



Happy Herts Newsletter 276

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Note from the Editor

This edition includes a feature on one of HH's rising stars. Other news includes the postponement of orienteering events for the short term due to Lockdown II, and the puzzle is back.

Sascha, (newsletter@herts-orienteering.club)

Another newsletter, another change in lockdown rules

We await the latest guidance from British Orienteering but they have already said that *"we are expecting that all competitions in England will be suspended during this period"* i.e. 5 November to 2 December.

- The HH event on 7 November at Stanborough is cancelled
- We will keep going with the DIY Street-O, in whatever form it can take place safely and legally – look out for David's emails
- We are keeping future events from 5 Dec onwards in the diary for now. Where courses have been planned - as at Stanborough - we'll slot them into the calendar as early as possible, while the map is still valid!

Many thanks to the organisers, planners, mappers, controllers and landowner liaison people who are having to do the job double times as dates change.

Mike, (chair@herts-orienteering.club)

Ben's talent is recognised!

Many congratulations to Ben Gostick who has been selected to join the Great Britain Talent Squad.

With the difficulties caused by the pandemic it has been a difficult year for junior development. Ben has done well to maintain his fitness with cross-country running and emerged from Lockdown in good shape.

Over the years Ben has worked hard in both club and SEJS (South East Junior Squad) training, most recently at the special selection races organised at the end of August in the Lake District.

Ben was also invited to attend a Talent camp in Edinburgh in September. Clearly he has impressed the selectors sufficiently to gain selection to the Talent Squad which is the first step on the British Orienteering Performance Pathway.

Well done Ben and good luck for the future!

Keith (Keith@familymarsden.org)





DIY Street-O continues

David has been doing a great job continuing to share details each week of the next DIY Street-O. Visit the DIY Street-O page for all the details:

<https://www.herts-orienteering.club/fixtures/diy-street-o/>.

You may of course run any of the available courses (there are some more there) or even rerun a course you've done before! We are encouraging club members to run that week's course where convenient, so we can discuss it the following Tuesday.

Please join us each Tuesday evening at 8pm for the club social, whether or not you've run – [just follow this link](#)

WGC Centenary – Another option for DIY-O

When did you ever see something supposedly covering all sports, but actually only featuring orienteering? Well that is what the WGC100 sports webpage does (apart from a few historical photos and events for other sports that are not happening now).

The WGC100 webpage covers our two successful Saturday events in February and March with some great O-photos, [that you can view here](#).

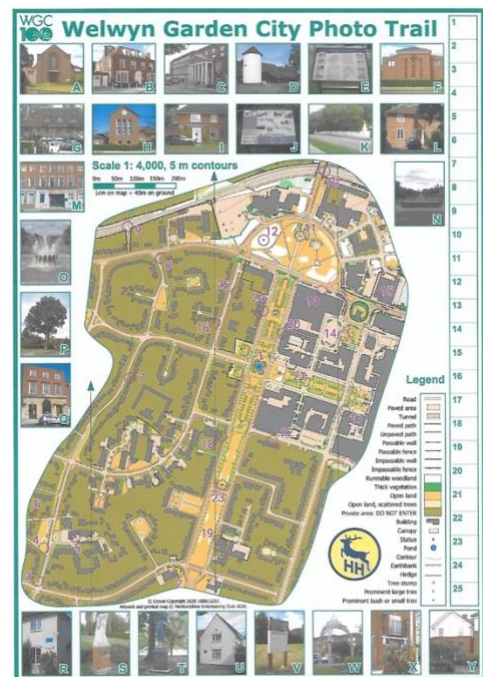
We all know what happened after March. And no other planned sports events had happened by the time of the lockdown.

The WGC 100 celebrations have been extended until mid 2021. To keep things going in the mean time, Simon Errington and I have put together a 1:4,000 Photo Trail map covering WGC town centre and nearby housing. One option is to walk round the 25 controls matching the photos to the control positions. Or run round the controls as a score event. I have taken 25m52s to visit all controls on a route of 4.2km, so others should aim to beat that.

Maps are available free of charge from Waterstones and Oxfam bookshops on Howardsgate in the town centre. Why not take several for friends and family? They were sponsored by a local business and we have plenty to spare.

Get a preview at <https://www.wgc100.org/calendar/outdoor-trails/>

Hedley Calderbank





Changing the habits of a lifetime (when events are running...)

In the UK we've been spoilt by the amount and quality of events that are put on. OK, we may wish for more challenging terrain within easy driving distance, but in general we have been able to say we're free that weekend, where shall we go to orienteer? And there would often be choices, especially if you're prepared to travel.

Like most orienteers, I entered some events well in advance and others I left until a week or two before - and there's always Entry On the Day. At our last Ace of Herts 35% of entries came in the last week they were open; another 10% were EOD.

Now, with Covid, there haven't been as many events, particularly high standard events. They have been limited in size to minimise crowds at starts in particular, while EOD is against the BOF guidelines. So the Bradenham event this month opened entries a little ahead of 00:01 Tuesday as planned. By 18:00 Tuesday, Blue and Green were sold out and there were very limited spaces on other courses.

