



Happy Herts Newsletter 267

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Note from the Editor

This month's edition has plenty of useful information on certificates for regional success, national qualifiers for Juniors and upcoming events. You will find requests for volunteers too.

Do send me your photos to liven up the next newsletter.

Sascha (newsletter@herts-orienteing.club)

Next event this weekend

The next Saturday Series event is on **Saturday 1st February** at **Sherrardspark Wood** in Welwyn Garden City. This is the first HH event forming part of the WGC100 celebrations and also the next event in the HH Youth League.

Please note that this event will operate what will become the new default Saturday Series startline opening time range of 10:15-11:45. More information here:

<https://www.herts-orienteing.club/events/event/200201-spw/>

2020 HH Programme

Anyone wishing to try their hand at Planning or Organising an event will receive full support and mentoring to support you in putting on a great event.

Stu (events@herts-orienteing.club)

Date	Where / Type	Organiser	Planner / Controller
1st Feb	Sherrardspark Wood (SL,YL and WGC100)	Ben Bardsley	Dave Tookey
1st March	Ace of Herts, Burnham (National)	Frances G' & 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	Moneyhole Park (SL,GLOSS)	TBC	?

Membership renewals

If you still need to renew, visit www.britishorienteering.org.uk then log in for the Renew option. Happy Herts has an event on Saturday 1st Feb, so renew before then to avoid a non-member surcharge.

Susan (membership@herts-orienteering.club)

Volunteering and relays - and a special plea!

Many thanks to those who have responded to the request in January's 'extra' newsletter to volunteer for Ace of Herts and British Championships and run for HH in British and JK relays.

ICYMI, **it's not too late for you to do the same**, using our Google form at <https://forms.gle/dHq1i8eJNeD7TNeY6>.

Even if your answer is No No No No for the 4 events, it might save you being badgered later!

If you know about some of the events but not the others, tick what you can do and put "Not sure yet" in the comments for the relevant ones. If you send an updated response from the same email address we will take the latest.

Now a request from Frances, who is organising Ace of Herts. Interland is an International event for elite runners, which requires a lot of helpers especially on Start.

Many of you who have volunteered have asked to run first then help later. We need the majority of our helpers to do it the other way round, because the Interland event takes place before we are allowed to run. If you are able to help earlier, please do let Frances know.

Attention all Juniors - Note March 8th in your diaries!

March 8th is the date of this year's **Yvette Baker Trophy** heats. Remember HH won through to the final last year and came **3rd** in the final for a fantastic podium finish.

This year the heat will be held at Rowney Warren which is just north of Ampthill so within easy reach of all HH members.

See event information here <https://www.waoc.org.uk/events/rowney-warren-2020-03-08> .

All junior members of the club are welcome (and parents can get a run as well). If you know a Junior member who has not taken part before, it is always fun to represent the club along with some of the more experienced juniors.

Courses are yellow, orange, light green and green, and we would love to have lots of new competitors joining us on the yellow course, to give it a try and maybe to get some points for the club.

For more information about the **Yvette Baker Trophy competition**, visit the HH web site at <https://www.herts-orienteering.club/newcomers/new-to-orienteering-2/junior-activities-at-happy-herts/>

If you wish to join us that day please let me know keith@herts-orienteering.club or if you have any questions please do contact me at that address.

Come and join the team!

Street-O in 2020

As the days start to get longer, it's time to look forward to the new Street-O season! This year Street-O will run weekly on Tuesdays evenings from 21 April to 1 Sept with 7.00 - 7.20 pm starts. Each one will be a 45 min score – except for 30 June event which will be an ultrasprint.

All we need to get going is 19 volunteers to each plan and run one event. This number is a significant proportion of HH households with active members so please consider helping out.

Please contact me to volunteer or discuss - early birds get first choice of locations and dates. Proposed areas are below, subject to confirmation of suitability.

Detailed organiser information is at <https://sites.google.com/view/hh-know-how/street-o>

Organising a Street-O is a very straightforward job and I will provide all the help & support you need. The time commitment can be as little as 2-3 hours planning, an hour sorting out the map & clues and then a couple of hours running the event and sorting out the results. In return you get that warm fuzzy feeling from helping your club and seeing 20-40 orienteers having fun.

