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A Load of Old Cuocs



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Editor's Column

Here is it; my last newsletter. A somewhat thinner issue as I am holding back some material for the Anniversary Newsletter at the CUOC 40-year dinner. So, yes, this isn't actually my last one.

As the deadline came closer, I realised that I had a second deadline this week, namely the arrival of our second child. I had therefore pre-prepared a version of this newsletter, in case that I would be in the hospital now.

The plan was to add our news to page 3, but it hasn't happened yet. Instead, you may like to look for [my updates on twitter](#).

Eric Roller

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Celebrating CUOC's 40th

By *Blanka Collis* [from the mailing list]

I have been in touch with the current CUOC committee, and they are very keen and happy to get involved with organising a celebratory dinner, which would involve both past and current members of CUOC.

We have chosen a time that coincides with the Icenian next January. Old club members can come and support the Uni club, who are organising the event on **Saturday 29th January 2011**, followed by a black-tie dinner in the evening.

I have had confirmation from Ben Windsor, the new CUOC captain, that he was able to book a room in **St John's College**. The dinner will be a 3 course meal, with wine included and the cost looks likely to be £40-42 for alumni and £32-34 for current CUOCers (as I said before, I feel it is right that to a small extent the dinner should be subsidised by the alumni as the current committee are putting a lot of effort in for us to be able to go back to a college). For non-drinkers, if you let me know at the time of booking, we agreed with Ben to have a lower price.

It would be great to see many old members there. The final numbers don't need to be with the college until fairly close to

the event, so I will be taking bookings all the way until Christmas (well about 20th

December or so). I'm currently not sure on the upper capacity of the room, but if there turns out to be one 'first come first served' will apply.

So far, the following 27 have expressed an interest in coming:

.....**1950s**

Chris Thorne, Chris Morley

.....**1970s**

Don McKerrow, John Hurley,
Colin Duckworth

.....**1980s**

Alison Harding (née Moore),
Kevin Harding, Trevor Hoey,
Jenny Peel (née James),
Ian Buxton, Adam Leaf,
Barbara Tebbutt (née Marshall),
Iain Tebbutt, John Foster,
Lucy Wiegand (née Partridge),
Tim Wiegand, Phil Slingsby,
Hazel Grant

.....**1990s**

Eric Roller, Alistair Hindle,
Mark Collis, Nigel Whiteoak,
David Bowman, Petr Lukšan

.....**2000s**

Blanka Collis (née Sengerova),
David Cottingham, Alex Copley

I look forward to hearing from more ex-CUOCers (if you know of any that haven't heard about this event, then do pass on the details).

Bits & Pieces

News from DrongOs around the globe

LOZ COLYER

...has recently been granted access to broad band and was thus able to tell us that he is *"still living in Cumbria, still working (playing outdoors) at Tower Wood, and still really enjoying both! Doing some orienteering, mostly the summer evening events which are on such good Lake District terrain that they make the weekly trek around Thetford Forest seem a funny place to go orienteering for 4 years..."*

Had some fun adventures recently, like sea kayaking to the Isle of Man, another Mourne Mountain Marathon, ski touring in Morocco, and ice climbing in Italy. Not a bad job to have with these holidays, eh?

I still have fond memories of my CUOC days, so hi to everyone that was there with me, especially the people I haven't been in touch with for a while."

SIMON THOMAS

...is about to head off to start a job in Australia. In reply to my note about the anniversary dinner, back in early June he said,

"Unfortunately (well, not really!) I hope to be moving out to Australia in the next few months to take up a job in Melbourne, so I don't think I'll be able to make it to the anniversary dinner next year."

Since then, immigration hoops have been jumped through and he told Blanka that he has *"received visa from Oz immigration this week, so its actually going to happen, yikes!, can't wait now. Job is doing similar work to what I do now, but working for a consultancy rather than a railway company directly, they have work all over Australia and in Hong Kong & Taiwan as well, so should be opportunity for travel."*

VM Update

A friend of Petr Luksan, Pavel Horak of the [University Orienteering Club in Prague](#) has agreed to arrange the VM races in the Czech Republic, **2nd and 3rd April 2011** (incl. training events on 30th, 31st March, model event 1st April).

It will be held in prime orienteering terrain near Doksy ([Google maps](#)), in a typical Czech sandstone area.



We will be staying in [Lesni Hotel](#) in two or three bedded rooms, for about €27 per night (incl. food). A bus to & from Prague airport is planned. Let Blanka know now if you are interested in coming!

