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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1400 Sunday 19 September 2010

Princetown Primary School - SX 589 736

A. The affairs of the Club shall be governed by the Annual General Meeting which shall elect an Executive Committee. The Committee shall meet and act as required for the efficient conduct of the Club's business but in any event not less than once a year. The Executive Committee shall carry out the decisions of the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting.

B. The Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of

(i) The Officers: a Chairman, a Club Captain, a Secretary, a Treasurer.

(ii) Seven Elected Members, **one of whom shall represent the junior members.**

C. The Executive Committee shall have power to:

(i) Appoint additional Officers and co-opt additional Members.

(ii) Fill any vacancies that may occur among Officers until the next Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

D. No Officer shall serve for more than three consecutive years in the same capacity

The Chairman, Club Captain, Secretary and Treasurer have all completed three years in post, and new officers need to be elected.

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

Co-opted officers are required for the following posts:

Access officer	Child welfare	Clothing	Coaching
Equipment	Fixtures	Juniors representative	
League table	Mapping	Membership	Newsletter
Publicity	Website		

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

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

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Club Championships Social & Score Event followed by AGM At Princetown Primary School

We are repeating the successful format from last year. The AGM will be preceded by a score event and free buffet lunch. The AGM is the one occasion in the year when the Chairman and Committee report back to members, and we want to encourage as many members as possible to participate. It is an opportunity to have a social get-together.

1100 Club Championships Score Event SX 589 736

Parking in the school yard

Organiser Andy Reynolds

This is a one-hour score event - mass start - 1100

Chairman's Chat May 2010

By Alan Simpson

Forthcoming Events

The Talent Squad

And the New Committee



A screenshot of the Fabian online entry website. The header features the Fabian logo with 'online entry' and the CompassPoint logo with the tagline 'the orienteers' choice'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About Us', and 'Terms and Conditions'. The main content area displays 'Lakes 5 - 2010 Start List' and 'Competitor Statistics (Total=13, Online=100%, Day1=12, Day2=12, Day3=12, Day4=12, Postal entries (nnn*) were last uploaded on 03 July 2010)'. At the bottom, there is a filter bar with a 'Display Full List' button, a dropdown menu for 'Filter by Club' set to 'DEVON', and another dropdown menu for 'AND Country' set to 'All'.

- Aug 21st – 28th The Lakeland 5-day 13 Devon members, as I write.
We will bring a club tent and banner, though start times may not be grouped by club, the way they are at the Scottish 6-day.
This is always a splendid event, well organised and with tough courses.
- Sept 11th DEVON Mountain Bike Event
A new venture for the club, with a special 1:15,000 map of Woodbury Common, showing rideability of the tracks. For those of us who just love the gorse, we shall we disappointed. Mountain Bikes run on paths.
- Sept 12th SW SprintO Championships at Exeter University
Another new venture for the club.
Two courses, morning and afternoon, with winning times planned at 15 minutes. Map scale 1:4,000.

My second theme, **The Talent Squad**, is also a new venture. BOF have invited DEVON OC to participate. So we need your feedback on how it might work. It is a while since there was any sort of club membership survey. But one is now winging its way to you, either electronically via SurveyMonkey, or enclosed with this newsletter in paper format.

The Talent Squad concept does follow naturally on the heels of our developing “Coaches Corner”. The idea is to provide one-to-one coaching for members of the squad. Each athlete (according to BOF, we are all athletes now) would have a mentor, either a coach or another experienced club orienteer. How much appeal does this squad idea have? Let us face it, we would all like to eliminate those navigational errors which just don’t seem to go away.

The target size of the squad is 15 members. Obviously juniors are included. BOF wants more podium places in major competitions to justify the grants it has had from Sport England in the last few years. But oldies are also included in the squad concept. Apart from the benefit of improving their own performance, adults of all ages are an essential part of the machinery for encouraging youngsters, eg their own children, and helping with the massive volunteer effort required by our sport.

The format of how this squad will work depends on your views. One model we have considered would consist of a dozen extra coaching events on Saturday mornings from October to June. On reflection, my personal opinion is that we don’t have the manpower. Jill Green, our Fixtures Secretary, just about manages to recruit event officials for our current program, and event organisers just about manage to find enough helpers to make each event work.

If you are attracted to the idea of being a squad member, you will have to undertake to attend the majority of the events in the agreed annual program (whatever it is). But also, we need greater volunteer input for all the other jobs as well.

