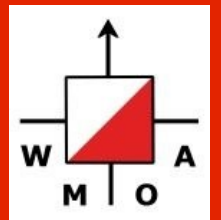


# ***The West Midlander***

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**The Newsletter of the  
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*Cover Photo:*

*West Midlands Junior Squad training at Kinver Edge*

*Photo by Kirsten Strain (OD).*

## Editorial

As the year draws to a close the region can look back on a successful year, the highlight being the JK held in Staffordshire at Easter. A slight downside, due to the burden of the JK on volunteers, was a drop in the number of events held. Looking at the fixture list for next year, this seems to only have been 'blip' with lots more events scheduled.

Another major event that was held recently in the region was the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Final (results on page 17) hosted by WCH. Chasers certainly deserve a bit of a rest!

The West Midlands League 2018 has almost reached its conclusion and, once again, OD have proved too strong for the rest of the clubs. At the moment of writing, HOC are leading the race for 2nd place just ahead of WCH and WRE.

Following the recent AGM, the region has a new Chairman, Richard Lewis (WRE) following Ray Collins' completion of his three year 'tour of duty'. Unfortunately we do not have a new Secretary following Delia's resignation. If you are interested in this position please get in touch with Richard. Thanks to Delia and Ray for their excellent service over the past few years.

Looking forward to 2019, we have Springtime in Shropshire. This time there will be a change in format for the weekend. Due to the increasing difficulty in finding areas that can be used at that time of year, there will be an Urban event on the Saturday, a Long distance event incorporating the Midland Championships on the Sunday and a Middle distance event on the Monday.

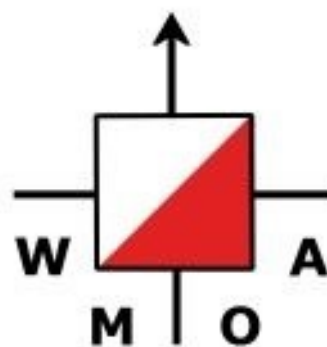
Later in the year OD are holding an Urban weekend at Coventry and WCH are holding an Anniversary weekend based in Tamworth. Meanwhile, 2019 starts with the traditional New Year's Day Score Event at Sutton Park.

Happy Christmas and New Year

Rod

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**WMOA Chairman's Chat****Richard Lewis**

Welcome to my first Chairman's chat, and my first comments must be to thank the outgoing officials, Ray Collins for chairing what has been a very busy and active last 3 years. Ray has overseen and chaired the British Champs and the JK during his term of office as well as all the other BOF and WMOA tasks, however I'm sure he will agree it couldn't have been done without the help of key members and clubs. Thanks Ray on behalf of us all.

We also have to thank Delia Kingsbury who has been our Secretary for over 9 years and during this time has supported, guided and ensured we kept up to date with everything going on in orienteering and related areas.

I wish them both well out in the forest or in the urban areas for the future, both will be hard acts to follow.

The good news is Ray has agreed to assume the Vice-Chairman's position which will help my transition into my new role.

As an association we do still need a Secretary, an important role, but not as time consuming as you may think. We hold 4 meetings a year plus the AGM. If you are interested in this role please e-mail me and we can arrange to discuss the requirements with Delia, if you wish. Delia held the post for 9 years so it can't be all that hard!!

As the 2018 League draws to a conclusion the WMOA League table could and will change. We have the final 3 events of the competition coming up in the next few weeks so please support your club - there are still points to be won.

We start the New Year off with the Laurie Bradley Score event (details elsewhere) and the WMOA League commences soon after.

Many thanks also to the Clubs, Organisers, Helpers, Planners and Controllers who have made this year's League happen with the varied and testing areas chosen.

I look forward to my term in office and meeting as many members as possible, but for now I wish you and your Families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in a Forest soon.

**Richard Lewis**

**Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 10 September 2018 Great Barr Hotel**

1. **Present:** B. Elkington, I. Gamlen, D. Kingsbury, R. Lewis, B. Morgan, H. Morgan, R. Postlethwaite, M. White, A. Williams.
2. **Apologies:** R. Collins, R. Dredge, M. Elkington, J. Howell, K. Strain.
3. **Matters Arising:** In relation to the discussion about the Forward Plan, the minutes state that WMOA committee would appoint the event officials. This should read 'approve'. It was confirmed that the process should be to approach the Fixtures Secretary at the point when the event officials are known.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as a true record.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
6. **Correspondence (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda):**

Notification from BOF about the Club and Association Conference to be held in Birmingham on 20 October 2018 - the agenda has not yet been published. WMOA committee members wishing to represent the region to notify Delia Kingsbury for registration.

British Orienteering Association return to be completed after the AGM.

Contact from Walsall Council wishing to revive some tired Permanent Orienteering Courses - put in touch with Barry McGowan.

Request to review the entry on Dudley Community Library website.

Update from BOF about safeguarding - forwarded to all WMOA committee members.

A request for support had been received from Ellie Bales (POTOC) to attend JROS and a donation had been made.

**7. Chairman's Report:**

There was no report. The Vice-Chairman noted that there had been some successes from the region at the recent British Sprint and Middle Championships and runners were congratulated.

**8. Treasurer's Report:**

The bank balance currently contains the surplus from JK2018 with payments to clubs due to be made shortly, with the split 1/10 to each organising club (including Royal Signals) and 3/10 to WMOA as per the agreement. The JK surplus is a bonus, but those who were long serving on the committee cautioned for wise planning on its use, given that the financial health of WMOA had seen marked fluctuations in recent years.

Income from general event levy is higher than budgeted and slightly more had been paid to EOC than had been budgeted. Looking forward to next year the region has SinS and the Midland Championships. It is anticipated that these will generate increased income from levy.

R. Dredge had submitted a written request to WMOA to consider a contribution of £1000 to the GB Squad, in line with the proportioning of the surplus, i.e. £300 from WMOA and £100 from each club. Not all club reps were able to represent their committee views and not all of those who did were in favour of a contribution being taken from their 1/10 share of the surplus. D. Kingsbury was in favour of the proposal but felt that as the decision about the proportioning came from the JK organising committee, as a principle, WMOA shouldn't automatically override that decision but should seek a decision from each club to opt in or out. In particular the split also includes the Royal Signals who are not part of WMOA. All were in favour of the WMOA donating their 3/10 share.

EOC had submitted a request for a £500 contribution to support attendance of athletes at events under the wing of the EOC e.g. Home Internationals, particularly as a number of orienteers from the region do represent England. B. Elkington explained that the only funding route for EOC comes from the regions on a per capita basis.

This was discussed and it was considered whether an alternative might be to consider making contributions to senior athletes in the same way as for juniors. It was questioned whether the longevity of such a scheme could be sustained.

The committee voted in favour of making this contribution. Enquiries to be made for this to be presented at the CSC Final.

**ACTIONS:** I. Gamlen to approach all clubs to determine whether they would be in favour of supporting the GB Squad, as proposed, prior to distributing the surplus.

D. Kingsbury to write to BOF to urge them to match the WMOA contribution to the GB Squad pro rata.

## 9. Fixtures:

A. Williams reported that both the Forest and Urban Leagues were going well. The Hanley Urban event had been the last in the Urban League series, so the final standings will soon be established. Unfortunately the forthcoming HOC event at Titterstone Clee cannot take place as planned due to issues with permissions. Instead HOC are proposing an event on Highgate Common, but on 14 October rather than the date that had been reserved for Titterstone Clee. The change had not yet been advertised.

