



Hertfordshire Orienteering Club

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HH Newsletter

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Note from the Editor

Happy Herts is a friendly club. We want the newsletter to be useful for all members with information about events and training. Let's also hear about your efforts and success in orienteering - send an email with your tips and stories to:

newsletter@herts-orienteering-club.org

Local events in the next 6 weeks

Date	Where / Type	Organiser	Planner / Controller
5 Oct	Heartwood, St Albans (Schools and Youth League)	Maggie Jones	Ian Jones / Simon Errington
13 Oct	Jack of Herts - Ashridge	Mike Bennett	Becky & Tom Raftery / Alan Rosen
26 Oct	Waddesdon Manor, HP18 0JH TVOC Halloween	Mike Shires	Nat Skidmore/TVOC
02 Nov	Ellenbrook, Hatfield (Schools and Youth League)	Richard Watkins	Stu Levene / TBC
10 Nov	HH Club Champs, Wendover Woods	TVOC	TVOC

AGM

The club AGM was held at Oaklands College, St Albans on September 10th. The AGM minutes will be added to the website once the HH Webmaster returns from holiday mid October.

Congratulations to Kevin Fielding and Dawn Figg, who won the Sprints Champs.

The committee is pleased to welcome Stu Levene and Gary Flynn who join as Fixtures secretary and Saturday Series coordinator respectively.

Many thanks also to Simon Errington, whose entertaining and informative talk on the benefits of Sport Ident showed just how easy it is to review your run and keep learning.



Club champs on 10 November

This year's annual HH Club Championships will take place at TVOC's event in Wendover Woods on Sunday 10th November. If you are not familiar with the area, Wendover Woods is a great area with plenty of open woods and contours, well worth a visit.

Pre-enter via fabian-4 before the 3rd November for discounted rates. Entries afterwards and on the day will be subject to map availability. Event details are on this link:

<https://tvoc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Wendover-2019-Flyer-v1.pdf>

Prizes for the HH competition will be presented at the club dinner, with the names of the victorious forever immortalised in the club news archives. To be competitive in a class of the Club Champs, all you need to do is complete the appropriate course for your age group.

- Open (M, W): Blue
- Veteran (M60+, W45+): Green
- Intermediate Boys (M14 & M16) / Intermediate Girls (W14 & W16): Light Green
- Junior (M/W12 and below): Orange

In addition, there are two handicap competitions across the Open and Veteran categories (M & W amalgamated). The handicap system is highly complex and will use your BOF ranking points alongside other factors, which means anyone stands a chance of glory so please consider coming along!

Ian -Club Captain

Junior Training Weekend

British Orienteering is putting on a weekend orienteering camp for juniors in the New Forest during Nov 1-3rd. It is aimed at club juniors aged 11-13 years at Orange standard (TD3), or Yellow level (TD2) aiming to improve to Orange.

The camp will include accommodation in the YHA Burley in the New Forest, with O-training & fun games on Saturday 2nd Nov. Families can combine this camp with the November Classic race in the New Forest taking place on Sunday Nov 3rd. For parents, the Nov Classic weekend also includes a Night-O event on Fri evening & urban city race on Saturday

Invitation to the camp is at www.britishorienteering.org.uk/newforestjuniorcamp and entries via www.fabian4.co.uk.



New club logo announced at AGM



We have reviewed the current club logo and introduced a subtle change to give the logo a more energetic feel.

The logo change began with the design of the latest club promotional feather, when the hart was given a more dynamic leap in order to better fit into the top of the feather fabric area. We then addressed the need to make best use of Facebook's circular logo slot, with a bit more tweaking to optimise the design.

It was agreed at the AGM to use the new logo on club kit which will otherwise keep the current overall design.

Orienteering Workshops – Autumn 2019

So far this autumn HH has successfully organised two workshops – Event Safety and Planning. Both went well and we believe that all attendees enjoyed them. Our thanks to tutors Helen Errington and Hedley Calderbank for sharing their time and expertise.

We do plan to organise similar workshops, Event safety and Planning, in the future so if you want to learn more at these let me know and I will ensure that you are invited to the next one we organise.

Looking forward we have two more courses coming up before Christmas;

- Team Leaders and Organisers – aimed mainly at preparing the club for our next major event in March 2020.
- First Aid – aimed at Orienteers who are faced with providing first aid in the outdoors. Those of you for whom this will be a 3 year renewal will receive a reminder in a few week's time.

We're now planning the course training programme for the New Year. It is early days but it is likely that top of the list will be 'Introduction to Orienteering' – this was so successful earlier this year.

