



Note from the Editor

This newsletter we have a few pictures from recent events, including the return of Street-O which gets a few mentions ;-)

There is still time for you to organise a Street-O event this summer – find out how below. As ever, the club relies on volunteers to stage great events, so there is an appeal for people to come forward and get involved.

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Saturday 5 June in Welwyn

The next HH Saturday series event will be at Stanborough Lakes on 5 June. Registration is open at <https://www.sientries.co.uk/>, and the current Covid guidance means we are unable to provide entry-on-the-day.

Last weekend at Chilham Castle

A few HH members were busy at this weekend's SAX event at Chilham Castle & King's Wood. Some events hire a blow-up arch to add some glamour to the finish layout. Saxons went one better by finding a natural one, as shown in the photo of Peter Errington (HH) arriving at the finish.



1Photo by Ian Ditchfield



Street-O tonight at Cuffley

The second Street-O event will be on [June 1st, Cuffley, organised by John Duffield](#) (this is a different course to the one we used for DIY-O). Usual timings with a 45-minute score, starting between 19:00 and 19:20. Start/finish is at the car park tucked off Maynard Place in the centre of Cuffley, EN6 4JA - no HH banner but look out for an O-kite.

On the night – use MapRun

Scoring will be using **MapRun** - either by uploading a GPS track later or by using the MapRun6 app on your Smartphone. If using the app download the course from:

UK/Hertfordshire/HH Cuffley2 PXAS ScoreV45 PZ

You will not be able to see the course until entering a PIN - this will be provided on the map so no pre-planning possible!

If you have a GPS watch you will be able to run with the map then upload your route for scoring when back home. If you have neither smartphone nor GPS device then you can still run, but we won't be able to capture a score. More details are in the report lower down.

Before the event each Tuesday

You must pre-register at <https://sat.maptypes.org/> - registration closes at midday before the event. We will charge per registrant but you may cancel your registration up to registration close.

Cost remains the same - £2 for HH members, £3 for everyone else - and includes British Orienteering levy and map costs. To minimise cash handling, we strongly encourage you to **pre-pay** via bank transfer to the HH account - you may pay for multiple runs and multiple family members at the same time.

Please email confirmation to treasurer@herts-orienteering.club to make matching names to registrations easier. If you end up running before paying you will need to reimburse the club within 48 h.

Herts Orienteering Club: Sort Code: 09-01-51 Account number: 27469400
Reference: "<name (at least surname)> StreetO"

Maps (waterproof) will be provided on the night.



Street-O now every Tuesday – you can help !

Last week saw the return of Street-O with a successful event in Harpenden. The report below was sent to BOF for their bulletin.

Volunteer organisers are now needed to fill out the Street-O schedule between now and the beginning of September. You can choose the venue, the date and either re-use an existing DIY-O course or preferably plan a new course.

Street-O Manager David Dixon can provide assistance. Please contact him to help.

street-o@herts-orienteering.club

Date	Area
01/06/2021	Cuffley
08/06/2021	Stevenage North
15/06/2021	?
22/06/2021	Hatfield North
29/06/2021	Harpenden North
06/07/2021	?
13/07/2021	?
20/07/2021	Bishops Stortford
27/07/2021	?
03/08/2021	?
10/08/2021	?
17/08/2021	?
24/08/2021	?
31/08/2021	?
07/09/2021	?

HH offering a mid-week orienteering fix

Wednesdays at 8pm are the new nights for club socials, to avoid clashing with Street-O - Please join the club social whether or not you've run. Use this updated link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2018405102?pwd=cVZ5YjhCZ09LSVRuS2djaWo3UXd4QT09>

You shouldn't need the password (it's in the link) but if asked it's **HiR38w**

Then on **Thursdays** we have restarted our informal Welwyn Garden City social runs – all are welcome, subject to keeping within the current rule-of-30 restrictions. Meet for a prompt start at 7pm at Campus West car park.



What happened at HH's return to Street-O?

On Tuesday 25th May, Hertfordshire Orienteering Club (HH) ran its first face-to-face, on-the-night Street-O event since 2019. [Results and pictures are here.](#)

Pre-lockdown, HH ran weekly Street-O events throughout Summer but when this became impossible in 2020, the Club started using the MapRun app to provide new Street-O events to members (if they could run locally): "DIY Street-O". These were very successful with 31 new courses provided all around the county to cater for the desire to navigate whilst running.



