

The West Midlander

Summer 2019



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Cover Photo by Alison Yeates (WCH):

An unusual contestant in the start lane at WCH's 50th Anniversary Event at Tamworth.

Editorial

Welcome to the Summer edition of the 'West Midlander'.

The region's biggest event, Springtime in Shropshire, had just finished when the last issue came out so I've included a short report on page 7. The organising team are very keen to find out whether the new format was popular or not and if anyone has any ideas for future years. A link to the feedback form is on page 8.

The Holiday 'O' season is in full flow and many of you will have taken part in multi-day events at home and abroad including the Scottish 6 Days. I didn't attend this year (the first one I've missed since 2001) and from what I've heard it was very successful though not without some controversy. On Day 2 many competitors crossed a river that was marked as uncrossable with a purple line, similar to competitors who crossed uncrossable fences at BOC 2016 on Brown Clee. The solution was to void the leg which, in my mind, is not particularly satisfactory. If we are to have rules in orienteering then they must be enforced otherwise competitors will continue to transgress. If organisers are unwilling to disqualify transgressors then perhaps adding a time penalty might be a solution or voiding the course for that age group?

Coming up in September are the West Midlands Relays at Whitfield Valley in Stoke-on-Trent. John Heaton (POTOC) has written an article (page 9) on the fascinating history of the area which has been transformed from an industrial area into an attractive country park.

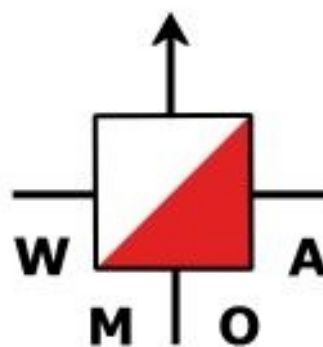
As we approach the final stages of the West Midlands League OD look set to retain the title so the big question is who will be runners-up?

Happy orienteering,

Rod

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Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 10 June 2019**Great Barr Hotel**

1. **Present:** R. Collins, B. Elkington, I. Gamlen, K. Mitchell, B. Morgan, H. Morgan, S.Parker, A. Williams.
2. **Apologies:** R.Brandon, M. Elkington, J. Howell, R. Lewis, R. Postlethwaite.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Correspondence:** None.

7. **Treasurer's Report** (as at 08/06/2019):

WMOA account: £7,392.66

Junior Squad account: £3,325.84

Levies still to come in from SinS, OD Coventry Weekend and the rest of this year's WMOA events.

We are OK on this year's budget.

8. **Fixtures:**

Healthy set of fixtures planned for the rest of the year.

Brandon Wood (OD), moved to 27/10/2019 to avoid clash with rescheduled Southern Championships.

POTOC now have their Leek event on 03/10/2019 as part of the WMOA Urban League. This compensates for the OD event on 08/06/2019 which did not have suitable classes.

Next WMOA Scheduling Group meeting in October. BOF Scheduling Group meeting about 2 weeks later.

9. **West Midlander:**

No report. For the next issue: **Sutton Park embargo because of CSC Final in 2020.**

10. **WMOA Website:**

Reported by Ian Gamlen that Mike Farrington and Andy Johnson are happy to amend the site but need suggestions as to the content.

ACTION: All Clubs.

11. **Development:**

■ **Officials Courses:**

Henry Morgan: 12 members attended the Planner's Level C Workshop on 30 March:

1 COBOC, 3 OD, 5 POTOC, 1 WCH and 2 WRE.

No date has been set yet for a proposed Organiser's Level C/ Event Safety and Welfare Workshop - some time probably in October.

■ Update to Controller's list (Bob Brandon): No report.

12. **Events and Competitions Committee:**

There were only a few members present at the last meeting so no decisions were made. No report this time. Next meeting 15/06-19 - report at the next WMOA meeting.

13. West Midlands Junior Squad:

See report on page 6.

14. Club Round up:

- ❑ **COBOC:** Busy weekends coming up: newcomer's event; BBC Community Games; Moseley Festival and Sutton Coldfield Community Games.
- ❑ **HOC:** Brown Clee, part of SinS and Midland Championships, had over 800 competitors. Summer Series has started with one clash with a WRE event.
- ❑ **OD:** 6 additional First Aiders attended a course put on by local running club.
A good weekend at Coventry.
- ❑ **POTOC:** Summer Park League coming up with 3 out of 5 scores to count (handicapped).
- ❑ **WCH:** Had 3 Beginner's Events at Birches Valley. 1st event with 6 participants. 2nd event with 38, 3rd event with about 19 but suffered atrocious weather. Some then attended Tuesday Training. They are doing some to try and encourage participation at Tamworth Urban 13/07/19. They are running full training sessions, which included an event at Stafford Castle.
- ❑ **WRE:** Good SinS. Tuesday evening events have started.

