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THE NEWSLETTER OF
DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB



Virtuous Lady – February 2007

The Chairman, Officers and Committee extend Christmas wishes to all our members and for most enjoyable orienteering in 2010

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Chairman's Chat December 2009

by Alan Simpson

Big Events Next Year

JK and the Tamar Triple



The Jan Kjellstrom Festival of Orienteering (JK for short) takes place each year. It is a four-day event over the Easter weekend. Next year, 2010, it comes to the south-west, and indeed, all four days will be within the county of Devon.

I strongly recommend the occasion to all Devon OC members, particularly those who have never been to one. We get 100 competitors to a local event if we are lucky. The JK attracts 3000 including a significant number from overseas. It is big. This year, you don't have to travel to the other end of the country. The event is coming to you – at least reasonably close.

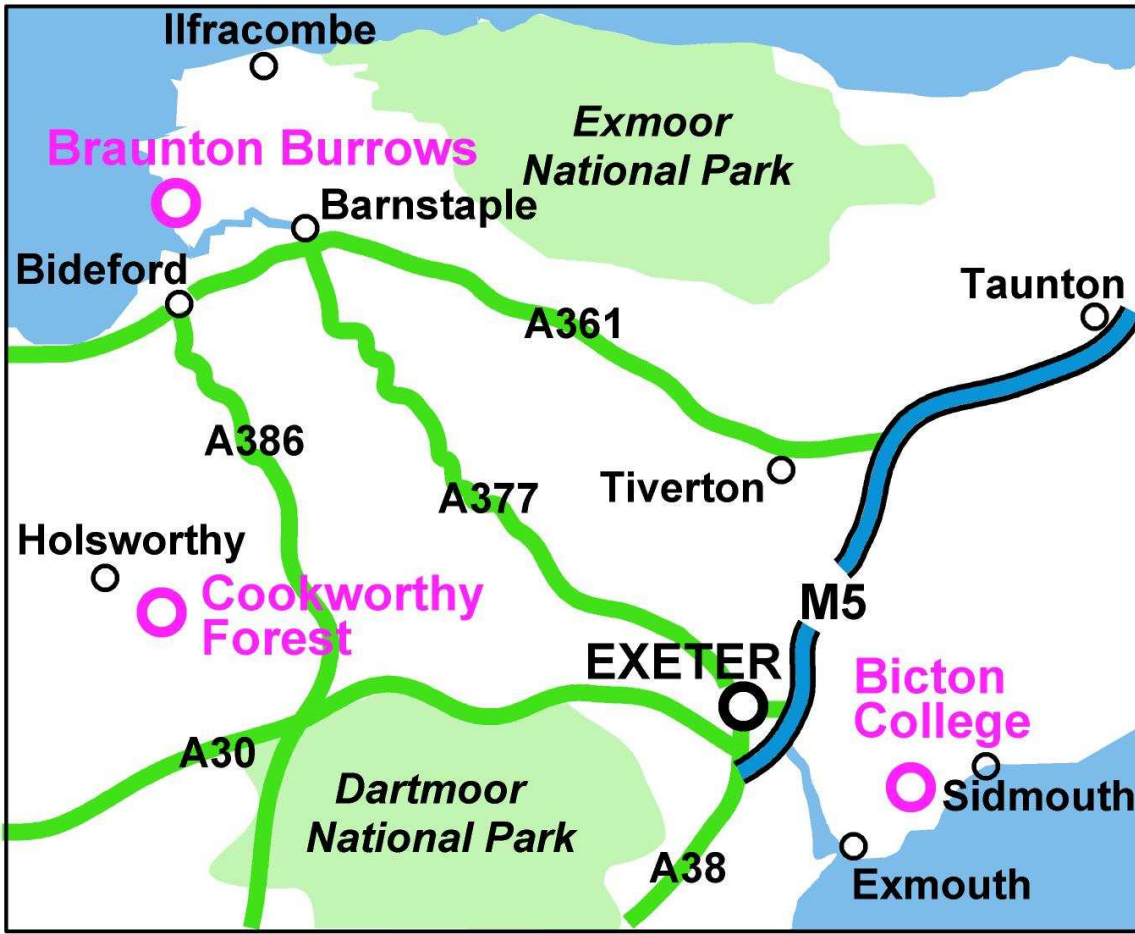
Friday 2 nd April	Bicton College	Sprint O
Saturday 3 rd April	Cookworthy	Elite Middle Distance + Classic Races
Sunday 4 th April	Braunton Burrows	Classic Races
Monday 5 th April	Braunton Burrows	Relays

The Sprint Orienteering on Good Friday is a relatively new format, short races at breakneck speed in semi-urban environments. University campuses are popular venues. The classic races on Saturday and Sunday are classic distance, ie normal for your age-class. On Saturday the Elites have a shorter race, though they will make up for it on Sunday with something like 15km. Monday is relay day. So over the weekend there is an interesting mix of event styles. A public address commentary team will ensure we know what is going on all the time. There will be spectator controls on some courses where the route comes close to the finish, and spectators can see the winning runners coming through.

