



DEVON ORIENTEER



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The Devon Members at the Junior Inter-regional Orienteering Event

Photo Tessa Stone

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

For many orienteers, July and August provide opportunities for competition in distant countries – abroad as well as in the UK, and I know you will find reports of some of these events elsewhere in this issue. I hope you have brought back some happy memories, perhaps to share with us.

In September it is Annual General Meeting (AGM) time for many clubs, and this year we are gathering for a morning score event, followed by lunch and an early afternoon AGM. Such meetings are often seen as rather tedious, but, as chairman, I shall endeavour to make it interesting to all. It seems that there will be few changes to your committee this year, although we are still looking for someone to build up our publicity. Can you help?

Before some presentations, there are significant decisions to be made, especially regarding subscriptions and event fees. These affect every member, and your committee wish to ensure that all members have an opportunity to express their preferences before decisions are made.

Following a conference last October, the British Orienteering Federation (BOF) have drastically reduced their annual subscriptions, and increased event levies to cover much of the shortfall. It is likely that the South West Orienteering Association will follow the same policy, and as a club, your committee is minded to follow too.

Why is this being done? We wish to increase our membership, so make it as easy and cheap as possible to join, and recoup more of our costs from participation. Use of the internet makes circulation of information – and this newsletter - cheaper and quicker, and most orienteers are now connected. Entries via Fabian4 are now commonplace for large events, and only one or two per cent come by post.

I look forward to meeting you all at Yelverton on Sunday 9th September.

John Dyson

CONGRATULATIONS

Very many

congratulations to the DEVON members who represented the SW in the Junior Inter Regional Orienteering Championships. They helped the team come 4th overall, the best result for the SW. Sean, Grey, Emily and Ellie were able to represent the SW at Sandringham.

I understand that conditions were not ideal. The recent rain had encouraged the growth of the bracken which in places was head high, and although the individual day was dry, it was wet for the relays.



SWOA Team in action at Sandringham

Photo Tessa Stone

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**DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on **Sunday 9th Sept 2012**
at the **Catholic Hall, Yelverton** (SX524680) at 2.30pm.

Directions : just NE of the Yelverton roundabout, access by the fire station, turning immediately right.
A free buffet lunch will be available from 1pm

The AGM will be preceded by the Club Championships at Virtuous Lady –
1 hour score event starts 11.00 to 11.15am – see separate information.

Agenda to follow and will be posted on the Club website
www.devonorienteeing.co.uk

Nick Hockey, Secretary Devon OC

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

Do come and take part in a 1 hour score event at
Virtuous Lady, Nr. Yelverton SX 520678
Sunday September 9th
Starts 11.00 to 11.15am
Registration 10.00 – 11.00am

See flyer on the website www.devonorienteeing.co.uk

Competitors will be handicapped by age class to determine club champion.

The score event will be followed by a free buffet lunch at 1pm at the Catholic Hall, Yelverton, and then the AGM at 2.30pm

Planner : Carol Pearce Controller : Tom Lillicrap

Organiser : Nicholas Maxwell 01752 739040 nmaxwell.binnlodge@btopenworld.com

THE WORLD MASTER’S ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A group of 6 members of the club travelled to Bad Harzburg in Germany to take part in the World Master’s Orienteering Championships held at the start of July. Roger and Jill Green drove over in their camper van, visiting German friends en route. Roger and Susan Hateley travelled by train from Barnstaple via London and then by Eurostar to Brussels and Cologne, before joining the Global Orienteering Tours party at Hannover. Alan Simpson and Annie flew to Hannover from Birmingham to join the Global O Tours party and Bryan Smith took the train to Heathrow, flew out and then used the train to get him to Bad Harzburg.

The event centre was at the Bad Harzburg race track where there were opening and closing ceremonies, prize givings and other entertainment as well as the camp site. The Devon group met up each day at the events and were able to compare progress.

Saturday 30th June saw all gathered to participate in the Model Sprint Event around a quiet housing area of Bad Harzburg – a walk away from the event centre. It was a chance to explore the mapping and see how controls were set up, and also a chance to see the merchandise produced for the event. As well as German and Scandinavian equipment suppliers, Compass Point had travelled to the event.

The statistics of the event are quite impressive with 43 countries represented giving a total of 3, 958 competitors. Finland had the largest number of competitors (654) while Croatia had just one. The United Kingdom had a total of 218 people entered. The class with the greatest number of competitors was M65 (445), the largest number of Women were in W60 (259). Each class was divided into different heats for both the qualifiers and finals.

