



Happy Herts Newsletter 285

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### Note from the Editor

This newsletter heralds the imminent Scottish Six days of Orienteering. Fewer articles during the summer, so I look forward to your stories and photos from Lochaber.

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### Street-O continues

The next event is in Welwyn Garden City, with details on the links below.

Tue 3 Aug 21	<a href="#">Welwyn Garden City (Peartree) Street-O</a>
Tue 10 Aug 21	<a href="#">St Albans WSW Street-O</a>
Tue 17 Aug 21	<a href="#">Welwyn GC Haldens Street-O</a>
Tue 24 Aug 21	<a href="#">Redbourn Street-O</a>
Tue 31 Aug 21	<a href="#">Hammond Street Street-O</a>
Tue 7 Sep 21	<a href="#">Welwyn GC Street Snooker-O</a>

### New training officer and junior coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Jennie Soulsby and Alex Soulsby have taken up the jobs of Junior Coordinator and Training Officer respectively. The 2 jobs are closely associated and Alex and Jennie will concentrate on the overlap between them - junior training - to start with. Please give them every support in their new roles.

**Mike** ([Chairman@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:Chairman@herts-orienteering.club) )

### Summer social

The committee has now decided to postpone the social event initially mooted for August. The Annual Club Championships will be held at a nearby event in Autumn, with more details to follow soon.



## **Juniors compete at Yvette Baker Finals**

The Yvette Baker Trophy is always an exciting competition for our juniors, and one of their chances to get together as a team. Despite the enforced break in 2020, 2021 was no exception.

After their success in the heats, the HH junior team competed at the final on Sunday 4th July. With a good mixture of experienced athletes and comparative beginners it was still going to be hard to match our third place from 2019.

And then Covid struck, as one by one members of the team got the dreaded message to self-isolate. With six talented runners unable to take part, the team was in trouble.

Fortunately, the remaining 16 juniors made the trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, on a warm and humid Sunday. The vegetation was high and there were heavy showers but the team were not deterred. They all did their runs and when the points were added up, HH had finished in sixth place.

Particular congratulations go to our nine (well, ten) point scorers: Issy, Oliver, Ben, Robin, Bors, Darrio, Lauren and Charlotte, Hanga and Charlie. Our two youngest competitors, Charlotte and Daniel got valuable experience, and everyone contributed to the team position.

Well done all – including the ones who trained hard but then had to miss out on the event. There is plenty of talent coming through to boost our squad – so next year should be interesting.

### ***Frances***



Some of the team (maintaining their distance).



## Orienteering in Step 4 of Covid guidance

British Orienteering has issued its guidance for Step 4, see [https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19\\_Safe\\_orienteering](https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19_Safe_orienteering).

Although almost all legal requirements have been lifted and there are no restrictions on numbers of participants or types of events, some precautions still make sense even for a naturally socially distanced sport:

- Don't come if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid, or if you are isolating. HH will continue to offer a full refund.
- Follow good hygiene practices and avoid sharing water bottles or other refreshment containers. Where possible, you should take your own drink.
- Do what the organisers & volunteers ask! In particular, HH will ask for face coverings in indoor settings.

So we still have to be careful, but we have been able to enjoy our sport even under the tightest restrictions last year. Long may that continue.

The big change from our point of view is that from September we can get back to a Saturday series that is open to all and welcoming to newcomers. Meet and greet takes on a new flavour. We'll still have registration in advance, so M&G needs to do a lot less moving people from queue to queue, it's more about being welcoming and giving people the (socially distanced) help they need.

## Return of Saturday Series

**After a summer break, the Saturday series events** return on 4 September. The following month will see the Youth league start up again!

Sat 4 Sep 21	<a href="#">Jersey Farm</a>	Beginners and Saturday League
Sat 2 Oct 21	<a href="#">Heartwood</a>	Beginners, Youth & Saturday Leagues
Sat 6 Nov 21	<a href="#">Ellenbrook</a>	Beginners, Youth & Saturday Leagues
Sat 4 Dec 21	<a href="#">Chipperfield</a>	Beginners, Youth & Saturday Leagues

The HH website has more details about the Saturday Series for any newcomers who want to understand how it all works. <https://www.herts-orienteering.club>



## AGM on 14 September

This is advance notice that the HH Annual General Meeting will be held on 14 September. The meeting will be held on Zoom using this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88908802687?pwd=L1VEZm1SejZaQ0pLK29teEErZUxWdz09>

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

## Recycling dibbers

During COVID restrictions, HH trialled long term hire of dibbers. As members become more interested in orienteering, members often buy their own – they can make a great gift for birthdays etc. One common place to buy them is : [www.sportident.co.uk](http://www.sportident.co.uk)

Should you plan to replace your own dibber – perhaps a new SIAC contactless dibber to save time - do consider recycling your old dibber, by passing it to someone else.