The WM Relays will be in Sutton Park. OD have circulated information to the clubs and Barry Elkington urged clubs to get this to the right people so that a good number of teams could be entered and make the event as competitive as possible.

The West Midlands Championships will be on The Ercall. R. Lewis to try and establish who the Planner is as the WMJS would like, if possible, to use the area for training after the event.

A. Williams is attending the National Fixtures meeting the day before the CSC Final and the Regional Fixtures meeting is scheduled for the following week to finalise the region's 2019 events.

R. Dredge had proposed a Biathlon event (orienteering and shooting) to run with the CSC Final. After feedback it had been felt this would best go alongside a multi-day event e.g. SinS and future JKs. RD was also seeking £1000 financial support to stage the shooting from WMOA.

From those who had tried this at JK2018 there was positive feedback that the shooting event had been fun and had helped to pass time whilst waiting for family members to finish competing. The consensus from the discussion about this was that it would be better suited to a multi-day event but the venue would need sufficient space to contain this safely. Organisers should be approached to determine feasibility and the WMOA committee were of the view that if it were to be included in an event the financing should be budgeted for from that event. The committee were not in favour of supporting it financially from WMOA funds as it is a one-off event and there is no pathway beyond for further participation.

## 10. West Midlander:

R. Postlethwaite apologised for having missed an issue earlier in the year but the latest West Midlander had been issued in August. The next copy is due November(ish), after the WMOA

AGM minutes are available. It was observed by some that people are less likely to read and consult an electronic copy than a paper copy. The West Midlander is formatted such that it can be printed by recipients if preferred. Some clubs do still provide paper copies of their magazines to improve readership. Other mechanisms being used to try and keep members up to date is weekly/monthly news-sheets using applications such as Mail Chimp.

- 11. WMOA Website:** There was no update from A. Johnson. He works away from home and is no longer able to attend meetings. I. Gamlen reported that the subscription for the WMOA domain had recently been paid.

**ACTION:** M. White to contact A. Johnson and see if he is prepared to continue updating the website beyond the AGM.

**12. Development:**

H. Morgan had run an Organiser's and Event Safety Course in July but the attendance had been disappointingly low with three participants on the Organiser's Course and four on the Event Safety Course. It was acknowledged that this was probably the wrong time of year for running such courses and timings will revert to Autumn and Spring when there has previously been a better response.

A Controller's Course is scheduled for 3 November 2018. There are three people registered at present, 2 from POTOC and 1 from OD. Details are to be circulated again and clubs are asked to encourage members to become controllers, who are much needed.

There was an application from Kristian Roberts (WCH) to be approved as a Level B Organiser. As per previous discussion elsewhere in these minutes, approval of officials for Level B events should be sought from the WMOA committee. However, Kristian mentioned the requirement in relation to his organising the CSC Final which is a Level A event. The British Orienteering website was checked and confirmed that for a Level B Organiser the requirement was to have run 2 Level C events and attended the Event Safety training course. For a Level A event Organiser this needed to be approved by the Event and Competitions committee. The committee supported Kristian's application provided he was able to demonstrate compliance with British Orienteering requirements.

**ACTION:** D. Kingsbury to write to Kristian and advise him of this.

**13. Events and Competitions Committee:**

There had been no meeting and there was no update. There are currently difficulties with rules changes as these have to go through the British Orienteering Board.

**14. West Midlands Junior Squad:**

A WMJS report was read out and appears separately on Page 9.

**15. AGM Planning:**

The AGM date has already been notified through the previous West Midlander.

There was a check of officers prepared to continue in post. The positions of Chairman and Secretary will be vacant after the AGM and volunteers are needed to fill these posts. A Webmaster is also sought.

I. Gamlen has approached Brian Laycock to audit the accounts prior to the AGM and this is in hand.

It had been believed that the WMOA policy for carrying whistles had been resolved at the previous meeting, but there had been some post-meeting correspondence that has put this back on the agenda. The proposal from the committee will be for discussion and final resolution at the AGM.

#### **AGM Motions:**

- 1) It is proposed that the WMOA event levy remains unchanged.
- 2) It is proposed that the cost of WMOA membership remains unchanged (currently free of charge).
- 3) It is proposed that the following policy about carrying whistles is adopted:

The requirement to carry whistles and/or cagoules should be evaluated for each event by the event Organiser and Controller based upon the terrain, participants and time of year and any other relevant circumstances. It is mandatory that the risk assessments will include this and record why they are/are not required. If the decision for an event is that whistles and cagoules are mandatory this must be policed - the Organiser and Controller are responsible for ensuring that a system for checking is in place.

The ongoing suitability of the data privacy policy is to be reviewed.

**ACTIONS:** Delia Kingsbury to circulate the AGM agenda to clubs.

I. Gamlen to prepare a budget for the forthcoming year.

I. Gamlen to explore collection of levy to see if there is a way of streamlining this, particularly in relation to the sums collected from the smaller events.

#### **16. Club Round up:**

**COBOC:** are starting up monthly events and taking their Maze 'O' to festivals and events.

**HOC:** The Titterstone Clee event is postponed as described earlier. There had been no Summer Evening Events this year which had been a big loss and it is hoped that weekend events will soon be established.

**OD:** have the usual Summer Evening Events and had run a Photo 'O' giving participants a Kenilworth map and 50 photos, with three hours to 'complete the course'. There is an emphasis to improve the social aspect of orienteering. With this in mind the plan is to try Score Events and mass starts this year with the aim to finish by 8pm for post-event socials. The example was given of Kenilworth Runners who put on food at a pub after the event and this has been very successful in increasing attendance. It was also observed that strict final details are not welcoming and 'no late entries' policies do not allow for flexibility. A 'Big Weekend' is planned for next year, 8-9 June, with 2 Sprint events around Warwick University and an Urban event in Coventry as a 'dry run' for the City Tour event in 2021.

**POTOC:** were running Urban Score training events on Wednesday evenings and do run Come and Try It events which attract 30-60 participants, ranging from novices, to experienced who also enjoy a run. There had been a successful Park Series this year and their next event is a new area - Berryfields.

**WCH:** have the usual Summer Evening Events, but these are WCH only due to access restrictions. The club is resting post-JK and the CSC Final is coming up. Obtaining permissions for events is proving difficult.

**WRE:** have just finished a successful Summer Series. Throughout August there had been Wednesday afternoon events at Attingham Park, promoted by National Trust, and 45 families attended one week. WRE are seeing these people moving on to further events and a training day is being put on to develop orienteering skills for those new to the sport. Plans for SinS are progressing and the events will be Brown Clee, The Ercall and Shrewsbury Urban.

#### 17. AOB:

Richard Lewis noted that this was Delia Kingsbury's last meeting as Secretary and thanked her, on behalf of those present, for her efforts in this role over the last few years.

#### 18. Next Meeting:

15 October AGM

10 December - next routine meeting.

### West Midlands Junior Squad:

#### June 2018 to September 2018

This Summer saw Ellie Bales (POTOC) selected for the JROS tour to Gothenburg and Florence Lunn (OD) selected for Laggania.

