



Note from the Editor

Ok, we may have used the phrase before, but now we're confident we're back! I hope you share my enthusiasm to get back to events - see you at Verulamium 10 April 2021.

A novelty recently, we include a list of events in the near future – one of them has already opened for entries. More below...

Sascha (newsletter@herts-orienteering.club)

Máire and Rory

Congratulations to Máire Convery and Rory Percival who have retired (surely a bit early....) and moved to Crieff in Perthshire. They decided the town was right for them at the 2019 Scottish 6 Days.

They won't want a fuss to be made but let us just say that Máire can be proud of her time as Captain, then Chair of the club, and was the instigator of Street-O in HH.

More than that, both of them turn up anywhere with a smile on their faces and a willingness to speak with others - characteristics not always associated with orienteers at an event. Thanks to both of them for all they've done over the years. We hope we'll still see them, and not just at 6 day events in odd-numbered years.

Mike Bennett, HH Chair



Marie running c.25k from Crieff

Photo: Wendy Carlyle



Credit where it's due – recognition for David Dixon

Congratulations to David, who has been nominated for British Orienteering's 'Volunteer of the Year' award. It recognises "volunteers who have demonstrated a commitment to supporting delivery of orienteering activity with passion, energy and enthusiasm".

Being nominated is a significant honour - only a handful of people are shortlisted each year. It's easy to understand why David was nominated though - at times this last year he has been the force that has kept the club going through lockdown.



David has found more things to do with postboxes than most people thought possible, and keeps us talking on the Tuesday Zooms. Many of you will know to smile at the end of an event as David is usually waiting with a camera....

The winner of the award will be announced at the British Orienteering virtual AGM on 21 April.

Events Restarting

It's time to be optimistic again about restarting orienteering. The orienteering community as a whole is building up fairly quickly to something like the usual number of events, although bigger events naturally have longer lead times.

We all know by now that any event can be cancelled or postponed, but let's go for what we can. Here are a few relatively local events. We're now putting the 'Entries open' date not the 'Entries close' date on the list - many of them have restricted numbers and will sell out, sometimes within a day or two. Entries normally open at 0001 on the day mentioned but it's worth trying the previous evening just in case they were opened manually as someone finished work.

Date	Club	Venue	Level	Entries open
10-Apr	HH	Verulamium	Local	01-Apr
18-Apr	TVOC	Bradenham	Regional	03-Apr
24-Apr	LOK	Alexandra Palace	Local	03-Apr
25-Apr	WAOC	Huntingdon Urban	Regional	26-Mar
08-May	HH	Nomansland	Local	late April
16-May	SO	Oldhouse Warren nr Crawley	National SE League	tbd
16-May	BKO	Bloom Wood High Wycombe	Regional	tbd
23-May	TVOC	Hambleden nr Henley	National Chiltern Challenge	15-Apr
23-May	HAVOC	Hadleigh Park	Local	tbd

Army events are currently postponed until 16 may at the earliest. There are a few other matters worth mentioning, from the latest BO Return to Orienteering guidance:

- *Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared under any circumstances.*



- *Spectators are not permitted at any orienteering event or activity, with the exception of carers for people with disabilities, or adults needed to supervise under-18s in a safeguarding role. Where it is necessary for them to be present, supervising adults should not mix with others from outside their household or support bubble.*

HH joins Twitter



HH has opened a new channel of communication by joining Twitter with the handle **@HertsOrienteers**.

We'll be using this channel alongside all existing channels to provide information on HH activities and events. We'll also retweet other items of interest from the world of orienteering, including events from neighbouring clubs and news from British Orienteering and the British team.

If you're a Twitter user, please 'Follow' us and retweet/like our posts.

This will help spread the word of HH events around the region, and hopefully attract new participants and members. The more followers, retweets and likes we get, the wider our reach.

Your input on Juniors training

Last week Frances sent a message to all Juniors, informing them about the restart at Verulamium, as well as the Yvette Baker Trophy final provisionally set for July 4th. As always, the club needs all Juniors to take part - everyone's contribution is needed.

HH plans to offer hybrid training for juniors – with a mix of online sessions and some traditional coaching with games and activities in a local venue - possibly on a Saturday morning.

First we need lots of views from Juniors and parents. For example:

- What works for you?
- What activities have you tried during lockdown?
- How can the club help you to achieve your/your Junior's aims?

