

WCOC 50th year 2017 Celebrations!

50th O top and flag: 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, which you should see on the cover of the Newsletter. The O tops should be available at the start of the year - keep an eye on the website and the weekly e-bulletin for details.

Plans continue to be developed to make our events in 2017 that little bit extra special. We aim to have events to suit all club members (and former club members), and to have events, celebrations and competitions throughout the year. Some will be combined with existing series and orienteering events but there will be one or two unique ones along the way. Of course all the above relies on having volunteers, as the committee and sub-committee cannot do everything!

January 7th (Saturday) – Club Chase at Hawse End. Blessed with sunny calm weather in 2016, many people enjoyed chatting for some time after the Chase - a rare event. So this time we have booked the Yurts at Hawse End to ensure some warm shelter and there will be tea and cake so please stay and catch up with all your club mates. Planner - Anne Burbidge; Organiser - Liz Elliott; refreshments - Lynne coordinating juniors and parents.

And the same January 7th evening - Club night at Embleton Village Hall with food, quiz and of course our annual Awards.

February 16th (Thursday) – an urban orienteering Biathlon! No, not rifles but darts. Venue in Cockermouth to be confirmed. Get practising controlling your breathing and calming yourself to get the top score. Graham Watson organising - looking for a helper, and dart boards!!

March – Back to the Future – 4 events – retro and modern series. Think black and white maps, master maps, copying controls and pin punches. John Taylor coordinating.

May 13/14th – a Galloper Middle / Long Weekend. Based at Fisher Ground in Eskdale in some of our best terrain. Red and White teams taking a day each.

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. Combined series events will take place on **17th and 31st May, 14th and 28th June**, with a prize giving after the 5th ABC event on 12th July. **Volunteer statistician needed!**

May/June – a trip to Jukola (Finland) and/or the Harvester Relays in the UK are being considered. Keep an eye out for details

July 8/9th – Club Championships – a summer Club Chase; Bike Orienteering and Parish Relays based around Loweswater.

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 – 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 level D Sat 25th (Ian Teasdale), followed by Bleaberry Fell Galloper 26th November.

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.