15. AOB:

- ❑ The position of Secretary has not been filled yet. **Action: ALL CLUBS.**
- ❑ The English Orienteering Council (EOC) need a new chairman as Philip Gristwood is standing down after many years at the helm.
- ❑ Events with isolated starts or finishes (more than 100m from assembly) should have a First Aid kit and First Aider at them (they could be in the start or finish team) as this is likely to be the point to which an injured competitor would first head to. There should also be good communication from these starts or finishes to assembly. Some encouragement at the finish is also good practice.
- ❑ **BOF Insurance:**
This is only 3rd party insurance and only valid if you are a member of British Orienteering. Orienteering beginners can participate in 3 events as a non-member but must then join British Orienteering to be covered by insurance. This is not 3 events per year, this is 3 events ever.
Remember to have BOF Event Insurance, the named officials at an event **MUST** have attended:
 - a) An Event Safety Workshop
 - b) The relevant Planner/Organiser Course. If with a Controller, a Controller's Course and be accredited by WMOA.
- ❑ At the West Midlands Schools Championship on 11th May there was some confusion over the presentation of relevant trophies. Mel Elkington is in the process of clarifying the situation ready for next year. This will be put on the website at a later date.

16. Next Meeting:

9 September 2019.



West Midlands Junior Squad:

March to June 2019

A number of successful training sessions have been held on various areas so thank you to all the clubs that have helped us with permissions and maps so that we can put these on.

Harriet Lawson has completed her coaching course and is in the process of running a series of training sessions on Sprint orienteering. Once she has completed these she will then be assessed.

Henry Webb & Oscar Barnby, both Walton Chasers, have joined the squad.

This year's national selections are:

Great Britain team:

■ Will Gardner

Junior Regional Orienteering Squad Tours:

Stockholm - Felix Lunn

Deeside - Holly Stodgell

Congratulations to them all.

The squad continues to raise funds to add to the annual contribution from the WMOA including a quiz and raffle in April which raised over £400. As well as helping to keep the cost of training sessions as low as possible this also goes towards our biggest expense of the year - sending a team to the Junior Inter Regional Competition. The weekend includes an overnight stay and this year takes place in Yorkshire in September.

Mel, Kirsten & Harriet



West Midlands Schools Championships 2019

Corrected Results

There was some confusion over the published results which have now been corrected. The Team winners are as follows:

Team Winners

Primary	Middle/ Prep	Secondary
Christchurch School	Winterfold School	Kenilworth School

Springtime in Shropshire 25 - 27 May 2019

Springtime in Shropshire 2019 was a little different to previous versions of the weekend as a new formula was tried. Over the years it has become harder and harder to find suitable terrain for the weekend for a variety of reasons. Permissions are often not forthcoming because of environmental reasons such as ground nesting birds; some terrain can be very unpleasant at that time of year due to excessive undergrowth; landowners change and previous permissions are withdrawn.

Newer formats of orienteering have been introduced in the last 20 years or so (Middle, Sprint, Urban) which have enabled smaller areas to be used and different types of terrain (town centres, university campuses, etc.). To attempt to alleviate the problem of finding suitable areas it was decided to go for the Sprint/ Middle/ Long format favoured by many multi-day competitions in other parts of the world. Permissions for the proposed Sprint area didn't materialise so it was decided that Day 1 would take place in the Medieval town of Shrewsbury with its narrow alleyways, impressive old buildings and riverside parkland. Day 2 had already been earmarked to take place on Brown Clee (last used three years ago for BOC 2016) and to incorporate the Midland Championships. Day 3 was to be the Middle Distance day held on The Wrekin.

Although Shrewsbury has been used for a number of events over the years, starting with the UK Cup Final Sprint in 2008, this was by far the biggest with 525 competitors. Unfortunately, a misplaced control led to three of the courses having legs voided. Ongoing roadworks in the town centre meant that the main road through was closed to traffic making it easier to progress.

The warm, humid weather of the previous day was replaced by showers for the Midland Championships on Brown Clee. Arguably the best terrain in the West Midlands, the area provided a tough challenge worthy of a Championship event. We are very lucky to have the use of this area because of the very good relationship between Lord and Lady Boyne and HOC.

