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# DEVON ORIENTEER

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DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

## CADDIHOE CHASE 2009



**Jack Baker is presented with  
his South West M20 Champion's trophy  
by the club's president, Major General Vaux**

## Chairman's Chat Sept 2009 by Alan Simpson



The Caddihoe is over. The weather was kind, and I think most competitors felt that they had had good reason to make the trip to Dartmoor. I would particularly like to thank Mike Cullen for his meticulous planning, Jill Green - organisational supremo, and Roger Hargreaves from KERNO for providing a very experienced hand on the tiller as Controller. The concerted effort from many other club members was impressive and effective in making all aspects of the event run smoothly. Thanks to you all.

A week before the Caddihoe, good weather again blessed an exciting score event on Pew Tor (Whitchurch Common). By a close margin Ian Bowles emerged as new Club Champion. Well done Ian.

Elsewhere in the newsletter are minutes from the AGM which followed. (Actually there was an excellent buffet lunch came in between, which some people missed).

In committee, we have given some thought to our priorities for the coming twelve months, and, at the AGM, as well as hearing comments from myself as Chairman, and the Membership Secretary and Treasurer, it was good to hear the club's plans for

- a) application for Clubmark – John Dyson
- b) coaching – Wilf Taylor
- c) care for junior club members – Helen Taylor, and
- d) publicity – Anthony Dew.

Please take time to have a read.

Ella Bowles is standing down as Access Officer. She will ensure that clearance is obtained for all events up to the end of 2009. We thank Ella for her hard work and wish her a speedy recovery from her ongoing injury.

If anybody is interested in taking on this role, please contact Ella, myself, or another committee member, to see what it entails. We are entirely beholden to landowners to pursue our sport. So getting permission for every event is rather important.

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## **The British Orienteering Services to Orienteering Awards**

These were initiated by the Development Committee to recognise and acknowledge the great work done by volunteers in orienteering. The Development Committee felt that we should celebrate the many different sorts of volunteering undertaken by members including those that have made club maps, run the welcoming event registration / help desk, managed the club equipment store, run the club results service etc.

These club volunteers carry out many tasks which they enjoy and do not expect any reward but continue to do the jobs because they enjoy being able to put something back into the sport.

### **Erik Peckett (DEVON)**

For his phenomenal input into the development of the sport in the UK and beyond.



## **British Schools Orienteering Association Award for Services to Schools.**

### **Susan Painter (DEVON)**

For the work she did at Weymouth with John Tilsley (also received an award) over 20 years ago to develop a sustainable schools league and for her continuing work to support orienteering in schools.

Susan writes:

Well its July and I'm standing here at Cox Tor along with some very hardy orienteers and Dartmoor's doing its level best to produce horizontal rain and howling winds. Why am I here? Well Roger Hargreaves has come along to present me with the British Schools Orienteering Associations award for Outstanding Services to Schools Orienteering.

My name is Susan Painter and on the competitive orienteering scene I come along now and then when the events are close to home, consequently my name doesn't appear very often.

My passion has been more for introducing the sport to school children in the hope that they might become more active members, or even if they saw an event feel confident enough to join in.

In 1985 I qualified as a teacher in PE and came to Dorset to work in Shaftesbury. Shortly after that I moved to Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre.

At that time (1987) the “orienteering” at the centre was based on OS maps and really not particularly suitable for young children. The new national curriculum (teachers favourite phrase, there's always a “new” NC) had Outdoor education in it and it seemed that the logical thing to enable the teacher to deliver this in schools was to develop orienteering for primary schools. Not forgetting to train and support the teachers too. I hadn't had any training at college but I had lots of support from members of Weymouth Orienteers in helping me understand what orienteering was really about. Orienteering at the centre was revamped and orienteering maps were introduced instead of OS. Introducing it into school was an unknown and so it was that John Tilsley (Wim) and myself took on this task. We developed a progression of lessons and went into schools to delivered it ourselves. We supported them by providing equipment and most crucially by drawing the maps for the school and showing them how to use them. The centre staff became qualified BOF instructors and Club coaches and then ran training for school staff so they felt confident. All this we did in the late 1980's.

Orienteering became another part of schools PE lessons. It was at this point that I went to a PLT meeting (PE teachers sports meeting) and from there the Weymouth schools orienteering league was born. Schools hosted an event and then the centre in Weymouth hosted a final. We provided a shield for the winning school. To start with John, Pat Dollard and I fronted the events, and were the impartial judges as well as score keeper. As time went on the staff developed in confidence and we became more the organisers. The league could cope with schools of any size and was really flexible. The final was always on neutral territory, one of the centres maps. Hundreds of children each year had the opportunity to experience competitive orienteering in a safe environment.

