

WCOC 50th year 2017 Celebrations! (Updated 29th August)

Events are now well and truly underway and we have some great events coming up. Read on for the next events, followed by a brief review of what's been going on below:

Look out for our new 50th Anniversary Flag at events!

50th O Top - the first order has been delivered and can be seen out in the forest! If you want one let us know and we will put in a second order - [see here if you want to order one](#).

Next up!

King of the Mountains and King of the Sprinters competitions will conclude this week along with the summer evening series. Prizes will be presented at the Pie and Pea night on 12 October. See the Members Facebook page for the up to date league standings.

17th September – Triple O (Long – Middle – Sprint. Based from Fitz Park, run one, two or all three! Further details on Events page of the website.

12th October - Keswick Sprint followed by Pie and Pea at Kong. Guest speaker Joss Naylor! Watch out for details in the weekly ebulletin and on the website - you will need to book your pie.

19th October – AGM – short☺ - followed by an informal social meal – as last year at Wild Zuccinis in Cockermouth. Details will appear under Events on the website - you will need to book your place for food.

November – Urban sprint Sat 25th (planner tbc), followed by Bleaberry Fell Galloper 26th November (Blue Team)

Dinner with speaker - we hope to have a dinner with speaker to bring together many of the long standing, and few remaining founder members. Date and details to be confirmed.

December – Xmas event for Juniors

Photobook – Mike Pearson has been asked to co-ordinate a photobook as a chronicle of the year.

Schools - a memento will be given to all school series participants at a Festival of Orienteering in the Autumn, to support our future club members and champions!

Offers of help or any questions can be directed to Graham Watson, John Taylor, Lynne Thomas, Ian Teasdale or Lesley Wornham who together form the 2017 Working Group.

And what's been:

[50th O top](#) and flag designs: Very many thanks to those who sent in designs for a 50th O top and flag. There were many great designs but in the end the judges favourite was Anne Burbidge's - look out for the flag and O tops out in the terrain!

January 7th (Saturday) – Club Chase at Hawse End - [see the photos, watch the video from Mike Pearson](#). Great weather and great courses. Warm Yurts to change in and get tea, soup and cake all made this an event to remember. Many thanks to Liz for organisation and to Anne for the courses, and the Juniors and helpers for refreshments.

And the same January 7th evening - Club night at Embleton Village Hall. Oh, the blow football! Will it become an annual event?

February 16th (Thursday) – SprintObiathlon in Fitz Park, Keswick. A night to remember. See the fun and games on this [great video from Mike Pearson](#).

March/April – Back to the Future – 3 events – 2 retro and 1 modern. Think black and white maps, master maps, copying controls and pin punches. Great fun was had making paper mache balls out of disintegrating control cards, and trying to cope with a black and white 1:25'000 map. For many it was nostalgic and for others they are so thankful for what we now have! See comments on Facebook from Setmurthy, Lowther Park and Buttermere.

May 13/14th – a Gallophen Middle / Long Weekend. Based at Fisher Ground in Eskdale in some of our best terrain. What a great weekend. The bracken still down, lovely weather, great courses. Many thanks to the Red and White teams who made it happen!

June – the **Harvester Relays** were held in the South Lakes. The UK's answer to Jukola this midnight start, 7 or 5 person relay had very tough courses planned by Matthew Vokes.

Well done to the younger juniors. Winning the junior trophy!

And a great place overall. You were pushed hard by the other B course team .

A great result on the A course, fourth overall and just missing out on two trophies is that our highest ever finish on the Harvester??

May and June - Combined BikeO/FootO series. Taking the fortnightly [Allerdale Bike Challenge](#) which takes place on Wednesday evenings with the Thursday evening FootO events gave a combined series. Events will take place fortnightly in May and June with a prize giving after the 5th ABC event on **12th July**. Scoring was based on completing both the ride and the run in each particular week. 25 people completed at least 1 week and with the best 3 of 4 scores to count Roger Jackson and Kate Charles came out clear winners, with Lily Regan winning the Junior class.

July 8/9th – Club Championships – a summer Club Chase (on Scale Hill); Bike Orienteering from Loweswater village Hall and Parish Relays in Holme Wood gave a great weekend of activity. The bracken was up which caused a bit of a fight but there was good competition, good tea and cake in the Hall, and a lovely informal social meal in the evening. All results on the website. Many thanks to Mike Billingham for planning and organising the Chase, Tony Brand-Barker for Bike O and Simon Hunter and Lynne Thomas for the relays.