The Middle Distance event was held by WRE on The Wrekin and proved a very physically challenging event and Adrian Pickles did very well to produce courses on an unforgiving area. Unprecedented bramble growth in the weeks leading up to the event meant some areas were less runnable than marked on the map and late starts were advantageous.



Midland Champs Planner Barry Houghton (HOC) battling through the undergrowth on The Wrekin.

Photo by Steve Rush (BOK)

The SinS co-ordinating team are keen to receive feedback about the weekend with a few questions:

- ❑ Did the combination of Urban, Long distance and Middle distance events provide an acceptable test of your orienteering skills?
- ❑ Would a recognised campsite and a social evening add more to your visit to Shropshire?
- ❑ Does the chance of winning a medal provide a greater incentive to enter the event?
- ❑ What other changes or additions would help to make the 3 day event more attractive / enjoyable?

Please send your thoughts to the co-ordinators via the link on the website:

<http://sins.org.uk/please-give-us-feedback/>

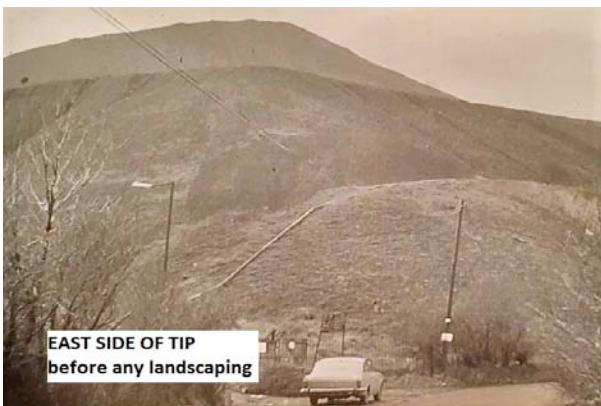
Midland Champions 2019

M10	Max Straube-Roth	OD	W10	Harriet Allinson	WRE
M12	Oscar Barnby	WCH	W12	Hebe Darwin	WAOC
M14	Jake O'Donnell	DVO	W14	Hannah Mather	LOG
M16	Alex Wetherill	WAOC	W16	Rachel Duckworth	DVO
M18	Alex Mitchell	HOC	W18	Chloe Cracknell	SUFFOC
M20	Sam Leadley	OD	W20	Not Awarded	
M21	Duncan Birtwistle	OD	W21	Nadine Wright	OD
M35	Iain Stamp	WCH	W35	Kath Atkins	HOC
M40	Glen Richardson	NOR	W40	Anne Straube	OD
M45	John Mather	LOG	W45	Juliette Soulard	OD
M50	Alistair Landels	OD	W50	Lesley Ross	OD
M55	David Lawson	OD	W55	Jill Emmerson	OD
M60	Mick Lucking	NOC	W60	Carol Dredge	WCH
M65	Bob Dredge	WCH	W65	Judith Holt	DVO
M70	Brian Hughes	HOC	W70	Hilary Palmer	NOC
M75	Peter Carey	OD	W75	Barbara Farr	POTOC
M80	Trevor Simpson	OD	W80	Hilary Simpson	OD
M85	Donald Moir	LEI			

Whitfield Valley - Area Profile



The area comprises a 2.5km by 0.5km section of the valley of the stream called the *Ford Green Brook*. The area is dominated by a landscaped former colliery tip rising 75m above the surrounding land. The tip originally was a classical conical shape with steep sides.



The first landscaping work was carried out in the 1980's. This smoothed out and created the smaller hump back shape of the hill.

The southern half of the area is dominated by the brook and surrounding disused farmland. A small lake at the southern end is not shown on a 1970s map of the area so I think this was formed to assist the flood protection for the adjacent Ford Green Hall.

In 2010 extensive re-landscaping of the northern section took place. Ford Green Brook formerly ran underneath the spoil heap in a culvert. This was diverted around the hill to the west. A new main track was created on the lower slopes of the hill. A large chunk of the hill was sliced off to make a suitable terrace. Two elevated bridges have been built to take the cycleway over the brook. The area to the North of the hill the stream valley has

by John Heaton (POTOC)

been landscaped with more gentle gradients and a number of small hills created.



Railways

The railways were created mostly in the 19th century to serve the collieries in the area. The Biddulph Valley Railway was built in 1860 and links Stoke with Congleton via Bucknall, Milton, Ford Green and Biddulph. This line allowed a very small coal mine at Chatterley Whitfield to expand. The coal wagons, however, had to be lowered from the colliery down to the line by a brake and empties hauled up by horse. By 1873 further expansion of the colliery made this system inadequate.

