



Happy Herts Newsletter 278

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Note from the Editor

Happy New Year. This is a more festive issues with a number of quizzes – there is even a prize to win. I have already learnt a new word – who knew yarnbombing was a ‘thing’...

There is a reminder to renew your membership, as we are hopeful that orienteering can return sometime soon - details below.

Sascha (newsletter@herts-orienteering.club)

Membership renewal

It is that time of year again, when membership needs renewing. The club agreed at the AGM to halve the club element of subscriptions for 2021, as we recognise that we haven't been able to do all we wanted to do this year.

Log into the British Orienteering website for full details and [the link to renew](#).

Go to ‘My Account’ then ‘Renew my membership’.

BOF update

You may have seen the latest BOF newsletter, which rightly emphasised the importance of physical exercise and mental wellbeing. BOF does stress that competitive events in Tier 4 areas are suspended, while some organised activities e.g. coaching for under-18s or people with a disability may continue.

The Get Active page on the British Orienteering website where there are a wide range of free resources to download to enjoy with your family at home, in the garden or local green spaces – the dates for the festive activities have passed but the activities are still worth trying – especially if schools have to remain closed....

Events cancelled in short term

Well, given our incredibly brief time in Tier 3 then escalation into Tier 4, we had to cancel Verulamium, which had already been postponed to 19 December. If you entered, you should have now received an email about refunds.

We have also chosen to not include any fixtures in this newsletter, though we want to bring back the fixture list as soon as possible.



Changes to Group email

Yahoo has now switched off its group email functionality. The committee has implemented the transfer to Groups.IO having considered a number of alternatives. We have set up new groups for the club as a whole, Juniors and the Committee, and are ironing out a few curveballs re access. We have posted information on the website if you want more information – do let me know if you have any queries.

Sascha

Orienteering meets yarnbombing

In Hertford and St Albans, many postboxes are topped with knitted decorations in December. If you live close enough, see how many you can get. If you're quick you can catch them this year, if not there's always next time.

We haven't set these up as proper MapRun events - this isn't even as serious as the usual DIY-O runs - but they are available using the Check Sites feature under the menu (3 horizontal lines) in MapRunF. You still get the beep when you get to a control!

- Hertford start and finish are at the car park on Old London Road (between Tesco and the fire station - postcode SG13 7HE). The code is 213433.
- St Albans code is 776824. There's a nominal start at Westminster Lodge, but if you go to the Options and Settings on your phone and scroll down, you can check "Event allows runners to start at any control" so the first postbox you get to is your start / finish control.
- Best not to use the map in the app, print a copy of Simon and Helen's beautifully crafted map at

<https://www.stalbanspostboxes.org.uk/>.

So go out and get round a few knitted postboxes on your run / cycle / toboggan! Here are a couple of examples of the toppers. Hertford ones are taller so easier to spot!

Mike, (chair@herts-orienteing.club)





The Cathedrals quiz

As well as the weekly emails about DIY-O, you can find a different challenge from David on the HH website with this link (PDF also added to newsletter email).

https://www.herts-orienteeing.club/uploads/misc/StreetO2020/Cathedral_quiz.pdf

“Hi all,

I've spent most of this year staring at Street-O maps so now it's time to turn the tables and give you a go!

Over the next 3 pages there are a series of Street-O maps centred on a British cathedral - how many of the cathedral cities can you name without resorting to looking things up? Can you answer the final question and does that help?

To add some extra excitement I will donate a PRIZE - a Garmin Forerunner personal trainer! Before you get too excited, this is a second-hand Garmin 205:



<https://buy.garmin.com/en-GB/GB/p/348>

Entries should be with me by the end of 4 Jan with results provided at our 5 Jan Zoom social.

If you want to be considered for the prize please email a full set of answers to me along with the completed tie-breaker questions:

- "I got this many answers before having to look the rest up:"
- "I really, really want to win a Garmin 205 because"

David (street-o@herts-orienteeing.club)

Perverse consequences and paradoxes

While we are all affected by COVID restrictions, spare a thought for one of our members, who was definitely stuck at home by a quirk of their location and the rules about not travelling between different Tiers.