On the weekend of the 26/27 September 2018 the Junior Inter Regional Championships are taking place near Chatsworth & Carsington Pastures in the Peak District. The team will travel by minibus and car on the Saturday and back on the Sunday. The final team is as follows:

M18 (Brown)	Alfie Bullus, Sam Leadley, Oliver Lunn, Alex Mitchell
M16 (Blue)	Nathan Chapple, Oliver Flippance, Felix Lunn, Alfie Spencer
M14 (Light Green)	Matt Bambrook, Alex Evans, David Knott
W18 (Blue)	Ellie Bales
W16 (Green)	Holly Craig, Pippa Smart, Holly Stodgell
W14 (Light Green)	Florence Lunn, Tabitha Lunn, Josie Smart

Accompanying them will be Tracy Craig, Harriet Lawson, Rob Smart and Kirsten Strain.

We are still looking for clubs to offer training sessions for the Squad. Please could committee members ask their clubs to put on a session for the Squad in order to keep it going?

If any club has children (second year 12s and above) that regularly run Orange in the West Midlands League who would be interested in joining the Squad please ask their parents to look at the WMJS website to check that they qualify then email us.

To contact us please send an email to [wmjsquad@gmail.com](mailto:wmjsquad@gmail.com)

Mel & Kirsten



**WMOA AGM****Great Barr Hotel****15 October 2018**

1. **Present:** R. Collins (Chairman), R. Lewis (Vice chairman), I. Gamlen (Treasurer), R. Postlethwaite (West Midlander); R. Brandon (OD), B. Elkington (OD), J. Howells (WCH), B. McGowan (HOC), H. Morgan (POTOC), A. Pickles (WRE), A. White (HOC), M.White (HOC).
2. **Apologies:** M. Elkington (WMJS), A. Johnson (Webmaster), D. Kingsbury (Secretary), B. Morgan (POTOC), S. Parker (WRE), K. Strain (WMJS), A. Williams (Fixtures).
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM:** As read. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were proposed as a true record by A. White seconded by J. Howells and accepted.
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Correspondence:** None.
7. **Chairman's Report:** Ray Collins.

I cannot believe that I have reached the maximum time allowed to be Chairman of this great organisation already. Three years have flown by and now it is time for me to hand on the role to my successor. I will no longer be the main man of West Midlands orienteering - how sad. The role is not to blame for me losing my hair and good looks as they departed a long, long time ago!

Since last year's AGM the region has staged arguably the best JK for many years. A great big thank you to everybody who helped in one way or another in a major or minor role for your time and effort. Andy and Alison Yeates, Bob Dredge and Eric Brown performed heroics in putting the whole show together so successfully. Thank you very much and as for the profits achieved.....well, marvellous.

Over the past twelve months the region has had JK and British Champions and OD have a good crop of youngsters who, hopefully, will become the champions of tomorrow.

One, to me, worrying trend is that the West Midland Relays have moved to the end of October. Last year, this year and next year have all chosen the last weekend of October to hold the event. Why I ask? The weather can be dreadful and the date is always part of half term. Surely it is a Summer event? So I ask can we go back to it being a Summer event again please?

As a regular orienteer I also feel that the number of events that are staged in the region has fallen. Hopefully now the JK is over we can remedy this in the future.....at least until 2028 when the JK is expected to return to the region.

I would like to thank everybody who has been on the WMOA committee over the past three years for your time and effort, especially Delia who has kept me up-to-date, well informed and prompted me when required. I hope that you give the incoming Chairman as much support and back-up as you gave me. Thank you.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Ian Gamlen.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my 2nd year as Treasurer. The WMOA financial position has improved significantly due to the very successful JK 2018 held in the

West Midlands. The WMOA share of the financial surplus from the JK was £19,738 - double what had been budgeted for. Following the closure of the 2017-18 WMOA accounts, this has now been shared out amongst the various West Midlands clubs using the agreed formula of 1/10 to each WM club (plus RSOC) and 3/10 being retained by the WMOA. The WMOA balance on 10/10/18 was £7649.08.

When the income from the JK 2018 is excluded, the WMOA's income (£2163.00) was slightly exceeded by its expenditure (£2369.00). It is anticipated that due to events such as SinS 2019, levy income in 2018-19 will be higher than in 2017-18 and that there is likely to be a surplus of income over expenditure.

Ian presented the WMOA 2017-18 income and expenditure summary. This has been audited by Brian Laycock (HOC) who has confirmed that they are a true and accurate summary of the accounts. This was duly accepted by all present. Thanks to Brian for kindly agreeing to audit these.

### **Budget for 2018/2019:**

**Motion 1:** It is proposed that the structure for WMOA levies is changed to the following:

0 - 40 adult participants: Free

Over 40 adult participants: £1.00 each

This is intended to save time processing levy payments whilst providing comparable income. With the current levy small amounts of money are raised from a large number of small events, this means more payments that Club Treasurers have to pay and more work for the WMOA. By increasing the number of participants before clubs pay the WMOA levy from 20 to 40, but increasing the levy to £1 per participant at events above 40 we will significantly reduce the number of events at which the levy has to be paid whilst still collecting a similar amount of levy.

This was unanimously supported by those present at the meeting.

**Motion 2:** It is proposed that the WMOA membership fee (currently free) for the forthcoming year is unchanged.

This was unanimously supported by those present at the meeting.

### **9. Fixtures:**

Unfortunately, Allan Williams was unable to attend this evening. He did, however, inform Ray that everything regarding WMOA fixtures is fine and he is happy to continue as the WMOA Fixtures Secretary.

### **10. Other Reports:**

**WMJS Report:** Mel Elkington and Kirsten Strain sent their apologies and sent the following brief report:

The ongoing progress of the Junior Squad have been regularly reported at the committee meetings. Thank you to Rod Postlethwaite for publishing our reports separately in the West Midlander. We would like to thank the West Midlands Orienteering Association for their continuing support.

**11. Election of Officers:**

Andy Johnson has kindly agreed to continue as WMOA Webmaster.

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Richard Lewis	R. Collins	H. Morgan
Vice Chairman	Ray Collins	B. Elkington	J. Howells
Secretary	No Nominations were received		
Treasurer	Ian Gamlen	R. Lewis	R. Postlethwaite
Fixtures	Allan Williams	J. Howells	H. Morgan
Newsletter Editor	Rod Postlethwaite	R. Collins	R. Brandon

**12. Review of Data Privacy Policy:**

The policy agreed at the June 2018 Committee meeting was formally accepted as the WMOA Data Privacy Policy

**13. WMOA Policy for Carrying Whistles for discussion and agreement:**

The requirement to carry whistles and /or cagoules should be evaluated for each event, by the event Organiser and Controller, based upon the terrain, participants and time of year and any other relevant circumstances. It is mandatory that the risk assessments will include this and record why they are / are not required. If the decision for an event is that whistles and cagoules are mandatory this must be policed - the Organiser and Controller are responsible for ensuring that a system for checking is in place.

The above policy was unanimously agreed as above.

**14. Any Other Business:**

Bob Brandon is trying to get an up to date list of West Midlands Controllers. It was pointed out that Allan Williams, as Fixtures Secretary, should have access to this information via the British Orienteering website.

**ACTION:** Allan Williams to provide Bob Brandon with an up to date list.

Henry reminded everyone that there is a Training Day in the Lake District coming up shortly 10/11/18. He is running a Level C Controller's course on 03/11/18 if anyone is interested.

In the absence of a WMOA Secretary, Ian proposed that any WMOA correspondence should be sent to either himself as Treasurer or Richard Lewis, newly elected Chairman, until the post can be filled.

