



# DEVON ORIENTEER

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## DEVON SQUAD TRAINING PROGRAMME by Wilf Taylor

The dates and coaches for the squad are -

Sunday 14 November at Virtuous Lady - before the event **09:30 - approx 11:00**.  
3 Coaches available - Wilf, Steve R, Sue Porter

Saturday 11 December at Haldon - **10:00 - approx 11:00 - physical training. 11:00 - approx 12:00 - technical training**  
4 Coaches available - Wilf, Mark B, Hana, Tom, Sue Porter

Saturday 22 Jan at Norsworthy Bridge - before the event **10:30 - approx 12:00, plus possible post-event analysis.**  
2 Coaches available - Steve R, Tom

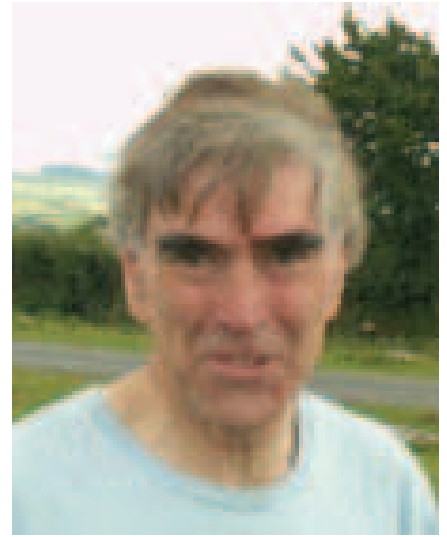
Saturday 12 Feb at Haytor - **10:00 - approx 11:00 - physical training. 11:00 - approx 12:00 - technical training.**  
3 Coaches available - Wilf, Mark, Tom

Saturday 12 March at East Hill Strips - before the event **10:30 - approx 12:00, plus possible post-event analysis.**  
2 Coaches available - Wilf, Tom

Saturday 9 April - Smallhanger Waste - **10:00 - approx 11:00 - physical training. 11:00 - approx 12:00 - technical training**  
4 Coaches available - Wilf, Mark, Hana, Tom.

I have had 3 positive responses from potential Squad members - I asked for responses by 28 October.

## Chairman's Chat



As your new Chairman, I am keen to build on the undoubted strengths of our coaching squad. Recently 28 members responded to a club survey, including 19 who expressed an interest in our nascent Club Talent Squad. Details of the training programme for those joining the Squad are included on the cover page of this newsletter. Six monthly sessions have so far been planned, with more to follow next year. Due to the varying preferences for timings arising from the survey, we have split the sessions so that both Saturday sessions and Sunday sessions before a league event are offered. I hope both the trainees and the coaches involved will find the sessions worthwhile – as in many aspects of life, the more you put in to the venture, the more you will gain. Grateful thanks to all 28 who completed the survey, with much useful feedback gained. Thankfully too there was near unanimity that the Club is getting, or has got, its act together – a fitting testimony to Alan Simpson's drive in the last three years, and a massive effort by many club members for the JK this year.

Like a number of club members, I first experienced our sport in another part of the country. Living north of Sheffield in the Pennines, I recall joining SYO as an M21. The club had approaching 20 active members and was almost defunct – the first AGM I attended had just 7 present, including 3 from one family! Two years later I was “encouraged” to become chairman as I moved up to M35. One of my first initiatives was to ensure that we had a representative from both schools and university on our committee, which brings me to my second theme – helping our juniors. Steve Perrelle's work with Torquay Grammar School is remarkable, but I think we must help to support the undergraduates in our patch too, by offering lifts to events wherever possible. I know that Jemma Davie and her small posse at Exeter find transport a problem, and I can provide contact details if required.

## **Devon Orienteering Club Annual General Meeting 2010**

Princetown Primary School - 19 September 2010

### **Present**

Andy Reynolds, Alison Reynolds, Mike Hosford, Ann Hughes, Peter Flick, Jill Green, Roger Green, Alan Simpson, Ian Bowles, Graham Dugdale, John Dyson, Nicholas Maxwell, Vivienne Maxwell, Mike Cullen, Rosemary Roach, Rosemary Steer, Tom Blackford, Liz Tape, John Pearce, Carol Pearce, Nick Hockey, Mike Steward, Robin Carter, Jim Blackford, Jamie Hayward .

### **Apologies for absence**

Lew Bean, Adrian Taylor, Helen Taylor, Duncan Taylor, Roger Hateley, Susan Hateley, Wilf Taylor, Eleanor Taylor, Erik Peckett and Steve Perrelle.

### **Minutes of the 2009 AGM**

These were accepted as an accurate account of the 2009 AGM.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman began by thanking Ian Bowles, Alison Reynolds and Andy Reynolds for planning and organising the club championships which preceded the AGM. Robin Carter had won by a country mile from Mike Cullen and Mike Steward. Thanks were also due to Jill Green, Vivienne Maxwell and the team of helpers for preparing an excellent lunch so efficiently that we were able to start the AGM a few minutes early.

In his final address as chairman, Alan Simpson thanked the club members and the committee for their support throughout his period of office.