In 1995 the British Schools Orienteering Association was formed. It was great that finally the schools voice had its own separate body. It also gave us a forum to find out what others were doing to promote orienteering in schools. It was great to see we were really well forward in our planning.

I left Weymouth in 1997 to start my family, this was combined with my husband moving to Dartmoor, and so it was that I came to Devon. I had by then taught thousands of children about orienteering, everyone from 3½ year olds upwards, even spending 4 consecutive days with a class of 8 year olds (and it rained!) and I had mapped around 60 schools. The centre had links with orienteering clubs, the forestry commission, orienteered at Kingston Lacy with Wimborne and had permanent courses on several sites.

I had my family, did some orienteering with Devon, and re-entered schools orienteering doing a little bit with Geraldine Gould over in Paignton. I approached my children's school and have taught orienteering to them, mapping my own grounds and my neighbours field to allow them to progress off site. I got a job in a local primary school and now run orienteering for my class, festival days for other schools, as well as training staff within my family of schools.. deja vu... Oh and I'm now that PLT at the sports meeting promoting orienteering.

So finally my last bit. I like to keep up to date with current practice so when I saw last year a promoting orienteering in schools evening with our RDO Celia, I went along. The evenings going great, and then she hands out 3 ways of introducing leagues into schools.....

and there in my hands is the league I set up almost 20 years ago, still running, having stood the test of time.

I feel really proud that I have been involved with promoting orienteering to school children for nearly 22 years. So that horizontal rain doesn't really dampen my spirits, after all on Dartmoor we don't have many sunlit forests!



## **The Devon & Cornwall Night League 2009 – 2010 by Sue Boyt**

It is fast approaching! Autumn; the sun sets in the middle of the west and is on a roll towards the solstice. By which time the Night League will be upon us – slightly revamped to encourage more interest, maybe more sociable orienteers. Earlier start times in Cornwall for those who are afraid of the dark and maybe a different twist in the trail from DEVON. After each event we meet for a pub meal . . . if one can bear to leave the starry night outside. As usual, three events in Cornwall, three in Devon. Watch websites of both clubs for dates and locations as the night season draws near – from early November through the dark months of the winter, peppered by the Southern Night Championships in November and finishing with the British Night Championships in Scotland on 6 March; close to Edinburgh, a cheap flight away for the night addicts . . .

**SCOTTISH SIX DAYS**  
by  
**Nicholas & Vivienne Maxwell**  
**(M & W 55)**



For those new to the sport, the Scottish 6 Day is probably the most challenging set of events held in the UK and occurs every two years. There are well over 3,000 competitors from all over the world. This year's event was based around Perth and generally used new areas. For us, this year was a 5 day event as we had to go to a wedding in Bristol on the Saturday and we didn't want to get up early the next day to travel to the first event!

This year's series of events enabled a number of competitors on Day 4 to celebrate attending every one of the 100 events at the Scottish 6 Day so you can work out how long the competition has been going. I wonder if in years to come we will regret the lapse of missing one event to go to a wedding! The other disadvantage is that ideally you need four good runs to count in the rankings for the week which means you can afford to mess up two days. In Nicholas' case, now, one day and in Vivienne's case no days, as she was having another day off.

Thus our orienteering started on Day 2 on two hills close to Perth with lots of paths created by local people. Nothing new here but the paths and ground in between were configured in a more challenging way which, unfortunately, led to confusion from time to time; so the chance to make the best of our freshness was lost. Still there is always Day 3.

Day 3 was further away near Loch Rannoch and it had already been decided that Vivienne would visit Edinburgh instead. This proved fortuitous as the weather was wet, the car park was muddy and there were the inevitable delays getting in and out. To save on parking Nicholas went with the MDOC people we were staying with. He had a much later start but was able to get an "earlier run" ticket on the grounds that at the organiser's request, car transport was shared. This was lucky as on the way to the start he had to go back to the car to remove the extra layers of clothes he had forgotten he had put on and then, again, to pick up his SI card. It was wet and physical with a long and muddy walk to the start, and Vivienne made the right choice. Once on the course, it proved to be challenging with forest and some open moorland with few paths and plenty of climb. To get to the end through the rain and the terrain was in itself an achievement.

On to Day 4 and near to St Andrews with wooded and generally grassy sand dunes and plenty of paths. You would think that living in the South West, we would be meeting this head on with loads of experience on such a terrain. You would be right - not too bad at all and our best day so far. Confidence was returning.

Afterwards we went to have a look at St Andrews and, guess what, walked through the sand dunes and beach to the town dreaming of Chariots of Fire (which was filmed here), but not summoning up the will to jog along the beach! That's the trouble with orienteering in Scotland - no energy to do much afterwards.