**ACTION:** Ian Gamlen to liaise with Andy Johnson regarding this.

Richard Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to Ray Collins for his excellent work as Chairman of the WMOA over the last 3 years. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

**Next WMOA Meeting:** 10 December 2018.

## West Midlands Orienteering Association

### Income and Expenditure Account from 01/09/17 to 31/08/18

Income	Actual	Actual	Budget
General Levy	2,163.00		1500
JK	19,738.06		3000
	<u>21,901.06</u>	21,901.06	<u>4500</u>
		0.00	0
		0.00	0
		0.00	0
External Support		0.00	0
Sundry		0.00	0
Bank Account Interest		0.00	0
Total Income		<u>21,901.06</u>	<u>4,500</u>

#### Expenditure

West Midlander	0.00		0
Junior Squad Subsidy	1,000.00		1000
Donations	122.13		500
Officer Expenses	0.00		75
Committee meeting expenses inc AGM	394.60		600
English Orienteering Council	427.00		400
Courses	151.10		100
Sundry	163.50		150
WM Website	111.00		0
University Levy Rebates	0.00		0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>2,369.33</u>	2,369.33	<u>2825</u>

Surplus/(Deficit)		19,531.73	1,675.00
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#### WM Junior Squad

Income		3,377.46
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Expenditure		3,151.07
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Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>226.39</u>
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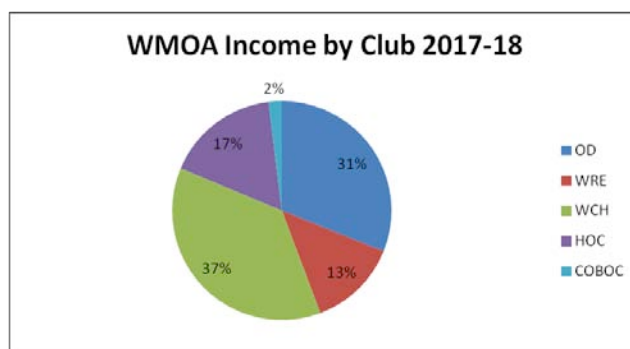
#### TOTAL FUNDS

	Total	WMOA	WMJS
TSB Classic Account	373.17	373.17	
WMOA Treasurer Account	2,355.08	2,355.08	
WMJS Account	3,388.33		3,388.33
Opening b/f	6,116.58	2,728.25	3,388.33
Surplus/(Deficit) for 2017/2018	19,758.12	19,531.73	226.39
closing c/f	<u>25,874.70</u>	<u>22,259.98</u>	<u>3,614.72</u>

Represented by:			%
TSB Classic Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
WMOA Treasurer Account	22,259.98	22,259.98	86.03
WMJS Account	3,614.72		3,614.72 13.97

<b>Total</b>	<u>25,874.70</u>	<u>22,259.98</u>	<u>3,614.72</u>
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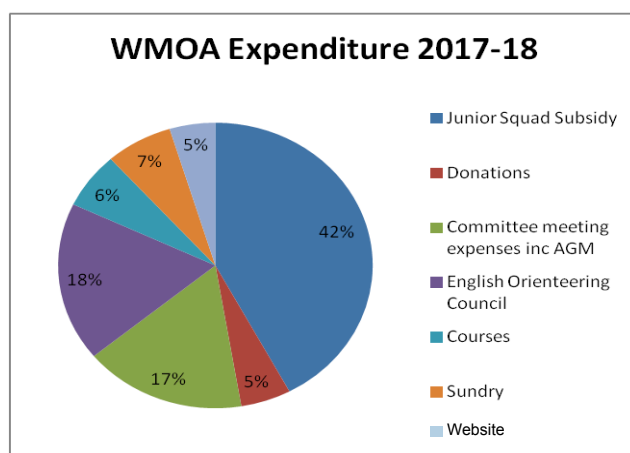
OD	£672.00
WRE	£286.00
WCH	£801.00
HOC	£362.00
COBOC	£42.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,163.00</b>



### Please Note:

POTOC paid Event Levies of £65.50 for 2017/18 but this was received after the accounts had closed on 01/09/18.

Junior Squad Subsidy	£1000
Donations	£122
Committee meeting expenses incl. AGM	£395
English Orienteering Council	£427
Courses	£151
Sundry	£163
WM Website	£111
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2369</b>



## British Sprint and Middle Championships

The British Sprint and Middle Championships were held by the SWOA over the weekend of 1/2 September at Bath University and Stock Hill respectively. Congratulations to the winners.

### WMOA British Sprint Championship Winners

**W80** Alison Sloman **HOC**

### WMOA British Middle Championship Winners

**W45** Juliette Soulard **OD**

**W50** Lesley Ross **OD**

## A Pilgrim's Progress in Northern Spain

Ray Collins(WCH)

As a rule I like going on holiday and visiting strange and exotic places. Quite often I have suggested going away and Christine has replied that she is too busy and for me to go with friends or by myself so this time I did.....but where to? After thinking about it, one place I have wanted to visit for a long time is Santiago de Compostela in North-West Spain. I am not sure why but I set about investigating the hows, the whys and the whens.

After a little bit of internet searching I found out about a Pilgrimage route to Santiago called the Camino. I then discovered there were several different routes: from France, Central Europe, Portugal and, obviously Spain. I chose to attempt the Camino del Norte as it was the most scenic, following the Northern coast so that in August it was a lot cooler than the rest of Spain and less populated than most of the other routes. The whole route is about 800km but, as I only had two weeks, I decided to walk from the start to Santander which is about 300km and then finish the walk next year.

I walked to Stafford station and caught a train to Manchester airport from where I flew to Bilbao. I then got a bus to San Sebastian and the local train to Irun, on the border with France, where the walk starts. A busy day but not quite finished. I found my lodgings and then went to the bridge from France where the walk starts and then to get my 'credencial' stamped. The 'credencial' is a passport, similar to the ancient YHA card where you collected stamps from hostels that you had stayed in. It enables Pilgrims to stay overnight in dedicated hostels while walking the Camino so that at the end of the walk, with a card full of stamps, you can claim a certificate from the Archbishopric in Santiago.

After a nights sleep I set off to walk to San Sebastian. Day 1 is the hilliest day on the entire route with a big climb to start with and another big climb half way after a ferry ride across a river at Pesajes de San Juan. Today had good views and a lot of forest. Towards the end of the day the vista suddenly opens out and a great view is had of the whole of San Sebastian, a lovely town with two great beaches and fine buildings. As I had not yet fully 'connected' with the Camino I had pre-booked a bed at the YHA. I did look at the hostel connected with the route and decided that I would stay in one from now on. This turned out to be a fortuitous choice as overnight and all the next morning it poured with rain. Had I stayed in the Camino hostel I would have left at 8am as it closes then but, luckily, I booked another night where I was and 'wimped out' of walking in the rain.....a good choice.

After six days walking over 153km I made it into Bilbao. This was a bit of an error as I had meant to stop before it and then walk through town the next day but I missed the sign to the hostel and by the time I realised it was a way behind me (2.5km roughly) so I kept going. On the way to Bilbao I had stopped in Guernica - the town immortalised in a painting by Picasso after the destruction caused by German bombers in 1937 at the behest of the Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War, and several beach towns full of holiday makers. On this stretch it was Fiesta time in San Sebastian on the Friday and in Deba on Sunday. They had street music, dancing, fireworks and a lot of drinking. In Deba they also had a bull fight that I went to - not an activity I would recommend. In the first fight the bull had the matador on the floor drawing blood but, alas, allowed itself to be distracted and moved off to chase shadows. In Bilbao it was Fiesta week with a huge number of people and bars so, again, a lucky occurrence stopping here. When I left the next morning at 7am lots of young people had been up partying all night.

