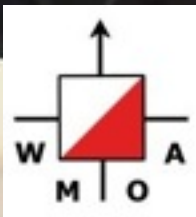


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***The Newsletter of the West Midlands Orienteering Association***

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## Editorial

Welcome to the Summer edition of the 'West Midlander.' My aims in producing this newsletter are to chronicle events that have happened and to publicise future events. This work is now much easier than in the past due to the internet though it still requires a lot of research work. If you have held an event and would like to see a report published then please send me your article.

Since the last issue the two major attractions of the British orienteering calendar have taken place - the JK weekend in South Wales and the British Long Distance Championships in the North East. The region had some successes at these events and reports and photographs appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

The main Championship season is over (though there is still the British Sprint/Middle Distance Championship weekend in September). This doesn't mean that there aren't any orienteering events happening in the region. Harlequins, Droobers and Wrekin all hold regular Summer evening events and POTO hold their Summer Park League series on Saturday mornings.

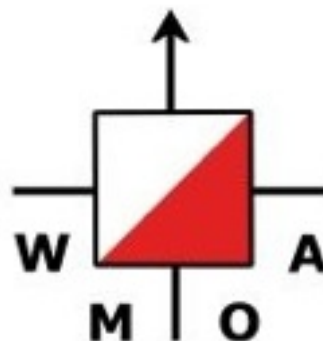
Included in this issue is a new quiz prepared by John Heaton (POTO). John has been setting these quizzes for some time in 'The Potter', usually with a 'Potteries' theme and has adapted this one for the region. I hope you find it fun and also educational - thanks John.

There is notification of the WMOA AGM, being held on 13 October, on page 8. Please come along and lend your support to the Region.

*Rod*

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## WMOA Chairman's Report June 2014

**Bob Brandon**

The Springtime orienteering events continue to be popular within the region. With the light evenings there are plenty of evening events to go to during the week in addition to those at the weekend.

The League continues to be well supported. Despite the loss of the Chillington Hall event at the end of March, Walton Chasers took us to a delightful new area at Mansty Woods. The area is flat, fast and has very runnable woodland where good ditch jumping techniques pay off. Earlier Harlequins had taken us to Breakneck Bank, and more recently to Titterstone Clee for a romp around the old quarry workings.

The day before Mansty, Walton Chasers hosted a successful WMOA Schools Championships at Hednesford Camp. Congratulations to all who took part. Trees from acorns. You will see from Mel Elkington's article (Page 11) how well the Juniors are progressing, with several having been selected for Summer tours – an experience that will provide opportunities to improve their orienteering technique.

The inaugural event for the new WMOA Urban League has taken place at Kenilworth with a good turn out. Unfortunately the Bridgnorth event has had to be cancelled but hopefully can be rescheduled later in the Summer. Events at Stafford and Redditch follow in October.

Potteries put on the WMOA Relays at Park Hall Country Park on a warm sunny day. The new Class structure provided the captains with plenty of scope to match up runners to form competitive teams. The mass start for leg 1 runners from all classes (except Juniors) ensured that most had finished in time for the trophy presentations.

The next WMOA event is to be the Park Championships in July, being staged by Octavian Droobers at Brueton Park in Solihull.



Later in September the British Sprint and Middle Distance Championships weekend is being held in our region. The Sprint event is being organised by Potteries on the Keele University campus where I understand there is a wedding taking place on campus at the same time – maybe an opportunity to appear running in the background on the photos! Next day at Brereton Spurs, Walton Chasers are providing parking, assembly and finish together in one field.

Looking further ahead to 2015, the region hosts the Junior Inter-Regional Championships – Tracy Craig and Mel Elkington are on the case! Whilst for 2016 it is Eric Brown with his eye on the ball as coordinator for the British Long and Relay Championships. I had a pleasant day out with Eric, as he took his organising/planning teams from Harlequins and Octavian Droobers to Brown Clee. For them a bonding session and to gain experience of the undergrowth exactly 24 months ahead of the event.

A lot of work being done by a lot of people!



## Minutes of WMOA meeting on 9 June 2014 Great Barr Hotel

**Present:** R. Brandon, R. Collins, D. Kingsbury, B. McGowan, B. Morgan, R. Postlethwaite, A. Williams, J. Woodall.

1. **Apologies:** E. Brown, B. Elkington, M. Elkington, G. Hardy, H. Morgan.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** R. Postlethwaite informed the meeting that he was preparing the maps for the British Sprints 2014 and for BOC 2016.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Correspondence:**

Information from the Orienteering Foundation had been received from Viv Macdonald and published in the West Midlander.

John Woodall had provided an update about the inclusion of cake stalls at major events - this had been circulated to WMOA committee.

