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Editor's Column

This will be the second to last DrongO newsletter that you will ever receive.

Unless one of you steps forward that is.

Ideally one of you who has recently left CUOC and has the finger on the pulse of the new DrongO generation.

Yes, you!

If there were just one thing that you read in this newsletter, make it Blanka's article on the **new BOF rules on page 3**.

Sorry for not including any of the 32 other article contributions as I am saving those up for my last issue (or an anniversary issue?).

Anyone logging her training runs on Endomondo.com? Link up with [me](#) and become a member of the the [DrongO group](#)!

Eric Roller

Oxford wins Varsity Match

Penhale Sands, 6 March

Congratulations are due to Oxford, Oxford, and JOK for winning both matches as well as the alumni race.

From looking at Ian Buxton the [pictures on Facebook](#), people have had fun tackling Penhale's technical sand dunes. And looking at the routes on OUOC's [RouteGadget](#), once can see that people got to see a lot more sand dunes than they might have hoped for.

VARSIITY MATCH TRIVIA

Longest time since the last VM: Ian Buxton who last ran in 1987 at Rheola (Swansea).

Coming on to the most Varsity Matches in a row? Mark Collis, who hasn't missed one since 1996 (though he did plan and not run the one in 2007 in Sheffield).

Biggest embarrassment: Cambridge not managing to field a full women's team (Emily Lester was due to run but fell ill on the Friday morning).

A sign of the times as students become too sensible? None of the teams could raise a full coxed eight for the beer race so rules were modified to allow for the race of coxed *fours*. (1st JOK, 2nd CUOC, 3rd OUOC, who are probably still drinking. DrongO unable to field a team at all).

Impressive spread (in matriculation years) of entries from DrongO? David Hanstock representing the 1970s, Ian Buxton the 1980s, Mark Collis the 1990s, and Blanka (only just) the 2000s. Long way off from managing to have an 70s vs 80s vs 90s vs 00s vs current students beer race, as happened at the SPOOK meal celebrating ShUOC's 40th birthday..

Most unfortunate: Ed Catmur who beat everyone on the A course but got no prize because he's no longer a student (an accolade that went to Mark Bown of DrongO at last year's event).

Most impressive victory: Anne Edwards who dominated the women's A course by 13 minutes and 1 second.

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Men's A 8.8 km 330 m 25 ctrl		
1 Matt Halliday		1:00:43
2 Ben Stevens		1:04:16
3 Alan Cherry	1:04:51	
4 Matt Lyle	1:09:59	
5 Ian Webb	1:10:50	
6 Mark McLeod	1:11:29	
7 Adam Bennett		1:20:55
8 Ben Windsor		1:21:55
9 Norbert Linke	1:51:18	
10 Vaclav Potesil	1:56:39	
11 Tin Wong		1:59:41
Alex Kung		mp
Men's Varsity Match	4:37:09	4:47:49
Women's A 6.6 / 225 / 18		
1 Anne Edwards	53:56	
2 Elizabeth Bridge	1:06:57	
3 Mairead Rocke		1:07:23
4 Vicky Stevens		1:11:26
5 Helen Hanstock	1:14:56	
6 Hanna Tuomisto	1:17:13	
Women's VM	3:15:49	3:48:49
"Men's B" 6.6 / 225 / 18		
1 Mike Bryant	1:33:20	
2 Alexander Fulbrook	1:36:30	

	Guests	JOK	DrongO
Men's A 8.8 / 330 / 25			
1 Ed Catmur		58:32	
2 Jon Marsden		1:15:34	
3 Ollie O'Brien		1:15:58	
4 Alison Crocker		1:29:30	
5 Ian Buxton			1:35:34
6 Pete Huzan		1:39:07	
7 Richard Bean	1:39:41		
8 Mark Collis			1:52:29
Men's B 6.6 / 225 / 18			
1 Tim Beale	56:15		
2 Tony Covey-Crump		1:28:05	
3 Tim Smith		1:44:23	
4 David Hanstock			1:49:05
Women's A 6.6 / 225 / 18			
1 Blanka Collis			1:30:06
2 Pauline Sinclair		1:48:40	
3 Christine Jones		1:57:51	
4 Heather Walton		2:01:44	
Cerys Manning		mp	

DrongO-O-Tops

As seen on the mailing list.

Would you be interested in getting a new DrongO O top?

Do you have a preference for Trimtex or Noname?

But, of course, you have already contacted Blanka about this, haven't you?