Day 5 was also billed as a sand dune area used for military practice. This time more in the open. What would have been useful in the background information was a note that the first part of the course was in woodland with few well defined line features, and you probably needed to go very carefully and concentrate on the map. As a result, we both got lost but then met each other looking for the same control. We happened to discover we were at Nicholas' number 3 and worked our way back to our Number 1 passing Number 2 on the way, which unusually was common to both our courses. Unfortunately, Vivienne forgot the way back from Number 1 to Number 2 and had more problems with her Number 5 before escaping into the open dunes. These dunes were generally more straightforward than Penhale but just as steep.

This brings us to Day 6 on hills above the River Tay - will we go home on a high or back with our tails between our legs and vows of practising more and getting fitter? The message had finally got through, we needed to concentrate a lot more right from the beginning and know where we were on the map for more of the time. What a pity we hadn't remembered on Day 2 that this is what orienteering is all about! The event was on open moorland with a steep climb up through the bracken to get to the start on to the top of the plateau. It was broken up by a good network of linear marshes which, if they had been tarmacked over, would have significantly reduced the physicality. The choices were round by the marshes or over the heather hills in between, but it all came together for both of us, the controls were where we expected to find them and we made our way around the plateau. The sting in the tail was that you had to get down through the bracken line and all competitors descended down one narrow marshy valley with variations to odd controls part way down. It became very muddy and slippery with the inevitable conflict between the older and "go careful" competitors and the "devil may care" attitude of the young. Nicholas was more fortunate as he was taken off-line and descended on a more stable path through the bracken. He did, however, on the final run-in manage to fall flat on his face and break his orienteering glasses. However, this was our best day.

Overall, the variety of terrain and challenges from the courses were superb and we look forward to returning in 2011 to fight another day near Oban. Maybe we will be fitter and navigate better - plenty of time to practise!

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# **THE SCOTTISH 6 DAYS AKA NINE JUNIORS ON A MISSION**

by

**Jack, Matt, Luke, Jacob, Will, Josh, Sam , Guy and Simon**

Before we went north Wilf Taylor said at a coaching session that “we would learn more in a week than he could teach us in a year”. How true those words turned out to be.

We had decided that we would camp at the event centre at Perth racecourse which turned out to be a good and very cheap option. Plan A was to do our runs for part of the day and then go off and do something else for the rest of the day. Dream on..... after your run all you wanted to do was head back for a shower and a rest.

The first day at Dalruzion was an eye opener. As a World ranking event we should have guessed but it was a chastened group who eventually returned across the finish line. The complexity of the routes was far beyond what any of us ( Matt excepted) had ever faced and we had struggled. Also it seemed like a Who’s who of European Orienteering and the thought “should we really be here” crossed a few minds. Comments varied from the bemused through to the unprintable. At least the sun was shining.

The one bit of advice which was obvious was the need to slow down and concentrate on the navigation. Day two at least was definitely going to be better. For Simon it was as he had a cracking run coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class but that was the only bright spot in an otherwise depressingly unsuccessful day results wise. Matt even managed to mis punch on what was actually quite a good run.

What can you say about day three. Yes, it rained, yes the wind blew and yes the club tent collapsed. The routes went over the mountains in the mist and rain, the bogs were deep in places but actually it was a really fun day despite it all. The results were not really any better but the first signs of getting to grips with the maps were beginning to emerge. Less stories of getting big time lost but plenty of others about the conditions.

And so it continued. Days 4 and 5 were down on the coast and yes, things were beginning to improve. Whether previous experience at Penhale helped or we were just getting into the groove is impossible to say. It was still patchy but definitely we had got past the worse bit. Also being so close to Carnoustie we decided to kidnap Duncan Taylor for an afternoon out on the beach in the sun and a meal out in the evening at the local Wetherspools. We were going to enjoy it come what may.

The last day dawned. Wilf had warned us that having gained some confidence we probably would all have awful runs and fall to pieces due to brain fade. We didn’t. We were back in the mountains and although it was horrible underfoot due to the gorse as a group we had our best runs. As Jack summed it up after his run ”I think I have got it” . Simon even managed to get a third place overall so we had a person on the podium.



Was it worth it. Definitely. There is nothing like it down this way. How much was learned will be apparent at the Caddihoe Chase and in the months to come . We may still make mistakes on future courses but they will hold few fears after what we came across. The big question has to be though.... where shall we go next ?



