

# ***The West Midlander***

**Autumn 2019**



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*Cover Photo by Andy Johnson (HOC):*

*Peter Langmaid (HOC) with the CompassSport Trophy*

## Editorial

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

The season is now in full swing with a lot more events taking place now so I'll have to try and get fit again!

The Urban League reached its conclusion at Leek with a fine competition held by POTO. This time the start and finish were in Brough Park which allowed traffic free competition for the Junior courses. POTO also hosted the West Midlands Relays at Whitfield Valley.

Looking forward to 2020 (or do we call it T20 for all the cricket enthusiasts out there?) the New Year gets off to its traditional start with the Laurie Bradley Trophy at Baggeridge Country Park. Before you can get your breath back from that one the West Midlands League kicks off on 8 January at Brindley Heath.

It looks like there are a number of new areas being used this year (always something to look forward to) with Chasers finally managing to hold an event at Bagot Wood and plenty of new Urban areas. Although many people don't like Urban Events for a variety of reasons, they have opened up a lot of new areas to the sport. This is particularly pertinent with permissions being lost for traditional areas and some of them becoming unusable due to a significant increase in undergrowth. I have been mapping an area for my club, WRE, and I can guarantee it will provide a very technical orienteering challenge.

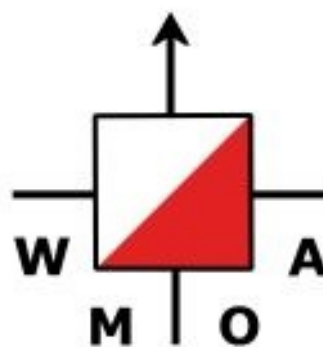
Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Happy orienteering,

Rod

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**Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 9 September****Great Barr Hotel**

1. **Present:** B. Elkington, I. Gamlen, P. Langmaid, R. Lewis, S.Parker, R. Postlethwaite, A. Williams.
2. **Apologies:** R.Brandon, R. Collins, M. Elkington, J. Howell, B. Morgan, H. Morgan,
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:** E-mail from BOF to clubs requesting further information on Level D events, requesting course detail and participants age ranges etc.  
E-mail from Andy Johnson (see item 10)  
BOF Club and Members Forum: To be held at Leeds on Saturday 16 November. All invited - Club Secretaries should have the details
7. **Chairman's Report:** Richard Lewis discussed the Summer activities and the success of WMOA club members and other regional activities.
8. **Treasurer's Report** (as at 31/08/2019):  
WMOA account: £9618.66  
Junior Squad account: £2907.84  
We are on budget for this year with most levies having been received.  
It was agreed to have the accounts independently audited ready for the AGM.
9. **Fixtures:**  
Allan reported that the WM League is running smoothly and has been updated on the WMOA website. The WM Urban League has also been updated with one event to go at Leek. Allan advised he would be unavailable to attend the next National Fixtures Meeting on 19 October 2019 and asked if any members from the clubs would be available to attend
10. **West Midlander:**  
The Committee commented on the enjoyable content and the front cover photo. Rod asked for clubs to forward any content that may be suitable for the next issue.
11. **WMOA Website:**  
With work commitments and being out of the region at times, Andy Johnson has decided to stand down from his post at the AGM when the post will be up for election.  
The Chair and Committee would like to note its thanks to Andy for all the work and effort he has put into this role over the years.
12. **Development:**  
■ **Officials Courses:**  
No report. However, by email, Henry has offered to run a Planner's Course for Level C on 9 November 2019 (*changed to 30 November since the meeting*). Please discuss at club level and help fill the places.
13. **-Events and Competitions Committee:**  
No report. The National meeting has been rescheduled for a later date.

**14. West Midlands Junior Squad:**

A report will be presented at the AGM.