“It has been a year with two big events. At Easter the South West Orienteering Association hosted the JK. It felt somewhat like DEVON OC's own event, as all three venues were within our borders. Club members occupying significant roles were Erik Peckett as overall Co-ordinator, John Rye, Carol Pearce and Peter Brett as Day Managers, Nick Hockey's team doing a sterling job posting, ie pasting up the results, and Jill Green and myself operating computer download. The jobs were performed by an army of club members.

There were typical April changes in the weather over the weekend, but it finished in sunshine on the Braunton sand dunes. There was a big financial setback, but this fortunately did not impinge on the competitors. All in all, it was a big effort, but I think we can feel satisfied that DEVON OC pulled its weight.

In conjunction with KERNO, we had taken an early decision to maintain the Tamar Triple fixture in 2010 rather than letting it lapse, the principle being “Use it or Lose it”. After a delayed start, the event did come into being, with three days on Penhale. It might seem that DEVON rather forsook its contribution, but I don't think that was so. Lew Bean put in a big effort controlling two of the days, and we provided the computing service. In hindsight, the choice of venue worked very well. It seems to me that orienteers appreciate above all else challenging terrain and well-planned courses, and that they got.

The third significant activity during the year has been success in achieving Clubmark, and we record our thanks to John Dyson for steering this through. One benefit is that, with an increasing number of clubs in all sports achieving this certificate, we are not in danger of anybody asking what is wrong with Devon OC. Why haven't they got Clubmark? So what have we got?

We have another paper folder in our library labelled “Clubmark” – fantastic! Actually I think the main benefit is that going through the process forced us to think hard about what we were doing and whether anything was missing. In fact, something clearly was missing, namely coaching on a significant scale. So, in February, seven club members attended the three-day UKCC Level 1 coaching course which was held at Killerton. Prior to that three more of us had attended the course at other venues. That sounds good – ten new coaches.

Wilf Taylor, our Head Coach, has done a great job running fortnightly sessions at Haldon, and the energy of the orienteering activity building in Torbay led by Steve Perelle, our Junior Co-ordinator, is amazing. To be honest, it is going to take a while to formulate and implement a coaching ethos within the club, and integrate all these people into a new role. Meanwhile, we applied to BOF to be a club with a Talent Squad. So DEVON OC is quite a rare bird in the UK. Developing talent clearly requires coaching but how is that to be done? The Membership survey we conducted recently produced 27 respondents, and implementing their ideas will be a task for the next committee.”

The chairman ended by presenting Devon League certificates to those winners who were present and by making the award of three annual club trophies:

The Epic Award went to Carol Pearce for ensuring that, despite all the Devon weather could throw at us, the JK2010 day 2 event at Cookworthy will be remembered for the mud out on the course rather than for any organisational shortcomings. The parking, under severe pressure from the elements, had worked exceptionally well.

The Haytor Award went to Erik Peckett for masterminding JK2010, thirteen years after he vowed “never again” at JK1997.

The Chairman’s Award went to Peter Flick in recognition of his many years of outstanding service for the club in a variety of roles.

## Membership Report

Current membership figures (2009 in brackets):

	Senior	Juniors	Total Nos	Units
NATIONAL	94(91)	39(33)	133 (123)	83 (71)
LOCAL	27(32)	16(20)	43 (53)	23 (29)
CONTACT	6(8)	6 (8)		
TOTAL	127(131)	55(53)	182 (184)	112 (108)

For a couple of years beginning in 2006, the club suffered a heavy fall in membership resulting from two causes:

- (a) BOF’s imposition of much augmented fees, seen by many local members as rocketing, and thus unacceptable.
- (b) combined with increasingly widespread computer ownership enabling occasional competitors to find event information on the internet without becoming members.

This reduction occurred almost entirely amongst local rather than national members, but fortunately the numbers have now stabilised.

Peter Flick, for whom this was his last AGM as a club officer, thanked the club for a happy couple of decades during which time he has fulfilled a range of roles within the club, and wished his successor as membership secretary, Graham Dugdale, well.

### **Treasurer's Statement**

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

In the year 2008-2009 the club had made a loss of £4,212 but, with our two major revenue earning events (the Caddihoe Chase and the Tamar Triple) included in the accounts for 2009-2010, this loss was more than recouped, leaving the club with a healthy balance of £13,708. A further income of about £1,000 is anticipated from JK2010 profits.

### **Membership Fees for 2011 and 2012**

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

The treasurer proposed that there should be no change to membership fees for the next two years. (Because of the need to notify BOF of our fees for 2012 before the 2011 AGM we need to set our fees two years ahead.) This was agreed unanimously.

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

Before the election of officers the outgoing chairman thanked Peter Flick who is standing down.

After three years at the helm the 3 members of the management team (the chairman, secretary and treasurer) were barred by the constitution from continuing in their present roles. Fortunately there were nominations for all three posts and these nominees were elected without the need for a vote.