The main footpath that runs North-South from Ford Green to the north tip of the map is the course of this line. The mine owners decided to create a higher level private railway line to run East-West to link to the Potteries Loop line at Tunstall about 3km away.



An empty coal train along what is now the course of the diverted stream.

By the time of nationalisation in 1947 the North-South line was back in full use via a marshalling yard.

On the area to the north of hill site of the marshalling yard for the coal wagons, the memorial below was constructed.



Colliery

Chatterley Whitfield was one of Britain's biggest coal mines in its heyday and about 4000 people were employed. In 1947 when the mines were nationalised the number of employees stood at 2778. In 1937 it achieved the distinction of being the first British Colliery to produce a million tons of coal in a year. It had opened in 1838 and was finally closed in 1977. The underground workings were linked to Wolstanton Colliery, a more modern colliery, which could exploit the remaining reserves more efficiently. In 1979 it was opened as an underground mining museum. However, in 1986, the closure of Wolstanton whose workings and pumps had kept the mine from flooding meant the museum had to close. It now stands derelict, yet secure, surrounded by high steel fences awaiting funds to regenerate it as a surface

museum and to extend the existing small industrial estate.

The site is a scheduled Ancient Monument and most of its 34 buildings are Grade 2 listed. A very high chimney towers above the area and can even be seen from the opposite side of the tip. This was to the boiler house which supplied the steam mainly for driving the shaft winding engines. One of these was still being used when the mine closed. The site is closed to the public, but the trustees occasionally have open days.



Other History

Ford Green Hall is the oldest building in Stoke-on-Trent. It was built in 1624, a timber framed farmhouse and was the home of the Ford family for 200 years. It was rediscovered and renovated by Stoke Council in the 20th Century who maintained and run it as a museum. It recently was passed onto a charitable trust.



The current opening hours are:

1300 to 1700hrs on Sundays to Thursdays.

Admission: £3.00, £2.00 concessions.

The house was severely flooded in the 1970's , but since then flood protection has been installed.

Vegetation

There are large areas of marsh in the southern section, bordering the stream and at the head of the small lake. The remainder of this section is open grassland with hedges and small copses. The western flank of the hill was cleared of all vegetation (in the second phase of reclamation) and replaced with new open grassland and patches of new plantations . The area around the northern kilometre of the stream was a challenging, steep in places, area of marsh and dense vegetation. This is now open with patches of unfenced new plantations.

Wildlife

The lake and the marsh at Ford Green is a nature reserve and attracts a wide range of fowl and other water birds, and is a designated Nature reserve. Herons that can be seen here also range the full length of the area. At the far North, the area around the brook also attracts wildlife helped by the small marsh areas made during the reclamation.



Notification of WMOA AGM 2019

Date: Monday 14 October 2019

Time: 7.30pm

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

All are welcome to attend.

The Agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting - if anybody has any items for the Agenda please forward them via your Club Representative.

Please note the following position is vacant:

Secretary

If you are interested in filling the position please contact Richard Lewis.

Embargoed Area

The CompassSport Cup/ Trophy Final next year is to be held at Sutton Park on 18 October 2020. The area is embargoed for competitors from any competing clubs until that date.

2019 West Midlands League Events

Jan 13	Beaudesert	WCH	May 12	Park Hall	POTOC
Jan 20	Boreatton Park	WRE	Oct 6	Oldacre Valley	WCH
Feb 3	Hartshill Hayes	OD	Oct 27	Brandon Woods	OD
Feb 10	Callow Hill North	HOC	Nov 10	Titterstone Clee	HOC
Mar 3	Badgerslade	WCH	Nov 17	TBA	WRE
Apr 7	Arrow Valley	HOC	Dec 8	Sherbrook	WCH

