

## WELSH-NORWEGIAN THINGS

Two clubs in Bergen (Gular and Fana) have been negotiating dates with me because of the clash with the Scottish 6-day at the end of July 2005. My contact Bjarte has suggested that we go in the last 10 days of August 2005, to take part in the local championships for the region: the Hordalan-Mesterskapet, and the following weekend for the west of Norway: the Vestlands Mesterskapet. These dates also fit with the Welsh school holidays. The latter point is important as I have been in touch with Kate Balmond and the Welsh Junior Squad to extend the catchment as it were.

This is also the case with the Norwegians, Bjarte can get extra funding if they bring a contingent of 13 - 16 year olds, as well as older club members.

Which leads to the other point, the Norwegian school holidays around Easter 2005. It appears that it works better for all if they come the week before Easter ( that is the last weekend in March next year), and then travel to Cannock from Cardiff on their way home.

So far we are intending to use a farm cottages complex between Misikin and Cowbridge for accommodation: the website is: [www.valeholidayhomes.co.uk](http://www.valeholidayhomes.co.uk)

If anyone has any other or better ideas for hosting @ 30 Norwegian O-guests please let me know asap.

See you soon?

Mike Down ([mikedown@mikedown.plus.com](mailto:mikedown@mikedown.plus.com))

Please contact Mike if you are interested in joining the trip to Norway.

### Ranking List Info

For information only, I have two extra columns showing the total number of events each competitor has completed and the average number of points they gained at these events. However the ranking list is still ordered on the best 10 results.

Please let me have details of any missing results.

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## EDITORIAL

Plenty of snippets to browse through in this edition, don't forget to sign up for the Norwegian Tour.

It was decided at the Committee meeting to go ahead with a low key series of Summer Evening events this year using the permanent courses (Y,O,G, with an option for a Score event.) There will not be league calculations and possibly only self-timing. The idea is to reduce the work load for organisers.

Plans are still afoot to hold a club meal, perhaps after an evening event -watch this space.

Due to the difficulties with sending e mail attachments you will now receive an email when the latest edition of Platform is available. This can then be downloaded from the website. Paper copies will not be affected.

## STOP PRESS

**Our Croeso Organiser Nigel is putting together the helpers list for Day 6 (21st August). Please contact him if you haven't already done so, all helpers will get a free run on that day.** (Tel 02920255037 or nigel.ferrand@virgin.net)

## SCOTTISH 6 DAY 2005

Accommodation is apparently already difficult to find for next year's Scottish 6 Days. Kevin Bush and Jane Ritchie have found two self catering units sleeping 6 and 4 respectively, but have not yet booked either. If anyone is interested in sharing either of these units with Kevin and Jane please contact Jane as soon as possible either by email to [jane.a.ritchie@virgin.net](mailto:jane.a.ritchie@virgin.net) or by phone on 029 2072 6787.

## RECENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Cerys and other members of the Manning family who have started the year in fantastic form.

Cerys W18 1st BOC & JK  
W20 3rd SHI

Gill W55 1st BOC & JK

Rhys M 21L 2nd BOC

Judith Powell W60L 2nd BOC

Other members successes at the JK:

Rhodri Buffet 3rd M16 A

Michael Bryant 3rd M16B

Lizzie Clemence 12th W12 B

Holly Bryant 2nd W14B

Noelle Bryant 12th W45S

Kate Balmond 12th W50S

Jonathan Dallimore 1st U18 MTBO

Rhys and Cerys represented Wales at the Senior Home International at Trossachs Pier.

The following juniors will be running Wales at the Junior Inter Regional Champs in Scotland in July:

W16 Clare Dallimore

Lauren Ferrand

W14 Holly Bryant

M16 Michael Bryant

Rhodri Buffet

Jonathan Dallimore

## Have you volunteered yet ? TRIPLE O SEVERN WEEK-END

Our club will be running the starts at the NGOC National Event on Sunday 2nd May at Lydney Park (Day 2 of Triple O Severn Weekend). Please could you let Pete Colbert [pete.colbert@btopenworld.com - (029) 2076 3827] know whether you will be attending, and whether you would prefer an early or late run. Please enter the event as normal, discounted entry fees will be sorted out later.

The Welsh Junior Squad will be manning the start and finish on Day 1 at Russell's Enclosure FOD. If you have entered and would be willing to help that day

### Some Day 2 snippets from JK

Alan Mac to someone from another club whilst standing by John Mills car and in earshot (which he had travelled up in and was seeking now) ... 'I've spent what seem like half an hour wandering up and down looking for a green car ... can I find it'. He then wandered off and returned a long time later after relocating us. Lucky we got to the event way before our start times (the car incidently was not green!).

