



Cambridge University Orienteering Club

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CUOC members have been taking part in a wide range of activities recently so this issue contains even more unintelligible rubbish than usual (Beware - learner editor at work) We hope to maintain the pace this term to keep your minds off exams until the last possible moment, perhaps even later.....

Due to popular demand - ie because Grumble can't complain (much) with his mouth full - lunches will be held again on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in W32 Christs for the first 4 weeks of term. Any volunteers to help with the food? (I was going to say 'and wash up' but then no-one would volunteer-would you?)

EVENTS THIS TERM

APR 24 Long-O New Forest
Happy Herts club event ,Black Park , Iver

APR 30/

MAY 1 Jubilee O-Ringen DVO (Bound? to be a good event!) Shining Cliff/Crich
Derbys

MAY 8 HAVOC Relays, Romford

MAY 15 British Relay Champs -entries closed

MAY 22 British Individual Champs -entries closed

MAY 28/29 SE Long-O Champs Surrey

OD Badge Event, Bentley Woods, nr Coventry

JUN 4/5/6 Welsh O-Ringen N.Wales

JUN 11 LEI Jubilee Event ,nr Leicester

JUN 12 CHIG Badge Event ,Epping

JULY European Tour

Jean Mackenzie is taking a dormobile to the Swiss 5-day event and possibly events in France and/or Austria as well. Anyone interested in going (or confirming their interest) should see Jean-it should be an excellent tour.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE AGM. IT'S IN DAVE KINGHAM'S ROOM (WHERE ELSE) B6, NEW COURT ST. JOHNS AT 8.30 ON THURSDAY 28TH APRIL.

The annual punt expedition (PBAB) will take place sometime this term - perhaps on the last Thursday of exams (June 9th) because Grim Nissburger won't be able to make it! Those who remember last year's event when Jane fell in, in a long skirt and n watches (n- everyone else's) and Ian was so deftly pushed in will know it is something not to be missed.

On the subject of social events, last term's pancake party was a great success. The combination of turbid beer and pancakes proved an invincible diet as preparation for the boundary run, in which CUOC members excelled. Charlie Daniel had a brilliant run, surprising everyone, not least himself, to finish 3rd. Dark horse Peter Haynes just beat Dave Kingham, both being highly placed. Several other members finished in fast times though it has taken them all vac for them to recover (Don't ask Rob about his knees!) Even Ian beat 10 mins/km and ate more Mars bars than anyone else. At the finish one footsore athlete was heard to complain 'It's alright for these orienteers-they're used to being out for hours!'

Another success was the recognition of orienteering as an official half-blue sport (at last!) Half-blues will now be awarded annually to the counting members of the 1st teams (4 men, 3 ladies) in the Varsity Match starting retrospectively with this year's event. There's an incentive to go training!

It was great to see a large turnout of CUOC members at the 2 big events during the vac: the BUSF Champs and the JK, which were both very enjoyable weekends:

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The British Universities Sports Federation Orienteering Championships were organised by Sheffield University this year. The weekend started according to the programme on Friday 1 April with training at Darnaway and Culbin (World Champs forests-typist) The programme typist had also been liberal with apostrophe's and missing letters (OK so he makes up for me) resulting in such Universities as Liver'pl, Strath'cyd and Edin'bro. Big mistakes though -they'd spelt G.....'s name right (or was it wrong?) and put H. Beck under Men A instead of Dogs D!

Saturday was the Individual Event on Blacka Moor. The area was open and hilly with bracken and weather. Several CUOC members excelled-notably Allyson (who came second to A. Stewart-Glasgow) and Keith, Mike and Ian who came 4th, 5th and 6th on the B course.

After the various activities in the showers, we all wandered, exhausted to the evening meal and social at the Union. The prizegiving which followed reached a climax with Dave Jukes managing to be awarded something to cries of 'Old Age Pensioner' from Dave Kingher. We were still in possession of the Oxford banner at this point and Dave decided to tempt providence and wear it as a turban, with the OUOC bit very prominent. This baited Mr. T. Sugi Ama (another programme error) into a Kamikazi raid followed faithfully by dog Beck and the rest of the Oxford rabble. They got the banner back. I still think Dave should have entered it in the silly hat competition. The relays were on Sunday at Eccleshall Woods-which was almost as good as Epping. Of course the ladies (Allyson, Jean and Jane) won the Pooter event and have brought back a stupendous cup. Mike, Keith and Ian won the B relay and didn't get any prize at all. Ian, for once, didn't make a FOUL-UP of the last leg. He says Sunday's run made up for the previous two years. The first team in the A relay was fraught with disaster (yes you Dave and Charlie). Grimble nearly came to grief as he was chased off by Miss Beck. He said he'd managed to hold her off (and I quote) until the last few controls. The result of the A relay was Leeds, Newcastle, Oxford 2, Oxford 1, Cambridge... On the way home Dave remarked about the small area of fight in Allyson's garden; and the dog was disappointed that Jean wasn't wearing her sheep smelling trousers again. Baaaaa!

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The JK is an international orienteering competition held, this year, near Guildford. It is named after Jan Kjellström (no relation of Gran Nimbellström) who helped establish orienteering in Britain in the mid 60's. The actual competition consists of an individual race on Easter Saturday and a relay on the Sunday together with a training event on Good Friday and a relaxation event on Monday. CUOC arrived in force for the training event, which was fairly insignificant but pleasant enough. After that we went our separate ways, to stay either chez Wedgwood or chez Haynes, or in a hotel as Daddy is paying. This was definitely more comfortable than camping and we were most grateful for the kind hospitality of Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Wedgwood.

In the individual race on Saturday (no Mike-it wasn't a relaxation event) Pete did well to come 2nd in M19B and he might feel obliged to run M19A in the future, Allyson came 7th in W19A which was pretty creditable especially as she was running with odd feet and only John disgraced himself, by coming 3rd in M21C. The area was extensive, reasonably detailed and physically demanding and the map was a work of art (rather than a work of fiction as is so often the case)

After competing some of us had enough energy for a game of soccer although a lot of people wanted to get back to do a 20000 piece jigsaw.

The following day the relays took place. Charlie ran off the map (a good omen) and after leg 1 two of our teams were beating Oxford's 1st team. However the men's relay was rather irrelevant. In the ladies' relay Jane came in 3rd on the 1st leg Jean was 2nd at the end of the 2nd and Allyson came home 2 minutes or so in the lead to win from some very strong competition.

The presentations took place in the evening at 9.00 and not 9.15 as some people hoped. During the celebration and the drinking of a genuine bottle of champagne from a half-pint glass some more rowdy member of the club who had just been selected for the G.B. B team against Denmark waved the CUOC banner to the annoyance of the other person present. All in all a good advertisement for the solidarity of CUOC.

The following day was a pleasant relaxation event in fine weather. The only point of interest was that I saw Allyson making a mistake!-not that it was too important.