'Mike's e-news' from Mike Hamilton - assumed to be to individuals as there was no circulation advice, however a couple of people had not received this. DLK to circulate these in future.

### 6. Chairman's Report:

See West Midlander for Chairman's Report.

Bob thanked those present for their efforts over the last 3 months.

### 7. Treasurers Report:

The levies have yielded less income than predicted, largely due to 3 cancelled events, although small events are providing some additional levy. The WMOA is on course for a £1500 loss this year. Little has been spent in the last quarter and the current account balance is £2361. It is anticipated that major events in 2015 will offset this.

B. Morgan sought clarification about the payment of levies for the British Sprint Champs being held at Keele University as she had not included this in the budget. A generic copy of the Major Events Agreement was checked and this specified that BOF events would not be subject to Association of BOF levy. As this may affect other major events that had been seen as useful sources of levy, this could affect forward budgeting. On this basis B. McGowan revised his predicted loss for 2014 to £2000.

Requests for support for Junior Squad training are anticipated in the near future.

**B. McGowan to seek clarification from BOF regarding Association levy and BOF events.**

**B. McGowan to discuss the position relating to BOC 2016 and WMOA levy with E. Brown.**

### 8. Fixtures:

WM Relays are in 2 weeks and everything is believed to be in hand.

Wrekin's Nesscliffe event had been added to the WM League.

After the National Events Scheduling meeting in November there will be a Regional Scheduling meeting to confirm the WM league for 2015.

R. Collins commented on the lack of WMOA events leading up to Christmas and asked whether clubs would consider additional fixtures. He also asked if more consideration could be given to avoiding clashes in neighbouring regions. A. Williams believed this was in part due to clubs avoiding putting on an event when there was a UK League event scheduled, although the reality is that unless such an event is on the doorstep the number of people attracted by the UK League events is relatively low.

### **West Midlands Urban League**

Rod had prepared a logo for the League which had been circulated prior to the meeting – this met with approval. Remaining events were Bridgnorth, Stafford (12/10) and Redditch (25/10). Three of the four events would be needed to count for points. Certificates used for other WM competitions could be adapted.

A. Williams to investigate Nopesport scoring system for the WM Urban League.

R. Postlethwaite to include details of remaining events in West Midlander.

### **British Sprint & Middle Championships 2014**

All progressing satisfactorily from WCH perspective.

B. Morgan reported that there had been an issue with Fabian4 whereby money from the campsite and t-shirt orders was not being split off directly to POTO. She will be discussing this with S. Pygott to ensure monies are separately accounted for. It wouldn't be possible to confirm the campsite until 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. The event has been advertised in CompassSport and leaflets have been distributed.

### **JIRC2015**

Tracy Craig and Mel Elkington are organising this event.

### **BOC 2016 Brown Clee**

E. Brown had produced a document about proposed profit sharing for BOC 2016 which had been circulated to clubs in April and two weeks prior to this meeting. There was no feedback from any of the clubs so this could not be taken forward. D. Kingsbury to seek a written response from clubs regarding this document in time for the next meeting so that an informed decision can be made.

In light of earlier discussions about the levy it was agreed that there would be a need to build in some income for WMOA from this event, in the order of £1000.

### **JK2018**

will be in WMOA - there is a need to think about areas. This will need a Sprint event, 2 Long Distance events and a Relay. This needs to be defined over the next year.

## **9. West Midlander**

There had been distribution issues within HOC and it was not certain that all HOC members had received the last two copies. This may have been due to a misunderstanding. R. Postlethwaite will be more explicit with requirements for distribution in future. A contact is needed for each club for the West Midlander, in addition to club secretaries. It was also queried whether club secretaries would be willing to distribute other information as the email tree isn't working as effectively as in the past.

Next copy date for West Midlander is 2-3 weeks from 9 June - needs to include notification of the AGM.

**D. Kingsbury to check circulation details and if secretaries willing to receive other info.**

#### 10. Development:

- a) Mapping Training - R. Postlethwaite had received information from David Olivant regarding surveying and cartography training and would like to run a 2 part course next year - tentatively Spring. It will require a central venue and advertising/promotion. Need to decide if it was for people preparing a map from scratch or for doing small updates, using OCAD and Open Orienteering Mapper. It was suggested that small updates might be more manageable.
- b) H. Morgan is hoping to run a Planners/Organisers course, possibly September after the Keele Sprints. It is believed that there is enough demand. B. Morgan/H. Morgan to report back to the committee if a co-organiser needs to be found.

**All clubs to canvas demand for a Planners/Organisers course and feedback to Henry Morgan.**

#### 11. Events and Competitions Committee:

Update submitted by B Elkington.

**E&CC:** The committee needs to look to the current and future event programme and is making progress. Volunteers have taken on roles outside the Committee, which is working well.