A little later Alan asked if anyone had seen his shoe .... after a few minutes it transpired he was standing on it.

Alan when Kate wandered by wearing her 'Wales' tracksuit top. 'Look she lost a 'H' (Alan was lately clomped by Kate for his remark.)

### Pontypool Park

Kate Balmond organised a very successful informal event at Pontypool Park in March. The Guides who came were particularly enthusiastic trying several courses. Several of our newer Family members were there and it was good to see them again the following weekend at the Cwm Lickey event.

Congratulations to Kate for gaining her Coaching Certificate

### Contributions to PLATFORM

Anybody with anything to say please write / e-mail me at 1 Windsor Ave, Radyr, Cardiff, CF15 8BW or e-mail Caroline@ndallimore.freemove.co.uk  
Next issue hopefully end of July.

## Portugese 4 Days, Evora, February 2004

We in Britain have a lot to be thankful for when it comes to hosting international events – as English is an official IOF language we can simply produce an English programme and have no problems with overseas translations. If you host a World Ranking Event in any other country you are expected to produce an English translation of your programme. Over the years I have enjoyed the sometimes quaint English translations that have greeted me at overseas events, but have been very thankful to have them. How could I manage in Poland, Czech, Slovakia or Hungary for instance without them?

My most recent foray overseas to Portugal, left me thankful that I didn't have to translate the Croeso programme into Portuguese. I especially liked the Municipal Speaker of the house of Evora thanking "the Deficient ones of the Armed Forces" in his welcoming address.

The travel direction took some following. "From Evora, to follow to Beja/Reguengos do Monsaraz (National 18), capsizing for Reguengos de Monsaraz/Espana (National 256), existing to break of this crossing signalling plates."

By the time you get to the event the terrain descriptions become a challenge. "Terrain of mounted of sobreiro and azinheira wavy and in general clean of easy race". No problem once you realise sobreiro and azinheira are names of vegetation.

By day three I was seriously getting the hang of it and had no problem translating "Terrain the mounted and olivel of with some rocky details some you surround" as meaning hilly ground with olive groves, rock features and walls.

I can recommend Portugal. The competitions were well organised, there was a very good international field, and we all had a super T shirt at the end of day 4. This last day was a town race round the cobbled streets of Reuengos de Monsataz, great fun and the sort of thing we could never get permission to put on here.

Judith Powell

Pos	Name	Class	Total Points	Counting Events	Average of all events	Total Events	Events included
1	Cerys Manning	W18	3019	10	287	15	Llangynidr – 6 Sep 03
2	Judith Powell	W60	2858	10	272	15	Merthyr Common – 7 Sep 03
3	Jill Manning	W55	2845	10	261	16	Aire Nat event – 13 Sep 03
4	Rhodri Buffett	M16	2813	10	277	11	Aire Badge event – 14 Sep 03
5	James Clemence	M40	2621	10	252	13	Caddihoe Chase – 20/21 Sep 03
6	Frank Ince	M60	2485	10	237	14	VHI – 27 Sep 03
7	Rhys Manning	M21	2447	10	227	15	Sarum Saunter – 28 Sep 03
8	Alan Mackenzie	M55	2395	10	201	25	JHI – 5 Oct 03
9	Clare Dallimore	W16	2309	10	231	10	Bucklebury – 5 Oct 03
10	Lauren Ferrand	W16	2303	10	217	13	Croft Castle – 12 Oct 03
11	Helen Sharp	W40	2253	10	186	18	SHI – 18 Oct 03
12	Sue Colbert	W55	2091	10	166	19	Hopton Woods – 19 Oct 03
13	Kate Balmond	W50	2030	10	194	11	Ringwood – 26 Oct 03
14	Graham Tough	M60	2003	10	196	11	Nov Classic – 2 Nov 03
15	John Mills	M50	2003	10	194	11	Tinto – 2 Nov 03
16	Jeffrey Colbert	M21	1999	10	195	11	Postenplain – 9 Nov 03
17	Nigel Ferrand	M45	1963	10	180	13	Long Valley – 9 Nov 03
18	Peter Colbert	M50	1934	10	178	17	Pembrey – 16 Nov 03
19	Sarah Bayliss	W35	1821	8	228	8	Cwm Lickey – 30 Nov 03
20	Neil Grant	M50	1734	8	217	8	SOLOS3 Tay – Nov 03
21	Noelle Bryant	W45	1717	8	215	8	Ashridge – 11 Jan 04
22	Holly Bryant	W14	1709	9	190	9	Mallards Pike – 18 Jan 04
23	Kevin Bush	M45	1615	10	151	13	Gore Heath – 25 Jan 04
24	Michael Bryant	M16	1573	9	175	9	GO Nat Event – 1 Feb 04
25	Jane Ritchie	W45	1569	10	150	11	Chiltern Challenge 8 Feb 04
26	Gareth Buffett	M55	1541	7	220	7	Concorde Chase – 15 Feb 04
27	Nick Dallimore	M45	1501	7	214	7	Dudmaston Hall – 15 Feb 04
28	Caroline Dallimore	W45	1469	8	184	8	Whiteford Burrows – 22 Feb 04
29	Jeff Bryant	M45	1463	9	163	9	British Night Champs – 28 Feb 04
30	Lizzie Clemence	W12	1403	8	175	8	JOK Sprint – 29 Feb 04
31	Jonathan Dallimore	M16	1374	6	229	6	Big Wood – 29 Feb 04
32	Colin Powell	M65	1295	5	259	5	Tentsmuir – 29 Feb 04
33	Vladimir Kuznetsov	M45	944	4	236	4	Cwm Lickey – 7 Mar 04
34	Alan Hartley	M21	912	6	152	6	Touch Estate – 7 Mar 04
35	Michelle Tinker	W21	842	4	211	4	WCH CompassSport Trophy – 14 Mar 04
36	Clare Grant	W45	830	6	138	6	British Champs – 20 Mar 04
37	Nyall Meredith	M45	732	6	122	6	Dorset Delight – 28 Mar 04
38	Carys Morgan	W21	657	3	219	3	Wrekin – 4 Apr 04
39	Peter Ribbans	M45	630	4	158	4	JK – 10/11 Apr 04
40	Jane Clemence	W35	589	6	69	6	
41	Peter Nicholson	M55	343	2	172	2	
42	Alun Morgan	M60	288	2	144	2	
43	Nadine Jones	W12	283	2	142	2	
44	Jane Ince	W14	265	2	133	2	
45	Adrian Moir	M40	246	1	246	1	
46	Alison Stevens	W35	245	1	245	1	
47	Havard Prosser	M55	215	1	215	1	
48	Kate Ince	W50	214	3	71	3	
49	Richard Howells	M45	199	2	100	2	
50	Morven Graham	W10	170	1	170	1	
51	Rhona Graham	W10	170	1	170	1	
52	Holly Morris	W12	166	1	166	1	
53	Lyndon Sutton	M50	164	1	164	1	
54	Lee Jones	M35	159	2	80	2	

