

WCOC Social Secretary's Report - AGM 20th October 2016

In addition to the weekly club orienteering events, the Club enjoyed a number of social events.

Spook-O October 29th 2015

Not so much a social event, but a great fun evening to raise awareness of the club and to entertain adults and children. 91 adults, 94 children attended. Most visitors were from West Cumbria, but the Hudds came all the way from Bristol... Thanks to great input from a number of members of the club for making the evening a success. Spooky controls included a generator-run Hallowe'en cartoon show (followed by very successful unexpected spooking!), the Flying Dutchman phantom ship, an intricate string spider's web, young witches fooling visitors into a giant spider trap, fabulously face-painted Day of the Dead witches, and a game for visitors to stab floating apples with a fork. Helped by super weather conditions.

New Year Social, January 9th 2016

The WCOC annual club social evening was held at Embleton Village Hall. 37 adults and 20 children attended. All the guests provided the delicious food. To replace the traditional ceilidh, we enjoyed many party games and ran a raffle. Party games included Bingo!, Jumbled newspapers in a Train, Rolling Maltesers down a metal rule, a team-cooperation game with avalanche poles, and the Baked Bean game. Also a Geo-Guesser-inspired picture quiz. The party game format was deemed a great success.

The Club Social, combined with a very successful Club Chase the next morning made for a great club w/e.

Summer Social 2016

There was no official summer social this year, due to a packed early summer orienteering programme. However, the many club members who took part in the 5-day Croeso 2016 event at the end of July enjoyed a great week of orienteering and being social in South Wales.

Autumn Social 2016 – Pie and Pea Supper, 13th October 2016

The final social event of the year was this week's successful Pea and Pie supper, held once again at Kong Adventure in Keswick after a great Keswick Streets event. Daniel, BenB, Niamh, Rosie, Louis, JoeS and Zac gave an entertaining presentation on their experiences as our talented Squad members on recent international competitions, trips and training, as well as a plea to help BOF as its funding is slashed. David and Vanessa came up with a great anagram quiz. Thank you to these people. The pies were particularly good this year, and Michael Pearson treated all to delicious cake to celebrate his completion of all the ECO Wainwrights (no fossil fuel used!)

Sincere thanks go to all those members of the club who have helped and contributed to the running of these social events. We look forward to the Club's 50th Birthday year in 2017, which will include many more special social events.

Catherine Wetherfield, October 2016