Hopefully this explanation gives you an idea of the reasons for the questions in the survey.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me
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The survey also has a few questions asking your opinion on the general state of health of the club. It would be really helpful if EVERYBODY could respond, even the whingers on the back row. You can be anonymous or reveal all. If you want to be a member of the talent squad, obviously we need to know who you are! Likewise, if you feel you could offer more voluntary help in any aspect of club activity.

Moving on to my third topic. The AGM will be on Sunday 19th September. We are continuing with the format of the last couple of years, which seems to work well.

- 1) 11.00 One hour score event to determine this year's Club Champion
- 2) FREE buffet lunch
- 3) 14.00 AGM

The venue this year is Princetown Primary School, with a fair amount of parking in the school yard. The start and finish of the score event are within walking distance of the school.

Three Club Officers are due to relinquish their posts. They are the Treasurer John Dyson, Secretary Graham Dugdale, and myself. According to our Constitution, these posts can only be held for three years. We have all done our stint. Fortunately we have volunteers for the posts of Chairman and Treasurer, though obviously other nominations can be taken. Our long-serving Membership Secretary Peter Flick is also standing down, he who also inhabits the red Range-Rover at events on Enquiries. So we do need a new Secretary and a Membership Secretary. Please consider if it might be you.

FIRST AID COURSE

Katy Dyer of BOK is organising 2 one day First Aid courses which cover basic emergency First Aid with a leaning towards orienteering and other outdoor sports. The qualification will be valid for 3 years. It is suitable for members of club First Aid teams, UKCC Level 1 coaches and any person wishing to learn about first Aid. A knowledge of basic First Aid could save someone's life.

There are still vacancies on the course on Saturday 9 October 2010.

Details are:

Timings: 9 am to 5 pm

Location: Bristol, University of the West of England.

Facilities: Toilet. Bring your own lunch and drinks.

Clothes: Loose fitting clothing.

Organiser: Katy Dyer BOK, 0117 968 4173, family.dyer@blueyonder.co.uk

Bookings: Names to Jill Green, 01392 278512, jill-green@blueyonder.co.uk
and to Katy Dyer

As soon as possible to sieze a vacancy

Cost: £40. cheques payable to BOK.

SWOA will pay half the cost, and Devon OC the other half.

Net cost – ZERO

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Peter Flick writes:

The advance of my own caducity and the interests of Devon OC give rise to the need for someone more awake to take on the function of Membership Secretary. Not very demanding these days as Matlock do the admin issue lists of all but local members.

I am slinking into my burrow for a sleep.

Peter took over the role of membership secretary at the AGM in 1999. He had previously been Club Chairman from 1991 to 1994.

A volunteer is required to fill this post.

As Peter points out the task is not as demanding as it used to be as Matlock do the admin issue lists of all but local members.

Peter and previous membership secretaries have always liaised with the Editor who needs to produce address labels for all members and who has produced the Membership List every year from 1989 to the present.

The Editor has always used the Microsoft Office database Access for its versatility and its ability to be relational, and the committee has agreed that if a new membership secretary does not have this software, or an equivalent, the club would purchase it.

SAM GILES - CHARITY BIKE RIDE

Club members will have had opportunity to read in the latest issue of SINS about 15 years old Sam's cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats starting on Monday 26 July to raise money for two medical charities (CCLG – Childhood Cancer & Leukaemia Group – and CLIC Sargent) as a result of the recent deaths of two class mates, one from leukaemia and the other from an inoperable brain tumour.

The editor believes that Sam's determination deserves support and has no hesitation in publishing the bare details in this newsletter. As Sam stated in SINS, if you would like to donate using the internet follow the link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/samgiles>

You can follow his progress day by day on the twitter website:

http://twitter.com/samuel_giles

(N.B. the underscore between samuel & giles does not show up well with the underline)