It took another five days to walk the 140km to Santander where there is a ferry ride into town from Somo giving great views of the town and is much easier on the feet. This was not quite the end of my walk as the next stage is very long with a short train ride across a river after 15km so the next day I walked out of Santander to Boo de Pielagos from where you catch the train to

Mogro. Next year I will catch the train from Santander to Mogro and have a shorter walk than most people on this stage. At Boo I caught the train back to Santander.

All told I walked 306.3km in 12 days with an average of 25km a day. The longest day was 32.9km and the shortest 14.4km on the way to Boo. As I have a step counter I took 490,500 steps at an average of 40,000 a day. One day I saw a wild boar and twelve eagles soaring overhead while in a fairly wild area. The average temperature was about 30°C but sometimes reached about 35°C.

An average day consisted of: up at 6am, start walking about 7am, stop once or twice for food, drink or a view and arrive at a hostel between 1 and 2pm. These usually opened at 3pm and had a variety of queueing systems from: take a number, put your name on a list or just line rucksacks up in arrival order by the door. Once in the hostel: have a shower, wash the clothes and then go for a walk to the beach or around town. In the evening I usually went out for a meal with a group of fellow walkers. This was 3 courses with bread and unlimited wine for about 10 €, a bargain. Lights out in the hostel at 10pm except in Bilbao where the fireworks started at 10pm sounding like WW3!

The most I paid for a bed was 19 € in a real hostel but most of those on the Camino asked for a 'donation' - they expected 5 € as the 'donation'. Some included breakfast, bread and jam, but most did not. A couple of hostels charged 10 € but this included dinner. I stopped in two nunneries but missed the monastery as it was another 8km to walk that day. Most had a small kitchen and/ or a microwave so I could make a cup of tea and they all had a washing machine.

I took three T shirts and pants, two pairs of socks and shorts, a pair of trousers, a thin windproof cagoule that doubled as a jumper and two ponchos as a rain proof layer. My plan was to use the ponchos and discard them as they got wet but, after avoiding day 2, it only rained once more so I brought one home. I walked in a pair of trail shoes and changed into my sandals at the hostel. My one 'luxury' was a inflatable pillow as those provided were flat and too low. I also took lots of tea bags and Nescafe 3-in-1 (coffee, milk and sugar) for drinking and lots of rice crispy biscuits for nibbles. My rucksack weighed in at 6.4kg but slowly became lighter as I ate, drank or used the contents. Next year I will not take the trousers but add my swimming trunks.

I met lots of great people from all over the world some of whom were doing a second or third Camino. Early on I met a mother (60ish) and daughter (35ish) who had walked from Amsterdam but they were beaten in the distance race by a honeymooning couple from Poland. They had married and then set out the next day, 28 April, and had walked 4500km up to 26 August where I met them in Santander and had 500km to go. I had many conversations with a Norwegian man who was walking with his son about many old British Comedies. He loved Fawlty Towers and Only Fools and Horses in particular. Few people were walking for religious reasons most were just on a walking holiday.

The eldest person I met was about 78 and a lot were students on holiday. The common language was English, in fact all conversations started in English and quite often one had to ask where people came from to realise they were not English. Young Swiss and Germans speak fantastic English. A man from Iceland seemed to speak every language there is including Basque, a language that even the Spanish had no clue about while a Swiss girl was practising her Spanish to go with her fluent German, French, Romansch, Italian and English. About 1/3 of Pilgrims were Spanish and 1/3 German while the remainder came from all over the world. I only met two other English people on the Camino one of whom, Brian from Manchester, was the 78 year old.

After I had finished I spent a quiet day in Santander, which is a very nice town, visiting the Royal Palace gardens and then got the bus to Bilbao where I visited the Guggenheim Museum where I spent over three hours in an art gallery which is an unbelievable feat for me. Well worth the senior 9 € fee. After that I had lunch and then went to the airport and flew home to be greeted at Manchester airport by Christine and younger son Andrew.

## CompassSport Cup/Trophy 2018 Final



The Final of the CompassSport Cup/Trophy took place on 21 October at Haywood Warren on Cannock Chase hosted by WCH.

For once, the region did not have a club in the Cup Final as OD lost narrowly to DEE in the Qualifying Round. In the Trophy Final, however, the region had two teams - POTO and WCH (who qualified as hosts). Success, however, proved elusive with WCH finishing 6th and POTO 12th.

Next year the West Midlands heat will be held by OD at Bentley Woods on 17 March. The Final will take place on 20 October at Pippingford Park in Sussex hosted by SO.

Cup		Trophy	
SYO	2354	INT	1260
FVO	2333	EPOC	1224
BOK	2312	SROC	1219
SLOW	2129	BL	1205
SO	2057	WIM	1187
LOC	2047	WCH	1180
DVO	2032	SBOC	1178
DEE	2031	SARUM	1176
DEVON	1927	SUFFOC	1111
ESOC	1909	SWOC	1094
NOR	1449	GO	1082
		POTO	1056
		QO	975
		CLYDE	846
		NWO	751



*WCH Vice-Chairman, Jonathan Howell, in action at the Trophy Final*

*Photo by Steve Rush (BOK)*

## Summer JROS Training Camp in Gothenburg

Ellie Bales (POTOC)

On the 19 August I travelled from Heathrow to Gothenburg for 9 days as a part of the Gothenburg JROS tour. The tour is aimed at M and W 18/20's. It is designed as a 'self-help' tour and athletes attending are expected to plan their own training and cook their own meals. When I arrived in Gothenburg Mark Saunders took me and two others to the Savedalens AIK club hut which was quite nice with showers and a sauna. Also we were sleeping in a room with two mattresses, that we made a rota for, which compared to last year's basement at OK Ravinen was an improvement.

There were 5 girls and 12 boys including Mark Saunders, the organiser, and Megan Carter Davies and Sasha Chepelin who were there to do their own training with the group but also helped if we needed it. On the first day we went to an area with lots of contour detail and a few lakes. Harrison McCartney had planned a control pick which was around 8km in total which was a loop around the area. I decided not to do all of the controls and miss a section out that wasn't as nice. The training helped with compass bearings and short technical legs. The next day we took the bus to another local area to do some morning training and in the afternoon we came back to the club to join in with Tuesday night training which this week was O intervals, where you are in a small group and there are around 3 or 4 'gaffled' controls and a meet up point at the end and then another few controls etc. I was in a group with Jura Macmillan, Lucy Tonge, Bethany Kippin and Mark Saunders. Jura won most of the parts but I won two of them. Back at the hut the local club members had cooked for the evening and provided lots of cake which I was in need of after the intervals.



*Sprint training*

On Wednesday we did training that Joe Wright and Felix Wilson had planned the day before. It was a mixed tech course that comprised of a line course, control pick, corridor and donuts. I found this quite tough considering it was in a tricky and quite grotty area. At one point I had caught up with 3 other guys that were stuck and we tried to climb up a crag however I was too small and Noah Howlett had to pull me up it! When we got back to the hut we all went swimming in the lake right outside the hut, it was a lot colder than last year for swimming so it wasn't long until we all went into the sauna to warm up.