**Simon Hayward sprinting in to a finish**

## DEVON SOUTH WEST & CADDIHOE CHAMPIONS

### South West Champions

Fraser Robertson	M10	Tessa Stone	W35
James Blackford	M12	Rob Parkinson	M45
Ellie Stone	W14	Carol Pearce	W60
Duncan Taylor	M16	John Pearce	M65
Matt Ryder	M18	Jill Green	W65
Jack Baker	M20		

### Caddihoe Chase Champions

Fraser Robertson	M10
Ellie Stone	W14
Jack Baker	M20
Jill Green	W65



**Jack Baker**  
shows off his Caddihoe Chase trophy



Nick Vaux

presents awards to

Rob Parkinson and a couple of worthy juniors





Nick Vaux

Presents South West  
Champions awards to

Jill Green (W65)



Tessa Stone (W35)

## TAMAR LEAGUE 2008 TO 2009

This is the last report from the league compiler for this season.

The table below has been compiled from 16 events from September 2008 up to the event at Dunmere on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009. There have been 10 KERNO events to the 6 held by DEVON. Only Sandy Cowan has been to all sixteen events! At the end of the season 9 Devon and 6 KERNO members qualified for the final tables – without them there wouldn't be a league - but we could do with some more runners!

Event Planners, Controllers and Organisers (the latter if they have not run) have been credited with their average score for their official duties.

The number of events entered is also shown along with the average score for all events. To appear in the final tables competitors from one club must complete at least three events from their neighbouring club. While the whole number of events from the two clubs was 16 only the best 9 scores counted in the final table. No one on Orange or Yellow will qualify as not enough events have been attended.

Pos	Name	Club	Class	Best 9 Qualify	Raw Total	Devon Events	Kerno Events
<b>BROWN</b>							
1	Phil Newall	KERNO	M45	8156			
2	Will Hancock	KERNO	M21	8090	9516	3	8
3	Kevin Hagley	DEVON	M45		6393	3	4
4	Jon Hurrell	DEVON	M40		3386	2	3
<b>BLUE</b>							
1	Roger Hargreaves	KERNO	M60	7657	8502	3	8
2	Nicholas Maxwell	DEVON	M55		5986	5	3
3	Alan Simpson	DEVON	M65		5871	5	3
4	Adele Newall	KERNO	W45	5763	5763	3	6
5	Gary Ratcliffe	DEVON	M40		2294	2	3
<b>GREEN</b>							
1	Dick Smith	KERNO	M60	8284	10580	3	9
2	Roger Hateley	DEVON	M65	7026	7592	6	4
3	Sandy Cowan	KERNO	M65	5201	8411	6	10
4	Graham Dugdale	DEVON	M55		3920	3	3
5	Vivienne Maxwell	DEVON	W55		2980	3	3
<b>LIGHT GREEN</b>							
1	Susan Hateley	DEVON	W60	6842	7381	6	4

**British Orienteering Ranking List**  
**for Members of DEVON in class order**

<b>class</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>points events</b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>pos</b>		<b>points</b>	<b>events</b>
M21L	359	Michael Smith	704	1
M35L	97	Olivier Boucher	1022	1
M35S	32	Olivier Boucher	3406	3
M40L	155	Andrew Reynolds	1865	2
M40L	269	Arthur Boyt (M70)	742	1
M40S	37	Stuart Robertson	5705	7
M45L	188	Kevin Hagley	2214	2
M50L	33	Rob Parkinson	7195	9
M50L	60	Adrian Taylor	6679	14
M50L	193	Steve Edmonds	3256	3
M50L	235	Ian Bowles	1887	2
M50L	275	Rob Kohler	1096	1
M55L	60	Wilfrid Taylor	6478	6
M55L	69	Christopher Virgo	6403	15
M55L	125	Nicholas Maxwell	5144	11
M55L	215	Bryan Smith	1645	2
M55S	59	Graham Dugdale	4601	6
M60L	35	Mike Wimpenny	7100	12
M60L	36	Tom Lillicrap	7054	10
M60L	76	Roger Hargreaves	6423	14
M60L	133	Peter Brett	5386	9
M60L	288	Michael Hughes	621	1
M60S	65	Michael Hughes	3502	5
M65L	12	John Pearce	7213	8
M65L	27	Alan Simpson	6840	16
M65L	81	Roger Hateley	5533	15
M65L	107	Arthur Boyt (M70)	3556	3
M65L	108	John Dyson	3512	4
M65L	165	Roger Green	845	1
M65S	23	Roger Green	4811	5
M70L	1	Arthur Boyt	7992	13
M70L	88	David Livsey	2519	3
M70L	109	Erik Peckett (M75)	834	1
M75L	36	Erik Peckett	5187	6