The following were elected as Officers and Committee:

Chairman: John Dyson (proposed Mike Hosford, seconded Peter Flick)

Secretary: Nick Hockey (proposed Peter Flick, seconded Mike Hosford)

Treasurer: Nick Maxwell (proposed Jill Green, seconded John Dyson)

Club Captain: Tom Lillicrap

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

### **Club Officials:**

Fixtures Secretary	- Jill Green (with assistance from Alan Simpson)
Mapping Officer	- Roger Green
Membership Secretary	- Graham Dugdale
Coaching	- Wilf Taylor
Website Manager	- Lew Bean
Access Officer	- Nick Maxwell (with assistance from John Dyson)
Child Welfare	- Helen Taylor
Newsletter & League	- Mike Hosford
Publicity Officer	- Anthony Dew
Equipment Officer	- Alan Simpson
Clothing Officer	- Vivienne Maxwell

## DEVON CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS 2010

Surname First Name	Final score	Class	Club	Handicap	Points	Penalty	Score
Carter Robin	351	W50	DEVON	0.57	200	0	200
Cullen Michael	265	M60	DEVON	0.68	180	0	180
Steward Mike	257	M55	DEVON	0.74	190	0	190
Green Jill	250	W65	DEVON	0.44	110	0	110
Blackford James	238	M14	DEVON	0.8	200	10	190
Maxwell Nicholas	216	M55	DEVON	0.74	160	0	160
Hockey Nick	191	M60	DEVON	0.68	130	0	130
Jackson James	169	M40	ND	0.89	150	0	150
Atkins Matthew	169	M40	DEVON	0.89	150	0	150
Burgess Joyce	167	W60	DEVON	0.48	120	40	80
Blackford Stephen	165	M50	DEVON	0.79	150	20	130
Hayward Jamie	159	M18	BOK	0.88	180	40	140
Blackford Tom	157	M12	DEVON	0.7	140	30	110
Lockett Mark	151	M35	KERNO	0.93	140	0	140
Dyson John	150	M65	DEVON	0.6	140	50	90
Kelly Emily	143	W18	DEVON	0.7	160	60	100
Hughes Ann	136	W65	DEVON	0.44	130	70	60
Pearce John	133	M65	DEVON	0.6	130	50	80
Pearce Carol	114	W65	DEVON	0.44	130	80	50
Green Roger	100	M65	DEVON	0.6	60	0	60
Dugdale Graham	95	M55	DEVON	0.74	110	40	70
Simpson Alan	67	M65	DEVON	0.6	110	70	40
Royston Kate	0	W40	IND	0.67	90	120	0
Cotterill Brenda	0	W40	IND	0.67	90	120	0
Skuckova Hana	0	W45	DEVON	0.62	80	150	0
Steer Rosemary	0	W60	NGOC	0.48	80	190	0
Taplin Liz	0	W50	IND	0.57	110	270	0

# DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB LEAGUE TABLE 2009-2010: FIRST THREE POSITIONS AFTER ALL 7 EVENTS

Best 5 results to count

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
			22/11/09	13/12/09	10/01/10	06/02/10	21/03/10	09/05/10	27/06/10	
			Holne Moor	R Dart CP	Hound Tor	Five Tors	Woodbury Common	Ashclyst Forest	Bullers Hill	Totals
<b>Surname</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Class</b>								
<b>Brown</b>										
Parkinson	Rob	M50	1000	1000		891	1000		1000	4891
Reynolds	Andrew	M40	946	717			909	915	761	4248
Edmonds	Steve	M50	0	896		917	830		834	3477
<b>Blue</b>										
Parkin	Derek	M40	828			873	908	938	894	4441
Cullen	Michael	M60	733	744		677	726		1000	3880
Boucher	Olivier	M35	817	1000	0			1000	1000	3817
<b>Green</b>										
Pearce	Carol	W65	802	881		897	864		719	4163
Skuckova	Hana	W45	764	756		811	799	679	626	3809
Dyson	John	M65	1000	721	0	0	0	637	593	2951
<b>Light Green</b>										
Taylor	Eleanor	W50		1000	0	0		855	1000	2855
Boucher	Lea	W14	975	783	0	0	964			2722
Livsey	Valerie	W70		886	0	0	666		865	2417
<b>Orange</b>										
Kelly	Samuel	M14		626	0	0	965	797		2388
Blackford	Jim	M12	422	1000	0	0	0			1422
Wright	Wilf	M9		0	0	0	637	635		1272
<b>Yellow</b>										
Way	Jack	M12		652	0	986	800	497		2935
Rowe	Sean	M14		0	0	880	1000	725		2605
Cook	Dominic	M12		0	0	881	0	1000		1881



At the AGM Alan Simpson awarded the first 3 in each class  
a certificate, as with the example below

## **Devon League 2009 – 2010**



**Lea Boucher W14**

**2nd Place  
Light Green Course**



# **DARTMOOR LONG O**

**by Roger Green**

The First Long O on Dartmoor took place in 1999 and was conceived by James Head, a member of the club who has since moved away from Devon and belongs to TVOC. He used existing maps of King Tor and Crazywell and made a new map of Swell Tor and Foggintor Quarries and competitors proceeded from one map to another. After James left, I took over organising the event and Jill and Dave Livsey did the planning and controlling for a lot of events. We also had others to do the planning and controlling including John Ceely, Noel & Caedmon Gould, Steve Rose, Nigel Bateman, Rob Parkinson and possibly some others who I have probably forgotten.