**15. Club Round up:**

- ❑ **COBOC:** In conjunction with HOC the Birmingham Urban is all on track as a trial run ready for the 2022 City Race.
- ❑ **HOC:** Summer Series has gone well and attracted some new members. Future events all coming along well.
- ❑ **OD:** Reported a success in publishing through the media with a club member being particularly good at getting articles out in the news etc.
- ❑ **POTOC:** No report available.
- ❑ **WCH:** In the absence of Jonathan Howell, Allan Williams gave a brief overview of club activities.
- ❑ **WRE:** Summers Series has gone well with incentives to encourage new members.

**16. AOB:**

- ❑ We will have the AGM in October when we have a number of positions vacant, including the Secretary. **Action: ALL CLUBS.**
- ❑ Ian Gamlen mentioned that Birmingham Council are now charging for the use of park lands for Orienteering.
- ❑ Peter Langmaid and Ian Gamlen mentioned that HOC will need a Controller for The Laurie Bradley New Year's Day Score Event at Baggeridge CountryPark. **Action:** Bob Brandon, all clubs.

**17. Next Meeting:**

**AGM:** 14 October 2019 at the Great Barr Hotel  
9 December 2019.

### Great Australian Bake Off

A lot of older orienteers will remember Dennis Mews who was a member of HOC and one-time West Midlands Chairman. Dennis emigrated to Australia in 2012 and now lives in Melbourne, Victoria.

Dennis is very keen on baking and regularly enters his bread and cakes into competitions at local shows, very often winning prizes. His baking must be extremely good as he was recently selected to take part in the Great Australian Bake Off which is very much like the original British Bake Off. He made it through to the third week before being voted off and, by all accounts, was the star of the show! Well done!



**WMOA AGM Minutes****Great Barr Hotel****14 October 2019**

1. **Present:** R. Lewis (Chairman), R. Collins (Vice chairman), I. Gamlen (Treasurer), R. Postlethwaite (West Midlander); R. Brandon (OD), B. Elkington (OD), J. Howell (WCH), B. McGowan (HOC), B. Morgan (POTOC), H. Morgan (POTOC), S. Parker (WRE), A. White (HOC), M. White (HOC).
2. **Apologies:** M. Elkington (WMJS), H. Lawson (WMJS), A. Pickles (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 2018 AGM were proposed as a true record by Barry Elkington, seconded by Ray Collins and accepted.
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Correspondence:** None.
7. **Chairman's Report:** Richard Lewis

Looking back on my first year in the chair I cannot believe how quickly time moves on.

Whilst on a personal basis I don't seem to have been venturing far to many events this year, I notice quite a few of our association members have, and with creditable results, competed in major competitions around the country and further afield. Well done to you all.

Hopefully over the next 12 months I will become more active in competing.

The association members have been involved in coaching our juniors and encouraging them within the sport. We have held Planning and Controllers courses to encourage and train more into the roles.

Club and committee members have organised coaching days which were well attended by both WMOA members and other regions and by both inexperienced and experienced orienteers. I thank those clubs and WMOA members for organising them and look forward to the next one.

I am all for looking at ways we at the WMOA committee can help our orienteers and clubs and would welcome any suggestions where you think we could further support them.

The events held within our region this year have mostly been successful including Springtime in Shropshire. Having been the Organiser for the Urban day I was amazed at the entry number of over 550, showing the popularity of these events and also the easier organisational efforts and skills required.

The WMOA League is 2/3rds of the way through the year with 4 events left, the last event being the WM Champs. It could get very close towards the final event and perhaps a new name on the top??

Finally I would like to thank the WMOA committee for the support over the last 12 months and especially Ian who, without asking, has taken on some secretarial roles as well as being Treasurer. Thank you Ian and all the committee.

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

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my third year as WMOA Treasurer. I am pleased to report that the WMOA finances are in good shape. The opening balance on 01/09/18 was £22259.98 of which £19738.06 was the WMOA share of the very successful JK 2018 held in the West Midlands.