**British Orienteering Ranking List**  
**for Members of DEVON in class order**  
 (continued)

<b>class</b>				
<b>Class</b>	<b>pos</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>points</b>	<b>events</b>
W35S	43	Marie Boucher (W40)	632	1
W40L	73	Tessa Stone	2692	3
W40L	87	Alison Reynolds	2101	2
W40L	146	Marie Boucher	703	1
W40S	71	Marie Boucher	1668	2
W45S	48	Lynda Robertson	4790	6
W50L	107	Eleanor Taylor	3499	5
W50L	109	Ella Bowles	3385	3
W50L	113	Victoria Wimpenny	3240	8
W50L	170	Ann Hughes (W65)	926	1
W50L	174	Sue Boyt (W55)	855	1
W50S	79	Victoria Wimpenny	1678	2
W55L	91	Vivienne Maxwell	2795	7
W55L	93	Sue Boyt	2581	3
W60L	9	Carol Pearce	7390	11
W60L	31	Elsie Hargreaves	6609	15
W60L	73	Jill Green (W65)	4376	4
W60L	92	Susan Hateley	2673	3
W60S	8	Susan Hateley	7084	13
W65L	2	Jill Green	7702	10
W65L	34	Ann Hughes	6116	5
W65L	68	Valerie Livsey (W70)	995	1
W70L	11	Valerie Livsey	6837	6

**Club Meeting held on Friday 11 September 2009  
at the Globe, Fore Street, Chudleigh**

**Present**

Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Lew Bean, Wilf Taylor, John Dyson, Ella Bowles, Anthony Dew, Jill and Roger Green.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Helen Taylor, Peter Flick, Tom Lillicrap and Mike Hosford.

*Much of this meeting dealt with preparation for the AGM the next day.*

**Matters Arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere covered)**

**BULLERS HILL PERMANENT COURSE**

Lew Bean confirmed that, following extensive tree felling on Bullers Hill, one of the major paths has been re-routed. The rangers have prepared an amendment strip to indicate changes to anyone asking for maps of the permanent course. The changes require a site visit and a re-drawing of the map. Roger Green is to contact Erik Peckett.

Lew confirmed that the maps of the permanent courses include the web addresses of both Devon and Kernow Orienteering Clubs.

**BURRATOR ARBORETUM**

There has been no progress on re-mapping. Ella Bowles will contact South West Water to confirm that they are happy to allow access for mapping.

**Access**

Ella Bowles said that she wished to stand down as Access Officer at the AGM. She would ensure that clearance was obtained for all events up to the end of 2009. The chairman thanked Ella for her hard work in the role and wished her a speedy recovery from her ongoing injury.

**Coaching**

Wilf has been canvassing various club members to see if they would be willing to take on a coaching role within the club and obtain the required UKCC coaching qualifications. He said that ideally we should have coaches located all around the county.

Wilf said he was trying to promote a "headless chicken" race, where running clubs competed against Devon OC over, for example, a 5km run followed by a 2.5k orienteering course.

In a move to interest members in coaching, Wilf was seeking to arrange a one day preliminary course where potential coaches would be given a flavour of elements within the UKCC level 1 coaching course. He hoped to get Helen Taylor, Brian Parker and John Seers as speakers.

Meanwhile Alan Simpson has been liaising with Vicki Thornton (BO) and Christine Vince (SWOA) to see if we can stage a UKCC level 1 coaches course locally.



## **Club Communications**

Information on Devon OC events is held in a number of places and recently there have been occasions where there has not been consistency between all of the sources. It was confirmed that the information held on the club website should be regarded as the definitive version. Clearly the information in the club magazine cannot be guaranteed once the magazine has gone to press. The event information held on the BO website SHOULD be updated whenever event organisers make changes (eg change the grid reference of the start), but for this to happen they need to notify Jill Green of the changes. Jill would be adding this to the guidance given to organisers.

## **First Aid Training**

The Clubmark working group had identified first aid as an area that the club needed to improve. Ideally the club would have about 10 qualified first aiders with a lead first aider co-ordinating their efforts and arranging training. Training would be cheaper if we could pay a first aid trainer to run a course for several members, rather book members onto, say, a St Johns Ambulance First Aid course.

## **Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be at 7.00 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at the Globe Inn, Fore St., Chudleigh. The meeting following this will be at 7.30 on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> December at Wilf & Eleanor Taylor's, 74 Fore St. Chudleigh.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday 12 September 2009**  
**at Walkhampton Village Hall**

**Present**

Lew Bean, Peter Flick, Jill Green, Roger Green, Alan Simpson, Adrian Taylor, Helen Taylor, Wilf Taylor. Eleanor Taylor, Ian Bowles, Graham Dugdale, John Dyson, Nicholas Maxwell, Vivienne Maxwell, Mike Cullen, Steve Perrelle, Harry Morse, Luke Hayward, Sam Head, Jacob Shah, Oliver Reynolds, Simon Hayward, Rosemary Roach, Anthony Dew, Mike Wimpenny and Toria Wimpenny.