**UK Orienteering League (UKOL):** Can we get somebody to promote this?

**Major Events Conference:** There should be a Major Events Conference in September over two days subject to finance. Perhaps Regions/Clubs can help finance their participants?

**Strategy:** Something we do not have is an operating brief that says JK needs to be family friendly, which is something the Scottish 6 Days does have. We need to ask: Why are we doing this? What are the objectives? Do we want a BOC arranged on finding the very best orienteering focused on competition, or should they be open to all?

**Events Delivery Plan Progress:** JK 2016 and 2017 Regions are identified. Culture change is needed to set up a common formula for running Major Events. The strategy needs to incorporate the needs of individuals, clubs and regions including what support is needed from E&CC and the Centre. We need a local co-ordinator and technical experts. Then devise what is needed locally, because that defines what local people can do. We can potentially do a lot to save local volunteers work by involving members from different Regions.

**JK 2014 Map Survey:** Ended this week and we now have the final results. Main theme is about clarity, very little about scale. Digital printing of Sprint maps allowed because of late changes, but quality of paper poor resulting in some blurring.

**Developing Major Officials:** Ernie Williams to contact all Associations regarding current Event Officials requirements being met and request contact details for Association's person i/c Controllers within Region. Also to request details of all training courses held in 2013 and planned for 2014 and 2015, plus recommend an annual Training Day to cover Event Safety/Organisers/Planners/Controllers/Mapping and surveying - especially for Level B and C Events.

**Training and Appointing Major Event Officials:** Do we have the resources? There are a number of points. We have training material on CD from Centre, but need opportunity to go on courses e.g. Event Safety, Controllers, etc. We need to agree promotional aspects and orienteers' needs for the Major Events. Brief discussion about the lack of training material available for Planners above Level C. Noted that present requirements for event officials are based principally previous experience with no requirement to demonstrate competence.

**Map Printing:** Board needs to look at broad issues and make a decision. LOC requested an exception to the Rules to allow them to use digital printing for JK 2015. Sent in samples of digital prints, but quality is not good. We should say No to digital printing as this is a Major Event. Mapper should insist on litho printing. No compromise on the map printing cost for JK as this is a premier event.

**Club and Association Conference:** This is scheduled for 18 October and is likely to concentrate on events.

There was further discussion about map printing and scales, however the outcome of the AGM motion regarding map scales had not taken this further forward and all concurred about digitally printed maps not being suitable for major events as the print can wear off.

**12. West Midlands Junior Squad:** March 2014 to June 2014 - Mel Elkington

(See report on page 11).

**13. AOB**

H Morgan (via B Morgan) has prepared a Controllers list after contacting the clubs, although a response is still awaited from WRE. The list cannot be put on the WMOA website, so it will be sent to each club and also to R. Postlethwaite for inclusion in a new handbook. It was noted that a lot of Controllers have been lost.

The new team system will be used for the West Midlands Relays. Feedback is requested upon whether or not this was improvement to the event and whether the new age classes had worked in terms of making team selection easier.

B. Morgan advised that orienteers would need to allow plenty of time to arrive for the Sprint Champs at Keele University due to other events there that day - this will be in the final details.

**14. Next meetings:** 8 September, AGM 13 October.

## Notice of the West Midlands Orienteering Association AGM

Date: Monday 13 October 2014

Time: 19.30

Venue: Great Barr Hotel, Pear Tree Drive, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 6HS

If any of the clubs would like to put forward motions to the AGM please send them to the Secretary, Delia Kingsbury, by September 5th.



## Quiz by John Heaton (POTOC)

Something a little different for this newsletter, a light hearted trivia quiz guaranteed to get the 'little grey cells' working. Mainly extracted from quizzes used in the POTOC magazine, 'The Potter'.

**Q1** What is Gore, apart from the obvious?

- a) Surname of the developer of Breathable waterproof fabrics.
- b) The oval shaped map segments used to make up the ball shape of a globe.
- c) The narrow strip of land inside the apex of the a fork in a road.

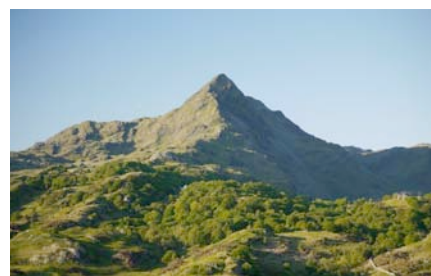
**Q2** What connects the following?