Do get in touch with Frances!

We will also need some parents to get involved with helping and potentially with coaching if we are going to run a successful junior programme.

Talk to us at Verulamium or send an email if you're interested in helping take our juniors to the next level.

Frances (juniors@herts-orienteering.club)



Welwyn Garden City Centenary Street-O Challenge

The centenary events wind up at the end of April and HH is offering four Street O courses to the general public over Easter and during April.

They are based on four of the existing DIY Street O courses in WGC, but they will be separately listed under "Centenary Challenge". So whether or not you have done any of them before, celebrate the increased freedoms from 29th March by coming for a run in WGC. We will be promoting the courses to local running clubs, so we orienteers need to put on a good show!

The WGC Centenary organisation will also present a rather handsome trophy to the man and the woman with the highest aggregate score. Even if you have run the courses before, you are allowed to compete.

Please pass on the information to any of your contacts who may be interested. Full details are at <https://www.herts-orienteering.club/wgc100>

You must print off the map and download the course from the 'WGC100 events' under the 'CentenaryChallenge' heading, rather than the HH original. Otherwise you will not appear in the correct results. (There have been minor changes).

WGC STREET ORIENTEERING

Healthy exercise with a navigational twist

Any time
27 March - 29 April

For newcomers
No equipment needed
Covid safe



Download a map showing a set of checkpoints.
Run, jog, or walk to visit as many as you can in 45mins.
Compare your route & time with others using the free app if you like.
Four different courses.



FREE! Details online
U16s must go with an adult



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Last reminder to renew Membership

Irrespective of Covid-19, you should now have renewed your membership. If not:

- Log into the British Orienteering website for full details and [the link to renew](#).
- Go to 'My Account' then 'Renew my membership'.



Future Events

Here is a provisional list of 'nearby' events, obviously subject to Covid restrictions permitting.

Date	Event	Club	Level
Sat 03 Apr	Park-O Coldhams Common Abbey Leisure Complex Coldhams Common, Cambridge Park-O. Starts 1-3pm. Courses close 3.30. Entries www. Oentry,uk	WAOC	Local
Sat 10 Apr	HH Saturday Series Verulamium Rearranged event from December. Park land near to centre of St Albans. Entries not yet open but expected to be on SIEntries	HH	Local
Sat 10 Apr	BKO Saturday Series (Priority to BKO and BADO members) Bucklebury Common Near Thatcham. Runnable forest with areas of heathland. Entries on Fabian open on 29th March	BKO	Local
Sun 18 Apr	TVOC Regional Event Bradenham Near West Wycombe. Typical Chiltern woodland – steep in places. Start times 10-13. Entries open 3rd April	TVOC	Regional
Sun 18 Apr	SOS Danbury Park No details yet.	SOS	Regional
Sat 24 Apr	Park-O Lammas Land and Coe Fen Cambridge Park O; see details of event on 3rd April	WAOC	Local
Sat 24 Apr	LOK Local event Alexandra Palace Hilly park land. Accessible by public transport. No details yet	LOK	Local



Sun 25 Apr	DFOK Local Event Shooters Hill No details yet.	DFOK	Local
Sat 08 May 2021	HH Saturday Series Nomansland Runnable woodland and some open areas. Near St Albans. Rearranged event from January. Entries not yet open.	HH	Local
Sun 16 May	SO National Event / SE League – Oldhouse Warren & Cowdray Forest National event. Near Crawley . No details yet	SO	National
Sun 16 May	Maldon Urban No details yet.	SOS	Regional
Sun 23 May	Hadleigh Park (Local) Unusual for Essex – it has some hills. Café on site. Details to be confirmed	HAVOC	Regional
Sun 23 May	TVOC Chiltern Challenge National Event TBC Hambleton Mature Beech and mixed deciduous and conifer. Start times 10-13. Entries open mid April	TVOC	National
Sat 05 Jun 2021	HH Saturday Series Stanborough Park land near Welwyn Garden City. Entries not yet open.	HH	Local
Sat 05 Jun	British Orienteering Middle Championships Summerhouse Knott British Middle Distance Champs. Typical Lake District area with rock detail. No entry details yet.	ILOC	Major



Sun 06 Jun	Northern Championships High Dam Northern Champs. Typical Lake District mix of wooded slopes and open moorland. No entry details yet.	MDOC	National
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