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Reynolds. Alison Reynolds, Mike Hosford, Roger Hateley, Susan Hateley, Erik Peckett, Ann Hughes, Mike Hughes, Tom Lillicrap and Nigel Bateman.

**Minutes of the 2008 AGM**

These were accepted as an accurate account of the 2008 AGM.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman began by thanking Ann Hughes and Nigel Bateman for planning and organising the club championships which preceded the AGM. Ian Bowles had won a closely fought event from Wilf Taylor and Adrian Taylor. Thanks were also due to Vivienne and Nick Maxwell and to Helen Taylor for preparing the excellent spread which sustained us for the AGM.

The year has seen Devon OC emerge in new kit and with a new logo and Vivienne Maxwell is taking bookings so that a new order can be placed with our suppliers. In addition to the long sleeved top, we hope to add short sleeves and fleeces to the items that can be ordered in club colours.

In a quiet year, when we had no Caddihoe or Tamar Triple to organise, our biggest event was the preliminary round of the Compass Sport Cup which we staged at Bullers Hill and where we came within a whisker of eliminating BOK to qualify for the national final. It is hoped that we can build upon this performance in the coming year when the preliminary round is being staged by Sarum on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

As the treasurer's report shows, mapping has been a major feature of the club's activity over the past year and we are fortunate to have some top class mappers within the club. Our library of maps, under the supervision of Roger Green, has been significantly enhanced during the year.

The Plymouth Schools League was initiated during the year and has been well received by pupils and teachers within the area. Devon OC will continue to assist with running the event in the coming year, but as a club we need to consider how best to allocate resources if we are to see the club benefit from the undoubted enthusiasm of the youngsters involved. Are there any club members who could assist in expanding the Plymouth model to other areas of Devon?

The club has continued with its programme of training in 2009 and Jill Green facilitated a controllers course to follow up the planners courses we held in 2007-8. In the coming year we shall be looking at providing more coaching in line with Clubmark requirements and will be organising courses to provide us with the qualified coaches we need.

The club president, Nick Vaux, will be presenting the prizes at next week's Caddihoe. In line with practice the president and patron were proposed as honorary members of the club (proposer – Steve Perrelle, seconder - Toria Wimpenny, carried unanimously).

On the social front the club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner and ceilidh in Ashburton which was well attended despite the bad weather. Special thanks to Vivienne Maxwell for organising it and to Jill Green for providing trophies as well the quizzes and games.

## Membership Report

Current membership figures (2008 in brackets):

	Seniors	Juniors	Total Nos	Units
NATIONAL	91	33	123 (122)	71
LOCAL	32	20	53 (80)	29
CONTACT	8		8 (8)	8
TOTAL	131 (147)	53 (63)	184 (210)	108

At last year's AGM it was reported that total membership had declined from 250 in 2007 to 210 in 2008. The above figures show a further fall to 184, again due to a heavy loss of local membership, down from 127 in 2007 to 80 in 2008, and now to 53. In the national category, however, our figures have held steady at 133, exactly the same as 2007 and one up on 2008. The decline may be linked to two factors: the considerable increase in local membership fees imposed by British orienteering results in fees running well above those formerly applied by our Club under the previous scheme, combined with increasingly widespread computer ownership enabling occasional competitors to find event information on the internet without becoming members.

## Treasurer's Statement

John Dyson thanked Nick Maxwell for vetting the accounts and also event organisers for providing details of the event accounts.

The club had a deficit over the year of £4,211 but still with a healthy current bank balance. As mentioned earlier mapping has been a focus of our effort over the last year and this does not come cheap. The bulk of our costs (over £2,700) has been spent mapping Hay Tor and Hound Tor for the Caddihoe, and with entries up by nearly 100 on 2007 the expense appears to be justified. Other mapping costs of nearly £1,500 have been spent bringing River Dart Country Park and Holne Moor back into play along with upgrades to existing maps.

Newsletter costs, covering both the Devon OC newsletter and SINS, remained static at £636. It was suggested that the default option should be to receive the Devon OC newsletter by electronic mail. The committee will investigate.

Levies to SWOA and BOF rose from £653 to £763, although we were alerted to the fact that the Caddihoe and Tamar Triple are likely to see big rises in levies in the coming year, and to the fact that the current levy system, which is more favourable to Devon OC than others which had been considered, had only beaten a much less favourable option by the narrowest of margins.

Event expenses had risen from £1,011 to £1,758, although this was offset by a rise in event income of £900.

