



# Happy Herts Newsletter 268

## March 2020

### **Note from the Editor**

I'm pleased this edition includes a photo – more would be good so do send me your snaps.

March seems to be a busy month and there are several opportunities to support your club - we need volunteers to help on 7<sup>th</sup> at Mardley Heath and 14<sup>th</sup> in Welwyn - read on for details.

Immediate events to note are Saturday 7 March at Mardley Heath, plus Rowney Warren, Ampthill for the Yvette Baker heats on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Next Saturday series event**

Next **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** we have the next **Saturday Series event at Mardley Heath** (<https://www.herts-orienteing.club/events/event/200307-mardley/>)

**Your club needs you!** We still need a few **helpers** to help run the event on the day, so please contact Richard to volunteer. Any help is appreciated, let me know if you have any preferences for a job and if you would prefer an early or late shift / run.

If you haven't helped before, please do consider it - there are jobs with no experience needed, and it is the best way to get to know people in the Club. All helpers can run at the event.

Richard Watkins (Contact [secretary@herts-orienteing.club](mailto:secretary@herts-orienteing.club))

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

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** is the date of this year's **Yvette Baker Trophy** (YBT) heats. Remember HH won through to the final last year and came 3<sup>rd</sup> 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> .

We have a good junior team raring to go and there is still space in the team for more juniors. **Your club needs you!** All junior members of the club are welcome to represent the HH county team in a qualifier for the National finals. Entry on the day is possible, and parents can get a run as well.

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

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

If you wish to join us that day or have questions please contact [keith@herts-orienteing.club](mailto:keith@herts-orienteing.club)

Come and join the team!



### ***Looking for a physically undemanding volunteering opportunity, that is warm and dry?***

As part of our Welwyn-centric series of events to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Welwyn Garden City, we will have a stall in the Howard Centre, WGC on **March 14th** to promote orienteering and advertise our forthcoming events. This is part of Welwyn's campaign to promote green spaces: <https://www.wgc100.org/events/city-of-trees-launch-2/>

**Your club needs you!** We need some enthusiastic club members who are happy talking to potential future participants. No particular skills are needed, just a willingness to share your passion for orienteering. Do contact David if you can help out on the day - the more volunteers I get, the shorter the shifts will have to be!

Hedley & David - contact [street-o@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:street-o@herts-orienteering.club)

### ***CompassSport Cup – 15<sup>th</sup> March***

This year we will be competing on Hampstead Heath against TVOC, SO, SLOW and SN. We are waiting for LOK to publish final details, but the competition promises to be fast and furious.

Thank you to everybody who has already responded to Ian Jones's email. If you would like to run, **your club needs you!** HH will need every competitor we can field, so please email Ian.

### ***Relays at the British Orienteering Championships and the JK***

Entries for the British Orienteering Championships are being submitted this weekend and teams will be announced by email. If you have previously said you are running but can no longer do so, or if you did not respond to the original invitation but would like to run, then please contact Club Captain Ian Jones as he will be shuffling teams until the last minute in an attempt to accommodate both situations.

The JK 2020 events take place over Easter – 10-13 April on the North York Moors. The closing date for JK relay entries is 22<sup>nd</sup> March. **Your club needs you!** If you have not yet responded but would like to run in the relay then please email Ian Jones, preferably by 15 March

Ian Jones ([captain@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:captain@herts-orienteering.club))

### ***Street-O - one more volunteer needed***

We have had a great response to the request for volunteers to organise/plan the Street-O series of events this spring and summer. This year events will run weekly on Tuesdays evenings from 21 April to 1 September (starts between 7pm-7:20pm)

**Your club needs you!** We are almost fully booked with just one more volunteer needed for 28 July, provisionally at Chiswell Green St Albans. If you're willing to help, just let me know. If you don't fancy planning an event at that location, please get in touch and we can look to move it elsewhere

David - Contact [street-o@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:street-o@herts-orienteering.club)



## **WGC100 update - HH Events kick off at Sherrardspark Wood**

173 children, families and runners enjoyed the Sherrardspark Wood Saturday Series event on 1st Feb, which represented the first of a series of urban, parkland and woodland events organised by HH as part of Welwyn Garden City centenary (WGC100) celebrations in 2020.

For HH this was a 'typical' Saturday Series/Youth League event. As the first sporting event of any type in the WGC100 celebrations, the local press (Welwyn Hatfield Times) turned up to cover the event and take photos.



Click on the photo for the published article.