July 1st saw the Sprint Qualifier event was held in the middle of Bad Harzburg, with Assembly in a lovely park which had a river running through it. From the viewpoints it was possible to see 8 penultimate controls! Concentration was the order of the day. The starts for the Devon competitors were in an underpass underneath a major dual carriageway.

Jill and I were on the same course, although starting at very different times. We had to criss cross the river several times and make our way up a small hill for three controls, before heading back to the river and into the park, taking care to punch the right control before running into the final control and the finish. The weather remained dry, although it started to rain as we left the site to return to our bases.

Monday July 2nd was the Sprint Final in a very historic town called Goslar. It was full of narrow alleyways and dead ends for the unwary. Assembly was in front of a very imposing building in a park. Traffic was very much reduced and police spent the day turning away all but essential vehicles. The heat you were in was calculated on your position



in the qualifier heat. For W65 that meant the top 27 in each heat made up the 81 in the final. The next 27 went into the B final and any left or disqualified into the C final. The order of starting was determined by your position in the heat, so those at the top went last. I had just managed to scrape into the B final which meant that I started 2nd. I passed the minute girl by the fourth control and managed to maintain a fairly steady walk with no major mistakes or hesitations and arrived at the finish to be announced as the “new” leader. This position I managed to maintain for about 5 minutes! It had started to rain after I went out and it got steadily worse as the day wore on, making the grass in the run in and the old cobbles in the streets very slippery.

Jill in action in Goslar

Devon Results are as follows:

M60C	Bryan	57
M65D	Roger H	53
M65E	Alan	2 nd
W65A	Jill	35
W65B	Susan	34

A rest day followed. Those of us with Global O Tours went to the Model Long event which was in the part of Germany that had been in the East. Bryan, Jill and Roger G. caught the narrow gauge train up to the Brocken, the highest mountain in Germany. The site at the summit had been used by the Russian Military to spy on the West and could intercept messages from as far away as Scotland.

July 4th was the first of two qualification races for the long championship. It was held near to the model event at a



place called Drei Annen, the map was called Ottofels. The assembly field had recently been cut for hay and much of the hay remained in the field. The walk to the start was short, but had 45 metres of climb. At least it was downhill to the finish! I found the going tough underfoot at the start and made rather a pig’s ear of the first few controls.

Alan Simpson on the run in at Ottofels

July 5th saw us heading to Clausthal Ost, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for our second long qualifier. The area had been mined for lead and silver, monks in the middle ages had built ponds and leats to supply water to the treatment areas and to remove water from the mines. The leats were uncrossable because of their significance. The part of the forest I was in was mainly very runnable and a delightful area for orienteering. One problem was that the assembly area in a large field could only be reached by routing incoming runners along a 320 metre dam wall and then a 230 metre run in!.

A rest day on the 6th July saw Global O tours going to Wernigarode, and Goslar for some sightseeing.

The final of the Long Event was held near Bad Harzburg at a place called Huneberg. The two qualifiers gave the heat of the final we were in. Jill missed the A final by a very narrow margin and I missed the B final by one place. The area was great for orienteering and had the largest climb of the day, all in the final third of the course as we all had to go up a steep escarpment, then onto the nearly flat plateau before a slightly downhill run in. In spite of the climb, the area was fast.



The finish at Huneberg with the Brocken in the background
Photo Roger Hateley

Results:	M60D	Bryan	20
	M65C	Alan	50
	M65E	Roger H	23
	W65B	Jill	6
	W65C	Susan	4

All in all an excellent 5 days orienteering, great fun and so well organised. Next year the event will be held in Italy and in 2014 it will be in Brazil

Susan Hateley

TRAVELS WITH A SAT-NAV

This year we decided to go to the World Masters Orienteering Championships in the Harz region of Germany. We had previously been to the same event in 2010 which was held in Neuchâtel in Switzerland and this was very well organised. We took our campervan and arranged to stay with friends before and after the week long orienteering event. For the event we found a campsite just outside the old town of Goslar which was used for the Sprint Final.

I downloaded the Final Details of the event – all 128 pages but half of these were the start lists. I printed off the more interesting pages. I excluded the twelve pages of ‘speeches of welcome’ from various dignitaries from the prime ministers of Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt downwards.

So where was the parking for the events for those not on an organised bus tour or a shuttle bus from the event centre? They were given as latitudes and longitudes with no instructions on how to get there. Feeding these points into Google Earth we discovered that the parking places were – surprise, surprise, in the middle of forests except for the sprint

events which were in urban areas. It dawned on me that I would have to break our resolution of a lifetime and buy a 'Sat-Nav'. As you know Orienteers are map freaks and just love finding their way with a map and such electronic aids should be shunned.