The club dinner 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had cost the club £1,393 to stage, although with receipts of £1,176, the loss was less than we had budgeted for. There was also a net loss of nearly £400 on clothing due to subsidies on the initial orders and to discounts for junior members.

The club subsidised entries to the CompassSport Cup, resulting in our much improved performance, to the tune of £327. Relay fees of over £1,000 were paid, but £400 of this was for entry fees in 2007-8, which were owed.

On the income side membership fees had risen from £402 to £550 and bank interest was up from £169 to £300. Attention was drawn to £552 received for hire of equipment, almost entirely down to the chairman responding to requests to use our SI equipment.

The treasurer was confident that the revenues from the Caddihoe next week would virtually wipe-out the deficit occurred in the past year, and on that basis proposed no change to our event charges (£5 adult, £1 junior) at entry-on-the-day events.

### **Membership Fees for 2010 and 2011**

Currently our membership fees are £4 for seniors, £4 for families, £2 for juniors.

The treasurer proposed that the membership fees remained the same except the family fee being increased to £6. This would result in a fairer set of fees for members and would bring us into line with other clubs and BOF, where the family rate seemed to be approximately 150% of the adult rate.

An amendment was then proposed (proposer – Peter Flick, seconder – Steve Perrelle) that there should be no change to the fees at a time when our membership numbers were falling and we had a healthy sum in the bank. The amendment was carried by 14 votes to 5, so membership fees remain as before.

### **Clubmark and Club Constitution**

The committee has set up a working group under the chairmanship of John Dyson to investigate whether the club should apply for Clubmark status. John described Clubmark as a national scheme for sports clubs to protect and nurture their future generation. In recent years schools have failed to promote sport and Clubmark aims to set standards by which clubs can bring on talent in all sports. At the moment there is no financial benefit to clubs to obtain Clubmark, however there is the implication that BOF may in future find ways of disadvantaging those clubs who remain outside Clubmark, moreover there are currently generous subsidies to offset the costs of obtaining coaching.

There is a strong element of coaching and of child protection within requirements and to this end the working group included :

Wilf Taylor (coaching)

Helen Taylor (child protection)

Graham Dugdale (secretariat)

Wilf has been carrying out weekly coaching sessions on Bullers Hill during the summer and Steve Perelle has been providing similar sessions in Torbay, but the club needs to have more coaches to fulfil its obligations under Clubmark. As a first step it is intended to put on a 1 day “taster” course for potential coaches outlining the requirements of a UKCC level 1 coach. The actual course consists of 2 days of training followed by one day of assessment and 15 hours actual coaching. Up to the present time Devon OC members have had to make long journeys to attend UKCC level 1 courses, however the club is investigating the possibility of staging the training at Duchy College Launceston if we have enough interest.

Clubmark places certain requirements on how a club runs its affairs and some of these need to be stated within the club constitution. Changes to the club constitution can only be made at the AGM (or a specially convened EGM). The secretary has therefore been reviewing the constitution in order that we can go ahead with an application for Clubmark within the coming year without the need for an EGM.

The proposed changes were:

#### 1 TITLE AND PURPOSE

To add

“The Devon Orienteering Club is intent that children and vulnerable adults will find orienteering a safe environment in which to have fun, learn and develop. The Club will do this by adopting and promoting the British Orienteering Policy on Protecting Young and Vulnerable People.

The club commits to the British Orienteering Policy on Equality & Inclusion and will do everything possible to ensure that the sport is open and accessible to all.”

#### 2 MANAGEMENT

To amend section B(ii) to

“Seven Elected Members, one of whom shall represent the junior members.”

#### 3 PRESIDENT and VICE-PRESIDENT

To replace Vice-president with Patron throughout.

#### 10 FINANCE

To amend section B to

All cheques written against the Club’s funds will be signed by the Treasurer. Cheques above the value of £300 will also be signed by the Club Chairman or Secretary. Expenditure greater than £3,000 on a single purchase will also require approval at a General Meeting of the club.

An amendment was tabled (proposer Lew Bean, seconder John Dyson) that 10B should cover the case of cheques being signed by a nominated officer when the treasurer was absent, so that 10B became

“All cheques written against the Club’s funds will be signed by the Treasurer or a nominated officer. Cheques above the value of £300 will also be signed by the Club Chairman or Secretary. Expenditure greater than £3,000 on a single purchase will also require approval at a General Meeting of the club”

The amendment was carried unanimously.

Helen Taylor, the club’s welfare officer, outlined her role. She is the first point of contact for anyone who may have concerns either for the young people in the club or for those who come in contact with them. Her role is not to judge, but to ensure contact is suspended and that the issues are passed on to BOF. One option within Clubmark is for the junior members to form a “club within a club”. Helen has obtained a BOF template for this and also the rules which have been adopted within Nottinghamshire OC.