## British Sprint Relays – calling Club runners

The British Sprint Relay Championships opened provisional entries July 1<sup>st</sup> . with the event planned for Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> at Skelmersdale in Lancashire.



The area was last used for the 2017 North West Individual Sprint Championships. Event information available at: <http://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk/>.

Anybody interested in joining a relay team or with questions should email [captain@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:captain@herts-orienteering.club) / [ihjones39@gmail.com](mailto:ihjones39@gmail.com) indicating your preferred class and level of competitiveness.

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## South East League events

The next 2021 SE League events are:

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|------------|---|------------|------------------------|
| • 14th Nov | SN, Long Valley N<br>(with SE Long Championships) | • 16th Jan | DFOK, Chelwood         |
| • 5th Dec  | CHIG, Epping N                                    | • 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            |

And then in 2022 →:



## 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 – you may be planning to combine a holiday in the UK with orienteering....

Date	Event	Club	Level
Sun 01 Aug	Scottish 6 Days - Day 1 Ardchattan First day of Scottish 6 days; entries on SI entries	-	National
Sat 07 Aug	World Masters Orienteering Championships 7-13 Aug Hungary For Info	-	International
Thu 12 Aug	World Cup Round 2 12 - 15 Aug Sweden For interest.....	-	International
Thu 19 Aug	European Youth Orienteering Championships 19-22 Aug Lithuania One of the top three Junior Internationals	-	International
Sat 21 Aug	Jukola Relay 21-22 August Finland Long night relay; Overnight accommodation. For the experienced	-	International
Sat 21 - 22 Aug	British Sprint Relay Championships Skelmersdale; see <a href="https://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk/">https://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk/</a> Limited details on DEE web	DEE	Major
Sat 28 Aug	White Rose, YHOA Championships / SuperLeague Skipwith Common, Near Pickering. Entries open on Fabian. Last of the summer multi-day events.	EBOR	Regional
Sun 29 Aug	White Rose, York; entries open on Fabian Last of the summer multi-day events. Entries on Fabian	EBOR	Regional
Sun 29 Aug	National Urban Event Leatherhead; no details Urban race. No Details	MV	National
Sat 04 Sep	HH Saturday Series Jersey Farm (St Albans). Due on SI Entries soon. Small mixed woodland and open land.	HH	Local
Sat 04 Sep	SLOW Urban event Ham Urban race. Few Details; entries will be on SI Entries	SLOW	Regional
Sun 05 Sep	LOK 50th Anniversary Event Hampstead Heath. Part of the City of London weekend. Interesting area.	LOK	Regional
Sun 12 Sep	Cambridge North Urban Urban. Entries through Fabian	WAOC	Regional



Sat 18 Sep	Caddihoe Day 1 (UKOL) Godshill, New Forest No Details; 2-day event usually worth the travel. Details later!	WIM	National
Sun 19 Sep	SOS Baddow Ridge Danbury No Details. Last time we orienteered there was 1987. No details yet	SOS	Regional
Sun 19 Sep	Caddihoe Day 2 (UKOL) Hampton Ridge, New Forest See above. 2 good New Forest areas are being advertised. Details later	WIM	National
Sun 26 Sep	Epping (Level B) inc. EA Champs Epping Forest SW Epping. Many paths and lots of holly. No details yet	HAVOC	Regional
Thu 30 Sep	World Cup Round 3 30 Sept - 3 Oct Italy For interest	-	International
Sat 02 Oct	HH Saturday Series Heartwood New plantations with limited access; no details yet.	HH	Local
Sat 02 Oct	British Orienteering Championships (UKOL) - rearranged from 2022 Braunton Burrows. One not to miss; detailed sand dunes; see <a href="https://www.theboc.org.uk/">https://www.theboc.org.uk/</a>		Major
Sun 03 Oct	BOC weekend supporting event (UKOL) - rearranged from 2022 Braunton Burrows One not to miss; detailed sand dunes; see <a href="https://www.theboc.org.uk/">https://www.theboc.org.uk/</a> for details		National
Sat 09 Oct	Bush Heath (UKOL) Mildenhall; entries will be on Fabian	WAOC	Regional
Sun 10 Oct	Junior Home Internationals Relays Bramshott. See the best Juniors in action; open race after the relay.	SLOW	National
Sun 10 Oct	SWELL local event Epping SE Epping is always interesting. Details to follow	CHIG	Local
Sun 24 Oct	GO Urban Event Guildford What's to say; its an urban in a city. Probably starts near the Uni or cathedral.	GO	Regional
Sat 30 Oct	Cambridge City Race. No details on web yet	-	Regional
Sat 30 Oct	SOG A5 Rivers Wood Small interesting wood near Crawley; no details on web	SO	Local

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