We did not use it until we set out for Germany. I put in the Latitude and Longitude of the ferry terminal at Harwich from Google Earth and saved it. I then realised that I had put the longitude in as west and not east so I corrected this, or so I thought. As soon as we started from Exeter it wanted us to go up the M5 so we ignored it, being great devotees of the A30/A303. I thought it would soon get the message and re-organise itself. It didn't. It persisted in directing us to the northwest even when we got to the M3.

We discovered the reason. I thought I had overwritten the previous incorrect lat/long but I hadn't. The Sat-Nav had instead invented a new destination called 'Harwich (1)'. The original destination 'Harwich' was as far west of Greenwich as the real Harwich is east. This point was near Buckingham and this was where it wanted us to go. We changed the target to Harwich(1) and it immediately wanted us to take the M25 clockwise so we ignored that as I am prejudiced and I always go round the south side of London and pass through the area where I was brought up. It got the message after a while and took us to the ferry terminal, which I could have got to without any map at all having done the trip several times and being an 'Essex boy' and knowing that part of England quite well.

However the Sat-Nav came into its own when we left the Hook of Holland ferry terminal. We decided the best way to use it was to mute the sound, install the device in front of the passenger and let the highly qualified navigator, i.e. my wife, Jill, interpret the instructions and compare with the road direction signs and instruct the driver accordingly. Navigating the Rotterdam Ring with its five lane sections where vehicles are joining, weaving and leaving was improved, although we have done it before with just maps.

We went to a town near Cologne to visit some English friends of long standing and from there to the WMOC event. It is almost impossible to get detailed road maps of Germany in the UK so that Sat-Nav was a great help in finding our way around Bad Harzburg and Goslar where the Sprint venues were and the other events in the forest which were further away.

After the event we went to visit a German friend in a village near Osnabrück. Whilst there we went on a trip to the Ruhr area to visit an amazing museum at Oberhausen, made out of the inside of a huge Gas-holder (Gasometer). We used her 'Navvi' with Ulrike driving her car and had fun interpreting the instructions in German and advising her accordingly when we thought it was ambiguous. Her husband Klaus, who is an M75 orienteer, was recovering from a heart operation at a rehabilitation clinic in a spa town to the east of Osnabrück. We went to visit him and Ulrike thought she knew the way having made the trip a few times already so the 'Navvi' was disconnected. It was not to be and we had to switch the machine on and given the right address it found the way to the right clinic amongst many similar looking buildings in a town full of such places.

The Germans are very fond of closing roads completely for roadworks rather than have single direction working with traffic lights. When the dreaded yellow sign 'Gesperrt! (barred)' appears in front of you follow the Sat-Nav rather than the endless 'Umleitung' (Diversion) signs to get you where you want to go. They have so many autobahns that they can afford to close some completely. Sixty kilometres of the A40 which goes through the Ruhr is due to be closed completely for three months, provoking outrage amongst the local inhabitants. You couldn't do that with the M5!

I can get by in the UK without one of these things but on the continent it is invaluable. My son now wants to borrow it for a trip to the French Alps. After that I expect it will go in the box with the beam benders, adapter plugs, High-vis jackets, breathalysers (two required in France) and the other paraphernalia required for continental motoring.

If you want to know how DEVON members got on in the WMOC events, others worthier than I will no doubt be telling you. My achievement was getting there and back to Exeter without breaking or hitting anything!

Roger Green

EMERGENCY FIRST AID COURSE

I am running a one day Emergency First Aid course in Plymstock on Wednesday 15 August. If you are interested in attending the course please contact me; Steve Rose; on 07425 175745 or steve.rose@talktalk.net. The cost will be £40 per person including manual and certificate.

DEVON ORIENTEERING LEAGUE 2011/12

Following the last of the six events which comprised the Devon Orienteering League 2011/12 at Haldon Forest on Sunday 17th June the results are now available. The winners of the League in each of the six categories were:

Brown:	Ben Chesters,	SARUM	Adele Newall	KERNO
Blue:	Phil Way,	DEVON	Ella Bowles,	DEVON
Green	Carol Pearce,	DEVON	Roger Hateley	DEVON

Light Green: Susan Hateley, DEVON Four way tie for first male James Dean, Joss
Knight, Oli Reynolds, Toby Bate
Orange: Dominic Clarke, DEVON Dulcie Grierson DEVON
Yellow: Oliver O'Brien, TGBS Natalie Housecroft, Chudleigh

Congratulations to each of the above and to all other participants during the season. Prizes will be presented at the end of the season.