*The ruins of the visitor centre at Park Hall Country Park (venue of this year's WM Relays)*



*Keele Hall (on the Keele University Campus being used for the British Sprint Championships in September)*



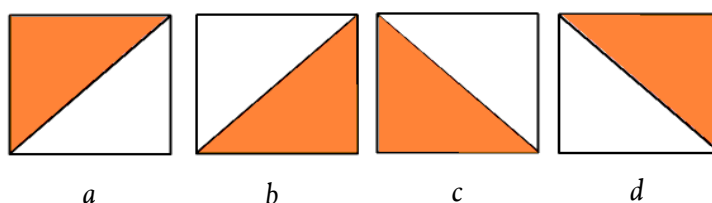
*The summit of Cnicht, a 2260 ft mountain in Snowdonia?*

**Q3** What is connection between:

- a) a four point compass rose
- b) an orienteering banner.
- c) a waterwheel
- d) a fox

**Q4** What is Hylophobia ?

**Q5** Which is correct?



**Q6** These 3 are the largest landowners in the UK. Can you put them in order of total area owned?

- a) the National Trust
- b) The Forestry Commission
- c) Landmark (the agency administering Armed forces land )

**Q7** The tree cover in the UK is 11% and is the lowest in Western Europe - True or False?

**Q8** How many years can a mountain exist before it is washed to the sea?

**Q9** What is the next in the following sequence?

Ribbon ... Juice .....Devil.....Bottles ..... Skies . (there is more than one answer )

Answers on page 22.

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### Spotted at the recent City of Manchester Urban Event



*It asks the question - Do they keep them in the van during the day? Photo by Delia Kingsbury (WRE)*

## West Midlands Junior Squad

### Report April to June 2014

This summer sees ten of us head to the Swedish 'O Ringen', we will be staying in a house 4km from the 'O Ringen Town'. The owners of the house and their neighbours are kindly loaning us bikes so we will be able to cycle to and from the event centre in order to catch a bus every day. The 'O Ringen' is in its 50<sup>th</sup> Year and it is expected to attract 20000 competitors so it will be a tremendous experience for all that are going.

The WMOA has participants in all of the Summer Training Camps. Nathan and Harrison have been selected for the British Orienteering Talent Development Camp which takes place at Sedbergh for a few days before the Lakes 5 days and incorporates some of the days.

Ellie achieved championship standard at this year's Northern Championships and so has been selected for a week's training at Lagganlia along with another 22 (second year) 14 year olds.

Matt H. achieved a championship standard and so has been selected for the next tour up which has Iain Embrey as its team manager and this year is based in the Trossachs.

Nathan and Harrison have achieved several championship standards and so have been selected for the Stockholm tour.

Matt E. and Julie have been selected to attend the Gothenburg tour.

So congratulations to them all and we hope they have a great Summer training.

In addition Harrison has been selected for the European Youth Orienteering Championships in Macedonia and Julie for the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Bulgaria. Julie, Nathan and Harrison were all selected to represent England in the Junior Home International at the end of August, although some have had to turn it down as it clashes with their Summer tours.

So congratulations to them all and we hope they have a great Summer both competing and training.

New members that have joined recently are:

OD (2<sup>nd</sup> year 12s) Felix, Oliver

WCH (2<sup>nd</sup> year 12s) Adam, Holly C., Henry

(1<sup>st</sup> year 14) Megan

(1<sup>st</sup> Year 16) Holly H.

**Melanie Elkington**  
(WMJS Co-ordinator)



### Harlequins Orienteering Club

presents the  
2014

British Schools' Score Orienteering Championships

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Arrow Valley Country Park, Redditch, Worcestershire

Entry form and more details can be found at:

<http://www.bsoa.org/default.aspx>



## West Midlands Schools Championships 2014



The West Midlands Schools Championships were held by WCH at Hednesford Camp on 10 May 2014.

### Team Results

	Primary		Middle		Secondary
	(best 4 results to count)		(best 4 results to count)		(best 3 from at least 3 classes)
1	Oakridge 6 pts		Woodhouse 22 pts		Walton 10 pts
2	Berkswich 8 pts		Winterfold 29 pts		Kenilworth 12 pts
3	St Andrews Weston 26 pts				King Henry VIII 17 pts
4	Great Malvern 27 pts				Weston Road 65 pts
5	Ashperton 41 pts				Adams 88 pts

### Individual Results

	Boys		Girls	
Year 11 +	Harrison McCartney	King Henry VIII	Julie Emmerson	Kenilworth
Year 5	Alex Lloyd	Winterfold	Maddie Batchelor	Oakridge
Year 6	Ethan Evans	Berkswich	Rebecca Fitzjohn	Oakridge
Year 7+8	Felix Lunn	Kenilworth	Megan Colclough	Walton
Year 9 + 10	Matthew Hartland	Walton	Gemma Cairns-Smith	Walton

The contest for the fastest run-in time from the last control was a dead-heat between Joshua Jelly (King Henry VIII) and Matthew Hartland (Walton)

## West Midlands Relays

The 2014 West Midlands Relays were held by POTO C on 22 June at Park Hall. It was a glorious sunny day and featured the new 'mass start' format as suggested by the recent competition review. Park Hall is a small but surprisingly tricky area and it soon became apparent that people were taking a long time to complete their courses. Perhaps this was due to the luscious undergrowth caused by ideal growing conditions, which made 'straight line' orienteering virtually impossible.