To get an idea of the Festival feel, have a look at the website from last year's JK, which was in Northumberland, www.jk2009.co.uk



The young elite winners on the podium at Newcastle University after the sprint race



CLUBMARK

As part of our commitment to Clubmark, the Committee agreed on 10th December 2009, to the following statements. It was also agreed that the Club should promote the relevant policies by newsletter and/or on its website, as appropriate.

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Code of Conduct for Club Officials and Volunteers

Effective from January 1st 2010

All officials and volunteers must -

- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with juniors who take part in club activities, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Consider the well-being and safety of participants.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e g exercise, fair play and respect for the countryside).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by British Orienteering and the Club.
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never condone bad behaviour or the use of prohibited substances.

THE CLUB'S PRESIDENT

MAJOR GENERAL NICK VAUX CB DSO DL



42 Commando, to the South Atlantic – Quick March

The famous order by Lieutenant Colonel Nick Vaux RM, April 1982

Nick Vaux enlisted in the Royal Marines in 1954, undertaking the Royal Marine Commando officer training course joining 45 Commando as a Second Lieutenant at a period of great activity. After undertaking various roles in various commando units and in Royal Marine shore establishments Vaux served with the Marines at sea. In 1963 he trained and commanded a detachment of Royal Marines for sea service in HMS Ursa. Ursa was an anti-submarine frigate which was stationed in the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. As Second in Command of 42 Commando Vaux also undertook tours of duty in Northern Ireland during the 1970s.

Nick was a noted expert on Mountain and Arctic Warfare (M & AW). After he qualified in the field he experienced a number of winter deployments to North Norway before becoming a specialist adviser to the US Marine Corps (USMC) in 1979. In 1981 Vaux received a commendation from the USMC "for his fine work in compiling a Cold Weather Handbook" for them.

When the Argentinians invaded South Georgia and the Falkland Islands in March 1982 Nick was the Lieutenant Colonel commanding 42 (pronounced four-two) Comando, who were based in Bickleigh, Devon, and had just returned from Arctic Warfare Training in Norway to annual leave. The Director of Logistics and Administration of Commando Forces called Vaux and informed him that an Argentine invasion was expected and that his unit were being recalled. Nick himself was preparing to fly out to America and many of his men were abroad; some had even planned to get married whilst on leave. Almost every member of the unit had returned for duty within three days. The unit had to hurriedly unpack from their exercises in Norway and repack in preparation to fight in the Falklands.

Nick's commando unit was one of three - 40, 42 and 45 - which formed 3 Commando Brigade. The Brigade sailed with the Task Force that would engage the Argentinean Navy and Air Force, and retake the islands by an amphibious attack. The Royal Marines Commando Units were perfect for this type of operation and had been training in amphibious operations since they were created in World War Two. Nick considers the M & AW experience amongst the Royal Marines in 1982 to have significantly contributed to success in the adverse conditions of winter in the Falkland Islands.

Minus much equipment still on passage from Norway, 42 Commando travelled south in SS Canberra. With the ship's decks stripped out and helicopter landing pads replacing swimming pools, Canberra carried more than 3,000 troops aboard from 42 and 40 Commando, and 3 Parachute Regiment. They used the promenade deck, a continuous 400m loop around the ship, from 0700-2300 daily for fitness training, building up to 9 mile speed marches with equipment in 90 minutes and 20 mile load carriage marches, in boots of course! Aboard Canberra they also used their time well preparing for the task and training in areas such as weapons handling, radio procedure, field craft, medical training, survival techniques and aircraft recognition.

Nick co-ordinated two major actions in the Falklands Campaign - the taking of Mount Kent and the attack on Mount Harriet. Taking Mount Kent was crucial. It would gain the high ground so that British Forces could coordinate attacks on the mountain ranges still held by the Argentinians. The troops had to cram into the helicopters without seats or seat belts, on top of missiles, bombs, grenades and ammunition, sacrificed rations, sleeping bags and fuel in order to take spare batteries and surveillance devices. After taking Mount Kent Nick's next objective was to capture Mount Harriet to gain the advantage in the Falklands War. After days and nights of reconnaissance, the commandos carrying loads in excess of 100 lb, with permanently wet feet, often with only brackish water to drink, and sometimes without rations and sleeping bags, in rain, sleet, snow, whiteouts and gale force winds, and a desperate shortage of helicopters, Nick planned a right hook to take the Argentinians in their rear and, in co-ordinated night attacks with 45 Commando and 3 Para the operation was recognised as the decisive action of this campaign. Nick was awarded a Distinguished Service Order for his part in the Falklands War. His citation reads –

“The excellent plan, executed with verve and dash by 42 Commando, was the work of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Vaux.”

Nick and his unit travelled back to Southampton on SS Canberra and arrived back to a hero's welcome. In his sumptuous stateroom in which he had luxuriated on the passage south Nick had his first shower in 30 days.