There will be a new league beginning in the autumn with the first league event on Sunday 7th October at Ashclyst Forest, Exeter, Grid Reference SY999994. Details for 2012/13 season will be available in due course.

Bryan Smith

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2012

Present: John Dyson, Steve Perelle, Roger Green, Alan Simpson, Andy Reynolds, Wilf Taylor, Nicholas Maxwell, Graham Dugdale, Nick Hockey, Tessa Stone

Mapping:

Alan Simpson is to convene a mapping group meeting. Possibly at the end of September, a Mapping Training Course to be run, covering mapping techniques, use of OCAD for map production and possibly a course planning session with OCAD.

Finance: Andy Reynolds presented a draft annual accounts. Nett status is approximately the same. Tamar Triple allocation is still to be finalised with KERNO. The event will about break even.

Andy also presented a spreadsheet showing the impact of the new BOF and SWOA levies – these would be covered by a £1 increase in the adult entry fees.

AGM: The 2012 AGM will be held on 9th September 2012 at 2pm after the Club Championships. (See separate adverts)

Items for the agenda: Clothing. Mapping/OCAD Course. Membership Fees. Increasing Membership.

Fixtures: The Fixtures List was reviewed.

A planner is needed for Caddihoe Chase 2013 at Virtuous Lady.

A different event format was discussed – a simple score event – to increase the frequency of events without overburdening active members.

Website: A Website Working Group to meet – to include Rob Parkinson.

Publicity: The club needs a Publicity Officer. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE CLUB

Any Other Business: The committee agreed to a contribution to the cost of Ellie Stone attending a training week. Tessa Stone has on loan from BOF an SI Training kit with 20 SI swipe cards (not dibbers)

The next Committee Meeting: Proposed for Thursday 20th September 2012 at Chudleigh Town Hall.

EDITORIAL

Tessa Stone and Roger Green were very kind and sent in some contributions to this edition of The Devon Orienteer. I do hope that you will let me know about your holiday activities, I depend upon your contributions to make this newsletter worth while reading, so come on, share your experiences. For those of you over 35, I can recommend the World Master's. We regret that we had not done the event before. Those of you who are younger, keep it in mind for a different experience and very friendly competition. Next year there will be the Scottish 6 Days which are definitely worth going to even if they are not a World Championship. In 2015 the Elite World Champs come to Scotland and we will be able to watch the best in action before trying out some of their courses. Book it in your diaries now!

With the Olympics getting under way, is anyone going to watch or to help at any of the events? If so please let me know.

The deadline for the next Devon Orienteer is September 7th. Please contact me by letter or email. Address in the Members list.

Susan Hateley

CAPTION COMPETITION.



Please supply a title for this photo of the editor taken at the World Masters by Roger Green.

Outrageous suggestions to Susan Hateley by 7th September please.

FIXTURES

DEVON FIXTURES:

- September 9th** Club Championships. Virtuous Lady SX497694
Organiser: Nicholas Maxwell.
AGM In Catholic hall, Yelverton
See adverts at front of Newsletter
- October 7th** Devon League Ashclyst Forest, Exeter SX999994
Organiser: Martin Atkins
- 21st Devon Galoppen, Burrator, Plymouth SX560692
Organiser: Graham Dugdale
Graham will appreciate volunteer helpers
- November 10th** Devon/Kerno Night League
Whitchurch Common (S. End) SX524729
Organiser: Paul Glanville
- December 2nd** Devon League, Five Tors, Tavistock SX531752
- 8th Devon/Kerno Night League
Burrator West, Yelverton, SX547693
Organiser: Paul Ames
- 27th Devon Christmas Event. Killerton Park SS973001

KERNO FIXTURES

August 4 th	Summer Series 5 Tehidy Woods Starts 16.30 – 18.30	SW635434
6 th	Summer Series 6 Lemon Quay Truro.*	
11 th	Summer Series 7 Cardinham Woods, Bodmin Starts 16.30 – 18.30	SX1000668
17 th	Summer Series 8 Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge*	
26 th	Summer Series 9 Lanhydrock Bodmin	SX087641*

*Special Start Time see website

September 30 th	Forest League 1 Hardhead Downs Organiser: Ivor Marshall	SX157703
October 28 th	Forest League 2 Craddock Moor Organiser: Steve Beech	SX 262713

QUANTOCK FIXTURES

August 2 nd	Urban 3 Queen's College, Galmington	ST214233
September 23 rd	QOFL 1 Ramscombe	ST164377
29 th /30 th	Long O Croydon Hill/Pinkery.	
November 18 th	QOFL 2 Buckland Wood	ST182171
December 16 th	QOFL 3 Hart Hill/Floorey Down	ST167365