*West Midlands  
Club Banners*

*Photo by Henry Morgan  
(POTO C)*

<b>Winners</b>	A	Mini Relay	M/W 12	OD
	B	Junior Women	W42-	WCH
	C	Intermediate Women	W54-	No Entries
	D	Open Women		OD
	E	Senior Women	W130+	WRE
	F	Veteran Women	W165+	WCH
	G	Super Veteran Women	W200+	POTO C
	H	Junior Men	M42-	OD
	I	Intermediate Men	M54-	No Entries
	J	Open Men		WCH
	K	Senior Men	M130+	HOC
	L	Veteran Men	M165+	WCH
	M	Super Veteran Men	M200+	OD
	N	Mixed Ad Hoc		COBOC



## Jan Kjellström Weekend 2014

The annual Jan Kjellström weekend was held in South Wales on 17 - 20 April. The weekend kicked off with the, now established, Sprint event at Swansea University on a glorious, sunny day. The West Midlands had three winners on the day: Tessa Hill (HOC) in W21E; Andy Simpson (OD) M40 and Hilary Simpson (OD) W75. The region also had 4 second place finishers and a third place.

Days 2 and 3 were held on adjoining open moorland areas above Merthyr Tydfil - Merthyr Common and Llangynydir. Both these areas comprised somewhat bland landforms with a very large number of pits and depressions and rocky areas. Careful navigation was required to avoid large time losses. Sunday was particularly tricky on Llangynydir as we were treated to very cold, wet and misty conditions with thunder and lightning. Hilary Simpson (OD), our front cover picture, was the only competitor from the region to win overall, in the W75 class.

The Relays were held on the spoil heaps of Pwll Ddu, a legacy of the long gone Welsh coal industry. The area had previously been used for the British Championships in 2007 and also for Croeso. Success eluded the region's teams although 3 third places were achieved.

# WANTED

Does anyone have any old copies of the 'West Midlander' (pre September 1983) that they would be prepared to lend to the editor for research purposes?

If so please drop me a line at:  
[rod.postlethwaite@icloud.com](mailto:rod.postlethwaite@icloud.com)

## British Championships 2014

The 2014 British Championships were held by the North East Orienteering Association on 31 May and 1 June. The individual was held at Thrunton Wood and Callaly and was extremely tough due to the undergrowth combination of bilberry and brashings overlaying uneven, rocky ground. For all but the fittest it was a struggle to find anywhere where it was actually possible to run which resulted in some very long times. The best orienteers, as usual, coped admirably and there were wins for Andy Simpson (OD) in the M40 class, Andy Hemsted (HOC) in M65 and Alison Sloman (HOC) in W75. There were also runner-up positions for Harrison McCartney (OD) in M16, Julie Emmerson (OD) in W18E and Hilary Simpson (OD) in W75.



*M40 Winner: Andy Simpson (OD)*

*Photo by Rob Lines (SO)*



*W75 Winner: Alison Sloman (HOC) and runner-up  
Hilary Simpson (OD)*

*Photo by Rob Lines (SO)*



*M65 Winner: Andy Hemsted (HOC)*

*Photo by Rob Lines (SO)*

The Relays were held at the small but intricately contoured area of The Cragg Estate & Chesterhope Common. In contrast to the previous day, the area was very runnable and reminiscent of a miniature version of Titterstone Clee. The HOC M60 team of Eric Brown, Brian Hughes and Andy Hemsted triumphed against strong opposition in a very competitive class. Special mention also goes to the WCH team of Alfie Spencer, Holly Stodgell and Joe Holland who finished 3rd in the M/W12 Mini-Relay.