“Give some thought to the poor inhabitants of Fairview Road. Although it supposedly is in Chigwell – ie Epping Forest district – it is in fact in Redbridge, so the inhabitants are only allowed to go to other places in Redbridge. However, Fairview Road exits on to Manor Road, which is entirely with Epping Forest, so the residents of Fairview Road obviously cannot go anywhere.”



Puzzle corner - Logic 18

Old Codgers OC have just had their club championships, and the first five runners home were happy with their runs.

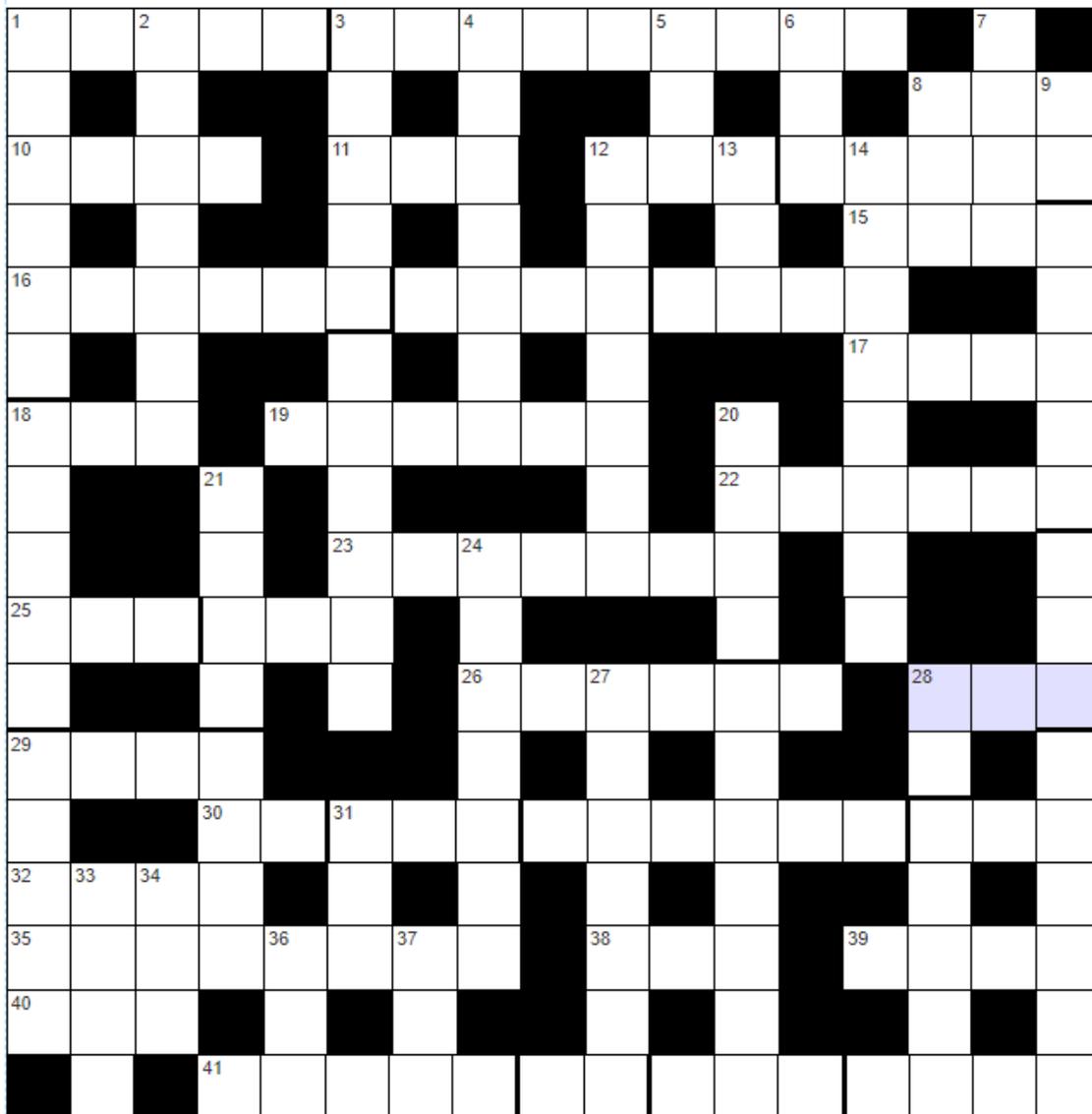
- Chris managed second place, and was particularly pleased with the leg that finished at a stream junction.
- The great leg that finished at a re-entrant was later than the great leg run by the third-place finisher, but before Denis' great leg.
- The winner's great leg was leg 14.
- Alex' great leg finished at a pit. This was neither the sixth or the fourteenth leg.
- Eddie finished fourth.
- The depression was at the end of leg ten.