In 2000 we used the Holne Moor and Holne Lea maps plus a special map extending from the O brook to Swincombe at a scale of 1:25000. At that time we had an awning tent which came with our first second hand campervan. There was a gale with lots of rain. It was ripped to shreds. I was not sorry. It was very heavy and took up a lot of space.

In the following years until 2007 we used the Burrator & Crazywell area but with different Start/Finish points. Using the existing maps of Five Tors, Whitchurch Common, King Tor, Crazywell and Burrator, I 'welded' them together to make one large map which stretched from Staple Tor to Princetown and then down to Burrator Dam. These original 'proper' orienteering maps were connected by mapping the intervening moor at a sort of 'enhanced' OS 1:25000 standard. Not good enough for normal orienteering but OK for a Long O where the accent is usually on route choice rather than finding controls in obscure pits etc.

I remember one year when we used the quarry car park near Burrator Dam. After putting out the controls on Saturday we went to the quarry to camp overnight in our campervan. We were horrified to see it full of grey German lorries with Berlin number plates. Had we been invaded by our NATO allies? No. it was a film production company. The Germans are obsessed with watching TV versions of Rosamund Pilcher's novels set in the English Westcountry. I explained to the Gruppenführer that we needed the quarry for parking cars for the event on Sunday.

'Do not worry, Sir! We will be gone by 6.00 am'. And they were! We had an empty quarry ready to receive the first cars which began to arrive at about 8.30am.

We watched the filming later in the evening as fire engines pumped water in torrents down the hillside and arc lights blazed away with thunder machines adding to the ambience. We sneaked away and camped at Norsworthy Bridge instead of the quarry. I must read one of Rosamund Pilcher's books to see what on earth they are all about.

In 2005 Nigel Bateman asked me to produce a 1:25000 map extending south from Meldon for his first Meldon Hill Race in 2006. This was basically an OS 1:25000 maps enhanced here and there at the behest of the Planner (Nigel). In 2008 the map was extended eastwards to Belstone and we held the 2008 Long O with the Start & Finish on the military road south of Okehampton Battle Camp.

This was particularly memorable because the two portable loos blew over in the gale force winds during the event. Blue fluid and stuff could be seen draining off the track and on to the moor. Say no more, especially to the Environment Agency,

In 2009 we used a similar map but to solve the loo problem we ran the event from Meldon Reservoir car park which had public toilets - in a building! This was the event when one team came back at 1845, an hour and three quarters after course closure time. We were just looking up phone numbers for the police. This caused us some angst and set us wondering on how to improve things and reduce the stress on the Organiser, Planner and Controller.

However the 2010 Long O was to be downsized drastically from usual and this reduced some of the risks.

Having been advised by Jen Longbottom, the Organiser of the OMM (ex KIMM – ‘the Karrimor International Mountain Marathon’) about a year in advance that it would probably be on Dartmoor in 2010, we decided to scale the event down and use the Houndtor/Haytor area as this would be divorced from the rest of the moor and doing our Long O would not give a competitor any particular advantage when doing the OMM. A lot of our competitors on the Long O, as its date is in early October, are practising for the OMM which takes place at the end of October.

The event is always understaffed as it is practically impossible to help at the event and run a course. The last event operated with hardly more than the Organiser, Planner and Controller. This was the first year we did not have a midway checkpoint, usually manned by Peter Flick in his Range Rover. Having a checkpoint gave us a rough idea how far a missing competitor might have got around the course. Also retirals could be organised from the checkpoint.

When you consider the vast army of helpers that the OMM requires and their complex safety measures i.e. manned controls, radio communication, mountain rescue etc, I wonder whether we are doing this event the right way. Preparing Risk Assessments and making plans for coping with heavy rainfall, cold, wind and flooded watercourses is all right in theory. So far we have got away with it and no catastrophic incidents have occurred. We have not had to put these plans into action.

With electronic punching we can use a smaller area and the required distances for the courses can be achieved by a lot of convolution. This is what was planned for the 2010 Long O at Houndtor/Haytor. Personally I think the competition area should be fairly large for a Long O and should not be smaller than this.

In the past we have made it a pre-entry event. With the relatively small size and the complications of having teams which can have one map or two it didn't seem suitable for Fabian4. Instead we had a ‘reserve your map and pay on the day’ system using e-mail to the Organiser. This also got round the problem of having lots of cheques to pay in, which we had with the old pre-entry system. Banks no longer like cheques in bulk and limit the number we can pay into the club's account.

This worked very well and the pre-entries could be loaded into the computer saving time on the day. There were a few pre-entered competitors who didn't turn up but there usually is even if they have paid up front by cheque.