Individual Class Leaders after 7 Events

M10	Jonah Hearn	WCH	500	W10	Harriet Allinson	WRE	463
M12	Oscar Barnby	WCH	500	W12	Darcy Dunn	WCH	180
M14	Arthur Mitchell	HOC	280	W14	Josie Smart	OD	356
M16	Matt Bambrook	OD	382	W16	Tabitha Lunn	OD	468
M18	Alexander Mitchell	HOC	419	W18			
M20	Sam Leadley	OD	472	W20	Ellie Bales	POTOC	180
M21	Thomas Lewis	WRE	360	W21	Kirsten Strain	OD	191
M35	Robert Rose	HOC	310	W35	Katie Lewis	WRE	297
M40	Stuart Duckworth	WCH	397	W40	Anne Straube	OD	419
M45	Rob Bambrook	OD	477	W45	Melanie Hearn	WCH	480
M50	Clive Richardson	WRE	495	W50	Diane Jacks	WRE	494
M55	Alex Morgan	HOC	469	W55	Melanie Elkington	OD	400
M60	Barry Elkington	OD	463	W60	Jane Stew	OD	230
M65	Jonathan Howell	WCH	453	W65	Hazel Waters	WCH	500
M70	Robert Brandon	OD	500	W70	Susan Hallett	OD	488
					Sheila Carey	OD	488
M75	Peter Carey	OD	475	W75	Jean Rostron	POTOC	200
M80	Derek Turner	WRE	368	W80	Alison Sloman	HOC	499

The West Midlands League 2019 Positions after 7 Events

1. OD 6851				2. WRE 6117				3. HOC 5700			
A	Tabitha Lunn	W16	468	A	Harriet Allinson	W10	463	A	Alexander Mitchell	M18	419
A	Florence Lunn	W16	387	A	Grace Allinson	W10	380	A	Sebastian Mitchell	M16	344
B	Rob Bambrook	M45	477	B	Steve Parker	M45	382	B	Benjamin Rauffet	M21	343
B	Sam Leadley	M20	472	B	Thomas Lewis	M21	360	B	Robert Rose	M35	310
C	Chris McCartney	M50	472	C	Clive Richardson	M50	495	C	Alex Morgan	M55	469
C	David Leadley	M55	455	C	Ian Hopkins	M50	417	C	Ian Chafer	M50	422
D	Anne Straube	W40	419	D	Diane Jacks	W50	494	D	Kerstin Mitchell	W50	335
D	Lesley Ross	W50	400	D	Katie Lewis	W35	297	D	Marian White	W55	282
E	Robert Brandon	M70	500	E	Derek Turner	M75	494	E	Alison Sloman	W80	499
E	Sheila Carey	W70	488	E	John Broadhead	M60	403	E	Barry Houghton	M70	408
F	Susan Hallett	W70	488	F	Phil Bibby	M65	396	F	Jason Howell	M50	382
F	Peter Carey	M75	475	F	Jeff Haycock	M75	396	F	Robert Scott	M70	382
F	Barry Elkington	M60	463	F	Andrew Clough	M60	393	F	Robert Vickers	M75	372
F	Karin Kirk	W70	454	F	Richard Rogers	M55	391	F	Andy Johnson	M55	369
F	Matt Bambrook	M16	282	F	Tony Callow	M50	356	F	Geoff Trewin	M65	364
4. WCH 5426				5. POTO 3725				6. COBOC 1409			
A	Jonah Hearn	M10	500	A	Daniel Pigott	M10	162	B	James Thomas	M21	267
A	Oscar Barnby	M12	500	A	Alexander Evans	M16	100	B	Emils Vainovskis	M21	181
B	Stuart Duckworth	M40	397	B	Andrew Rowe	M40	390	C	Ian Gamlen	M50	440
B	David Dunn	M40	325	B	Martin Pigott	M40	300	E	Mick Sadler	M70	359
C	Andrew Yeates	M55	220	C	Jim Cooke	M55	273	E	Richard Burnett	M60	93
C	Mike Musters	M50	153	C	Jonathan Whilock	M50	69	F	Richard Beamish	M65	69
D	Melanie Hearn	W45	480	D	Elizabeth Bales	W55	370				
D	Sally Hughes	W45	200	D	Ellie Bales	W20	180				
E	Hazel Waters	W65	500	E	Henry Morgan	M60	367				
E	Jonathan Howell	M65	453	E	Paul Graetz	M70	340				
F	Chris Boycott	M75	443	F	Gerry Riley	M60	258				
F	Ray Collins	M60	398	F	Austin Farr	M75	244				
F	Euan Barnby	M10	301	F	Dave Bales	M60	243				
F	John Robinson	M65	279	F	Marian Denham	W70	226				
F	Dan Findlay-Robinson	M35	277	F	John Pigott	M70	203				