Nick left 42 Commando in 1983 after he gained promotion to the rank of Colonel, and in 1986 he attended the Royal College of Defence Studies, which gained him the qualifications required to attain the rank of General and to lead Combined Forces operations. He gained promotion to Major General Commando Forces RM in 1987 and was appointed a Companion of the Bath before retiring from the Corps in 1990.

In his second career Nick Vaux set up and managed a number of security companies in Russia and the Gulf and was an advisor to the House of Commons Defence Committee. He is President of the Royal British Legion in Devon, is Chairman of Exeter Racecourse and is a Deputy Lieutenant of Devon. His interests are his family, racing, travel, and training gun dogs.

THE CLUB'S PATRON

SIR JOHN CAVE BART



Sir John Cave is a man rooted in his family's heritage and the rural traditions of Devon, and runs a country estate in an exceptionally beautiful location: but he is also a man who has developed a sustainable and successful business against a backdrop of fast-changing and challenging global economics and is active in promoting contemporary rural life through his voluntary support of young people in their desire to work in land-based industries.

From his comfortable and well-ordered home at Sidbury Manor near Sidmouth, where he lives with his wife Carey and three adult/adolescent children, Sir John runs a substantial estate in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The landscape is characterised by intimate wooded combes, areas of heath land, river valleys and breathtaking cliffs.

Sidbury has a long and illustrious history: it is mentioned in the Domesday Book, takes its name from an early Iron Age hill-fort, has one of the most interesting churches in Devon complete with Norman tower, Saxon crypt, a gunpowder storage room dating from the Napoleonic era and a 500-year-old font and several buildings dating back to the 1500s still remain.

From the Manor there are picturesque views down the valley towards the village, and ultimately towards the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline. The pastoral scene, populated by sheep grazing contentedly and lit by watery winter sunlight is, of course, a product of good land management rather than a wild and entirely natural landscape.

“Farming literally shapes much of our rural world,” says Sir John. “The beauty of so much of what we enjoy is a result of good and responsible farming, and without it vast swathes of the countryside would fall into disrepair.” This maxim underlines the way in which the 2,250 acres traditional agricultural estate is managed. Originally assembled piece-meal by the family in the 1850s as a place to holiday near the fashionable Victorian seaside resort of Sidmouth the house was built by Sir Stephen Cave MP and member of Disraeli's cabinet.

Sir John, a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, has enjoyed a hands-on role on the estate which comprises arable farmland, let farms, commercial and amenity woodland and let residential property. In the past he has been involved in the day to day life of farming the land and is experienced in all manner of skills from lambing to driving a combine harvester. Today his role is more strategic.

He is also committed to supporting the next generation of farmers and rural workers through his involvement with Bicton College, the land and environment-based establishment at nearby East Budleigh. He has been a governor since 1996 and is looking forward to a new collaboration with Exeter College. A strategic alliance is being forged between the two colleges, working towards providing a strong and diverse partnership for sustainable education in Devon.

He is a Vice-President of Devon Young Farmers' Clubs and is a Trustee of FACE (Farming and Countryside Education), a national educational campaign to help children find out more about the countryside and where their food comes from.

In a prestigious ceremonial post, Sir John is the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Devon. He will automatically take up the post of Lord-Lieutenant when the present incumbent, Eric Dancer CBE JP, relinquishes office. The office of Lord-Lieutenant dates from the reign of Henry VIII when one of their main duties was mustering local fighting forces: today the office is that of the sovereign's personal representative. Previously Sir John served as the High Sheriff of Devon in 2005.

Earlier Sir John was a Deputy Lieutenant of Devon whose ancient duties included watch and ward at the beacons which were kept ready and were lighted to spread news of the Armada's approach.

Sir John is involved in a wide range of committees and offices:

Chairman of the South West Regional Committee of the Country Land and Business Association (CLA);

Council member for Devon of the royal Agricultural Society of England, which runs the Royal Show;

member of the South West Region's Agricultural Land Tribunal;

a Director of Mole Avon Trading Ltd;

a Wessex regional committee member of the Historic Houses Association;

a Trustee of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum Development Appeal;

President of Devon Association of Parish Councils;

President of Devon County show 2010;

and last but not least Patron of Devon Orienteering Club.

**Sir John will present prizes after the Day 1 Sprint O event of JK 2010
on Friday 2 April at Bicton**

ON THE ROAD AGAIN : A “SCHOOLBOYS” TALE

by Jack Baker

When I started Orienteering three years ago I never thought I would end up travelling the whole country to run. It was just something you did in the woods and hills of Devon , wasn't it?

Having returned from Scotland in the Summer a little bit wiser in the ways of Orienteering it was good to be able to put it all into practice at the Caddihoe chase and all I will say is that it is great when it comes together.

