prepare an email to be sent to members to encourage their participation in the event, which will be paid for by the club. Alan Simpson is to check with the planner to see if we need to borrow extra controls from Kerno.

Due to doubts over the availability of River Dart the Devon league event planned for the 19th April will now be held at Bicton College with Nicholas and Vivienne Maxwell organising. Erik Peckett suggested that the event be structured as a sprint event with each competitor completing two courses.

Permissions to use River Dart in future have now been received.

The June 6th event at Woodbury is likely to start from a new venue at Dullbridge Farm. Matt Rider is to do the planning for this event under the tutelage of Sue and Roger Hateley.

Mapping

Roger Green confirmed that Simon Beck has completed field work for Core Copse/East Hill. Currently he has carried out groundwork on various sites, but no new maps have yet been delivered. He needs to be chased up to ensure that the maps are available prior to the Devon League event there on 8th March. Planning may begin using the out of date map.

Erik Peckett's Holne Moor map is ready to go to the printers, although it was suggested that the planner and controller should make a final check. The Meldon map has been printed.

Access

Ella Bowles reported that DNPA seem to be dragging their heels over permissions for Meldon Hill and the Caddihoe Chase. It was noted that the DNPA seemed to have an inconsistent approach to permissions, since they have provided outline agreement for the Dartmoor Mountain Marathon to be held in June, despite this being within the period when large scale events are embargoed due to bird nesting.

Ella said there were doubts about the continuance of the Devon & Kerno night league due to a decline in numbers.

Captains Report

Currently we have 11 teams entered for the British Championships in the New Forest at the early in March (3 MW60, 1 M50, 1 M40, 3 M18, 1 M14 and 1MW12). Not surprisingly the interest shown in the Northumberland JK2009 is somewhat less and currently we may make up 3 or 4 teams.

Plymouth Schools League

Alan Simpson reported that it is planned to hold events at Devonport Park, Central Park and Marjons on three consecutive weeks in February and March. Each will have white, yellow orange and light green courses. He has prepared pro forma entry forms with all the event details.

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR O MAPPING

*Below are extracts from an article in the January 19 2009 issue of
Aviation Week & Space Technology*

Mapping the Virtual World

MICHAEL A TAVERNA/PARIS and ROBERT WALL/NEWPORT, WALES

Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd is preparing to unveil a submetric satellite imaging system intended to meet the needs of commercial mapping and location-based services for regularly re-freshed, consistently high-quality global imagery.

Aimed at geo-portal operators like Google Earth and Microsoft Virtual Globe, and personal navigation device suppliers like Nokia Maps and Tom Tom, the system is one of several new initiatives that are expected to benefit from the takeover of SSSL by EADS Astrium, initiated last spring.

SSTL executives say Astrium will provide the small UK-based manufacturer with the financial muscle, technical depth and service expertise needed to offer complete turnkey contracts that are in demand today, particularly among developing countries and startup operators – SSTL's bread-and-butter clientele. In turn SSTL will provide Astrium with vital micro- and mini-satellite know-how to complement its activities in big satellites, as well as an "innovative approach to new markets."

The new 350 kg class imaging satellite system is dubbed ART (for Accuracy, Reach, Timeliness). It will be able to map the entire Earth within 30 months at a color resolution of 0.6 meters with a single satellite, for under \$50 million. Even a small constellation of 3-4 satellites needed to provide the higher refresh rates likely to be demanded by the market would cost significantly less than the \$500 million price tag of large submetric satellites like GeoEye-1 of constellation concepts such as e-Corice, proposed by French space agency CNES. ART will enable imagery to be made available for as little as 20 cents per sq. km, versus \$20 with current imagery.

The imager is based entirely on in-house technology derived from experience gained with SSTL's most advanced products, notably the 2.5 meter NigeriaSat 2 to be delivered in 2010, and is already relatively mature. Engineers will now work with their Astrium counterparts to refine the ART offering, an initial system could be operational by 2012.

By Editor

At 20 cents per square kilometre this range of imaging satellites, and with a colour resolution of 0.6 metres, could possibly be a considerable asset to orienteering mappers.

British Orienteering Ranking List

Class	pos	Name	points	events
M35L	50	Emmit Andrews	2799	3
M35L	99	Olivier Boucher	912	1
M35L	110	Damian Wilson	749	1
M35S	6	Olivier Boucher	6669	6
M35S	76	Matthew Atkins	0	1
M40L	54	Andrew Reynolds	5739	6
M40L	71	Stuart Robertson	4318	12
M40L	206	Jonathan Hurrell	891	1
M45L	21	Kevin Hagley	7178	17
M50L	43	Adrian Taylor	6931	10
M50L	45	Steve Edmonds	6917	6
M50L	119	Ian Bowles	5491	10
M50L	130	Nigel Bateman	5217	5
M50L	148	Rob Parkinson	4634	4
M50L	267	Rob Kohler	1082	1
M50L	289	David Bramley (M55)	1000	1
M55L	45	Wilfrid Taylor	6714	6
M55L	50	Christopher Virgo	6626	15
M55L	91	Michael Cullen (M60)	5578	6
M55L	113	Nicholas Maxwell	4717	6
M55L	164	Bryan Smith	2709	3
M55S	55	Graham Dugdale	3531	4
M60L	7	Tom Lillicrap	7649	10
M60L	13	Mike Wimpenny	7384	8
M60L	52	Roger Hargreaves	6552	12
M60L	115	Peter Brett	5460	8
M60L	167	John Pearce (M65)	3315	3
M60L	196	Lew Bean	2081	2
M60L	227	Nick Hockey	1117	1
M60S	33	Mike Hughes	5476	9
M60S	92	John Pearce (M65)	1152	1
M65L	4	Arthur Boyt (M70)	7650	16
M65L	48	Alan Simpson	6318	10
M65L	68	Roger Hateley	5800	16
M65L	70	John Dyson	5683	5
M65L	91	Dave Livsey (M70)	3883	5
M65L	138	Roger Green	1023	1
M65S	27	Roger Green	2679	3

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Class	pos	Name	points	events
M70L	65	Erik Peckett (M75)	3310	4
M70L	90	Brian Parker	1495	2
M70L	92	Arthur Boyt	1346	1
W35L	61	Marie Boucher (W40)	121	1
W35S	28	Marie Boucher (W40)	2282	4
W40L	46	Alison Reynolds	4981	5
W40L	135	Lynda Robertson (W45)	0	1
W40S	40	Lynda Robertson (W45)	4245	9
W40S	48	Deb Hazell (W45)	2961	3
W45L	66	Eleanor Taylor (W50)	3876	6
W45S	59	Helen Taylor (W50)	1910	3
W50L	4	Ella Bowles	7561	12
W50L	108	Elizabeth Bramley	3173	3
W50L	128	Sue Boyt (W55)	1758	2
W50S	22	Sue Boyt (W55)	5995	11
W50S	39	Victoria Wimpenny	3270	4
W55L	88	Vivienne Maxwell	2130	5

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