Thursday was our rest day so all of the girls decided to catch the bus into Gothenburg to do some shopping, relaxing and explore the city. It was a really nice day and I enjoyed looking around the city. We bought a face mask to use before date night as a tradition and some love heart candles. Later on we did some sprint training around the city. It was a 2.6k course with 22 controls. I liked the sprint as it was quite difficult but fast.

Friday the girls had to plan something so we went for a clock relay so we didn't have to put any controls out and we could all take part as well. This was the evening that me and Jura had to cook. I am not a very experienced cook so we went for something easy - vegetable korma with rice and a crumble for dessert. The korma ended up more like a casserole instead but it still had good reviews from everyone eating it.

On Saturday we took part in a one man relay at Utbynäs which was two legs adding up to 3.5km. It was a mass start 'gaffled' relay in one of my favourite areas with a really nice runnable forest and a few technical parts. I made few mistakes and felt good about my run. After the relays we went back to the hut and Lachlan set up a Micro O using a map he created of the club hut, inside and out. Lachlan put out the pin controls and there was a 10 second gap between everyone starting which meant that there was a fight to use the controls. By the end everyone apart from Harrison and Ryan Elliot mis-punched and got disqualified. Date night was this evening so we used our face mask and lit the love heart candles. The boys got the tables ready splitting them up so it was a couple per table and putting wine glasses, flowers and candles on each table along with name places. As there were only 5 girls some of the boys had to go with each other. Harrison and Sasha were put together as they acted like a married couple anyway. I was with Joe Wright again and Mark was with Alisdair Pedley.

Sunday was race day which I was looking forward to and nervous as this is what the training was for. I had a good race coming first out of the British girls and 12th overall which I was happy with even though I had made some silly route choices on the course. The area was nice in places but quite tough runnability in most of the forest so path options were the best. When we came home it was pizza night so we all went out to a local pizzeria, I had a huge ham and cheese pizza and it was a nice time to talk to everyone. I have really bonded with all the girls and made lots of new friends that I didn't think I would talk to before and have had an amazing experience learning new things whether it was cooking or orienteering.

I had a great time there and now miss it lots! I'm extremely glad and thankful that Mark Saunders organised the tour and that I could go.

Finally, thank you to POTO and the WMOA for donating the money which allowed me to go, I really enjoyed it!



*Everyone on the Gothenburg Tour*

## West Midlands Relays 2018

The 2018 West Midland Relays were held on 28 October by OD at Sutton Park. The event, however, was plagued with a problem with the results. Consequently, the trophies were not awarded after the event but were awarded at the West Midlands Championships on 11 November.

The results were provided by the OD Equipment Officer, Graham Urquhart along with a message of thanks to Dave Chandler - "Many thanks for managing download on the day and sorting the EMITs afterwards. I have managed to construct some results using all your good work. While I have no definitive cause for this, I think from the MERCS file that one of the downloads had an inconsistent time perhaps caused by the handling of daylight saving which added an hour to some downloads and then meant the next competitor returned before they started. Relays are all treated as a timed start, so clock inconsistency is always a problem. I could not fix this in MERCS, and re-downloading just made things worse, so you can see what I have done, largely using the download reports for the competitors. I would note that there were no 'EMIT errors' for any competitor other than the failure of control 125 which was handled on the day and through the backup cards."

So a big thanks go to Dave and Graham for all their hard work. The issues with the results have rather overshadowed the brilliant courses planned by Duncan Birtwistle ably controlled by Robert Vickers (HOC). A big thanks to those two as well. (*first published in 'The Droober'*).

A	<b>Mini Relay</b>	M/W 12	OD	Oriana MacGibbon, Edward Powell, Sebastian MacGibbon
B	<b>Junior Women</b>	W42-		No Entries
C	<b>Intermediate Women</b>	W54-		No Entries
D	<b>Open Women</b>		OD	Kirsten Strain, Sophie Kirk, Harriet Lawson
E	<b>Senior Women</b>	W130+	OD	Lesley Ross, Anne Straube, Juliet Soulard
F	<b>Veteran Women</b>	W165+	OD	Jill Emerson, Liz Phillips. Margaret Willdig
G	<b>Super Veteran Women</b>	W200+	OD	Jane Stew, Thelma Spalton, Sue Hallett
H	<b>Junior Men</b>	M42-	OD	Giacomo MacGibbon, Matthew Bambrook, Lewis Oxtoby
I	<b>Intermediate Men</b>	M54-		No Entries
J	<b>Open Men</b>		OD	Alistair Landels, William Gardner. Alistair Powell
K	<b>Senior Men</b>	M130+	WCH	Mark Stodgell, Dan Findlay-Robinson, Andrew Yeates
L	<b>Veteran Men</b>	M165+	OD	David Lawson, Barry Elkington, Andy Emerson
M	<b>Super Veteran Men</b>	M200+	HOC	Andrew White, Stuart Paul, Adrian Bailey
N	<b>Mixed Ad Hoc</b>		WRE	Steve Parker, Jane Howsam, Tom Lewis

**Junior Home Internationals 2018****Ellie Bales (POTOC)**

On the 5 October I travelled up to Pitlochry in Scotland to represent England at orienteering in the Junior Home Internationals. I was really excited when I found out that I had been selected to run for England again. Not only was it a great opportunity to race with some of the best people in the country but it was also a chance to see all of my friends again. We arrived at the Backpackers Hostel in Pitlochry on the Friday evening and the other England 18s and I went to an Italian restaurant to have our tea, which was a good chance to catch up with each other.

On the Saturday it was the Individual race at Errochty and I was the first starter for the England girls. My race was going well until control number 4 where I had climbed up too high and just missed the control in a re-entrant. After this I kept making little mistakes on most controls and I couldn't get into the map on the second half. I was really disappointed with my race as I knew that I could have done so much better but I couldn't focus on the negatives and hoped to improve the next day. When we got back to the hostel we all got ready for our evening meal and the ceilidh. Everyone was wearing pretty tops and skirts but I didn't have anything nice to wear so I borrowed a top and skirt from my friend who had brought spare outfits for the evening. After the meal and prize giving we all took part in the ceilidh and socialised with all the different teams. I really enjoyed the ceilidh and danced a lot - my favourite dance was definitely 'strip the willow'.

The next day was the Relays and I was in a team with Caitlin Irving (W16) and Izzy Sunley (W14). Caitlin had a good start coming in at 4th place ahead of 2 Scottish runners, then Izzy also had a good run overtaking one Scot and coming in at 4th place too. It was my turn to run and I was pretty nervous as I didn't know how far behind me the others were so I just had to concentrate on my own race. The area was really nice and mostly runnable with not too many hills. I had a good race only making a small mistake on one control meaning I maintained 4th place beating 3 of the Scottish teams. I was pleased with this after my bad run yesterday. Scotland won overall but I wasn't too bothered as I'd had such a fun weekend.

## West Midlands Championships 2018

The 2018 championships were due to have been held by WRE on the physical and technical terrain of The Ercall and planned by Clive Richardson. Unfortunately, all Clive's hard work proved to be in vain when permissions for the event were withdrawn three weeks before the event. Thankfully Clive volunteered to plan new courses on a different area and, having secured permission from Telford and Wrekin Council, the event was held at Telford Town Park on 11 November.