However, you can't rest on your laurels and with two trips to the British schools Championships in two months you know that you have it all to do again. The recently expanded Torquay Grammar squad of 24 runners headed off in high spirits and a fair amount of confidence on the 6 hour drive to Chelmsford and the Score competition. It is a fact that this is the easier of the two championships and we hoped to go one better than the previous years junior and senior runners up positions. It really turned out to be a sprint race at Hylands park with hardly a contour line to be seen on the map and to be fair that suited us and me in particular. However, winning both sections was more than we could have realistically hoped for and it was a very happy group who filled their faces with Pizza on that evening. Having managed to beat Matt for the second time in a row was also rather nice after having followed him around for years.

And so it was off to the last one of the year, the main schools championship in Northumberland. Thank god for Easyjet and a flight to Newcastle for the 15 TBGS runners (plus Duncan who stowed away with us). We knew this was going to be a harder challenge as all the “big schools” would be there plus the Scottish Academy's who had hopped the border.

The first thing you notice in the far north is that it is much colder and much wetter. Sightseeing on the Saturday was curtailed by the rain but a warm youth hostel and plenty to eat set us up well for the event itself.

Did it all go well for me? Well not really as a small error was enough to knock me down the field bringing me somewhat back to earth with a bump. Druridge bay country park was not my favourite but at least it had stopped raining. Overall Matt, Jacob and myself still scored well enough to be overall winners in the U18 section returning with a trophy for the cabinet. The year 9's also ran well as runners up in their age group behind the all conquering Ulverston team who admittedly rather dominated the event. It was a fairly contented group that was spread out on the plane for the return journey.

As I am in the Upper Sixth I won't be around for the future schools competitions but there are plenty more runners “in the system” to take my place and hopefully they will enjoy it as much as I have. Now what have I got lined up next ? JK's , British Championships, The Lake District.....



**BSOA National Score Championships 2009
Hylands Park, Chelmsford 10 October 2009**

Year 9 Boys) (45 min score)	Year 10/11 Boys (60 min score)	Year 12/13 Boys (60 min score)
19 runners	41 runners	35 runners
1. Oliver Reynolds	7. Josh Owen	1. Jack Baker
14. Simon Hayward	15. Will Fordyce	2. Matt Ryder
	17. Sam Head	6. Jacob Shah
	25. Guy Horswell	13. Luke Hayward

Lower Secondary Boys (best 6 to count)

1. Torquay Boys Grammar School (out of 19)

Upper Secondary Boys (best 6 to count)

1. Torquay Boys Grammar School (out of 22)

How super to see so many of our Juniors competing in this major event. Congratulations to all for making the effort to take part and for putting their school firmly on the orienteering maps. A most impressive performance. Particular congratulations to Oliver, Jack and Matt for their top scoring results.

Devon Championship Awards

M65 John Pearce

W60 Carol pearce

W65 Jill Green

Ann Hughes

M70 Arthur Boyt (KERNO)

OBSERVATIONS AND THOUGHTS BY STEVE PERELLE

Just recovered from the Weekends trip to the Schools nationals in Northumberland and thought I would give you an update. Bits and pieces for all of you or just general background.

Looking back it was a mixed bag of results which is what I should expect working with juniors.

The highlights were Oli Reynolds, Chris Garrett and Harry Morse coming second in the year 9 class and Matt Ryder, Jack Baker and Jacob Shah winning the U18 trophy so we brought some silverware back with us. One School, Ulverston Victoria absolutely dominated the event and we know what we have to do to compete against them. Rather daunting actually and its going to need a five year plan.

In the event we were placed overall at eighth : the best nine runners from both boys and girls counting. As an exercise though I looked at just the top nine boys results for each school and in that we came in second a long way behind Ulverstone but well in front of the rest. Its a better guide I think of the progress made and a reflection of the efforts of Wilf and his helpers in the Summer training.

Over the weekend they were talking a lot about the future and Devon OC. Duncan certainly added his ten penworth as well.

Jack and Matt will be heading off to University after next summer. Matt is aiming on studying at Exeter and has said he will continue running for the club as does Jack who is heading for Scotland but aims to guest for us. This was always my aim. If we can get the first lot to do that hopefully it will set a pattern for the future.

Apparently Jeff Butt has volunteered to run a training session in Devon for the best runners under the SW Squad banner. Is this something anyone knows anything about. We need to get Oli Reynolds into that set up as he is now showing some consistency in running and getting better results each time.

Wilf : Without twisting your arm what do you think about a summer club training event in somewhere like Scotland. The oldies are hoping to get to the Lake District event under their own steam as I am away for that one but it would be good to put some real quality training in to the programme. Might need to talk about this one some time as I could be barking up the wrong tree. I also wonder if we could use Ben Chesters's talents occasionally with the best runners ?

From the Daily Telegraph Tuesday 24 November 2009

The Prince of Wales told pupils from Ulverston Victoria High School in Cumbria, who were at a Clarence House reception for high achieving schools, that he had been “mortified to hear about the floods”.

CompassSport Cup 2010

To: All Club Members

The South West qualifying round of the 2010 Compass Sport Cup is due to be held on January 25th at Hampton Ridge near Ringwood. This was the venue for the 2009 British Championships.

Following our splendid performance this year against Bristol at Bullers Hill it would be nice to go one better and beat them next year. I am sure with the talent within the club we are capable of doing so.