## CALENDAR

### May

#### 1st—3rd Triple O Severn Weekend

1st Short Race FCC & UK Cup Russells End FOD Andrew Pearce 011796077181

#### 2nd NGOC /SWOC National Lydney Park SO625022 R Coe 01594 510444

3rd BOK British Championship Relays Moseley Green FOD

8th NGOC Local & Mini League. Standish Wood, Stroud. SO/838087. D&S Hartley, 01452 863805. £3.00/£1.00. Regn 1200 - 1255. O, G & Blue courses only

9th HOC District Event. Croft Castle, Ludlow. SO/450656. S Chambers, 0121 532 4781. samacham@msn.com £4.50/£2.00. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.50. No dogs.

#### 13th SWOC Evening Event Cyfarthfa Park Starts 6.30-7.00—Gill Manning

#### 27th SWOC Evening Event Pontcanna Starts 6.30-7.00 –Dallimores

### June

4th BOK Adams Avery/BOK/ASO Relays. Ashton Court, Bristol. ST/553724.

#### 10th SWOC Evening Event Caldicot Castle Starts 6.30-7.00 John Mills

12th HOC District Event. Baggeridge Park, Sedgley. SO/899935M White, 01215 548563. marianw123@aol.com £4.00/£1.50. W,Y,Lt Gr,Gr & Blue only.

#### 24th SWOC Evening Event Cwm Dare Park Starts 6.30-7.00 Frank Ince

#### 27th SWOC Local event Cosmeston Country Park Mike Down /Frank Ince

### July

#### 8th SWOC Evening Event Cosmeston starts 6.30-7.00 Pete Colbert

#### 18th SWOC Score Relay Cwmdare ORGANISER NEEDED

### August

14th WOA Croeso Training Event. Storey Arms South West, Brecon. SN/977204.

#### 15th-21st CROESO 2004

### September

#### 12th SWOC Llangynidr Local ORGANISER NEEDED

### October

#### ?? SWOC Mynydd y Gear Local ORGANISER NEEDED

3rd BOKTrot National Moseley Green FOD

### November

14th POW Local Event. Coed Allt Goch, Llanidloes. SN/952851. Anne Wilson, 01974 282640 hills@globalnet.co.uk

#### 21st SWOC Welsh League Wenallt ORGANISER NEEDED

### December

#### 28th SWOC Xmas Score Cwmdare ORGANISER NEEDED