Maps have to be printed so there is a closing date for entries. This year a new record was achieved when more competitors entered after the closing date than before. Normally it is about 40% entering after the closing date. Guessing how many maps to have printed is fraught with difficulty. In the end I had 100 maps printed and we had ten left. Most of these were for 'no shows'. We still had a few entries on the day.

At this time of the year we have BOK, DEVON and QO Long O's in the Southwest and there are probably more elsewhere. Are there too many? Perhaps we should call a halt and stick to more conventional events. However the wild open moor land and sometimes wild weather makes it the nearest thing to the OMM in the south of England and the punters still keep coming!

If you have any views on the format of the event, how it could be improved, or made safer, or you have a great idea or venue in mind, let us know. Also if you want to volunteer to plan, control or organise next year's event please let us know.

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## **Copied from September 2010 issue of Legend**

### **From Mike Hosford (Devon newsletter editor)**

I take particular interest in Legend because for almost 2 years of my service in the RAF (they only allowed me to fly a desk) in the 1940s I was stationed in Gloucester; bloody boring work. The only relief was playing hockey for the station, orchestral concerts in Cheltenham Town Hall (the highlight being the dynamic John Barbarolli conducting the Hallé orchestra), a Three Choirs Festival concert in Gloucester Cathedral, and long cycle rides on Sundays in the Cotswolds, the Malverns and surrounding counties. In those days only one or two cars met in a day of about 100 miles of cycling. The very cold months of January - March 1947 ended with a major thaw, all the melted snow forming a vast lake north of the A40 west of Gloucester. From the top of Robinswood Hill I could see that Tewkesbury was an island, as it was last summer. Tragically, Gloucester's Westgate Street dipped down into the flood even up to the ceilings of the terraced houses. Even if the occupants had been financially able to purchase replacement furniture, carpets and bedding, which I doubt, there was none to buy just two years after the war had ended.

When I was posted to Germany later in 1947 I took over an office that was staffed by 7 people and was 8 weeks behind in its work. After a couple of months 5 had been demobbed and the remaining WAAF went on extended leave. By turning off the central heating and opening the windows so that snow sometimes blew in, but no one else came in to bother me, I was able to get the office up-to-date in less than a week. I closed the windows, turned on the heating and had an easy time keeping up-to-date single handed. I suspect much similar work could be done today in the public service.

## **YVETTE BAKER CUP**

Just come in are results of our first entry into Yvette Baker Cup  
(national junior club competition)

Devon	886
Sarum	884
BOK	875
WIM	869
SOC	762

Thus Devon qualify for national final near Worcester on Sun 5th Dec.

Steve did a fantastic job of mobilising a team and getting 2 minibusses (Thanks also to Dave Jones as driver) full to Ringwood on Sunday.

This is the first time that the club has entered the competition and knocking out BOK , who were the seeded team, was an excellent achievement.

## **DEVON JUNIORS SUCCESS ON THE ROAD**

In the last couple of years you cannot help but notice that the younger age group has become rather more prominent within the club. It seems the time and efforts put in by Wilf Taylor and the club coaches is beginning to pay off.

In early October 20 Juniors from Torquay Boys Grammar school, the majority of them Devon members , travelled up to Blackburn to the British Schools Score Championships. For the second year running they managed to win the national title at Senior level; this time by a massive margin of 250 points. The Juniors were just edged off the rostrum into fourth place which reflected their lack of experience but it was very hopeful for next year.

Needless to say it was a good boost and when the Devon team of 24 boys and girls headed off to Ringwood for the preliminary round of the Yvette Baker there was a fair amount of confidence floating around the two mini buses tempered by the fact that we were up against Sarum, Bok, Soc and Wim clubs.

It was a glorious day of blue sky and sun. The terrain was not quite so friendly and as the day progressed we had a real mixture of runs with some seeming quite happy and others threatening to go off and kick the nearest tree. What was happening; who was winning..... god was the only one who knew as the results were not available on the day. The only saving grace was that runners from many teams seemed to be having the same problems.

The general feeling was that we hadn't done enough. It was a matter of "get over it and get on to the next". We knew that we could have done better and we have never beaten either BOK or Sarum. However, little did we know. On Monday the results were announced.

Not only had we got through but we had actually managed to win it !



Devon's strength is not just having a few very good runners but having a lot of good competent ones so if one person has a bad day someone else can step in and have a good one and that was what happened here. Oli Reynolds had a cracking run on the Lt Green coming first, but we also had second places on Lt Green ( Guy Horswell, Orange (Alec Rapson) and Yellow( Dom Cook), and thirds on Green (Jacob Shah), Lt Green ( Will Fordyce), Orange (Harry Morse) and Jake Belston (Yellow). With Luke Haywards fourth on green making up the nine scorers we "packed" very well.

So its off to the final in December in Worcestershire against the big boys and girls of the country. Are we going to get stuffed ?..... well probably, but it is all part of the learning process and it feels good that DEVON is actually now part of that group. As to that day, well who knows. The one thing we can guarantee is that every young person who goes off to represent Devon will do their very best to make sure their club is well and truly on the map.

