

WCOC Social Secretary's Report - AGM 18th Oct 2018

In addition to the weekly club orienteering events, the Club enjoyed several additional social events.

Club's 50th Birthday Formal meal on November 25th 2017

Held at the Melbreak Country House Hotel, A595 Great Clifton. A very enjoyable meal was enjoyed by 37 members and past-members followed by a slide show of mostly orienteering photos through the decades. Some great photos of well-known faces, and how young we all looked when we were much younger!

Christmas holiday festive orienteering events with social gatherings

Two events over the Christmas/New Year period stand out as being worthy of a mention in this report – the pre-Christmas Sunday informal event and 'mini-social' in the festive Wetherdale garage at Beck Wythop, with mulled apple juice and apple cake and mince pies; and then the fun, novel New Year's Day Mawbray Dunes score event organised by Dave Fenwick, followed by the ever-popular gathering at Bank Mill Nursery Tearoom.

New Year Social, January 6th 2018

The WCOC annual club January social evening was held at Embleton Village Hall the evening before the Club Chase at Rannerdale Knott. As usual, all the guests provided the delicious buffet. This year we had a huge and wonderful ceilidh band from Brigham "Travelling Light" who played beautifully for us, (and donated all their fee to a local charity.) The Goodwin family brought along an ingenious snatch-raffle game which kept us all on our feet, stealing prizes from children. There was a small award ceremony for 2017 club champs and Galoppen winners, as well as prizes for winners of Roger Jackson's year-long 50th birthday newsletter quiz.

Summer Social 8th July 2018

Following training and an event at Mawbray Dunes, we held a simple Summer Social at Mawbray Village Hall, a mere 300 yds walk into the village from the south-end dunes car park. Around 30 members attended, bringing a delicious array of sweet and savoury food for a shared buffet. It was noted what a good hall this is, with excellently stocked kitchen, smaller bar room and larger hall space (with stage)! We didn't really use the hall space, but chilled and ate and chatted in the bar area. A very pleasant late afternoon/early evening 'do'.

Lakes 5 Day 2018

A large contingent from the club attended the Lakes 5 Day event. No former social event was arranged.

Summer Season Finale, Coledale Inn, 30th August 2018

As is traditional, the final event of the Summer Season (this year at Whinlatter) 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 2018 – Pie and Pea Supper, 11th October 2018

The final social event of the year was this week's Pea and Pie supper, held once again at Kong Adventure in Keswick after a rather rainy Keswick Streets event. Around 50 members attended, including some new faces – welcome! Sincere thanks go to Mike Pearson, who put together a really enjoyable sound-tracked slide show, selected from pictures that he took documenting the club's 50th anniversary year. I am sure Michael managed to capture every one of us (although not always flatteringly!) The photographs are a precious record for the club.

For those members who had missed the Coledale Inn Season Finale Social, Graham Watson presented some final Summer 2018 awards.



Many thanks go to all those members of the club who have helped and contributed to the running of these social events. Of course, *all* our weekly events, year-round, are an ideal opportunity for social gathering alongside orienteering activity, although as we enter into head-torch season, you might not be able to see who you're talking to!

Whether you take part in the winter night season, or you take a break now from evening orienteering until the spring, please do keep joining in with the daytime orienteering and social events arranged by the club over the coming winter months.

Catherine Wetherfield, WCOC Social Secretary, October 2018