HH is putting on a whole series of further events as part of the WGC100 celebrations, targeting a series of more family- and beginner-friendly events in Welwyn Garden City to attract new members and to take advantage of the publicity available from the centenary events.

Further WGC100 events will be at Mardley Heath (7 March), Panshanger Park (4 April), Stanborough Park (2 May) and Moneyhole Park (4 July), along with Saturday events later in the year when the Saturday Series kicks off again after Summer. The club is also putting on urban events, some of which are part of the Street-O Summer series such as a supersprint event fully within the Welwyn Campus, culminating in the Centenary Map Challenge around Welwyn Garden City on 14 June which will be a Level B urban event, part of this year's UK Urban Orienteering League.

See our dedicated WGC100 page for more information ([www.herts-orienteeing.club/wgc100](http://www.herts-orienteeing.club/wgc100)).

## **Burnham and Egypt**

Our annual Ace of Herts event is always the most challenging to organise as a national level B event that attracts large numbers of runners. This year was doubly challenging, as it included the Interland Cup held beforehand on the same day. Some of you were on the go from dawn to dusk - many thanks to everybody who helped make it such a success.

Frances Goldingay as Organiser kept up her unbroken record of having sunshine on the day, but her influence over the weather gods wasn't quite total. The loss of the field for parking meant the atmosphere around assembly was not what we'd hoped. Although the field dried out a lot during the day, the 2 vans only just made it out at the end of the day. The wind also caused some hairy moments with the tents and marquees trying to take off.

The actual orienteering was superb, the wetter conditions making very little difference apart from the odd "is this marsh/pond the mapped one?" puzzle. David Frampton, assisted by Dawn Figg and controller Tim Pribul, had us thinking all the time. Many people at download were bubbling over: "excellent course", "best leg I've ever had", "best part of the area".

There are some lessons to be learnt and we will arrange a debrief, but we hope that all of you who took part - especially those who helped - found it a satisfying and enjoyable event.



## ***Training courses***

Following an annual Training Review, we are planning to schedule the following training courses in the early part of 2020. I already have a number of people who have expressed an interest in attending one or more of these courses so there is hopefully something for most of you.

### ***Introduction to Orienteering***

25<sup>th</sup> April            at Highfield Park Visitors Centre            14.00 – 17.00  
Tutor:                Helen Errington

Aimed at those who have never Orienteered and would like to gain some background knowledge, as well as recent club members new to the sport who would like to know more.

### ***Organisers Course***

6<sup>th</sup> June                at Marshallwick Community Centre            14.00 – 17.30  
Tutor:                Helen Errington

Aimed at those who would like to know what's involved in organising a Level D event (ie local such as HH Saturday series) or those who have done so before and wish to refresh/expand their knowledge.

### ***Planners Course***

Sept/October        at Mardley Heath Scout Hut                    10.00 – 14.30  
Tutor:                Hedley Calderbank

Aimed at those who would like to get involved by planning an Orienteering Event.

Do contact [keith@herts-orienteeing.club](mailto:keith@herts-orienteeing.club) for more details.

## ***British Orienteering AGM on 10 April***

You will have hopefully spotted the email from BOF about the 2020 AGM. This is usually held at or close to a venue of the JK, and will be held at **River Tees Watersports Centre, The Slipway, North Shore, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 2NL** on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 17:00**. All members are welcome to attend.

Further details of the business of the AGM, including the Agenda, and Voting by Proxy form, will be posted on British Orienteering's website on or before **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

British Orienteering is looking for new elected directors to take office at the AGM, with three places on the board up for election. The AGM will immediately be followed by the British Orienteering Awards Ceremony where various awards will be presented.

Check the BOF website for details and the agenda. <http://www.britishorienteeing.org.uk/>



## Events diary

### 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-orienteeing.club](mailto:events@herts-orienteeing.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	?

### HH Street-O Spring/Summer series\*

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)

\*A few details may change – do check the website for updates.

Contact [street-o@herts-orienteeing.club](mailto:street-o@herts-orienteeing.club)



## 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 8 Mar	WAOC	Rowney Warren (nr Bedford). <b>Yvette Baker Trophy</b>	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
Sun 19 Apr	HAVOC	Epping Forest SW – East Anglian Champs	EAOA National
Sun 26 Apr	BKO	Bloom Woods, High Wycombe	SCOA Regional

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 - Results

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	<p><b>Results</b></p> <p>The features are bridge; fence; lake; marsh; pit; quarry; rib; spring; thicket</p> <p>The answer is well</p>
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