Perhaps we'll all get used to entering on the opening date not the closing date.

Mike (chair@herts-orienteeing.club)

Events within 50 miles

As anticipated the number of events has fallen dramatically, partly due to COVID and partly the run-up to Christmas. However, should it take place the South East League programme in 2021 looks interesting with a number of events on good areas.

Experience over the past month indicates that entry to events, once the events are open, are quickly filled so keep checking on web sites so as not to miss out. Do check the website before the event to check for late cancellations.

If you need more help let me know.

Keith (Keith@familymarsden.org)

Major events are Major Events such as a British Championships, **National** events are high quality competitions that will attract people from far away, **Regional** events attract participants from around the local Region, **Local** are usually low key events in a 'localised' area. Usually, Local events are ideal for newcomers to try the sport.

Web addresses of Entry Systems

Fabian (www.Fabian4.co.uk)
Race sign up (www.racesignup.co.uk)
SIEntries (www.Sientries.co.uk)



'Local' clubs

HH	Hertfordshire Orienteering Club	www.herts-orienteeing.club
BKO	Berkshire Orienteering Club	www.bko.org.uk
DFOK	Dartford Orienteering Club	www.dfok.co.uk
GO	Guildford Orienteering Club	www.guildfordorienteeers.co.uk
HAVOC	Havering OC	www.orienteeing-havoc.co.uk
LEI	Leicester OC	www.leioc.org.uk
SLOW	South London Orienteers	www.slow.org.uk
SMOC	South Midlands	www.smoc.info
TVOC	Thames Valley OC	www.tvoc.org.uk
WAOC	West Anglian OC	www.waoc.org.uk

Future Events (NB - Subject to selling out quickly, or cancellation)

Looking further ahead, here is a selection of other clubs' upcoming events within 50 miles or so and also a list of major events proposed for the next few months. The clubs' websites will have full event details, including how to pre-enter. Please check the event is on before travelling.

[Ed – Note that we want to help your planning, though events in November are likely to be cancelled due to the latest Covid-19 lockdown - do check the relevant websites before travelling ...]

Date	Event	Club	Level
Sat 7 Nov 2020	HH Stanborough Park, WGC	HH	Local
Sat 21 Nov 2020	Park-O Therfield Heath No pre-entry. Starts 1-3pm	WAOC	Local
Sun 22 Nov 2020	SLOW South East League event Winterfold One of the best areas in the South East	SLOW	SE League
Sun 29 Nov 2020	SOS Danbury Park Colour Coded	SOS	Regional
Sun 29 Nov 2020	TVOC Regional Event and SCOL2 at Bradenham	TVOC	Regional
Sat 5 Dec 2020 - TBC	HH Local Verulamium, St Albans	HH	Local
Sun 06 Dec 2020	GO SE League Event Lynchmere	GO	SE League



Sun 13 Dec 2020	Mildenhall North	WAOC	Regional
Sun 13 Dec 2020	Netley & Effingham SE Families and Veterans	MV	National
Sat 9 Jan 2021	HH Local, Nomansland Common, Sandridge	HH	Local
Sat 16 Jan 2021	Wandlebury Country Park, nr Cambridge Interesting National Trust land	WAOC	Local
Sun 17 Jan 2021	DFOK SE League Event Westerham	DFOK	SE League
Sun 24 Jan 2021	SAX SE League Hindleap Warren near Forest Row	SAX	SE League
Sun 31 Jan 2021	Irchester Country Park, Wellingborough Very interesting terrain (see map on LEI web site)	LEI	Local
Sun 31 Jan 2021	Bedfords Park, Romford	HAVOC	Local
Sat 6 Feb 2021	HH Panshanger, Ware	HH	Local
Sat 06 Feb 2021	GO SE League Event & SE Middle Champs Redlands, near Guildford	GO	SE League
Sun 07 Feb 2021	Southern Championships Ashdown South	MV	National
Sun 14 Feb 2021	LOK SE League event Leith Hill	LOK	SE League
Sun 21 Feb 2021	HH SE League Event Ashridge	HH	SE League
Sun 28 Feb 2021	TVOC Chiltern Challenge Top class area with many features	TVOC	National



Puzzle corner

Thanks to John for another puzzle to keep the brain cells working ...

The Old Codgers were in an ecstatic mood after their last event. Overall, maybe not so good, but they had each managed a leg that Graham Gristwood would have been proud of. From the information given, who ran which course, what was the superb leg number, and where was the control at the end of the leg?

1. Denis was headed for a pit. He is no longer up to doing a Brown course.
2. The Brown course runner was pleased with an even-numbered leg.
3. Eddie ran the Short Brown course.
4. Bill did not run the Green course, which featured the leg running towards a re-entrant.
5. The stream junction was at the end of a ninth leg.
6. Chris ran the great leg 4, which was on one of the "Short" courses, towards a gully end.
7. The wonderful leg on the Short Blue course was the sixth leg.

	Brown	Short Brown	Short Blue	Green	Short Green	4	6	7	8	9	depression	gully end	pit	re-entrant	stream junction	
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The correct answers will be shared in the next edition.

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