'Introduction to Orienteering' is suitable for anyone who has not yet experienced orienteering or anyone new to the sport who want to know more.

If you are interested in attending or wish to know more about the contents of these courses please get in touch.

Keith -Training officer (training@herts-orienteeing.club)



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Nearly 500 take part in 2019 HH Street-O

Our Tuesday evening Street-O series finished at the start of September, coinciding with the evening loss of daylight. This year we put on 18 successful events across Hertfordshire urban areas. 489 individuals or teams participated in total (so 27 per event on average), and 16 individuals came to 10 or more events. 7,350 controls were visited and 8 hours-worth of penalties were accrued!

Having attended most of the events myself, I can't recall getting particularly wet at any of them, so the weather has been kind this year.

Many thanks for all the planning & organising support provided by:

Maire Convery
Adam Leaf
Alex Soulsby
Richard Watkins
Mick Smith
David Allard
David/Viv Hodson
Simon Errington
Mark Adams



John Duffield
Stu Levene
David Saunders
Dave Tookey
Dawn Figg
Sascha Noar
Ben Bardsley
Roger Moulding
Kevin Parkes

The impressive attendance means the summer series was able to return a small surplus to the club funds, with 69% of takings going towards British Orienteering levy fees and 22% going towards map printing.

I hope everyone who took part enjoyed themselves. I'm always happy to take feedback to help improve the series, as well as welcome volunteers to help organise 2020: just email street-o@herts-orienteeing.club.

David -Street-O coordinator

Street-O lost property

Contact David if you recognise one of the items of lost property he gathered:

- One new HH jacket (size L), or
- one orienteering compass with black lanyard.



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Future HH Programme

Full support and mentoring is available to anyone who wants to try their hand at Planning or Organising any of these events. Email: events@herts-orienteeing.club to find out about what any of these roles might entail.

Date	Where / Type	Organiser	Planner / Controller
2nd Nov 2019	Ellenbrook, Hatfield (SL,YL)		
7th Dec 2019	Verulamium, St Albans (SL,YL)	Tim Gage	David Saunders Dave Tookey
26th Dec 2019	Trent Park (Score)	LOK	
2020			
4th Jan	Northaw or Chipperfield (SL)		
1st Feb	Sherrards PW, WGC (SL,YL)	Ben Bardsley	Dave Tookey / TBC
1st March	Ace of Herts, Burnham	Frances Goldingay Asst Gill Hanson	David Frampton Asst Dawn Figg / Tim Pribul
7th March	Mardley, Welwyn (SL,YL)	TBC	Kevin Parkes / TBC
4th April	Panshanger East, Hertford (SL)	Barbara Wiltshire	Hugh Wiltshire / Susan Marsden
2nd May	Stanborough, WGC (SL)	TBC	
14th June	Welwyn Garden City centenary Urban race	Roger Moulding	David Dixon & David Hodson / Hedley Calderbank
4th July	Highfield Park or Moneyhole Park (SL,GLOSS)	TBC	



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Future South East events

If HH Saturday Series isn't frequent enough for you, or you want to try a slightly bigger event, try these. You can find full details in this link: [British Orienteering Events](#) (filter by postcode with a 50-mile radius). Please check the event is on before travelling.

<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/event>

SEOA & South-East League

October		
Sat 5	HH SEOA Local	Heartwood Forest
Sun 6	SUFFOC EAOA Regional	Urban, Bury St Edmonds
Sun 6	SAX SEOA National	Urban, West Malling
Sun 6	BKO SCOA Regional	Bucklebury Common, Thatcham
Sat 12	SAX SEOA Local	Tunbridge Wells Common
Sat 12	SOC SCOA Regional	New Forest
Sun 13	HH SEOA Regional	Ashridge
Sat 19	BKO SCOA Local	Bracknell
Sat 19	WAOC EAOA Local	Park-O, Cambridge
Sun 20	CHIG SEOA Local	Birchanger Woods, Bishop's Stortford
Sat 26	CUOC, EAOA National	City Race, Cambridge
Sat 26	TVOC SCOA Local	Waddesdon Manor
Sun 27	WAOC EAOA Local	Peterborough
Sun 27	GO SEOA Regional	Chobham Common, Chobham

November		
Sat 2	HH SEOA Local	Ellenbrook, Hatfield
Sat 9	SN	Witley Common, Godalming
Sun 16	DFOK	Brasted Chart, Sevenoaks
Sun 17	SN Trophy, SEL	Windmill Hill, Frimley
Sat 23	SN Night champs	Squerrys Estate, Westerham
Sun 24	SLOW SEL	Hankley Common, Farnham

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