DEVON RELAY RESULTS 18TH JULY 2010

Handicap Position	Team Name	Time	Penalties	Handicap Time
1	Devonshire Creamers Matt Ryder, Oli Reynolds, Guy Horswell	32' 42 "	0	13' 42"
2	Devon Loch Steve Edmonds, Eleanor Taylor, Wilf Taylor	40' 51"	0	17' 51"
3	KERNO 2 Phil Newell, Ken George, Annabel Pring	43' 42"	0	20' 42"
4	Wessex Raiders Dale Paget, Gavin Clegg, John Cook	40' 19"	0	21' 19"
5	Creampies (Devon) Will Fordyce, Harry Morse, Alan Simpson	45' 49"	0	22' 49"
6	Wessex Runners Tim Houlder, Rob Hick, Julie Astin	48' 24"	0	25' 24"
7	KERNO 3 Graham Pring, Adele Newell, Pauline Olds	48' 36"	0	25' 36"
8	KERNO 4 Steve Beech, Martin Sheriff, Sarah Middleton	48' 57"	0	25' 57"
9	Quantock Oldies Mike Crockett, Sue Gard, Bill Vigar	55' 11"	10	28' 11" missing 42
10	Quality & Optimism Jim Mallinson, Richard Sansbury, Will Kromhout	55' 39"	0	28' 39" missing 48
11	Quantock Quality Tim Hext, C. Philip, D. Holmes	55' 41"	0	30' 41"
12	Odds & Sods (Devon) Nicholas Maxwell, Ella Bowles, Jill Green	45' 06"	15	33' 06" missing 31
13	KERNO 1 Will Hancock, Bernard Pullen, Sandy Cowan	55' 06"	0	34' 06"
14	KERNO CREAM Chris Moncaster, Peter Morton, Arthur Boyt	49' 02"	15	37' 02" missing 33
15	KERNO 5 Barry Olds, Roger Hargreaves, Elsie Hargreaves	65' 01"	0	38' 01"
16	Blackford Boys (Devon) Jim Blackford, Tom Blackford, Stephen Blackford	67' 47"	0	40' 43"

Our very sincere apologies over the mis-placed control 48. A case of not enough time and no controller.

A very big thank you to all those who turned up for what we consider to be a fun event. We hope you appreciated the lack of rain while you were out on the moor. Just as the last control was being retrieved, the drizzle arrived!

Thanks must go to Matthew Atkins, Mike Hosford, Peter Flick, Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Roger Green and the Torbay Scouts for all their help both on the day and prior to the event.

Roger & Susan Hateley

DEVON RANKING SCORES

Pos.	Name	YOB	M/F	Points	Contributing scores
1 (190)	Rob Parkinson	1956	M	7390	1214, 1244, 1254, 1212, 1225, 1241
2 (235)	Matt Ryder	1992	M	7303	1253, 1201, 1219, 1242, 1181, 1207
3 (587)	Steve Edmonds	1957	M	6865	1136, 1167, 1204, 1123, 1098, 1137
4 (610)	Mike Wimpenny	1948	M	6838	1169, 1133, 1132, 1117, 1177, 1110
5 (636)	Wilfrid Taylor	1951	M	6816	1142, 1094, 1170, 1125, 1152, 1133
6 (757)	Tom Lillicrap	1947	M	6688	1136, 1089, 1077, 1124, 1163, 1099
7 (870)	Nigel Bateman	1957	M	6571	1151, 1064, 1077, 1077, 1072, 1130
8 (891)	Luke Hayward	1992	M	6551	1035, 1138, 1125, 1063, 1068, 1122
9 (910)	Adrian Taylor	1955	M	6534	1091, 1086, 1064, 1064, 1108, 1121
10 (945)	Jacob Shah	1993	M	6494	1028, 1152, 1115, 1068, 1093, 1038
KERNO	Will Fordyce	1994	M	6406	1173, 1144, 960, 1012, 1084, 1033
12 (1050)	Nick Hockey	1948	M	6389	1162, 1066, 1007, 1010, 1032, 1112
13 (1101)	Chris Virgo	1950	M	6330	1094, 1060, 1024, 1071, 1050, 1031
14 (1207)	Alan Simpson	1943	M	6235	1101, 1018, 1069, 1014, 1001, 1032
15 (1208)	Philip Way	1962	M	6234	958, 1080, 1117, 963, 1089, 1027
16 (1226)	John Pearce	1944	M	6211	1030, 1050, 1022, 1012, 1052, 1045
KERNO	Roger Hargreaves	1947	M	6209	1035, 1027, 1001, 1039, 1073, 1034
17 (1306)	Jack Baker	1992	M	6131	943, 950, 960, 1103, 1099, 1076
18 (1434)	Carol Pearce	1945	F	6007	978, 1004, 1008, 1002, 1012, 1003
19 (1434)	Stuart Robertson	1966	M	6007	1008, 970, 1040, 1025, 959, 1005
20 (1526)	Bryan Smith	1952	M	5924	930, 999, 1043, 1022, 997, 933
21 (1536)	John Chesters	1951	M	5914	1092, 979, 934, 954, 984, 971
22 (1618)	Jill Green	1944	F	5809	1061, 965, 956, 982, 927, 918
23 (1723)	John Dyson	1941	M	5689	1030, 875, 918, 965, 918, 983
24 (1806)	Tessa Stone	1966	F	5610	955, 802, 945, 981, 1051, 876
25 (1819)	Nicholas Maxwell	1953	M	5596	916, 905, 979, 1000, 875, 921
KERNO	Elsie Hargreaves	1946	F	5332	910, 853, 872, 946, 863, 888
26 (2012)	Rob Kohler	1955	M	5305	1075, 1041, 1090, 1104, 995
27 (2027)	Peter Brett	1948	M	5280	843, 904, 897, 885, 872, 879
28 (2217)	Ann Hughes	1943	F	5022	987, 922, 695, 636, 851, 931
29 (2223)	Hana Skuckova	1963	F	5009	1009, 755, 754, 786, 817, 888
KERNO	Mark Lockett	1972	M	4980	888, 785, 793, 828, 760, 861
31 (2413)	Ruth Chesters	1950	F	4727	752, 851, 798, 879, 695, 752
32 (2430)	Susan Hateley	1945	F	4693	769, 745, 780, 752, 777, 870
33 (2642)	Andrew Reynolds	1966	M	4265	1061, 1125, 1040, 1039
34 (2738)	Graham Dugdale	1951	M	4080	652, 539, 653, 843, 728, 665
35 (2769)	Alex Way	1966	F	4027	784, 714, 873, 892, 764