The weather was kind and Clive made good use of the area producing some challenging courses where the emphasis was on speed and fine navigation near the controls in the thicker areas of vegetation.

### Winners

<b>M10</b>	Jonah Hearn	WCH	<b>W10</b>	Harriet Allinson	WRE
<b>M12</b>	Kieran Rose	HOC	<b>W12</b>	Darcy Dunn	POTOC
<b>M14</b>	Matt Bambrook	OD	<b>W14</b>	Josie Smart	OD
<b>M16</b>	Oliver Flippance	OD	<b>W16</b>	Holly Stodgell	WCH
<b>M18</b>	Sam Leadley	OD	<b>W18</b>	Ellie Bales	POTOC
<b>M20</b>	Not Awarded		<b>W20</b>	Not Awarded	
<b>M21</b>	Emils Vainovskis	COBOC	<b>W21</b>	Kirsten Strain	OD
<b>M35</b>	Dan Findlay-Robinson	WCH	<b>W35</b>	Not Awarded	
<b>M40</b>	Simon Webb	WCH	<b>W40</b>	Not Awarded	
<b>M45</b>	Mark Stodgell	WCH	<b>W45</b>	Cath Williams	WCH
<b>M50</b>	Alex Morgan	HOC	<b>W50</b>	Delia Kingsbury	WRE
<b>M55</b>	Andrew Yeates	WCH	<b>W55</b>	Elizabeth Bales	POTOC
<b>M60</b>	John Leeson	HOC	<b>W60</b>	Carol Dredge	WCH
<b>M65</b>	Stan Alexander	OD	<b>W65</b>	Hazel Waters	WCH
<b>M70</b>	Paul Graetz	POTOC	<b>W70</b>	Sheila Carey	OD
<b>M75</b>	Mike Callow	WRE	<b>W75</b>	Barbara Farr	POTOC
<b>M80</b>	John Riley	WRE	<b>W80</b>	Alison Sloman	HOC

## West Midlands Urban League 2018



Date	Event Venue	Club
14 April	Rugby	OD
3 June	Lichfield	WCH
17 June	Birmingham University	HOC
15 July	Sutton Coldfield	COBOC
8 September	Whitchurch	WRE
9 September	Hanley	POTOC

Full results and tables can be found on the UK Urban League website at:  
<http://www.oxfordfusion.com/ukul/index.cfm?&Org=8>

Class Winners					
<b>Young Junior Men (M12-)</b>	Euan Barnby Russell McCreddie William Newton	WCH RSOC OD	<b>Young Junior Women (W12-)</b>	Ella May Rush	BOK
<b>Junior Men (M16-)</b>	Kieran Rose	HOC	<b>Junior Women (W16-)</b>	Ella May Rush	BOK
<b>Open Men</b>	Benjamin Rauffet	HOC	<b>Open Women</b>	Tereza May Rush	BOK
<b>Veteran Men (M40+)</b>	Mike Wheeler	OD	<b>Veteran Women (W40+)</b>	Tanya Taylor	LOG
<b>Super Veteran Men (M55+)</b>	Adrian Pickles	WRE	<b>Super Veteran Women (W55+)</b>	Lin Page	OD
<b>Ultra Veteran Men (M65+)</b>	Doug Dickinson	DVO	<b>Ultra Veteran Women (W65+)</b>	Sheila Carey	OD
<b>Hyper Veteran Men (M75+)</b>	Robert Vickers	HOC	<b>Hyper Veteran Women (W75+)</b>	Judith Goodair	EPOC

This year every club in the region managed to hold an Urban event including two brand new areas - Sutton Coldfield and Hanley. The increased number of events led to a more interesting competition with more outright class winners than in previous years.

Congratulations to all the winners and, in particular, to Ella May Rush (W12) of BOK who actually managed to win two different classes - Young Junior Women and Junior Women.

There are already a few events on the calendar for next year so, hopefully, the competition will be expanded to include even more events than this year.

### 2018 West Midlands League Events

Jan 21	Kinver Edge	HOC	Jul 8	Burton Dassett CP	OD
Feb 4	<b>Brindley</b> (Senior Courses Voided)	WCH	Oct 14	Highgate Common	HOC
			Nov 11	Telford Town Park	WRE
Feb 18	Lizard Hill	WRE	Dec 2	Brereton Spurs	WCH
May 6	Shoal Hill	WCH	Dec 9	Itchington Holt	OD
May 13	Bentley Woods	OD	Dec 16	British Camp, Malvern	HOC

### Individual Class Leaders after 8 Events

M10	Max Straube-Roth	OD	437	W10	Grace Allinson	WRE	254
M12	Kieran Rose	HOC	361	W12	Darcy Dunn	OD	180
M14	Matt Bambrook	OD	498	W14	Florence Lunn	OD	400
M16	Oliver Flippance	OD	300	W16	Holly Stodgell	WCH	200
M18	Sam Leadley	OD	292	W18	Ellie Bales	POTOC	200
M20				W20	Holly Hughes	WCH	200
M21	Benjamin Rauffet	HOC	442	W21	Kirsten Strain	OD	289
M35	Graham Pigott	POTOC	280	W35	Helen Corrin	WRE	80
M40	Rob Bambrook	OD	459	W40	Anne Straube	OD	488
M45	Chris McCartney	OD	362	W45	Sharron Richardson	WRE	300
M50	David Leadley	OD	429	W50	Liz Phillips	OD	389
M55	Phil Hancox	WRE	379	W55	Elizabeth Bales	POTOC	296
M60	Barry Elkington	OD	488	W60	Judith Evans	HOC	350
M65	Jonathan Howell	WCH	491	W65	Hazel Waters	WCH	389
M70	Peter Carey	OD	470	W70	Sheila Carey	OD	495
M75	Robert Vickers	HOC	444	W75	Elizabeth Riley	WRE	320
M80	John Riley	WRE	460	W80	Alison Sloman	HOC	500
M85	Colin Roscoe	WRE	100				