The recent easing of lockdown gave us the opportunity to try an on-the-night event with all runners completing the same course on the same evening. The big advantage of on-the-night orienteering (as well as the chance to catch up with friends) was the ability to withhold the map until timing start, as opposed to DIY Street-O where the map is printed at home and pre-planning the optimum route is possible. By protecting the map in MapRun with a PIN, competitors didn't see the map until they received the physical map from the Organiser meaning they had to plan their route with the clock running, re-introducing the skill of planning on-the-run back into the event.

For this first event, in Harpenden South, we had 18 competitors – a good first turnout at short notice – and a nice dry evening made for an enjoyable run, along with an opportunity for some welcome post-race route comparison and conversation.

Club Chair Mike Bennett said: "It was really great to see a good turnout for this first event, including some people I'd not met before. The score format worked well. No matter what your speed or navigational ability, the course kept you concentrating. I'm already looking forward to next week's event in Cuffley".



What works well with MapRun?

- The MapRun app, which many orienteers have got used to during lockdown, gives a reassuring ping as you reach a control - no more need to carry a pen round to mark controls you've visited. It gives automated scoring and timing, plus visibility of everybody's route.



- The PIN is printed on the map, so on receipt at the start kite, runners entered the number into the App, the phone registered the start and off they went. Some runners chose to use their watch to record their run (rather than carrying their phone), starting the watch at the point of map receipt, and downloading their run into MapRun when they got home.
- Using MapRun removed the need for taking any equipment to the event (control boxes, spare dibbers, results printer etc) making life considerably easier for the Organiser – their main job now is to look after the maps until competitors are ready to start, and count all the runners back safely back in to the finish.
- The only advance activity left is to get waterproofed printed to each Organiser.
- In line with British Orienteering Covid-19 guidance, all runners pre-registered using a very simple map reservation system run by HH with payments being taken for one or multiple events by bank transfer. This gave the Organiser a list of participants and contact details in advance of the event which was simpler than taking information on the night.



Army events restarted

If you can get away on a Wednesday (why not take the day off?) and don't mind travelling south of the river, the Army has resumed their midweek events after a Covid hiatus. There's an event most Wednesdays open to civilians, check www.baoc.info.

Although they are classed as local events - like our Saturday and Street-O events - they are usually on really good areas, some of which have been used for National events. So it's an excellent way of adding to your experience, especially now when we're all trying to remember how we used to orienteer. No ranking points or anything else at stake, it's just you and your pride.

There are normally courses from Long Orange (Orange standard but almost twice the distance) to Brown. Tom & Julie's bratwurst wagon is almost always there, so you can get a hot drink and a bite to eat.

Most of the areas are 60-90 minutes from Hertfordshire and well worth the trip, especially if 2 or 3 share a car. See you there!



Call for volunteers to support events

BOF has designated 1st – 7th June as Volunteers Week: During the first week of June, they will be participating in a national campaign of thanks for all volunteers.

Now events are returning, we need your help to make them successful. You can support the club with the return to Orienteering, by volunteering at a future Saturday Series event or Street-O. As we build the programme, we also need Organisers, Planners or Controllers to come forward – the club can mentor/train you if you want to give it a try.

Anyone interested please contact **Gary and Stu** at saturday@herts-orienteeing.club

WGC Centenary Street Orienteering Winners

We launched Welwyn Garden City's Centenary "Sport for All" programme in early 2020 with two Saturday events at Sherrardspark Wood and Mardley Heath. We all know what happened after that. As sports events now begin to reopen, the club has completed its Centenary contribution with a month-long Street Orienteering Challenge that was open to all. Four different courses were offered based on existing DIY Street-O courses in the town.

Trophies for the highest scoring woman and man were sponsored by Tesco. They were presented by John Beech and Eric Walsby, chairman and secretary of WGC100 "Sport for All".



2Photo : David Dixon

The women's winner, Rachel Sequeira, only started orienteering in 2020 as a result of the Centenary publicity and she has since become a regular orienteer. The men's winner was Dan Hodson who narrowly beat his father, David. Although the trophy competition has ended, the courses are still available to everybody, free of charge via the DIY Street-O webpage on HH website.

