



## Upcoming Fixtures....

**THIS WEEK Thur 22 January, Threlkeld.** Some tricky orienteering on this old mining site. The moon will be new with just a sliver showing, so no help with the navigation! There will be a great Night Hawk course for those who want a run without the hassle of finding technical control sites. See website for details.

**Thur 29 January, Sale Fell.** Always a popular venue with good, fast running. A good bright moon if the clouds stay away.... could be a cracker! There will be a Night Hawk course for those who want a run without the hassle of finding technical control sites. See website for details.

### Event Fees for 2015.

Entry fees for the Evening Events (our level D events) will increase to £3.50 for seniors and £2 for juniors. This is in line with the AGM decision to have a zero membership fee for WCOC, and to recover the resultant shortfall by increasing the entry fees.

Please remember you will need to renew (or join) British Orienteering (£5 senior and £2 junior) to have the required insurance cover. This can be done online at [www.britisshorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britisshorienteering.org.uk)

### Spring & Summer Evening Events

Arrangements are in hand for the 2015 series of spring and summer evening events. Do you fancy having a go at some planning this year? There is plenty of mentoring available if you feel you may need it. Mike Harrison is organising the series so you can contact him for a venue/date of your choice. Get in early!

The spring series this year will have park/urban/sprint formats replacing the fell series. However, a 'Day Hawk' course (very long Orange) is also, possibly, on the cards.

### Next newsletter is in production

Editor Graham Watson would like to hear from you if you have a contribution to make to the next edition, due out at the end of the month. Recollection from a recent event, personal plans for the new season, a photo, cartoon, tips for improvement!! Long or concise story!

## Winter Weather!!

The weather is particularly variable at the moment, with stormy conditions spoiling the fun! Please check the websites before you set off to an event, particularly if you have far to travel, to check for possible cancellations. Please always come to events prepared for the worst conditions, and at night carry plenty of extra clothing, spare torch and whistle.

## BikeO

A night score event in the Lorton valley on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> January.... fancy it? All the details are on the MBO website, and you can pre-enter (recommended).

Angela & Tony BB are running a bike orienteering event on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. There are two courses. MBO Score, suitable for mountain bikes or Bike O, which is 100 % tarmac and suitable for any type of bike. Both courses are 3 hour score events with the controls worth between 10 & 30 points depending upon their difficulty. Each course will have a unique map and set of controls. The event will start from the Derwent AC club hut behind the Bitter End Pub in Kirkgate, Cockermouth. Starts will be from 10 until 11am. Full details and entries on [www.bmbo.org.uk](http://www.bmbo.org.uk). Early entries before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb from £8.

## Club top

With the main competition events on the horizon have you got your O-top sorted? A new order has arrived and will be available for purchase. A nasty 'snag' on a branch has ruined my old top so I'm off to see Steve Telford about one of the new ones!

