

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Something said yesterday whilst I was 'stewarding' for a four hour session at The Big Textile Show at The Kube near Oadby set me thinking "How appropriate for the AGM tomorrow tonight!"

One of the exhibitors, noticing that I wasn't moving around much and limping when I did, asked me what I had been doing, so I told her how I had participated on Saturday at my Orienteering Club's Championships over, for me, quite a distance and when asked the distance I replied "Just over 7 kilometres" and after the follow-up question I said "Just over 86 minutes" to which came the response "That is really jolly good!". Being a somewhat modest, shy and retiring type I did have to immediately say "Yes, but I was last on the course I was on by several minutes"!

Still, when one reflects on the past 12 months activities the phrase "That is really jolly good!" definitely fits. Once again we have hosted a wide range and large number of events from the local to the national, including the British Night Championships and two of the big annual events for young people, who competed and brought real credit to their Clubs, including our own, and who will, I hope, continue to participate in our sport for years, even decades, to come.

Club Officers and members continue to play an active part as members of Regional and National Committees, together with organising, planning, controlling, coaching and mapping throughout the year – without this dedicated input of enthusiasm for and knowledge of our sport hundreds of people of all ages and levels of fitness would not be able to develop skills, to participate locally and regionally, and to compete nationally, and for some internationally, at the highest levels of our sport.

It is this opportunity to say a most appreciative and heartfelt 'Thank You' to all of the members who have played their part in whatever way to make our Club both distinctive and distinguished, that I welcome this evening – it is definitely appreciated for without a supportive and determined membership we would not be able to enjoy such a wide and varied selection of events, coaching, training, and social opportunities - all in all 'That really is jolly good' and long may it continue to be so in our very special 'neck of the woods'!

It is now the time for me, on behalf of you all, to thank our Club Chairman for all that he has done on behalf of our Club during the period 2015-2016 and to welcome him to continue as our Chairman for 2016-2017 as he has been formally Proposed and Seconded - "Over to you and 'Good Luck' Chris!"

Ernie Williams, 31st October 2016