In spite of Covid, the WGC Centenary has presented opportunities for raising the profile of orienteering. There have been eight articles or mentions in the local Welwyn Hatfield Times since the beginning of 2020 and widespread distribution of the WGC Photo Trail map (complete with orienteering publicity).

One postponed WGC Centenary event remains. This is the urban event, now due to be held on 8th May 2022. A Covid testing centre currently occupies our preferred start area, but the Planners are considering other options.



Future Events

Here is a provisional list of 'nearby' events, obviously subject to Covid restrictions permitting. We have also included events further afield – as we enter the summer, you may be planning to combine a holiday in the UK with orienteering....

Date	Event	Club	Level
Sat 05 Jun	HH Saturday Series – Stanborough Stanborough Park land near Welwyn Garden City. Entries open on SIEntries.	HH	Local
Sat 05 Jun	British Orienteering Middle Championships (UKOL) Summerhouse Knott. One of the better small areas in the Lake District with lots of detail; Entries on Fabian	BMC	Major
Sun 06 Jun	Northern Championships (UKOL) High Dam Typical Lake District mix of wooded slopes and open moorland. Entries on Fabian.	MDOC	National
Sat 12 Jun	DFOK Spring Event 3 Lullingstone Roman Villa nearby worth a visit. Entries by Racesignup	DFOK	Local
Sat 12 Jun	SN Local Event Alice Holt Forestry Commission land near Farnham, Entries not yet open	SN	Local
Sun 13 Jun	ESOC National Event incorporating the Scottish Orienteering Championships (TBC) Craig a' Barns Excellent forest area near Dunkeld.	ESOC	National
Sun 13 Jun	SOS Great Notley Country Park & Village, Great Notley No details yet	SOS	Regional
Sun 13 Jun	SMOC local event – Loughton Valley Country Park, in Milton Keynes. Starts 10-12. Entries not yet open. No details yet	SMOC	Local
Sun 13 Jun	SO National Event / SE League – Oldhouse Warren & Cowdray Forest, Crawley. One of the best Southdowns areas, South East League. Entries not yet open	SO	National
Sun 20 Jun	Clare Summer Series - Clare, Orwell Country Park near Ipswich; e-mail Organiser for entry	SUFFOC	Local
Sat 26 Jun	Park-O Hinchingsbrooke Country Park near Huntingdon; Entries 1pm -3pm	WAOC	Local
Sun 27 Jun	East Midlands Championships - Chinley Churn Interesting area nr Glossop, Derbyshire. Entries on Fabian	DVO	Regional



Sun 27 Jun	Golden Cap and Stonebarrow Hill. Near Charmouth on the Jurassic coast; Entries open on Fabian	WIM	Regional
Sun 27 Jun	SLOW GLOSS Event tbc No details yet	SLOW	Local
Sat 03 Jul	<i>World Orienteering Championships 3-9 Jul. For interest...</i>	<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>International</i>
Sat 03 Jul	HH Saturday Series - Moneyhole Lane New area; let's have your opinion; no details yet	HH	Local
Sat 03 Jul	DFOK Summer Event 1 Danson Park near Welling, Kent. No details yet	DFOK	Local
Sun 04 Jul	Yvette Baker Trophy Final Westonbirt Arboretum Junior Event HH are in the Final (again)!!!!. Contact Frances Goldingay (HH)	BOK	National
Sun 04 Jul	GLOSS event Wanstead Park No details	CHIG	Local
Sun 18 Jul	LOK GLOSS event Scratchwood No details	LOK	Local
Sat 24 Jul	TVOC Local event TBC No details	TVOC	Local
Sun 25 Jul	Coast and Islands – Day 1 Full - waiting list exists; 'Not all who wander are lost' (J R R Tolkien)	MA	Regional
01-06 Aug	Scottish 6 Days – Day 1 Ardchattan First day of Scottish 6 days; entries on SI entries	–	National
Thu 19 Aug	<i>European Youth Orienteering Championships 19-22 Aug. One of the top three Junior Internationals</i>	<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>International</i>
Sat 21 Aug	British Sprint Relay Championships Skelmersdale No details	DEE	Major
Sun 22 Aug	British Sprint Championships (UKOL) Skelmersdale No details		Major
Sat 28 Aug	White Rose Gilling Woods Last of the summer multi-day events. Near Pickering; no details yet	EBOR	National

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