*HOC's M60 Relay Winners: Brian Hughes, Eric Brown & Andy Hemsted*

*Photo by Rob Lines (SO)*



## West Midlands Controllers List June 2014

### Level A Controllers

Brandon	Robert	M	OD
Collins	Ray	M	WCH
Garside	Mark	M	WCH
Williams	Allan	M	WCH
Bennison	John	M	WRE

### Level B Controllers

Caffell	Clive	M	HOC
Dugmore	Michael	M	HOC
Fauset	Russ	F	HOC
McGowan	Barry	F	HOC
Rumford	Rollo	M	HOC
Spears	Colin	M	HOC
Elkington	Barry	M	OD
Phillips	Liz	F	OD
Morgan	Brenda	F	POTOC
Morgan	Henry	M	POTOC
Sparks	Dave	M	POTOC
Yeates	Andrew	M	WCH
Lewis	Richard	M	WRE
Morris	Brian	M	WRE

### Level C Controllers

Dathan	David	M	COBOC	Elkington	Melanie	F	OD
Chambers	Sam	F	HOC	Emmerson	Andy	M	OD
Embrey	John	M	HOC	Feltbower	Tony	M	OD
Farrington	Mike	M	HOC	Greenall	Greta	F	OD
Hartmann	Lester	M	HOC	Hallett	Sue	F	OD
Hemsted	Andy	M	HOC	Haw	Richard	M	OD
Hopkins	Ian	M	HOC	Middler	John	M	OD
Houghton	Barry	M	HOC	Richardson	Janet	F	OD
Hughes	Brian	M	HOC	Earnshaw	Christopher	M	WCH
Pearson	John	M	HOC	Robinson	John	M	WCH
Sloman	Alison	F	HOC	Thomas	David	M	WCH
Sparke	Carole	F	HOC	Williams	Sheena	F	WCH
Vickers	Robert	M	HOC	Callow	Mike	M	WRE
Taylor	Judith	F	OD	Eassom	Marcus	M	WRE
Williams	David	M	OD	Pay	Patrick	M	WRE
Bates	Stephen	M	OD	Richardson	Clive	M	WRE
Bicknell	Sue	F	OD	Turner	Derek	M	WRE
Bryant	Bruce	M	OD				

## The West Midlands League 2014

1. OD 6702				2. WCH 5827				3. HOC 5703			
A	Stephen Elkington	M18	500	A	Esther Mardling	W10	395	A	Arthur Mitchell	M10	451
A	Sam Leadley	M14	400	A	Adam Mardling	M12	369	A	Sebastian Mitchell	M10	442
B	Alistair Powell	M35	500	B	Allan Williams	M45	485	B	Adrian Bailey	M45	351
B	Tom Jeffries	M40	421	B	Iain Stamp	M21	300	B	Ian Hopkins	M45	346
C	Barry Elkington	M55	416	C	Andrew Yeates	M50	496	C	John Embrey	M55	392
C	David Leadley	M50	348	C	Ray Collins	M55	452	C	Paul Hammond	M50	307
D	Suzanne Humphries	W50	499	D	Tracy Craig	W45	444	D	Barbara Ford	W55	272
D	Anne Straube	W35	484	D	Alison Yeates	W45	412	D	Kerstin Mitchell	W45	191
E	Peter Carey	M70	500	E	Hazel Waters	W60	400	E	Alison Sloman	W75	490
E	Sheila Carey	W65	500	E	Chris Boycott	M70	357	E	Geoff Trewin	M60	462
F	Ian Prowse	M60	482	F	Holly Craig	W12	358	F	Colin Spears	M75	459
F	Robert Brandon	M65	454	F	Claire Bushnell	W50	349	F	Barry Houghton	M65	427
F	Roger Hailey	M75	400	F	Cath Williams	W40	346	F	Michael Baggott	M60	403
F	Florence Lunn	W10	400	F	Christine Collins	W50	334	F	Suzette Spears	W75	373
F	Harrison McCartney	M16	398	F	Jonathan Howell	M60	330	F	Barry McGowan	M65	337
4. WRE 5643				5. POTO 2339				6. COBOC 1297			
A	Jamie Grimsdale	M18	400	A	Enys Lloyd	M10	148	B	Ian Gamlen	M45	255
A	Jessica Parker	W14	240	A	Ewan Lloyd	M14	148	B	Andrew Sadler	M21	78
B	Clive Richardson	M45	478	B	Martin Pigott	M35	191	C	David James	M55	84
B	Steve Parker	M40	380	B	Richard Pigott	M35	162	D	Yvonne Feasey	W50	158
C	Andrew Clough	M55	425	C	Peter Munn	M55	129	E	Joan Norris	W60	221
C	Richard Pay	M50	197	C	Gerry Riley	M55	115	E	Ruth Lockley	W60	181
D	Delia Kingsbury	W45	496	D	Ianka Petrova Evans	W45	100	F	David Arnot	M65	132
D	Diane Jacks	W45	419	D	Elizabeth Bales	W50	93	F	Toby Norris	M75	109
E	Jane Howsam	W60	389	E	Henry Morgan	M60	249	F	Mick Sadler	M65	79
E	Pamela Hardy	W65	385	E	Judy Douglas	W70	187				
F	Tony Callow	M45	376	F	Jean Roston	W70	170				
F	Patrick Pay	M75	376	F	Marian Denham	W65	168				
F	Adrian Griffiths	M45	370	F	Paul Graetz	M65	167				
F	Derek Turner	M75	359	F	Graham Pigott	M21	161				
F	Sharron Richardson	W40	353	F	Andrew Mayland	M45	151				