All runners play a part, even if you do not count as a scorer you can reduce the other clubs scores by finishing above their counting runners and reducing their individual scores.

Obviously this is a reasonable distance away, so depending on demand, it may be possible to arrange a coach.

Will all club members who anticipate running please let me know and whether they would be interested in the coach option.

Also please let me know your age group next year, preferred course and start time i.e. early, middle or late. This will enable start times to be allocated and ensure that we are represented on all the courses.

Please email me at tom@lillicrap.org or phone 01803 406500.

Good orienteering

Tom Lillicrap

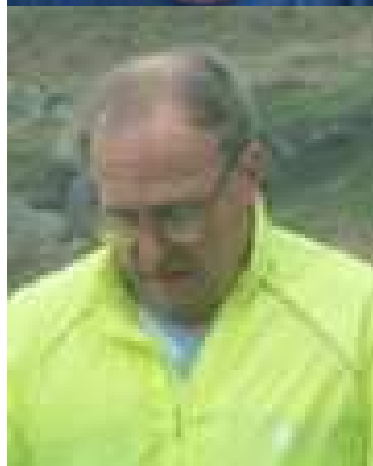
OFFICERS & COMMITTEE



Alan Simpson
Chairman
Equipment Officer
SI Manager



Tom Lillicrap
Club Captain



Graham Dugdale
Secretary



John Dyson
Treasurer



Jill Green
Fixtures Secretary
Committee



Roger Green
Mapping Officer
Committee

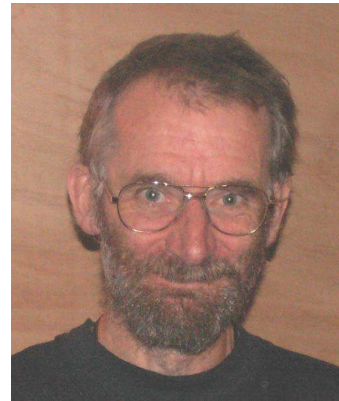
Not shown:

Steve Perelle – the junior members' representative on the Committee



Nicholas Maxwell

Acces Officer



Wilf Taylor

Coaching
Committee



Lew Bean

Website Manager
Committee



Anthony Dew

Publicity Officer



Helen Taylor

Child Welfare
Committee



Peter Flick

membership Secretary



Vivienne Maxwell

Clothing Officer

Mike Hosford

Newsletter Editor
League Table Compiler
Membership List
Publisher



**Club Meeting held on Friday 27 October 2009
at Wilfrid & Eleanor's house 74 Fore Street, Chudleigh**

Present

Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Lew Bean, Wilf Taylor, John Dyson, Tom Lillicrap, Steve Perrelle

Apologies

Apologies were received from Helen Taylor, Peter Flick, Jill Green, Roger Green, Anthony Dew and Mike Hosford.

Matters Arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere covered)

BULLERS HILL PERMANENT COURSE

Following extensive tree felling and re-routing of some paths, Lew Bean will be visiting the site and amending both the map and the courses where necessary. He is aware of changes in path layout in one area, and there is a note on the Orienteering in Devon website pointing this out.

BURRATOR ARBORETUM

South West Lakes will allow access for mapping; Brian Parker will undertake this.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Steve Rose has provided a comprehensive set of instructions outlining Emergency procedures for dealing with serious incidents or accidents at an orienteering event.

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

The event information held on the BOF 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. In Jill's absence there was nothing to report.

ELECTRONIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

At the AGM it was agreed that the committee should look at whether the default means of distributing the club newsletter should be electronically. When last this issue was raised with the club membership in December 2007 only 40 people responded.

Mike Hosford has included an article on the future distribution of Devon Orienteer within the November 2009 edition. It was noted that with the electronic version in A4 size, the photos were much better than the printed version allowed.

Access Officer

This is the most pressing matter to be resolved following Ella Bowles's resignation. A number of suggestions were raised and these will be followed up by John Dyson and Wilf Taylor. In the mean time John Dyson has undertaken to ensure that accesses for all club events up to Easter are agreed.

Coaching

Wilf had drawn up a plan for coaching orienteering in Devon. He will clearly need help from a wide range of people if these ideas are to come to fruition. The following actions should be seen as the first steps along the road.

A UKCC level 1 coaching course is planned for Killerton on 13th, 14th and 20th February 2010. So far Steve Rose is the only definite Devon attendee and the 3 Torbay boys, who were keen on gaining a coaching qualification, will be unable attend due to school commitments. Quantock are interested in gaining newly qualified coaches and may send some members along, but Kernow don't appear to have any aspiring new coaches. 6 to 10 would be the ideal number of course members.

Wilf Taylor has agreed to provide daytime coaching on Bullers Hill on the last Saturday of each month starting in January. Steve Perrelle will be arranging for the Torbay boys to attend, but all club members of any age are welcome to attend, either to pick up tips or to help Wilf with coaching.

