



Note from the Editor

This newsletter heralds the imminent summer holidays. This weekend we have the HH event at Moneyhole (east of Welwyn) – first come, first served on the last few places!

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Saturday 5 June in Welwyn

The next HH Saturday series event will be at Moneyhole Playing fields, Panshanger on 3 July. Registration is open at <https://www.sientries.co.uk/> - the current Covid guidance means we are unable to provide entry-on-the-day.

AGM – new Committee members needed

This is advance notice that the HH Annual General Meeting will be held on 14 September. The meeting will be held on Zoom. A formal notification will be issued nearer the time.

It is worth noting that the terms for three club officers are expiring after three years. HH have an admirable rule that the 5 core committee members can only do 3 consecutive years in a role. At this AGM we need a new Chair, Secretary and Captain.

Ideally the committee has a variety of people, including those with orienteering in their blood as well as relative newcomers, older and younger, some parents of juniors, and - something we've been weak on recently - a mix of men and women.

If you have an interest in doing any of these jobs, please speak to the current incumbent or indeed to any of the committee. Don't wait to be approached!

Yvette Baker Finals for Junior team

HH has a junior team going to the Yvette Baker Trophy final on Sunday 4th July. The 22-strong team is hoping to make it to the podium again, after coming third in 2019 - when the event last took place. Veterans of the 2019 team are competing, as well as some promising newcomers.

Younger juniors have been taking part in coaching sessions both online and at local venues. They are all getting together on Zoom for a special pre-competition briefing and a chance to consider the race territory. Best wishes to all of them for a good run.

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SE League results

The **SE League** is an annual competition between the member clubs of the SEOA. It runs over each autumn/winter/spring season, with the expectation that the current league competition will run until next summer. The league is based on events approved by SEOA. Last year HH was second in Division 1 after six events and a truncated season, behind the winners SO and only one point ahead of SLOW in third place³, which promises some good competition for the current season.

At SEL 1 at Winterfold in early May HH had 39 runners, earning a respectable 1,670 points and third place. Top scorer for the club was Janet Rosen with 109.6 points. Other strong finishes were Alan Rosen with 96.2 points and Helen Errington with 95.6 points. Peter Errington won the orange course; Ben Gostick ran in third on Blue M16.

At SEL 2 at Chilham and Challock, HH managed another third place with 1,567 points. In a repeat of SEL 1, Janet Rosen was top scorer for the club with 119.4 points. Club President Mike Bennett earned a hefty 115 points and we had another seven runners earning 95 points, with two second places and a third place finisher in the mix:

	Course	Position	Points
Rosen Janet	S Green	2nd	119.4
Bennett Mike	S Brown	7th	115.5
Adams Mark	S Brown	2nd	110.8
Rosen Alan	S Blue	2nd	101.9
Frampton David	S Brown	4th=	101.1
Errington Simon	Black	11th	98.1
Errington Helen	Blue	29th	98.1
Saunders Alison	Green	11th	97.8
Gostick Ben	Blue	3rd	94.8

At SEL 3, with some perhaps put off by the travel or the hot weather, 16 hardy runners took part from the club. They braved some tough running conditions, with the event having originally been planned for earlier in the year when bracken was to have been much lower, earning 599 points which was still enough for third place in Division 1. For a third time, Janet Rosen was the club's top scorer with 108.5 points.



As a result, it seems an unfortunate anomaly, but after three events and three third place positions, HH is equal fourth in Division 1:

Event	1 - Winterfold 9th May 2021		2 – Chilham/Challock 30 May 2021		3 - Oldhouse Warren 13 June 2021		Total
	Club score	Points	Club score	Points	Club score	Points	Points
Club							
SO	2,683	5	1,871	5	2,487	6	16
SLOW	2,576	4	1,592	4	969	5	13
SN	2,872	6	959	2	602	4	12
SAX	1,057	2	2,106	6	435	1	9
HH	1,670	3	1,567	3	599	3	9
MV	785	1	742	1	468	2	4

You can see more at, including the full scoring rules at: <https://www.seoa.org.uk/info/orienteering-competitions-within-seoa>

The next 2021 events for the SE League are:

- 14th Nov SN, Long Valley N, with SE Long Championships
- 5th Dec CHIG, Epping N

And then in 2022:

- 16th Jan DFOK, Chelwood
- 23rd Jan SAX, Ightham
- 6th Feb GO, Chobham
- 13th Feb MV, Netley Heath
- 27th Feb HH, Ashridge N
- 10th Apr SLOW, Leith Hill Place
- 22nd May SO, Friston

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The next event is in Welwyn village on Tuesday 6 July. [More details here.](#)

Summer social

The committee is currently planning to hold a social event including the Club Sprint championships. The provisional date is Sunday 22 August, though several details need to be finalised so that may change. More info to follow soon...



British Sprint Relays – a call out for Club runners

The British Sprint Relay Championships will be opening provisional entries from July 1st. Subject to Covid-related restrictions being lifted, the event is provisionally slated to be held on Saturday August 21st at Skelmersdale in Lancashire.