Table after 6 events



## 2014 Events

Jan 12	Brandon Woods	OD	May 11	Mansty Woods	WCH
Jan 19	Sandwell Valley	HOC	Jun 8	Titterstone Cleve	HOC
Feb 2	Beaudesert	WCH	Jul 13	Bructon & Malvern Park	OD
Mar 30	Chillington Hall	WCH	Oct 19	Dudmaston	HOC
	(Cancelled)		Nov 23	Nesscliffe Country Park	WRE
Apr 27	Breakneck Bank	HOC	Nov 30	To Be Confirmed	WCH

## Individual Class Leaders

<b>M10</b>	Arthur Mitchell	HOC	451	<b>W10</b>	Florence Lunn	OD	400
<b>M12</b>	Adam Mardling	WCH	369	<b>W12</b>	Holly Craig	WCH	358
<b>M14</b>	Sam Leadley	OD	400	<b>W14</b>	EllaRose McCartney	OD	300
<b>M16</b>	Harrison McCartney	OD	398	<b>W16</b>	Heather Craig	WCH	200
<b>M18</b>	Stephen Elkington	OD	500	<b>W18</b>	Beatrice Falga	OD	200
<b>M20</b>	Daniel Kotecky	OD	180	<b>W20</b>	Harriet Lawson	OD	160
<b>M21</b>	Iain Stamp	WCH	300	<b>W21</b>	Katie Lewis	WRE	260
<b>M35</b>	Alistair Powell	OD	500	<b>W35</b>	Anne Straube	OD	484
<b>M40</b>	Tom Jeffries	OD	421	<b>W40</b>	Sharron Richardson	WRE	353
<b>M45</b>	Allan Williams	WCH	485	<b>W45</b>	Delia Kingsbury	WRE	496
<b>M50</b>	Andrew Yeates	WCH	496	<b>W50</b>	Suzanne Humphries	OD	499
<b>M55</b>	Ray Collins	WCH	452	<b>W55</b>	Carol Dredge	WCH	304
<b>M60</b>	Ian Prowse	OD	482	<b>W60</b>	Hazel Waters	WCH	400
<b>M65</b>	Robert Brandon	OD	454	<b>W65</b>	Sheila Carey	OD	500
<b>M70</b>	Peter Carey	OD	500	<b>W70</b>	Lesley Norton	WRE	330
<b>M75</b>	Colin Spears	HOC	459	<b>W75</b>	Alison Sloman	HOC	490
<b>M80</b>	Norman Hall	WCH	200	<b>W80</b>	Beryl Pay	WRE	240

# British Sprint Championships 2014

ENJOY A WEEKEND OF ORIENTEERING IN STAFFORDSHIRE

## Potteries Orienteering Club (POTOC)

invite you to Keele University on Saturday 6th September 2014 for the British Sprint Championships.

Entries open on the **23rd April** via **[www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk)**

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# British Middle Championships 2014

ENJOY A WEEKEND OF ORIENTEERING IN STAFFORDSHIRE

## Walton Chasers Orienteering Club (WCH)

invite you to  
Cannock Chase  
on Sunday 7th  
September 2014  
for the British Middle Championships.

Entries open on the **23rd April**  
via **[www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk)**

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## West Midlands Urban League

The new Urban League began at the Droobers' Wednesday evening event at Kenilworth. Due to unforeseen circumstances Wrekin's event at Bridgnorth has had to be postponed (no new date confirmed at the time of publishing). Since the last issue there has also been a change of date for Harlequins' event in Redditch.

As yet, no rules have been confirmed but it is likely that they will follow the other Urban Leagues.

A new logo has been designed by the editor and was adopted at the last committee meeting. It is also possible that a dedicated web site might be set up sometime in the future.



Date	Event Venue	Club
21 May	Kenilworth	OD
12 October	Stafford	WCH
25 October	Redditch	HOC
To be arranged	Bridgnorth	WRE

