

# **WCOC Social Secretary's Report - AGM 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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

## **Spook-O October 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Not so much a social event, but a great fun evening to raise awareness of the club and to entertain adults and children. 58 adults, 77 children attended - fewer than previous years due mainly to poor weather conditions, but very well enjoyed nonetheless. Most visitors were from West Cumbria, but a few from as far afield as Oxfordshire; most reported being repeat visitors. Thanks to great input from members of the club for making the evening a success. Spooky controls included impressive laser lights, a flying witch, a very scary werewolf, trolls, witches offering spooky food tasting, Macbeth's Hubble-Bubble witches, the Addams Family and a horrid witch in her little house insulting visitors!

## **New Year Social, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The WCOC annual club social evening was held at Embleton Village Hall after a successful and sociable Club Chase at Hawes End. As usual, all the guests provided the delicious food. Party games included multiple ingenious and testing quizzes, blow football and the club-favourite Baked Bean game. This social is particularly enjoyed by WCOC families. There was an award ceremony for 2016 club champs and Galoppen winners.

## **Sociable Camping at Eskdale weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

As part of the WCOC 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, a double event weekend was held in Eskdale. The base was Fisherground Camp site and the weekend attracted both members of the club as well as visitors from other clubs. Many orienteers camped overnight at the campsite, so I am including this weekend as a sociable event! Great bacon rolls, tea & cake stall to raise funds for the juniors.

## **Summer Social 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Following a very enjoyable combined Summer Chase and MBO event, we held a simple Summer Social at Loweswater Village Hall. Around 30 members attended, bringing a delicious array of sweet and savoury food for a shared buffet. Thanks to the beautiful weather, the junior members enjoyed badminton and football-based play outside, whilst the adults chilled inside and chatted. A very pleasant evening.

## **Scottish Six Day 2017**

A large contingent from the club attended the Scottish 6 Day Event based around Ballater/Braemar. Many of the club camped at the large camping ground provided at Ballater, which must have been very sociable! The club used its tent at each day's event, so there was a friendly base for those who wished to hang out together. No former social event was arranged.

### **Summer Season Finale, Coledale Inn, 31st August 2017**

As is traditional, the final event of the Summer Season was followed by a social at the Coledale Inn in Braithwaite. Many club members stayed to enjoy the excellent pub food and the annual Summer Season Awards ceremony.

### **Autumn Social 2016 – Pie and Pea Supper, 12<sup>th</sup> 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. We were very fortunate to have Joss Naylor to entertain us with amusing tales from his life of world-class fell-running, and our thanks also go to Tony Duncan for guiding Joss's talk like a 'pro'. Special thanks also to the Rea's for their help getting Joss to Keswick and back home and to all those who contributed to the collection of slide show images that illustrated the talk. The pies were excellent again this year, and around 90 members and non-members attended. £130 was raised for Joss Naylor's chosen charity, Brathay Hall, by way of a raffle provided by Steve Birkinshaw and Berghaus. Many thanks to all for this.

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 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Formal meal on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Melbreak Country House Hotel, A595 Great Clifton. Full details will be announced next week, when tickets will go on sale for £21.50 each (for 3-course formal meal with after-dinner speaker (tbc)).

**Catherine Wetherfield, WCOC Social Secretary, October 2017**