David (Street-O Coordinator - street-o@herts-orienteing.club)

21-Apr	Hemel Hemstead (NE)	30-Jun	[WGC Ultrasprint]
28-Apr	Hemel Hemstead (SE)	07-Jul	Welwyn Garden City
05-May	Bricket Wood	14-Jul	Hatfield NW
12-May	Hitchin	21-Jul	St Albans (centre)
19-May	Stevenage (NE)	28-Jul	Chiswell Green
26-May	Stevenage (Old Town)	04-Aug	St Albans (Cottonmill)
02-Jun	Harpenden	11-Aug	Hertford
09-Jun	Wheathampstead	18-Aug	Potters Bar (West)
16-Jun	Welwyn Garden City	25-Aug	Potters Bar (East)
23-Jun	Welwyn Garden City	01-Sep	Hoddesdon (N)

Welwyn Garden City Centenary

As featured last month, Welwyn Garden City celebrates 100 years since its foundation and many activities are planned throughout the year to mark the centenary.

HH will be staging no fewer than 13 events.

There is now a dedicated webpage <https://www.herts-orienteing.club/wgc100/> on the HH website with a list of the events.

Hedley Calderbank



HH success at regional SEIL 2019

Not many HHs ventured down to Cobham on 20 January for the latest SEIL event. It wasn't all thick brambles – quite a lot of it was deep mud instead!

Several HH orienteers achieved podium places last year running in SEIL 2019. So I have certificates for several Erringtons, several Fieldings, Tegan Frampton, Hannah Freeman, Frances Goldingay, Susan Marsden and Josh M'Caw. I will bring them to Sherrards Park on 1 February – I hope you can come and collect them – John Duffield.

Top tips - Hanging Controls

Whilst telling many HH members how to hang controls is a bit like teaching your grandmother to suck eggs, the Chesham event at the end of 2019 showed what happens if you do it wrong.

One of the control hangers simply draped the string holding the kite over the control box at some controls, so an early runner knocked them to the ground when punching. When looking for a kite about three feet off the ground, you tend not to notice it crumpled on the ground!

Even worse, I had a real panic towards the end of the course when I reached a large depression which was not on the map. I knew it was not on the map, because had it been the depression on the map I was expecting, it would have had a control in it, and there was no control. However, I looked more carefully and the stake and control box were there, almost invisible, but the kite had disappeared.

So, when hanging controls, drape the string over the stake, and then clip the control box into the stake. Easy to do, and easy to take apart afterwards.

John Duffield

Upcoming SE Regional+ level events

If HH Saturday Series isn't frequent enough for you, or you want to try a slightly bigger event, try these local-ish Regional & National level events.

	Club	Event	Type
Sun 02 Feb	SO	Tilgate Forest, Crawley	SEOA Regional
Sun 16 Feb	MV	Netley Heath/Effingham Woods, Dorking	SEOA National
Sun 22 Feb	WAOC	Wimpole Estate (nr Royston, Cambs)	EAOA Local
Sun 01 Mar	HH	Ace of Herts/Interland, Egypt Woods. Slough	SEOA National
Sun 8 Mar	WAOC	Rowney Warren (nr Bedford). Yvette Baker Trophy	EAOA Local
Sun 8 Mar	CHIG	Epping Warlies Park - SWELL/YBT heat	SEOA Regional
Sun 15 Mar	LOK	Hampstead Heath, CompassSport Cup Heat	SEOA National
Sat 21 Mar	SEOA	Golden Valley, Haslemere, British O' Champs UKOL	Major
Sun 22 Mar	SEOA	Iron Hill, Liphook. British Relay Champs	Major
Sat 28 Mar	CUOC	Epping, British Uni BUCS Championships	National
Sun 29 Mar	SAX	Chilham Castle & Kings Wood, Nr Canterbury	SEOA Regional
10-13 Apr	NEOA	JK Festival, North York Moors	Major

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You can find full details in this link: [British Orienteering Events](#) (filter by postcode or dates). Please check the event is on before travelling. <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/event>

Puzzle corner

O Competition

The grid below contains a chain of nine words, all features on an O map. The chain goes horizontally and vertically, but never diagonally, and the first letters of each word are in alphabetical order. When you have identified the nine words, the remaining letters, when read left to right and top to bottom, spell another feature of an O map. What is this feature?

K	E	M	S	H	P	I
A	W	A	R	E	Q	T
L	B	R	I	D	U	A
E	C	N	L	G	R	R
L	T	E	F	E	Y	R
K	E	T	G	R	P	I
C	I	H	N	I	S	B

Results will appear in the March newsletter [Ed - fingers crossed I remember].

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