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DEVON RANKING SCORES (continued)

Pos.	Name	YOB	M/F	Points	Contributing scores
36 (2823)	Lew Bean	1946	M	3879	967, 996, 980, 936
37 (2836)	Eleanor Taylor	1959	F	3848	600, 774, 737, 582, 567, 588
38 (2864)	Josh Owen	1994	M	3793	774, 1056, 972, 991
39 (2888)	Roger Green	1943	M	3729	687, 540, 663, 607, 595, 637
40 (2889)	Lynda Robertson	1964	F	3727	452, 672, 695, 639, 735, 534
41 (2900)	Matthew Atkins	1970	M	3703	1062, 773, 1042, 826
42 (2924)	Jamie Parkinson	1992	M	3648	1014, 922, 797, 915
43 (2932)	Michael Cullen	1949	M	3626	978, 965, 745, 938
44 (2968)	Erik Peckett	1934	M	3529	562, 703, 566, 479, 693, 526
45 (2996)	Olivier Boucher	1971	M	3447	1177, 1100, 1170
46 (3084)	Tom Lewis	1971	M	3179	1018, 1041, 1120
47 (3148)	David Bramley	1954	M	3009	974, 970, 1065
48 (3251)	Victoria Wimpenny	1956	F	2736	500, 396, 487, 323, 631, 399
49 (3269)	Elizabeth Bramley	1955	F	2678	932, 931, 815
50 (3298)	Vivienne Maxwell	1950	F	2589	521, 269, 380, 641, 335, 443
51 (3347)	Alan Hale	1949	M	2444	1232, 1212
52 (3357)	Jed Stone	1958	M	2417	1161, 1235
54 (3377)	Tom Chesters	1984	M	2361	1178, 1183
55 (3464)	Duncan Taylor	1994	M	2183	1030, 1153
56 (3579)	Ian Bowles	1956	M	1981	1031, 950
57 (3601)	Alison Kohler	1963	F	1941	772, 725, 444
58 (3630)	Marie Boucher	1969	F	1884	513, 672, 273, 426
59 (3638)	Sam Head	1994	M	1872	489, 775, 608
60 (3765)	Tim Gent	1968	M	1611	898, 713
61 (3770)	Alison Reynolds	1966	F	1600	874, 726
62 (4070)	Damian Wilson	1970	M	1072	1072
63 (4075)	Steve Rose	1958	M	1067	1067
64 (4203)	Anthony Dew	1976	M	970	970
65 (4253)	Robin Carter	1960	F	940	940
66 (4443)	Robert Naylor	1969	M	796	796
67 (4546)	George Kohler	1994	M	705	705
68 (4576)	Wendy Smith	1959	F	666	666
69 (4686)	Chris Miller	1959	M	518	518
70 (4744)	Martin Allott	1986	M	399	399, 0
71 (4771)	Brian Parker	1935	M	324	324
72 (4777)	Helen Taylor	1959	F	313	313
73 (4804)	Tony Smith	1951	M	226	226

Club Meeting on Friday 11 June 2010 at The Globe Inn, Fore St., Chudleigh

Present

Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Nick Maxwell, Roger Green, Anthony Dew and Jill Green.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Flick, Steve Perrelle, Lew Bean, John Dyson, Tom Lillicrap, Wilf Taylor, and Mike Hosford.

