

WCOC 2017 website update - 22 May:

WCOC 50th year 2017 Celebrations!

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!

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 will give a combined series. Events will take place on **17/18th May and 31/1st May/June, 14/15th June and 28/29th June**, with a prize giving after the 5th ABC event on **12th July**. There will be trophies for first Junior boy and girls, and senior woman and man. Scores can count towards your individual combined league score even if you compete in a pair at the Bike O (courtesy of the magician/statistician!). [Pre-entries for the Bike O](#) are **much preferred** with limited entry on the day. Please note that juniors U15 have to ride with an adult (BMBO Insurance condition). This is referred to as a generation team.

It is preferred that U18 ride as a pair or generation team for safety reasons.

June – the **Harvester Relays** are being held in the South Lakes. The UK's answer to Jukola this midnight start, 7 or 5 person relay will be a fantastic club event. Entries will be coordinated nearer the time by Alan Irving. A number of different classes so something for everyone. [See here for preliminary details!](#)

July 8/9th – Club Championships – a summer Club Chase (on Scale Hill); Bike Orienteering (**pre-entry now open and highly recommended** for this 90 minute score from Loweswater Village Hall); and Parish Relays (Holme Wood). The village hall has been booked for the weekend and it will be possible to stay the night there. **See Events page on the website for more details.**

August – An informal social get together at the Scottish Six Day 30th July - 5th August. **Volunteer Coordinator needed!!**

September – Long – Middle – Sprint run as one event (or choose which you'd like to do)– event details to be announced. Date to be confirmed; Alastair Thomas planning.

October – AGM – short☺ - followed by an informal social meal – details to be announced.

November – Urban sprint relay Sat 25th (Mike Billingham), followed by Bleaberry Fell Galloper 26th November (Blue Team)

December – Xmas event for Juniors

King of the Mountains and King of the Sprinters – during the summer series of 2017 the planner will be asked to identify a leg for each, with a league of men and women winners over the series. With a suitable jersey for each as the prize.

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 to support our future club members and champions!

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

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 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!