Steve Perrelle  
Junior Co-ordinator



## **EDITORIAL**

**by Mike Hosford**

The editors of all the SWOA newsletters exchange every issue of their pearls. In the September issues of BOK News, The Legend (NGOC), Punch (KERNO), The QuOnicle (Quantock Orienteers), SCAN (Sarum) and Wessex Extra and, of course, in SINS I was able to read about the exploits of SWOA club members in the O-Ringen 2010, the Lakes 5 Days, the White Rose, the World Masters 2010 (by a Devon Member!). The members of all these other SWOA clubs made very useful and interesting contributions to their newsletters.

On page 15, inside the back cover, of the July issue of this newsletter I wrote:

### **“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.”

But I received nothing.

As a result this issue is dry – information, minutes and data - but nothing live.

This is, of course, partly my fault because my erstwhile injuries do not allow me to compete in events. I can only help at events, usually with SI registration and downloading etc, which means I do not have opportunity to converse with other club members and find out what are their plans, and then ask them individually to record their experiences. I do not think it is incumbent on me to email or write to every club member seeking help in this respect. And a blanket email to all club members is no more likely to achieve a better response than that resulting from my article above.

When the previous editor suddenly withdrew I took over as interim editor with issue 41 in October 1991, 19 years ago. At the JK last year Nick Barrable told me I was then the longest serving O editor in the country; most SWOA editors only last several years, and that may well be the case nationally. It may well be that the club needs fresh blood in this role, and I would give a successor whatever assistance he/she needs to become familiar with the task.

As an alternative, for the time being at least, a club member who competes and converses with others at our events could encourage them to provide articles for publication while I still do the donkey work of constructing the newsletters. That person would, in effect, be a co-editor. I should point out that in a matter of weeks I shall enter my final year as an M80. Time to let go the reins?



## **Club Meeting on Thursday 21 October 2010 at Chudleigh Town Hall**

### **Present**

John Dixon, Wilf Taylor, Steve Perelle, Jill Green, Roger Green, Tom Lillicrap, Nick Hockey.

### **Apologies**

Nick Maxwell, Anthony Dew, Graham Dugdale, Alan Simpson, Mike Hosford.

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

#### **Permanent Courses**

Wilf T. is awaiting an answer from Bicton College on sourcing of posts.

No update available from Lew B. on Sealhayne or Castle Drogo

### **Fixtures**

The published Fixture List through to June 2011 was looking OK except that Plym Forest in April might need to be relocated because of tree felling. Smallhanger Waste and Newnham Park are possible alternatives.

Locations for Tamar Triple 2012, including Braunton Burrows, are still being discussed and will be progressed when Alan S. returns.

Norsworthy Bridge being considered for Caddihoe Chase 2011. Parking to be investigated near Sheepstor by Alan S. on return. Then valley area of map may need updating – Jill G. will contact Mike Wimpenny.

### **Coaching**

#### **Club Talent Squad**

Working Party of Dyson, Simpson, W & E Taylor set up to progress Talent Squad.

Much work has been done to develop a programme for members of the Talent Squad, and this will be on the coaching page of the Club website shortly and sent to Mike Hosford for the Newsletter. Starting on Nov.14<sup>th</sup> the programme comprises a mixture of sessions held before Club O-events, and separate sessions on Saturday mornings. Now awaiting replies from Squad members – due by Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Other Coaching**

Wilf T. has contacted Tess Stone who has made good progress with Colyton school – Y7 will have 6 weeks O in school and a school club starting 1 evening a week.

John D. is to contact Tess Stone to see if he can assist.

Wilf T. will progress the interest from Woodruff School

Steve P. has had up to 35 attending training sessions each week – this mid-week training is now winding down for the winter.

Torquay Boys GS won the Senior Boys category at the National Schools score championships.

Steve P. has been contacted by King Edward College in Totnes for advice on starting a school Orienteering Club and he will follow this up.

Steve P pointed out that although there is a general agreement linking TBGS Orienteering Club with Devon OC as shown on the Clubmark application that agreement may never have been formally minuted.

The chairman was pleased to be able to confirm the agreement between Devon and TBGS to support the development of the school club with Devon coaching staff whenever possible and it was agreed that this should be minuted. The Club wholly supports Steve Perelle's work with TBGS and will provide coaching and facilities as appropriate.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No report available. The Club is to receive £1648 from SWOA from the JK surplus.

### **SWOA**

John D. had attended the SWOA meeting on 20/10 and reported :

- Event Grades as per BO are now A, B (Regional), C ( Galoppen), D (Local) and Quality Standards for each grade published by BO.
- Mike Cullen approved as a Grade 3 controller.
- there had been difficulties organising SWOA coaching weekends and they may move towards modular training – this would be problematic for Devon in travelling a long distance for short sessions.
- Club Nights are promoted by BO – with some training element for all ages and abilities. The widespread area of Devon OC makes evening events difficult. On hold at present while Talent Squad is progressed. However development funds may be available from BO.
- Caddihoe Chase category awards are to be redefined by Arthur Vince.
- SWOA event levy to be increased modestly from Jan 2011.