Matters Arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere covered)

FIRST AID COURSE

Steve Rose has organised a first aid course for coaches to be held on 12th June.

Clothing

The extended range of club kit has been advertised on the website. It was suggested that we have a push on clothing sales before we take part in the next Compass Sport Cup Match. – Feb 13th 2011.

Mapping on Mutters Moor and Core Hill

John Dyson reports:- “Within the last few weeks I have discovered that there are plans afoot to place a fence around both Woodbury Common and Firebeacon Hill (adjacent to Core Hill) within the next two years - minute 28.10 of the April Committee meeting confirms this, and I shall fix up a meeting for John Pearce and myself to meet Toby Taylor of RSPB, who manages Firebeacon Hill for Sidmouth Town Council, and also has close liaison with Bungy Williams regarding policies at Woodbury Common. I don't think Mutter's Moor is affected by this proposal; I shall check. MM has recently had some thinning work and a small amount of felling on the eastern side, together with gorse clearance on some open areas near the car park. When John has considered the effect of these changes, he will be able to advise on the future policy for these areas, and the scope of any remapping programme.”

Sudden Oak Death Disease

Nick Maxwell reported that sudden oak death disease is affecting parts of Plym Forest and, whilst the owners would prefer us not use it for orienteering, they will allow its use subject to the use of a disinfectant dip being applied to footwear. See the article by Peter Brett (BOF Environmental Officer and DEVON OC) on p.23 in the summer 2010 issue of FOCUS.

Fixtures

Jill Green provided the meeting with a draft fixture list for the year ahead. Organisers and planners have been found for all events up to Christmas.

It was agreed to drop the proposed night event on Dec 11th at Exeter University in favour of one on the west side Devon (possibly Wheal Franco). Jill will be making approaches to obtain planners for the three night events Devon OC host.

Jill is awaiting event details from Nigel Benham before she can produce the definitive flier for the week-end (11th/12th Sept) of MBO event on Woodbury and the SW sprint champs at Exeter University.

After some discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the Long O on Hound Tor/Hay Tor on 3rd October, although it was recognised that the event will be slightly shorter and more technical than normal due to the area. In order to avoid map congestion it was recommended to use a double-sided map at 1:15,000 for the event. The committee also agreed to the use of Fabian 4 for entries and to raise the entry cost by £1 or £2 to cover the extra mapping costs. Quantock have opted to move their Long O to a later date, so there will be no linking of the two events in 2010.

Due to unavoidable circumstances two of the league events next winter will be held on Saturday rather than Sunday. It was agreed that registration for the event at Norsworthy Bridge on 22nd Jan 2011 should be from 11.00 till 13.00 and for the event at East Hill Strips on 12 March should be from 12.00 till 14.00.

The committee agreed, in principle, to investigate the use of Braunton Burrows as a venue for all 3 days of the Tamar Triple in 2012. It was suggested that we could use Wheal Franco and Virtuous Lady as the venues for the 2012 Caddihoe Chase.

Tamar Triple

The Tamar Triple had been a great success with entries on a par with recent years despite the proximity of the JK only 8 weeks earlier. Whilst most of the feedback had been positive, there had been adverse comment on the web about some of the control placements on day 3, but no official protest had been raised either at the event or subsequently. The committee fully supports the actions taken by Lew Bean, the controller on day 3.

The results for Day 2 (organised by Devon OC) took a little longer to reach the BOF website than Days 1 and 3 (organised by Kerno), due to a bug in the BOF system.

On the BOF website, non-competitive orienteers have been shown as competitive and given ranking points for all 3 days. BOF has been notified.

Coaching

The club has successfully applied to become one of the clubs in BOF's "Increasing Club Talent Squads" project. A meeting with Sarah Hague from BOF has been arranged for 10.00 on 28th June in Exeter. Alan Simpson, John Dyson, Graham Dugdale and Wilf Taylor will attend, along with any coaches who can make it.