### **Publicity Officer**

Anthony’s work commitments made it difficult for him to implement many of his ideas last year, but in the coming year he wants to sharpen up our publicity by standard fliers for all events, with earlier and more widespread distribution. He encouraged members to take fliers of events to schools, workplaces, leisure centres, etc. in order to widen our catchment. Secondly he wanted to set up a “meet and greet “ team for all events not just CATIs. This team would be aimed at helping newcomers to orienteering.

### **Election of Officers and Committee**

The following were elected as Officers and Committee:

<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Alan Simpson</i>
<i>Club Captain:</i>	<i>Tom Lillicrap</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Graham Dugdale</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>John Dyson</i>

*Committee: Steve Perrelle(as a representative of our junior members), Jill Green, Roger Green, Wilf Taylor, Anthony Dew, Lew Bean and Helen Taylor.*

### **Club Officials:**

<i>Fixtures Secretary</i>	<i>Jill Green</i>
<i>Mapping Officer</i>	<i>Roger Green</i>
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Peter Flick</i>
<i>Coaching</i>	<i>Wilf Taylor</i>
<i>Website Manager</i>	<i>Lew Bean</i>
<i>Access Officer</i>	<i>vacant</i>
<i>Child Welfare</i>	<i>Helen Taylor</i>
<i>Newsletter &amp; League</i>	<i>Mike Hosford</i>
<i>Publicity Officer</i>	<i>Anthony Dew</i>
<i>Clothing Officer</i>	<i>Vivienne Maxwell</i>

## **FUTURE DISTRIBUTION OF DEVON ORIENTEER**

### **by Mike Hosford**

In December 2007 I emailed all members with internet access asking if they would prefer future issues of Devon Orienteer in:

- pdf format only
- hard copy only
- pdf and hard copy

As the response was less than overwhelming I repeated my question in this year's February issue of the newsletter. In the long run I received about 40 replies including those from editors of other SWOA club newsletters.

This disappointing response means that the saving in print and postage costs is very small and, as a result, I propose to be ruthless. Hard copies of the November/December issue will only be sent to:

- those who do not have internet access
- those who have requested hard copy only
- those who have requested both hard copy and pdf

Members who are heavily involved in club administration and organising or supporting events need to be able to access recent copies without the need to switch on a computer, and I fully support their request to have hard copy.

The response I shall get to this article will be an indication of how many members read this issue. After a few weeks I shall email all club members with all the above message for the benefit of those who have not read this page. A week or two later I should be able to judge how many copies I need to have printed and posted.

While the hard copy will continue to be in A5 booklet format, I propose to publish the pdf version in A4 portrait format with a much larger font for ease of reading on a screen. Members can then suggest changes in order to make the newsletter more reading friendly.

### **Next issue of Devon Orienteer**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	Rgstn times	event	venue	Grid ref	information
Saturday 3 Oct	0900 1200	Dartmoor Long O	Meldon Reservoir	SX 561 917	Roger Green 01392 279512
Sunday 4 Oct		Exmoor Long O	Exmoor Simonsbath	SS 774 395	tba
Sunday 18 Oct	1000 1300	Local & Forest League	Hardhead Downs	NO DOGS ALLOWED	KERNO
Saturday 7 Nov	1800 1900	D&C Night League	Norsworthy Bridge	SX 568 693	Paul Glanville 01822 617713
Sunday 8 Nov	1000 1300	Forest League	Hayle		KERNO
Saturday 21 Nov	1800 1900	D&C Night League	tbc		KERNO
Sunday 22 Nov	1000 1230	Gallopen & League Event 1	Holne Moor	SX 694 703	Anthony Dew 01752 301238
Saturday 5 Dec	1800 1900	D&C Night League	tbc		KERNO
Sunday 6 Dec	1000 1300	Forest League	Mt Edgcumbe	NO DOGS ALLOWED	KERNO
Sunday 13 Dec	1000 1230	League Event 2	River Dart Country Park	SX 733 700	Sue Porter 01752 892421
Sunday 27 Dec	1000 1145	Xmas Novelty Event	Lympstone	SX 990 840	Taylor Family 01395 274152
Sunday 10 Jan	1000 1230	League Event 3	Hound Tor	SX 740 793	Tom Lillicrap 01803 406500
Saturday 16 Jan	1800 1900	D&C Night League	tbc		KERNO
Saturday 30 Jan	1800 1900	D&C Night League	Virtuous Lady	SX 479 709	Nigel Bateman 01822 617291
Saturday 6 Feb	1000 1230	League Event 4	Five Tors	SX 531 752	Alex Way 01548 561036

***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.**