NB. It may be worth looking at [getting vaccinated against TBE](#) which is more prevalent in ticks in the CZ. Immunisation takes about 6 months.

VM Maps

Blanka would like to put together an archive of old Varsity maps (she's got a few starting ones from Ian Bratt from the first 6). Would people be willing to dig up theirs and e-mail them to her?

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Hint: Now also in 3D...



ELSPETH INGLEBY

...is *"going to Uganda next week for over a month! Very exciting, but does mean I will be more or less out of contact for the next wee while."*

DAVID COTTINGHAM

...wrote back in in June:

"Cambridge is much the same as always: I'm working for Citrix Systems, trying to herd cats, or rather, make software engineers at Citrix talk to those at partners like HP, Dell, Fujitsu, Intel, and so on. Great fun, but extremely busy. Currently trying to recruit two people to take some of the work, which then means more work interviewing etc.... But it is definitely great fun. Some travel, but not too frequent (partly depends on how happy I can manage to keep partners!)."

WMOC 2011

Hungary, 30th June to 9th July

[Global Orienteering Tours](#) with our friend Nick Barrable are offering well-organised travel/hotel packages.

Also note the upcoming [Juniper Cup, 19-22 November](#).

Old Photos

By *Blanka Collis*

I have uploaded the Annual Dinner formal photos I had from Mark and my years in CUOC (and also from Ian Bratt) to the DrongO group on Facebook (feel free to tag your friends that might not have seen them). If anyone has more of those photographs, I would love to have them too to add to the others.

ALAN ELDER

...appears to have gotten married, as per some photos on Facebook. No other details other than that [he was tagged in some photos](#).

DARREL HIGH

"Can't wait for the OMM! Doing some good training runs in the [Swiss] mountains here. Long score is the best but so glad I don't feel compelled to do it anymore!"

EMMA POOLEY

...recently won the [women's time trial at the 2010 UCI World Cycling Championships](#) in Melbourne, Australia (26mph!).

CATHERINE WILSON

"I thought I should share my latest news in that we had another baby on 27th August this year. Anna Grace, arrived at 6.01 am weighing 6lb 7oz (not bad considering she was 5 weeks early!)"

Congratulations!

"I'm not sure whether she'll be that keen on orienteering, as she certainly did her best to scupper our plans for a week's holiday at the Lakes 5-day in August. We'd travelled up to the Lakes on the Saturday afternoon before the event started on Sunday. Steve was planning to run all week and I was looking forward to

New O-Tops

By *Blanka Collis*

I have received the new Noname club tops. They feel great, are slightly looser than the previous Trimtex ones, and I have four spares available for anyone to buy (there are two mediums, one L, and one XL). There is a logo on the front and a logo and the writing "DrongO" on the back. They're modelled in the photos on the right (kindly taken by Wendy Carlyle and Ian Buxton). The remaining ones are short-sleeved and cost £34.20. Please let Blanka know if you want one.



On the topic of O tops, I have one last remaining SMALL one of the older 2006 vintage Trimtex style left (see photo on the left, similar design to the new ones but in this case the writing is only on the back), which I will sell for £20 as an end of line item if anyone is interested (assuming you're small enough to fit in it).



catching up with lots of people and perhaps taking Daniel round the string courses. But by Saturday midnight my waters had broken and I had to make my way to Lancaster hospital! After a few nights in both Lancaster hospital and then my local hospital, she was eventually born on the following Friday... though Steve did manage to sneak back up to the Lakes to get one run in on Day 4!

Haven't yet decided whether we could manage to get to the VM next year but it certainly sounds tempting so far!"



Anna, 2 weeks old

JENNY PEEL

... reports the arrival of "Nathan Peel born 25th October 2010 at 5.15pm weighing 9lb 3oz (4.17kg) in Jessops, Sheffield."

Congratulations!

OMM Hallowe'en Results

Probably a favourite for all DrongOs; here are some results:

Darrell High (& Nigel Bunn) 11th on Elite, Neil Talbott (?) 4th on A, Ash Bown (& Ryan Kestle) 5th on A, Alex Copley and Alan Elder 11th on A, Matt Halliday (& sister Jo) 33rd on the B, Mark Bown & Alex Rothman 8th on Long Score, Mark & Blanka Collis 150th on Long Score, Nigel Whiteoak & Chris Marsh 75th on Medium Score.