Wilf has contacted Kelly College (near Tavistock) and they were receptive to the idea of the club providing some orienteering coaching. If this is to get off the ground, we need to find coaches based in the area.

It was agreed that the club should provide coaching at club events and to this end a tent (Coaches Corner) would be provided with three coaches rostered to give advice during the day. It would be particularly useful if course planners could provide "post mortem" advice.

Finance

John Dyson gave us a detailed rundown of the accounts for the Caddihoe Chase 2009. As had been suggested at the AGM, the surplus to the club account in 2009-2010 covers all of the decrease in funds last year. Overall the event made a surplus for the club of £1484 (as well as providing new maps of Hay and Hound Tors) and the club is indebted to all those who contributed to make this a successful event.

Secretary

All clubs have been asked for their views on how the Yvette Baker competition for juniors should be structured. It was agreed that our lack of experience through not having entered for a number of years meant that we had nothing to add to the review carried out by BOF.

The British Orienteering SW Development Conference is due to be held in Taunton on Saturday 28th November from 10.00 till 15.30 and has a programme which is highly relevant to the club as we seek to introduce coaching and struggle with a falling membership. The event is highly subsidised by BOF and the committee agreed to subsidise the delegate fees and transport costs (assuming shared transport where feasible). Applications to attend should be made by individuals to Celia Watkinson and the club will refund the fees.

Clubmark

Although there has not yet been a follow up meeting, progress is being made and John Dyson has held a number of meetings each focused on a separate part of the clubmark requirements. Steve Perrelle has provided input for the junior members, Alan Simpson and Wilf Taylor have contributed on coaching and Steve Rose has responded to some First Aid and safety issues.

John said we are now well on the way to having all the information required to achieve clubmark, and that the process has exposed some weaknesses which we have set about remedying.

John Dyson, Alan Simpson, Wilf Taylor and Graham Dugdale will meet on 10th November at Graham's house to review progress.

Captain's Report

Devon OC will compete in the CompassSport Cup heat at Ringwood on 24th January, hoping to build on this year's performance. It was agreed that the club would pay the entry fees for all members who were competing on behalf of the club. Tom will investigate whether a coach is needed to take the team to Ringwood.

Fixtures

Alan Simpson reported on the planning that is taking place for next year's Tamar Triple at Penhale. Rod Allday has been appointed organiser for all three days. The organisation is to be run in functional teams and Alan has committed Devon OC to provide the start team for all three days, as well as Graham Dugdale and Alan assisting Barry Olds with the IT. Lew Bean volunteered to set up and run a website if required.

SWOA Report

The next SWOA meeting will be on Wednesday 9th December and we need to find someone to attend on behalf of the club.

Alan Simpson reported that the SWOA organisation is looking for new recruits in the next year as the Chairman will be retiring in 2010 after three years in office and the Treasurer has announced his intention to make this year his last in the job. SWOA is short on committee members to step in to replace its existing officers.

Our applications for Grade 3 controllers have resulted in Wilf Taylor and Nicholas Maxwell being approved, whilst Dave Bramley should be approved once the paperwork has been sorted out. Mike Cullen's recent experience as an organiser was queried.

Killerton

Alan Simpson reported on a visit he made recently to Killerton, when he talked to the NT Education Officer there and found that she was organising an annual orienteering event there for Year 4 (8 year old) school children based on the permanent course.

Permanent Orienteering Course at Sidmouth

Liz Bramley is keen on reviving a long defunct permanent course based on a small piece of land on the coast at Sidmouth, known as the Knapp. John Dyson will check with Erik Peckett to see if we have a map of the area.

First Aid Course

The committee agreed with Lew Bean's suggestion that it was time that we organised a First Aid course. Wilf Taylor will raise this with Steve Rose with a view to arranging a course. Steve Perrelle thought he may be able to get a qualified instructor and that a venue in Torquay could be found.

Welcome to New Members

Julie Brand (W40)

Edward Gow-Smith (M12) N 781855

Freddie Hill (M12) N 130548

Rhys Munn (M12) N 150046

Alec Rapson (M14) N 133351

Kristof Van Houdt (M21) L 332604

We look forward to meeting them at our events. Peter Flick, the membership secretary is always parked in his red Range Rover near to Registration. He looks after keys for competitors and is always willing to help all those coming to our events.

**Club Meeting held on Thursday 11 December 2009
at the Globe, Fore Street, Chudleigh
(draft minutes)**

Present

Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Jill Green, Roger Green, John Dyson, Tom Lillicrap, Steve Perrelle

Apologies

Apologies were received from Helen Taylor, Peter Flick, Lew Bean, Wilf Taylor, Anthony Dew and Mike Hosford

Matters Arising from previous minutes

1. Bullers Hill Permanent Course

There was some confusion as to who was going to carry out the re-mapping, because Erik Peckett is “owner” of the map, whilst Lew Bean is responsible for permanent courses. It was left to Roger Green to reach an amicable conclusion.

2. Access Officer

Nicholas Maxwell has agreed to be the club’s access officer. John Dyson will ensure that all events up to Easter are covered, having already reached agreement with Dartmoor National Park Authority for 6 events and proposing to contact Clinton Estates next week.