### Quiz Answers:

- Q1. All of them!
- Q2. They all lie exactly on the 53rd parallel i.e. Latitude 53 degrees North.
- Q3. All four are the centre of the design of the club logo for each of POTOC's four neighbouring clubs i.e. a) DVO b) MDOC c) DEE d) LEI.
- Q4. This is the fear of woods or forests!!
- Q5. Both B & C are correct.
- However, B is the normal layout. According to the BOF rules the banner should be: 'divided diagonally from corner to corner, the top half being white and the bottom half usually being orange.' The direction of the diagonal is not specified. My interpretation is that the colour is also not compulsory, even though there is a specific tone of orange mentioned in rules. You may say "What does all this matter?" I agree.
- Q6. 1. = B (2,000,000 acres) ; 2. = C (630,000 Acres); 3. = A (590,000 acres). As A & C are very close, I would allow either as second highest for an answer.
- Q7. False, but only just. We just pip Holland with 10% and Eire with 9%. Not surprisingly Sweden tops the Regional list with 75%. The world wide value is 26%.
- Q8. The answer my friend (according to Bob Dylan) is blowing in the wind .... the answer is blowing in the wind.
- Q9. They are words more commonly suffixed to: Yellow, Orange, Red, Green and Blue. So one of the answers could be, say, Brown Cow.

## WMOA Fixtures

July to September 2014

### July

13	OD Level C	<b>West Midlands Park Championships &amp; WMOA League 8</b> <b>Brueton and Malvern Park</b>	Solihull	<a href="#">SP162790</a>
15	WRE Level D	<b>Wrekin Summer Series 6</b> <b>Twemlows Big Wood</b>	Higher Heath	<a href="#">SJ568359</a>
16	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Elmdon Park</b>	Solihull	<a href="#">SP161828</a>
17	HOC Level D	<b>HOC Summer Evening Event (SEE)</b> <b>Uffmoor Wood</b>	Halesowen	<a href="#">SO953813</a>
20	POTOC Level D	<b>POTOC Summer Park League 4</b> <b>Biddulph Grange Country Park</b>	Biddulph,	<a href="#">SJ892593</a>
23	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Ryton Pools Country Park</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP370724</a>
24	HOC Level D	<b>HOC Summer Evening Event (SEE)</b> <b>Cannon Hill Park</b>	Birmingham	<a href="#">SP068837</a>
29	WRE Level D	<b>Wrekin Summer Series 7</b> <b>Lilleshall Hall Sports Centre</b>	Lilleshall	<a href="#">SJ747145</a>
30	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Tudor Grange Park</b>	Solihull	<a href="#">SP144794</a>

### August

2	POTOC Level D	<b>POTOC Summer Park League 5</b> <b>Chatterley Whitfield Country Park</b>	Burslem	<a href="#">SJ888508</a>
7	HOC Level D	<b>HOC Summer Evening Event (SEE)</b> <b>Gheluvelt Park</b>	Worcester	<a href="#">SO844565</a>
12	WRE Level D	<b>Wrekin Summer Series 8</b> <b>Carding Mill Valley</b>	Church Stretton,	<a href="#">SO440948</a>
13	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Pooley Fields Country Park</b>	Polesworth,	<a href="#">SK259033</a>
14	HOC Level D	<b>HOC Summer Evening Event (SEE)</b> <b>Worcester Beacon</b>	Malvern	<a href="#">SO768448</a>
20	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Burton Dassett Hills Country Park</b>		<a href="#">SP396519</a>
26	WRE Level D	<b>Wrekin Summer Series 9</b> <b>Long Mynd High Park</b>	Church Stretton	<a href="#">SO434970</a>



27	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Coundon Hall Park</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP316827</a>
<b>September</b>				
6	POTOC Level A	<b>British Sprint Championships</b> <b>Keele University</b>	Keele	
7	WCH Level A	<b>British Middle Distance Championships</b> <b>Brereton Spurs</b>	Rugeley	
9	WRE Level D	<b>Wrekin Summer Series 10</b> <b>Shrewsbury</b>	Shrewsbury	
14	COBOC Level D	<b>Kingfisher Country Park</b>	Birmingham	
21	WRE Level C	<b>Long Mynd ‘Long O’</b> <b>Long Mynd</b>	Church Stretton	<a href="#">SO421945</a>
27	POTOC Level D	<b>POTOC Leisure and Training Event</b> <b>Pickwood and Ballington</b>	Leek	<a href="#">SJ987554</a>
27	OD Level D	<b>OD Local Event</b> <b>Memorial Park</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP321772</a>
28	HOC Level D	<b>HOC Local Event</b> <b>Rough Wood</b>	Walsall	

Please note all Fixtures are correct at the time of publishing. Please check club websites for further details:

COBOC <http://www.coboc.org.uk>

HOC <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

OD <http://www.octavian-droobers.org>

POTOC <http://potoc.dandasparks.org.uk>

WCH <http://www.walton-chasers.co.uk>

WRE <http://www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk>

## Proposed Course for Organisers or Planners Level C

(depending on demand)

**Date:** Saturday 20th September

**Venue:** John O’Leary Centre, Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase

**Time:** 9.30 - 4.30

Please contact your WMOA club reps. with preference for Organiser or Planner.

Henry Morgan (POTOC)