The competition terrain is made up of complex housing with numerous cut throughs and includes part of the Tawd Valley Park. The area was last used for the 2017 North West Individual Sprint Championships

After a gap of two years since Happy Herts could enter teams in relay championships, it would be great to see the club represented.



Anybody interested in joining a relay team or with questions should email **Club Captain Ian Jones** at: captain@herts-orienteing.club [cc to ihjones39@gmail.com], indicating your preferred class and level of competitiveness.

The event is open to all club runners; we usually have a mix of highly competitive teams and teams with a slightly more relaxed approach to finishing position. You can specify who you expect to have in a relay team or you can elect to be teamed with fellow club members running at a similar level as best that can be managed. The competition classes are as follows:

- Elite - Teams of 4 people (at least 2 women) running 4 legs with women running the first and last legs. TD3.
- Veteran (40+) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people, of which at least one must be female. TD3. Middle leg shorter.
- Super Veteran (55+) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people, of which at least one must be female. TD3. Middle leg shorter.
- Ultra Veteran (65+) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people, of which at least one must be female. TD3. Middle leg shorter.
- Junior (16-) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams of 3 people, at least one must be female. TD3. Middle leg shorter.
- Young Juniors (12-) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people, of which at least one must be female. TD2.
- Ad Hoc (Mixed age classes) - 3 legs, free running order. Teams consisting of 3 people, of which at least one must be female. TD3. Middle leg shorter. Not a championship class. Non-competitive teams from combined clubs allowed.
- Women are permitted to be competitive in men's classes. Teams may include more than the stated number of female runners for their class or be all female.

Preliminary information available at: <http://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk/>.



List of notable 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 03 Jul 2021	World Orienteering Championships 3-9 Jul Czech Republic For interest.	-	International
Sat 03 Jul 2021	HH Saturday Series Moneyhole Lane New area; let's have your opinion; Entries open on SI Entries	HH	Local
Sat 03 Jul 2021	DFOK Summer Event 1 Danson Park Park near Welling, Kent.	DFOK	Local
Sun 04 Jul 2021	Yvette Baker Trophy Final Westonbirt Arboretum Junior Event HH are in the Final (again)!!!!.	BOK	National
Sun 04 Jul 2021	GLOSS event Wanstead Park Around several lakes - but some woodland. Entries on Fabian 4	CHIG	Local
Sun 11 Jul 2021	Junior World Orienteering Championships 11-16 July Turkey Maybe - for interest	-	International
Sun 11 Jul 2021	MV GLOSS Event Reigate Priory Park No Details. Reigate Priory is a nice park with some interesting wooded slopes	MV	Local
Sun 18 Jul 2021	DFOK GLOSS event Beckenham Place Park. No details yet	DFOK	Local
Sat 24 Jul 2021	TVOC Local event TBC No details	TVOC	Local
Sun 25 Jul 2021	Coast and Islands - Day 1 Full; waiting list exists; 'Not all who wander are lost' (J R R Tolkien)	MA	Regional
Sun 25 Jul 2021	LOK GLOSS event Scratchwood Well contoured, mixed woodland close to the bottom of the M1 Entries on Fabian 4	LOK	Local
Tue 27 Jul 2021	Mole Valley Summer Series The Nower. Details to follow. Interesting piece of woodland just south of Dorking.	MV	Local



Sun 01 Aug 2021	Scottish 6 Days - Day 1 Ardchattan First day of Scottish 6 days; entries on SI entries	-	National
Thu 12 Aug 2021	World Cup Round 2 12 - 15 Aug Sweden For interest!.....	-	International
Thu 19 Aug 2021	European Youth Orienteering Championships 19-22 Aug Lithuania One of the top three Junior Internationals	-	International
Sat 21 Aug 2021	Jukola Relay 21-22 August Finland Long night relay; Overnight accommodation. For the experienced	-	International
Sat 21 Aug 2021	British Sprint Relay Championships Skelmersdale No details	DEE	Major
Sun 22 Aug 2021	British Sprint Championships (UKOL) Skelmersdale No details	-	Major
Sat 28 Aug 2021	White Rose Last of the summer multi-day events. Near Pickering; no details yet	EBOR	National
Sun 29 Aug 2021	National Urban Event Leatherhead Urban race. No Details	MV	National
Sat 04 Sep 2021	HH Saturday Series Jersey Farm Jersey Farm Small mixed woodland and open land. No Details yet	HH	Local
Sat 04 Sep 2021	SLOW Urban event Ham Urban race. No Details	SLOW	Regional
Sat 18 Sep 2021	Caddihoe Day 1 (UKOL) Godshill, New Forest No Details; 2-day event usually worth the travel.	WIM	National
Sun 19 Sep 2021	SOS Baddow Ridge No Details. Last time we orienteered there was 1987.	SOS	Regional
Sun 19 Sep 2021	Caddihoe Day 2 (UKOL) Hampton Ridge, New Forest See above. 2 good New Forest areas are being advertised	WIM	National
Sun 26 Sep 2021	Epping (Level B) inc. EA Champs Epping Forest SW Epping. Many paths and lots of holly. No details yet	HAVOC	Regional
Thu 30 Sep 2021	World Cup Round 3 30 Sept - 3 Oct Italy For interest	-	International

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