3. Permanent Course At Sidmouth

There was an old permanent course on the Knapp at Sidmouth, which has lapsed into disuse, and which the council now wish to revive. John Dyson has identified that the old map is with Michael Green, and Liz Bramley has agreed to carry out the re-mapping. John said that there were 4 schools within a mile of the site and that it could be used for inter-school competitions in the future.

4. Compass Sport Cup Competition

Devon OC will be competing against Berkshire, BOK, TVOC and Southampton in the CompassSport Cup heat at Ringwood on 24th January. Tom Lillicrap will be encouraging all members to provide us with as strong a team as possible and is investigating whether there is sufficient interest to make a coach worthwhile.

Tom will also begin soundings for relay teams for the JK.

Clubmark

Members of the Clubmark sub-committee met with Celia Watkinson, SWOA’s Regional Development Officer, at the Met Office on the 24th November. We were encouraged by the practical interpretation of clubmark requirements that Celia took and by her view that we satisfied the requirements in most respects. The committee agreed to the following statements, proposed by John Dyson:

- 1 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.
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This statement will be included on our website and will be sent out in the club newsletter, along with a Code of Conduct for Volunteers and other documents required by clubmark.

The major step the club needed to take was to get regular coaching as a registered activity off the ground, with publicity in the newsletter and on the website, and with permissions and medical details (where agreed) for every youngster. John's aim was to have all the clubmark documentation ready for submission by late February.

Coaching

In Wilf Taylor's absence, Steve Perelle filled in the committee on the discussions that they have had on coaching. Following on from the monthly winter sessions at Bullers Hill, it is proposed to hold weekly Tuesday evening training from April onwards at Bullers Hill. Contacts will be developed, if possible, with other schools (Trinity School, Teignmouth and Torquay Girls Grammar School were likely candidates) and with running clubs, where more basic orienteering coaching would be needed.

The south-west junior squad, under Jeff Butt will be visiting Devon early in the new year for training and have issued invitations to non-squad members to attend, although there was a little confusion over whether there was to be one or two visits on successive week-ends (9th/10th Jan or 16th/17th Jan). Steve Perelle will be contacting Jeff to confirm arrangements and to suggest that our club event on Hay Tor (10th Jan) would be a good way to end a training week-end.

Steve Perelle proposed a summer training camp be held in Scotland and that he would be looking at possible grants that could be obtained by the club.

Alan Simpson confirmed that funding to the tune of £195 per person (up to 10) had been guaranteed by BOF for our coaches course to be run at Killerton on 13-14 February and 20 February. In future BOF funding will not be so generous so it is in the club's interest to fill as many places as possible. Alan has two firm applicants and a number of expressions of interest.

Fixtures

Jill Green will be organising an event at the NT at Killerton on Sat 13th February. Although the insurance will be covered by the NT, Jill was advised to register the event with BOF. It was thought unlikely that there would be enough entries to trigger levy payments.

The 10th January event is from the top car park at Haytor not Hound Tor as shown on the website. Jill will notify Mike Hosford.

Alan Simpson reported that Martin Northcott wanted to hold an event in Central Park, Plymouth in the summer. It was agreed that we should offer to hold our proposed CATI (on either 12 June or 3 July) there.

Following on from the Nigel Benham's talk on Mountain Bike Orienteering at the SWOA Development conference, he is to organise an MTBO event on Woodbury Common on the morning of Sat 11th Sept before our club score event. It is hoped that this will entice more visitors to the SW sprint champs at Exeter University on Sun 12th.

It is proposed to hold the club championships at Princetown on the 26th Sept, with the school providing a suitable venue for lunch and the AGM afterwards.

The Devon Long O will be held on Hound Tor/Hay Tor on 3rd October, since the OMM later in the month embargoes most of central Dartmoor where we traditionally hold the event.

Next season's Galoppen will be on 14 Nov at Virtuous Lady. The committee confirmed that they wanted this to be a level 2 event and we will consider whether to make it pre-entry.

Alan Simpson reported that two subsidiary events were planned for Easter week following on from the JK. There will be a "special" Jim Prowting event on Wheal Florence on the Wednesday using a high detail map, whilst on Thursday evening there will be an event at the Eden Project.

Report from SWOA

John Dyson reported that NGOC were considering transferring to the West Midlands Association. It was thought that this could cause some difficulty in event scheduling in the Forest of Dean, which is shared between NGOC and BOK.

Although it was early days, there had been complaints about the variability in standard of the Short Green courses at the SWOA Galoppens held so far.

John Shucksmith had conflicting dates for the SW Sprint Championships at Exeter University. Jill Green will contact him.

Dave Bramley has been confirmed as a Grade 3 Controller.

There will be a single new ranking list from 1st January 2010. Tools will be available to extract data by age group, club, etc.

A note on OMAP copyright will be included in the next edition of Focus.

The next SWOA meeting will be on Wednesday 10th February.