Wilf Taylor had prepared a note on the coaching sessions that have taken place and some ideas for future development, which will be a very useful as a basis for our discussions with Sarah Hague. Among the proposals were for a coaching group based in Plymouth, an event planned and organised by our junior members, additional work on fitness training and trying to get more adults involved.

Plymouth Schools League

Although the Plymouth Schools Panathlon has folded, Mike Carpenter is keen to continue with the Plymouth Schools orienteering league and has proposed events on Wednesdays 9th, 16th and 23rd March 2011 at the three venues: Central Park, Devonport Park and Marjons. Alan Simpson is busy securing backing from key individuals before committing Devon OC to the venture.

The committee supported the Schools League, especially as the only costs are the time of the individuals involved.

Treasurer's Report

John Dyson issued a report in his absence showing that the club currently has a healthy balance, with a few bills of less than £500 owing. With expectations of income of at least £1,000 from both the JK and the Tamar Triple to come in due course, he predicted the balance at our year end will be even healthier.

Yvette Baker Competition

Steve Perrelle is keen to promote the Yvette Baker competition to our junior members and the club has agreed to pay entry fees for all members representing the club at the qualifying match in the Southampton area in December.

Exeter Green Circle

Jill Green made a request on behalf of the Exeter Green Circle which is promoting a challenge walk around Exeter on the 4th July. The committee agreed to loan them our dibbers and a small number of control boxes, providing any losses were insured against. Dave Livsey will collect the dibbers and boxes after the Bullers Hill event.

Devon Life

An article about the JK2010 is to appear in Devon Life. Any photos of the event should be sent to Anthony Dew.

Club Meeting on Thursday 15 July 2010 at Rossett, Higher Broad Park, Dartmouth

Present

Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Nick Maxwell, Roger Green, Anthony Dew, Steve Perrelle, John Dyson, Jill Green and Mike Hosford.

Apologies

Peter Flick, Lew Bean, Tom Lillicrap and Wilf Taylor.

Matters Arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere covered)

MAPPING ON MUTTERS MOOR AND CORE HILL

After discussions with Toby Taylor, RSPB site warden for East Devon, it is evident that cattle are being put on Core Copse/ Firebeacon Hill and that as a consequence electric fences have been introduced with the possibility of permanent fences in future. Any permanent fences would include crossing points. There are no plans at present to extend this policy to Woodbury or Mutters Moor and, with appropriate liaison with Toby Taylor, Core Copse/Firebeacon Hill should remain available to us. It is therefore appropriate to authorise re-mapping as required.

PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS LEAGUE

The Plymouth Schools League will go ahead, as in previous years, with three events on successive Wednesdays in March. We will make a promotional push to get competitors to attend the club event in Plym Forest in April.

Access

Sudden Oak Death Disease

Nick Maxwell reported that sudden oak death disease is affecting parts of Plym Forest and also parts of Cornwall and Wales. It is not only oak trees that are threatened, and forestry landowners are beginning to consider large scale clearances of woodlands before their trees become affected. Our events can proceed but we will need to use disinfectant at Plym Forest.

Fixtures

The SW sprint and MBO events in September are now on Fabian4. A new flyer has been produced and the MBO event is now on the MBO website. When we have completed the risk assessment the MBO will provide us with insurance cover. Jill needs to check up on whether medals are needed for the SWOA Sprint champs.

A revised fixture list has been submitted to Lew Bean (and is now on the club website). We need organisers for League events 6 and 8 in April and June 2011.

The Meldon Hill race has been removed from the fixture list, as it appears that Nigel Bateman, who has organised it since its inception, feels it may be time for a break.

Erik Peckett has suggested using Crazywell/Burrator for the Caddihoe Chase in 2011. Parking remains a major problem, although it may be possible to use Princetown and bus competitors to a start near Whiteworks. If Crazywell is to be used there will need to be re-mapping of the wooded areas close to Burrator reservoir.

Treasurer's Report

With expectations of income of at least £1,000 from both the JK and the Tamar Triple to come in due course, the treasurer predicted a very healthy balance at our year end.

In response to a query from Peter Flick regarding membership fees for 2011, the treasurer said that he would propose that the fees were kept at the current level when they were discussed at the AGM in September.

John Dyson reported that he had received a bill for £300 for re-mapping work at Bullers Hill. Whilst the club would pay this, he was concerned that Bullers was undergoing large scale felling and that we would get very limited value out of mapping work there until this phase was complete.