### **Equipment**

The Autodownload event software had been received and trialled satisfactorily.

Roger G. suggested that 2 new laptops were possibly required. Also 2 folding tables for the IT team. To be progressed when Alan S. returns.

### **Any Other Business**

**Forestry Commission National Agreement** : received from BO and would mean increased charges that could make some events unviable. However not signed yet and therefore no date for implementation. The Club should continue with any local / informal agreements for eg. training sessions.

**Long O**: not in 2011 fixture list at present. Should it continue ? There had been significant on-the-day entries at Haytor with over 80 entries in total. Roger G. had written an article for the Newsletter.

**Devon Orienteer** : Mike Hosford has been doing sterling work as editor for 19 years, but was now less able to get to events and therefore to make direct contact with potential contributors. He had suggested an assistant "on the ground". Could the Publicity Officer or someone else help? John D. will speak to Mike.

**Mapping Group**: Erik P. had asked if a further meeting was required. The Chairman intends to call a meeting within three months.

## NATIONAL RANKING

Pos.	Name	Club	YOB	M/F	Points	Contributing scores
1 (160)	Rob Parkinson	DEVON	1956	M	7409	1254, 1212, 1225, 1241, 1220, 1257
2 (207 +1)	Matt Ryder	DEVON	1992	M	7303	1253, 1201, 1219, 1242, 1181, 1207
3 (497 +3)	Steve Edmonds	DEVON	1957	M	6865	1136, 1167, 1204, 1123, 1098, 1137
4 (641 +3)	Tom Lillicrap	DEVON	1947	M	6685	1124, 1163, 1099, 1094, 1121, 1084
5 (685 +5)	Nigel Bateman	DEVON	1957	M	6634	1151, 1077, 1077, 1072, 1130, 1127
6 (747 +1)	Adrian Taylor	DEVON	1955	M	6569	1108, 1026, 1021, 1121, 1172, 1121
7 (783 +1)	Luke Hayward	DEVON	1992	M	6530	1138, 1125, 1014, 1063, 1068, 1122
8 (786 +1)	Mike Wimpenny	DEVON	1948	M	6525	1110, 1082, 1095, 1113, 1079, 1046
(840-3)	Arthur Boyt	KERNO	1939	M	6462	1063, 1061, 1051, 1067, 1106, 114
9 (891 -2)	Will Fordyce	DEVON	1994	M	6406	1173, 1144, 960, 1012, 1084, 1033
10 (1038 -1)	Chris Virgo	DEVON	1950	M	6247	1060, 1024, 1071, 1050, 1011, 1031
11 (1048 -1)	Nick Hockey	DEVON	1948	M	6234	1066, 1007, 1010, 1032, 1007, 1112
12 (1048 -1)	Philip Way	DEVON	1962	M	6234	958, 1080, 1117, 963, 1089, 1027
(1066)	Roger Hargreaves	KERNO	1947	M	6201	1001, 1039, 1073, 1034, 1027, 1027
13 (1142 -1)	John Pearce	DEVON	1944	M	6099	1022, 984, 1012, 1052, 1045, 984
14 (1205 -1)	Alan Simpson	DEVON	1943	M	6028	1014, 979, 1001, 1032, 997, 1005
(1238+2)	Mark Lockett	KERNO	1972	M	5993	981, 1007, 1006, 1021, 988, 990
15 (1239 +2)	Carol Pearce	DEVON	1945	F	5992	1004, 1008, 1002, 1012, 1003, 963
16 (1335 -2)	Bryan Smith	DEVON	1952	M	5885	999, 1043, 1022, 891, 997, 933
17 (1412 -2)	John Chesters	DEVON	1951	M	5790	979, 934, 954, 984, 971, 968
18 (1413 -1)	John Dyson	DEVON	1941	M	5788	1030, 918, 965, 918, 983, 974
19 (1466 -1)	Jill Green	DEVON	1944	F	5706	956, 982, 927, 918, 978, 945
20 (1524)	Matthew Atkins	DEVON	1970	M	5644	773, 1042, 826, 977, 1070, 956
21 (1530)	Wilfrid Taylor	DEVON	1951	M	5637	1125, 1152, 1133, 1064, 1163
22 (1571 +3)	Olivier Boucher	DEVON	1971	M	5579	1100, 1170, 1088, 1088, 1133
23 (1597 +1)	Nicholas Maxwell	DEVON	1953	M	5527	875, 921, 967, 984, 996, 784
24 (1721 -1)	Andy Reynolds	DEVON	1966	M	5345	1125, 1040, 1039, 1034, 1107
25 (1763 -5)	Peter Brett	DEVON	1948	M	5276	904, 897, 885, 872, 839, 879
26 (1793 +2)	Michael Cullen	DEVON	1949	M	5219	978, 965, 745, 938, 615, 978
(1944+6)	Elsie Hargreaves	KERNO	1946	F	4988	833, 863, 822, 794, 888, 788
27 (1977 +7)	Jacob Shah	DEVON	1993	M	4939	917, 1068, 1093, 1038, 823
28 (1988 +10)	Josh Owen	DEVON	1994	M	4916	774, 1056, 972, 991, 1123
29 (2006 +13)	Ann Hughes	DEVON	1943	F	4884	922, 695, 636, 851, 931, 849
30 (2079 +10)	Roger Hateley	DEVON	1943	M	4753	793, 828, 760, 758, 861, 753
31 (2119 +13)	Ruth Chesters	DEVON	1950	F	4664	851, 798, 879, 689, 695, 752
32 (2141 +10)	Susan Hateley	DEVON	1945	F	4621	780, 752, 777, 730, 712, 870
33 (2335 +13)	Rob Kohler	DEVON	1955	M	4230	1041, 1090, 1104, 995
362 +19)	Roger Green	DEVON	1943	M	4161	687, 689, 742, 665, 671, 707
35 (2406 +17)	Graham Dugdale	DEVON	1951	M	4080	652, 539, 653, 843, 728, 665
36 (2426 +19)	Alex Way	DEVON	1966	F	4027	784, 714, 873, 892, 764
37 (2438 +18)	Hana Skuckova	DEVON	1963	F	4000	755, 754, 786, 817, 888
38 (2593 +9)	Jamie Parkinson	DEVON	1992	M	3648	1014, 922, 797, 915
39 (2632 +13)	Marie Boucher	DEVON	1969	F	3540	672, 426, 710, 681, 561, 490
40 (2651 +11)	Sam Head	DEVON	1994	M	3487	489, 775, 608, 684, 931
41 (2671 +11)	Eleanor Taylor	DEVON	1959	F	3427	414, 567, 588, 463, 827, 568
(2684+11)	Sue Boyt	KERNO	1954	F	3382	603, 611, 564, 505, 598, 501
42 (2706 +10)	Tessa Stone	DEVON	1966	F	3332	759, 1051, 646, 876
43 (2831 +7)	Ella Bowles	DEVON	1958	F	3044	1049, 1026, 969
44 (2849 +7)	David Bramley	DEVON	1954	M	3009	974, 970, 1065
45 (2852 +7)	Victoria Wimpenny	DEVON	1956	F	3005	631, 399, 653, 399, 590, 333
46 (2980 +4)	Elizabeth Bramley	DEVON	1955	F	2678	932, 931, 815
47 (3033 +4)	Alison Reynolds	DEVON	1966	F	2501	726, 855, 920
48 (3058 +4)	Alan Hale	DEVON	1949	M	2444	1232, 1212
49 (3087 +8)	Tom Chesters	DEVON	1984	M	2361	1178, 1183
50 (3155 +8)	Tony Smith	DEVON	1951	M	2238	744, 891, 603
51 (3180 +10)	Duncan Taylor	DEVON	1994	M	2183	1030, 1153
52 (3198 -426)	Tom Lewis	DEVON	1971	M	2161	1041, 1120
53 (3315 +9)	Wendy Smith	DEVON	1959	F	1962	681, 688, 593
54 (3336 +9)	Alison Kohler	DEVON	1963	F	1941	772, 725, 444
55 (3351 +10)	Lew Bean	DEVON	1946	M	1916	980, 936