SI for training events

Wilf Taylor and Steve Perrelle are putting together a wish list of equipment to be used as part of our training set up. The aim would be to apply for funding from Sport England.

Caddihoe Chase 2009 - Event Accounts

Income		Expenses	
	£		
Online entries	7287	Online entry charge (Fabian 4)	419
Postal entries	159	Parking field donation	300
Entries etc on the day	234	Other access donations	50
Car parking money	<u>438</u>	Map survey (paid in June 09)	2744
	8118	Map printing	603
		CompassSport advertisement	65
		Hire of equipment from KERNO	212
		Hire off toilets	322
		Expenses: Controller	250
		Planner	115
		Organiser	183
		Equipment officer	61
		Levies: British Orienteering	1488
		SWOA	172
		Miscellaneous	8
		Surplus to club funds	<u>1126</u>
			8118

This is a satisfactory financial result from a successful event.

Club finances in the current accounting year will benefit by £3870, as the cost of the map survey was covered in last year's accounts.

Hence the event has recovered more than 90% of last year's shortfall in our bank balance, as anticipated at our Annual General Meeting.

John Dyson

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early March 2010 - possibly with Meldon Hill results

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref	information
Sunday 27 Dec	1000 1145	Xmas Novelty Event	Lympstone	SX 990 840	Taylor Family 01395 274152
See last page of this newsletter					
2010					
Sunday 10 Jan	1000 1230	League Event 3	Hay Tor	SX 759 767	Tom Lillicrap 01803 406500
Saturday 30 Jan	1800 1900	D&C Night League	Virtuous Lady	SX 479 709	Nigel Bateman 01822 617291
Sunday 31 Jan	1000 1300	Forest League	Polly Joke Newquay		KERNO
Saturday 6 Feb	1230 1430	League Event 4	Five Tors	SX 530 751	Alex Way 01548 561036
Note late start time					
Saturday 6 Feb	1800 1900	D&C Night League	Five Tors	SX 530 751	Alan Simpson 01752 311367
Saturday 13 Feb	1000 1600	CATI	Killerton	SS 975 002	Jill Green 01392 278512
Sunday 14 Feb	1000 1300	Forest League	Lanhydrock Bodmin		KERNO
Sunday 28 Feb	Pre- entry	Meldon Hill Race	Meldon	SX 561 918	Nigel Bateman 01822 617291
Saturday 20 Mar	1000 1300	Forest League	Inny Foot Launceston		KERNO
Sunday 21 Mar	1000 1230	League Event 5	Woodbury Common	tba	Jon Croome 01395 278434
2/3/4/5 April	Pre- entry	JK 2010	Bicton College, Cookworthy, Braunton Burrows		See flyer
Sunday 9 May	1000 1230	League Event 6	Ashclyst Forest	tba	Liz Bramley 01395 577707
29/30/31 May	Pre- entry	Tamar Triple	Penhale Sands	See flyer	Devon OC & KERNO

All Devon events will use Sport Ident (SI) electronic punching (unless advertised).

Bring your dibber or buy/hire one at the event.

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

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

Christmas Novelty Street Orienteering



Lympstone Village

Limited parking signed within village at

GR SX 990 841, or come by train

Sun 27th Dec '09

Registration at Sailing Club:

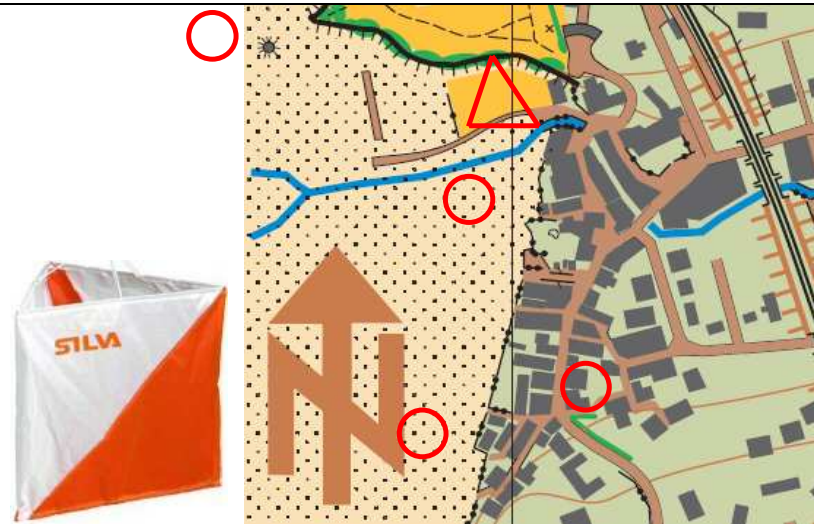
9.45-10.45 am

Mass start 11.00

(1 hour score event)

Find as many controls as you can & solve clues in the village.

Festive drinks & pies afterwards in LSC.



Cost: Adults £4; Juniors £1; Groups £2-7
(negotiable)

Organisers: The Taylors – 01395 274152

Other O' events visit: <http://www.devonorienteering.co.uk>