Coaching

Club Talent Squad

The club has successfully applied to become part of BOF's "Increasing Club Talent Squads" project, and a meeting with Sarah Hague from BOF was held on Monday 28th June in Exeter. with Alan Simpson, John Dyson, Graham Dugdale and Wilf Taylor representing the club.

The key message that came across was that it is up to the club to decide what form of coaching best suits the requirements and resources of the club. Typically talent squad coaching would take place monthly and would involve 12-15 members aged up to 25, however it was important to get support from the squad members and to keep sessions open to all club members. Sarah suggested that a questionnaire sent to all club members was a useful way to find out who was prepared to commit their time to receiving coaching and to identify the preferred times, locations and coaching requirements. Once this information had been obtained we could set up coaching which met the needs of the maximum number of those, who were prepared to participate on a regular basis. John Dyson is preparing the questionnaire and Mark Bagley has agreed to set it up on SurveyMonkey. Alan Simpson will write a short piece on the questionnaire in his chairman's chat for the next Devon OC newsletter.

Future Coaching Plans

The fortnightly coaching sessions at Bullers Hill have been varied to cover new areas at Hound Tor. Anthony Dew is to lead a coaching session on conditioning and fitness at Bullers Hill on Saturday 24th July.

Steve Perrelle will resume his weekly Monday sessions at Torbay after the summer holidays with a new set of year 7 pupils. The club will also be seeking to establish regular training sessions in Plymouth and East Devon. Concerns were expressed that there were currently insufficient coaching resources available in East Devon and coaching there should be kept "low key" to avoid excessive pressure on the coaches we had there.

SWOA

The next SWOA meeting will be the AGM which is to be held in Exeter after the SW sprint championships on 12th September. All Devon OC members are invited to attend.

Permanent Courses

The Dame Hannah Rodgers trust has requested assistance in establishing a permanent orienteering course at Seale Hayne near Newton Abbot. Lew Bean is to follow this up.

Liz Bramley is investigating sources of local funding to see if a moribund permanent course in Sidmouth can be re-mapped and revived.

Next Meeting

7.30 pm on Friday 10th September 2010 at the Globe Inn, Chudleigh.

YOUR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Perhaps some of our club members will head to Norway for the World Orienteering Championships, or to Switzerland for the World Masters. Others may travel less far to take part in the Lakes 5 Days, and/or to Yorkshire for the White Rose weekend. Or perhaps some of you may take part in activities not related to orienteering, but which may be of interest to other club members.

Why not record your activities and forward them to the editor for publication.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref.	information
Satur- day 11		MTBO event & Score	Woodbury Common	SY 040 848	Roger Green 01392 278512
Registration for Saturday and Sunday on line via Fabian 4.			Some EOD on Saturday		
Sunday 12 Sept	1000 1230	SW Sprints	Exeter University	SX 916 942	John Dyson 01395 512416
Sunday 19 Sept	Mass start 1100	Devon Championships & AGM	Princetown (Primary School) Free lunch before AGM	SX 589 736	Andy Reynolds 01548 580058
Sunday 3 Octo-	1000 1300	Devon Long-O	Hound Tor	SX 740 793	Roger Green 01392 278512
Sunday 17 Oct	1000 1300	Forest League 8	Hardhead Downs	SX 158 704	KERNO
Sunday 31 Oct	1000 1230	League Event 1	Haytor	SX 759 767	Tom Lillicrap 01803 406500
Sunday 14 Nov	1000 1230	Gallopen & League Event 2	Virtuous Lady	SX 504 690	Alan Simpson 01752 311367
Sunday 28 Nov	1000 1300	Forest League 9	Mt Edgcumbe	SX 448 524	KERNO
Sunday 5 Dec	1000 1230	League Event 3	Smallhanger Waste	SX 561 590	Anthony Dew 01752 301238
Satrday 11 Dec	1800 1900	Night Event 1	Wheal Franco	SX 508 684	Paul Ames 01822 854362
Sunday 12 Dec	1000 1300	Forest League 10	Tehidy	SW 635 435	KERNO

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Sunday 2 Jan	1000 1230	Xmas Novelty	River Dart Country Park	SX 735 698	Helen Taylor 01395 274152
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NOTE! All events will use Sport Ident (SI) electronic punching (unless advertised). Bring your own 'dibber' or buy/hire one at the event. Please check the club's website for any late changes before travelling.

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.