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56 (3502 +10)	Tim Gent	DEVON	1968	M	1611	898, 713
57 (3551 +5)	Jed Stone	DEVON	1958	M	1508	584, 296, 628
58 (3596)	Erik Peckett	DEVON	1934	M	1401	440, 435, 526
59 (3671)	Kevin Hagley	DEVON	1962	M	1235	1235
60 (3915 +3)	Vivienne Maxwell	DEVON	1950	F	1006	335, 443, 69, 109, 50, 0
61 (4002 +17)	Ian Bowles	DEVON	1956	M	950	950
62 (4015 +17)	Robin Carter	DEVON	1960	F	940	940
63 (4312 +25)	George Kohler	DEVON	1994	M	705	705
64 (4528 +30)	Martin Allott	DEVON	1986	M	399	399, 0
65 (4564 +33)	Helen Taylor	DEVON	1959	F	313	313

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

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref.	information
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 479 708 Note NORTH	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
Saturday 11 Dec	1800 1900	Night Event 1	Wheal Franco	SX 491 697	Paul Ames 01822 854362
Sunday 12 Dec	1000 1300	Forest League 10	Tehidy	SW 635 435	KERNO
Sunday 2 January	1000 1230	Xmas Novelty	River Dart Country Park	SX 735 698	Helen Taylor 01395 274152
Saturday 8 January	1800- 1900	Night Event 2	Whitchurch Common	SX 525 729	Paul Glanville 01822 617713
Sunday 16 January		Compass Sport	Longleat		
Sunday 23 January	1100 1330	League Event 4	Norsworthy Bridge	SX 568 693	Alan Simpson 01752 311367
Saturday 19 Feb	1800 1900	Night Event 3	King Tor	SX 561 749	Steve Edmonds 01752 406519
Sunday 13 March	1100 1330	League Event 5	Core Copse	SY 126 948	Liz Bramley 01395 577707

**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.**