From the information given, work out who came in what position, which was their great leg, and what was the control at the end of that leg.

	1	2	3	4	5	depression	gully end	pit	re-entrant	stream junction	6	8	10	12	14	
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A Christmas Crossword – with thanks to Barbara Page



(See overleaf for clues)

**Across**

- 1 She hired whelps disturbed at start of carol (5,9)**
8 Research facility or second-rate Californian city? (3)
10 Pointless upset stale seasoning (4)
11 Oxford University model left closet (3)
12 Indiana Jones sought this missing fortune or dangly disaster in carol (3,5)
15 Duck with female swan unlocked (4)
16 Run away with exploding major in film missing ending to get away with it (6,4,4)
17 Extended pine (4)
18 Dram for toddler? (3)
19 Seller of backwards red art (6)
22 Mormonism say, needs a piano to highlight this facet (6)
23 Got guided by describing Miss Scarlet after university (7)
25 Nurse follows scrambled mice finding frozen people (3,3)
26 Santa's ride got broken English, lost North pole (6)
28 Unfurled but not hungry getting web address (3)
29 Snow vehicle has type of Christmas light behind South pole - like 26 across (4)
30 Thunderbirds go but lose flyers? He crushes not first rooted in carol (2,3,6,3)
32 Black bird shortens head covering (4)
35 Unstable knee followed by tailless scottish monster shows enthusiasm (8)
38 Nation in joyous accolade (3)
39 Is soot pornography? (4)
40 Commandos pass out without parking (3)
41 Frequently he puts Islington cherub in front of endless cricket ground 21 down in carol (5,2,3,4)

Down

- 1 Hire in damaged cowshed tasks cleaned undergarments in alternative version of carol (6,5,5)
2 Will I cite clandestine container? (7)
3 Nun ate smashed Aero inside forged dosh, illuminated widely in carol (5,6)
4 Missing ore, I orienteered and went in (7)
5 One is damaged for a very long time (3)
6 Hound backward god (3)
7 Bad dream didn't start horse (4)
8 Cut off in middle of slope (3)
9 Awkwardly steadying the ball to find everyone sitting in the dark in carol (2,5,3,6)
12 Someone who loves clumsy maid about Romeo (7)
13 Party on angel's head, dead on arrival (3)
14 Laugh out loud initially on sass operation to make confectionary (8)
20 Dutch cheese reversed over upset ghouls as they created a Hungarian meat stew (4,7)
21 Endow wonkily with mac on backwards descended in carol (4,4)
24 Sounds like the lady of the house wears tights on Times educational supplements (7)
27 Lug warmer inside appear muffled (7)
28 Put out over wrong poem went faster (2,5)
31 Start golf off with headless feet up (3)
33 Scan freehand regularly (4)
34 Goes without gravity, finds round letters (3)
36 Sounds like there weren't any left for Mother Superior (3)
37 Visualise sleep without record (3)

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