WMOA Fixtures

August to December 2019

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

2019

August

20	WRE Local	WRE Summer Series 14 Plush Hill, Long Mynd	Church Stretton	SO452969
21	OD Local	OD Summer Evening Event Burton Dassett Hills Country Park	Southam	SP396519
25	POTOC Local	POTOC Score Event & BBQ Brough Park	Leek	SJ986570
27	WRE Local	WRE Summer Series 15 Concorde College, Acton Burnell	Shrewsbury	SJ535023
28	OD Local	OD Summer Evening Event University of Warwick	Coventry	

September

6	HOC Local	HOC SEE League Pitcher Oak Woods	Redditch	SO824820
8	WRE Local	The John Bennison Long 'O' Long Mynd	Church Stretton	SO451936
21	OD Local	OD Saturday Morning Event National Herb Centre	Warmington	SP410471
22	POTOC Local	West Midlands Relays Whitfield Valley Country Park	Burslem Stoke-on-Trent	SJ887508
22	COBOC Local	Beginners, Families and Schools Woodgate Valley Country Park	Birmingham	

October

5	OD Local	OD Saturday Morning Event incl. the Tony Haw Score Event Kingsbury Water Park	Tamworth	SP205958
6	WCH Regional	WCH West Midlands League 8 Oldacre Valley	Stafford	
27	WCH Regional	OD West Midlands League 9 & OD Club Championships Brandon Woods	Coventry	

November

3	POTOC Regional	POTOC Urban and WMOA Urban League 5 Leek	Leek	SJ986570
10	HOC Regional	HOC West Midlands League 10 Titterstone Clee	Ludlow	SQ593775
16	OD Local	OD Saturday Morning Event Pooley Country Park	Tamworth	SK257024
17	WRE Regional	WRE West Midlands League 11 TBC		
23	POTOC Local	POTOC Local Event Downs Bank - TBC	Stone	SJ900365

December

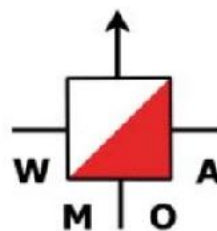
8	WCH Regional	WCH West Midlands League 12 & West Midlands Championship Sherbrook	Stafford	
14	OD Local	OD Saturday Morning Event Venue - TBC	Coventry	
14	HOC Local	HOC Club Championship Saltwells Nature Reserve	Brierley Hill	SQ934866
15	WRE Local	WRE Club Championship (TBC)		
29	OD Local	OD Christmas Relays Rough Close Scout Camp	Coventry	SP264780

West Midlands Urban League 2019



Date	Event Venue	Club
6 April	Redditch	HOC
25 May	Shrewsbury	WRE
9 June	Coventry	OD
13 July	Tamworth	WCH
3 November	Leek	POTOC

POTTERIES ORIENTEERING CLUB



2019 WEST MIDLANDS RELAYS

WHITFIELD VALLEY

The Relay Championships are both a competition and a social event. Teams of 3 runners from the same West Midlands club over a range of classes.

Clubs from other regions may take part, but are not eligible for the trophies.

Details of classes and rules on WMOA website.

www.wmoa.org.uk/competitions.html#westmidlandsrelays

This years Relays are being held on 22nd September at Whitfield Valley which is in Stoke-on-Trent. The Postcode of the Car Park and closest one to assembly area is ST6 1NG. The area is close to A53, 9 Miles from J15 of M6. Look for Brown signs for **Ford Green Hall**.

Pre-entries only, as usual will be through the Club Captains.

ENTRY FEES :£24.00 Senior teams & £9.00 Junior teams .
Mixed teams will be adjusted, rate based on team members.

CLOSING date for entries from CLUB CAPTAINS is 17th Sept.

STARTS : Mass starts from 10:30. Details in Final Details, to follow

SI punching, SIAC enabled with a dibbed	Finish. Standard Dibbers for hire at £1.00.	Map 1:7500, A4
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PLANNERS : Jim Cooke and Lil Bales

ORGANISERS : Peter Munn and John Heaton (john.heaton@ntlworld.com)

OTHER SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS – This event falls within the Heritage Week

Chatterley Whitfield– free 90 minute tours of mine surface. Opening Times 1000–1600.

Pre-booking required. Details on website.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/chatterley-whitfield-colliery-tour>

Ford Green Hall. – the house is normally open Sunday – Thursdays (13.00 – 16.00) with a charge of £3.50 to £2.50. For Heritage Week the Sundays are Free and open from 11.00. Details on website.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/ford-green-hall73>.

Middleport Pottery– (2 miles away, close to A500) normally £5.50, but free for Heritage Week. Details on website. <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/middleport-pottery>