## The West Midlands League 2018 Positions after 8 Events

1. OD 6436				2. HOC 5449				3. WCH 5330			
A	Matt Bambrook	M14	498	A	Kieran Rose	M12	361	A	Jonah Hearn	M10	380
A	Max Straube-Roth	M10	437	A	Arthur Mitchell	M12	340	A	Oscar Barnby	M12	300
B	Matt Bambrook	M45	459	B	Benjamin Rauffet	M21	442	B	Mark Stodgell	M45	394
B	Chris McCartney	M45	456	B	Tim Kieniewic	M35	198	B	Allan Williams	M45	352
C	David Leadley	M50	429	C	Alex Morgan	M50	400	C	Andrew Yeates	M55	338
C	Kevin Ross	M55	219	C	Ian Chafer	M50	298	C	Philip Hadland	M55	199
D	Anne Straube	W40	488	D	Marian White	W55	228	D	Alison Yeates	W50	304
D	Liz Phillips	W50	389	D	Heather Kieniewic	W21	270	D	Sally Hughes	W45	278
E	Sheila Carey	W70	495	E	Alison Sloman	W80	500	E	Jonathan Howell	M65	491
E	Barry Elkington	M60	488	E	Robert Scott	M70	456	E	Ray Collins	M60	463
F	Peter Carey	M70	470	F	Robert Vickers	M75	444	F	Dave Smith	M65	456
F	Karin Kirk	W70	428	F	Mike Baggott	M65	421	F	John Robinson	M65	429
F	Florence Lunn	W14	400	F	Barry McGowan	M70	413	F	Hazel Waters	W65	389
F	Bruce Bryant	M60	391	F	Judith Evans	W60	350	F	Carol Dredge	W60	287
F	Stan Alexander	M65	389	F	Barry Houghton	M70	328	F	Dan Findlay-Robinson	M35	270
4. WRE 5075				5. POTO 3370				6. COBO 1134			
A	Grace Allinson	W10	254	A	Ellie Bales	W18	200	B	Emils Vainovskis	M21	299
A	Harriet Allinson	W10	251	B	Graham Pigott	M35	280	C	Ian Gamlen	M50	417
B	Jeremy Lewis	M45	270	B	Martin Pigott	M40	262	D	David Arnott	M70	179
B	Thomas Lewis	M21	163	C	Jim Cooke	M55	121	E	Richard Burnett	M60	174
C	Adrian Griffiths	M50	427	C	Dale Colclough	M55	53	F	Mick Sadler	M65	65
C	Phil Hancox	M55	379	D	Elizabeth Bales	W55	296				
D	Delia Kingsbury	W50	383	D	Denise Broom	W55	66				
D	Diane Jacks	W50	374	E	Paul Graetz	M70	466				
E	Peter Howsam	M65	349	E	Gerard Riley	M60	327				
E	John Riley	M80	460	F	Marian Denham	W70	313				
F	Ian Hopkins	M50	374	F	Barbara Farr	W75	272				
F	Tony Callow	M50	364	F	Dave Bales	M60	247				
F	Clive Richardson	M50	354	F	Jean Rostron	W75	236				
F	Jeff Haycock	M75	337	F	Austin Farr	M70	231				
F	Mike Callow	M75	336								

## WMOA Fixtures

### December 2018 to March 2019

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

#### 2018

##### December

8	HOC Local	<b>HOC Club Championships (Closed Event) Clent Hills</b>	Hagley	<a href="#">SO939805</a>
9	OD Regional	<b>OD West Midlands League 11 &amp; Club Championships Itchington Holt</b>	Harbury	<a href="#">SP369557</a>
15	HOC Local	<b>HOC Western Night League British Camp</b>	Great Malvern	<a href="#">SO766381</a>
16	HOC Regional	<b>HOC West Midlands League 12 British Camp</b>	Great Malvern	<a href="#">SO763403</a>
29	OD Local	<b>OD Christmas Relays Rough Close Scout Camp</b>	Coventry	

#### 2019

##### January

1	OD Regional	<b>Laurie Bradley New Year's Day Score Sutton Park</b>	Sutton Coldfield	
6	WRE Local	<b>WRE Club Championships (Closed Event) Lilleshall Sports Centre</b>	Newport	<a href="#">SJ750145</a>
10	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League 3 Worcester Centre</b>	Worcester	
13	WCH Regional	<b>WCH West Midlands League 1 &amp; Club Championships Beaudesert</b>	Rugeley	
17	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening Event 3 Hollybed Common</b>	Great Malvern	
19	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event Daventry Country Camp</b>	Daventry	<a href="#">SP575629</a>
20	WRE Regional	<b>WRE West Midlands League 2 &amp; Yvette Baker Trophy Heat Boreatton Park</b>	Shrewsbury	<a href="#">SJ402239</a>
24	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League 4 Halesowen</b>	Halesowen	

26	COBOC Local	<b>Beginners, Families &amp; Schools Event Sutton Park</b>	Sutton Coldfield	<a href="#">SP090955</a>
31	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening Event 4 Kinver Edge</b>	Kinver	

**February**

2	HOC Local	<b>HOC Western Night League Worcestershire Beacon</b>	Great Malvern	<a href="#">SO770441</a>
3	OD Regional	<b>OD West Midlands League 3 Hartshill Hayes</b>	Nuneaton	
7	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League 5 Kings Heath</b>	Kings Heath	
10	HOC Regional	<b>HOC West Midlands League 4 Wyre Forest (provisional)</b>	Bewdley	
14	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening Event 5 Burlish Top</b>	Stourport	
16	POTOC Local	<b>POTOC Local Event Apedale Country Park (tbc)</b>	Newcastle -under- Lyme	<a href="#">SJ822483</a>
21	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League 6 Warndon</b>	Worcester	<a href="#">SO879557</a>
23	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event Everdon Stubbs</b>	Daventry	<a href="#">SP606562</a>
23	COBOC Local	<b>Beginners, Families &amp; Schools Event Aston Hall</b>	Birmingham	<a href="#">SP079899</a>
28	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening Event 5 Highgate Common</b>	Wombourne	

**March**

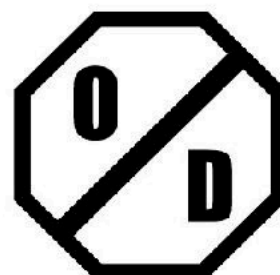
3	WCH Regional	<b>WCH West Midlands League 5 Badgerslade</b>	Stafford	
7	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League 7 Birmingham</b>	Birmingham	<a href="#">SP076877</a>
9	POTOC Local	<b>POTOC Local Event Bathpool Country Park (tbc)</b>	Kidsgrove	<a href="#">SJ838537</a>
17	OD National	<b>CompassSport Cup/ Trophy Heat Bentley Woods</b>	Atherston	
23	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event War Memorial Park (tbc)</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP322772</a>
28	POTOC Local	<b>Staffordshire Schools Champs (closed event) Central Forest Park (tbc)</b>	Hanley Stoke-on-Trent	<a href="#">SJ886487</a>
30	COBOC Local	<b>Beginners, Families &amp; Schools Event Perry Hall Park</b>	Birmingham	<a href="#">SP060921</a>

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## The Orienteering Club for Warwickshire and Coventry

Affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation



### New Year's Day Score Event

for the

### Laurie Bradley Trophy

at

### Sutton Park

on

### Tuesday 1st January 2019



- Travel:** Sutton Park is on the north east side of Birmingham. The entrance to the park for this event will be via Boldmere Gate which is on the south side of the park. Head north from the junction of Jockey Road A453 and Boldmere Road B4142. Registration etc. will be at the Sea Scout Hut which is on the right hand side as you enter the park, but please park further into the park where there is a large area of public parking on the left hand side.  
Map reference SP 106954 on sheet 139. Postcode B73 6LH.
- Times:** Registration from 11.00 to 11.45.  
Depart from outside the Sea Scout hut at 11.45 for the walk to the Start.  
Mass Start at 12.00.
- Entries:** On the day only. Seniors: £8.00 ; Juniors: £3.00
- Electronic punching:** For this event we will be using COBOC's Sportident electronic punching system, which will not be enabled for SIAC contactless punching. SI cards will be available for hire on the day if you don't have your own. ( Seniors and Juniors - £1.00 ).
- Course:** This is a one hour score event for all competitors.
- Trophy:** The Laurie Bradley Trophy is awarded to the West Midlands Club with the highest total score from their 25 best competitors. Full competition rules are available on the West Midlands Orienteering Association web site.
- Terrain:** Fast and runnable. A mixture of semi-open parkland and forest, with some contour detail in the eastern part.
- \*\*\*\*\*
- Organiser:** To be confirmed.  
**Planner:** Ian Gamlen (COBOC).  
**Controller:** Adrian Bailey (Harlequins Orienteering Club).