*Blanka at the finish
(Smashing picture by Ian Buxton.)*

DrongO and BOF policy

By *Blanka Collis*

Those of you who read the BOF AGM papers will have noticed a proposal sneaked in to the AGM that may well affect how and whether DrongO is still able to affiliate to BOF in future. The proposal 4 was as follows:

"Club Affiliation to British Orienteering – Mandatory Requirements That clubs affiliating to British Orienteering meet the following mandatory requirements:

The British Orienteering Affiliation Fee for Clubs fixed annually at an AGM, will become due on 1 September in the preceding calendar year.

- 1) An affiliated club shall be administered by a Committee that consists of a minimum of 3 people.
- 2) Each club must have at least 3 Officers, typically Chair, Secretary, Treasurer who may form the minimum number required as the club committee.
- 3) Each Club must have a constitution, a copy of which will also form a part of the Annual Return.
- 4) Each Club has responsibility for the maintenance of correct financial records. These shall be audited or examined annually, by a person that is independent of the committee and not related to a committee member. These accounts must be presented annually at a Club AGM and approved by club members.
- 5) Each club will make an Annual Return to the British Orienteering National Office; the Annual Return will include:
 - a. The annual affiliation fee payable to British Orienteering

- b. The contact details of the Officers
- c. The annual membership fees for the club
- d. The club constitution or equivalent *
- e. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting *

* If available on the club website a link to them will suffice

6. The Annual Club Return shall be made to the British Orienteering National Office by 1 September.

Proposed: Philip Baxter (LVO)
Seconded: Roger Hargreaves (KERNO)"

If you were at the AGM (although if you were, you should have been in the pub with the other DrongO members instead!), then you will know that the proposal has passed the vote at the AGM. This complicates matters for DrongO a bit as we fail the points requested in the following ways:

- 1) DrongO has no committee.
- 2) DrongO has no Chair, Secretary and Treasurer although the newsletter editor (Eric, with a grounding from Loz), general e-mailer/kit officer (Blanka) and IT support (Mark) do try to give the impression that the club exists (see evidence in photo by Ian Buxton)!
- 3) DrongO has no constitution.
- 4) DrongO does not only have no bank account, it also does not audit this non-existent bank account by an independent auditor.

After some idle discussion, we thought that one option is that DrongO will simply cease to be affiliated to BOF and if we want to run DrongO relays, we'll have to pretend the club is either Swedish or Czech or some other non-British nationality. For registering the Varsity Match, we will simply register it as a CUOC event.

The other option, slightly more fun, is to write a constitution (along the lines of 1. DrongO is an orienteering club for orienteers who are past attendees of Cambridge University or past members of CUOC. 2. DrongO organises the Varsity Match on a biannual basis. 3. DrongO is a closed club. etc.), open up an electronic AGM by e-mail, propose and second some officers, the acceptance of accounts (expenditure £0, income £0 as DrongO has no account), and the proposed constitution, close the AGM, and send the information to BOF with our annual return and fee.

If have any thoughts on either option (especially if you think we should make an effort to remain affiliated to BOF or not), then e-mail me.

[See the register for Blanka's email address. Ed.]

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www.drongo.org.uk

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Bits & Pieces

News from DrongOs around the globe

WAYNE PATRICK

... has been named the **NZBio Young Biotechnologist of the Year**. It's a New Zealand thing. The prize includes a trip to a convention in Chicago. Well done.

CHRIS WILLIAMSON

"My only news is that I shall be joining my former co-captain Anya on the South Coast from September, although I shall be in the rival city of Portsmouth, where I have a job teaching Chemistry. Any hints on which is the best (i.e. most social) club to join would be welcome! As would connections to any DrongO's in that direction."

VIV BARACLOUGH

Viv tells us that the *"Barracough family will be at the Lakes 5 days in August, staying on the campsite. That's not to say we'll do any orienteering! No, will probably enter at least 2 days (big wow!)"*

ERIC ROLLER,
ALISTAIR HINDLE, &
MARK COLLIS

competed successfully in the JK trophy relay. Their team finished in **30th place** (with 40 teams entered). Eric started with a good run on first leg, coming in in 15 place, 3:22 minutes down. Alistair ran second leg and came back earlier than Mark had expected, leaving Al standing at the hand-over without any sign of his team mate. Mark thus had to start his run from the far side of the waiting pen...

ERIC ROLLER

Is planning to be at the **World Master's in Switzerland**, camping with the Roller family. Let him know if you were there too.

MIIA, ANN, ERIC, ALISTAIR,
BLANKA, MARK & IAN

... had a warm meal in the pub after the mud bath on the first day of the JK 2010. See picture below (with Ian Buxton on the other side of the camera).

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Hint: See elsewhere...



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