In September 2018 I passed onto the 6 WM clubs plus RSOC their agreed share of the surplus generated by JK2018. In addition to this the WMOA Committee agreed to donate £500 to the English Orienteering Council and £800 to the Orienteering Federation. For details of this see the attached information. This leaves £5061.66 of the JK 2018 surplus remaining in the WMOA account.

The total income from the WMOA levy for 2018-19 was £5052.50, boosted by a number of successful events such as SinS 2019, organised by WRE and HOC, Compass Sport Final hosted by WCH and OD's Coventry weekend.

The total WMOA expenditure for 2018-19 (excluding the WMOA clubs share of the JK 2018 surplus and donation to the Orienteering Foundation) was £3517.42.

The West Midlands Junior Squad in 2018-19 had an income of £3825.92 and expenditure of £4532.80.

On 01/09/19 the balance of the WMOA Account was £9618.66 and the WMJS account was £2907.84.

The accounts have been independently audited by Brian Laycock (HOC) who has confirmed that they are an accurate and true record. Thanks to Brian for doing this.

In view of the healthy state of the WMOA finances I feel that there is no need to increase the current WMOA event levy so I propose that it remains the same as 2018-19:

Under 21 year olds - no levy

Adult (21 years and older) - first 40 competitors free, £1 per adult thereafter.

**Motion 1:** Levy:

0 - 40 adult participants: Free

Over 40 adult participants: £1 each

Proposed: Brenda Morgan. Seconded: Barry Elkington.

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

Proposed: Brenda Morgan. Seconded: Barry Elkington.

**9. Fixtures:**

Unfortunately Allan was unable to attend this evening, however, he informed Richard that everything regarding the WMOA Fixtures is fine and he is happy to continue as the WMOA Fixtures Secretary.

Any event that needs upgrading to Regional or National Level can only be done by Allan.

**10. Other Reports:**

**WMJS Report:** Mel Elkington and Kirsten Strain sent their apologies and their report (see Page 10).

The Chairman thanked the Coaching team for all of their hard work.

**Website:** 2 people came forward: Marian White (HOC) and Richard Rogers (WRE). It has been agreed that Richard will revamp the site and Marian will keep it up to date.

Mike Farrington will continue to host the site.

There was some discussion on site content.

**Controllers:** Bob Brandon

He has a list of Controllers who he has contacted to check details. He will bring the list to the next regular committee meeting.

**11. Election of Officers:**

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Richard Lewis	B. Elkington	M. White
Vice Chairman	Ray Collins	R. Postlethwaite	I. Gamlen
Secretary			
Treasurer	Ian Gamlen	R. Brandon	R. Lewis
Fixtures	Allan Williams	J. Howell	H. Morgan
Newsletter Editor	Rod Postlethwaite	B. Morgan	S. Parker

The position of Secretary was discussed and Ray Collins reported that Carol Dredge (WCH) had shown some interest. The Chairman was going to contact Carol to try and clarify. Brenda reported that she and Henry were prepared to take the minutes at meetings if no one came forward.

**12. Review of Data Policy:**

Will be put on the website.

No alterations necessary at this time.

**13. Any Other Business:**

H. Morgan reminded everyone that there is a Planner Level C Training Course on 30 November.

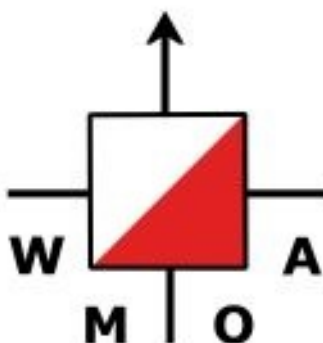
A letter from a member re committee meeting venues and AGM venues is to be discussed at next meeting to give club reps the chance to circulate the information to club members.

A letter re the WMOA League, Relays and Championships is to be discussed at future committee meetings.

**14. Next WMOA AGM:** 12 October 2020. Venue to be confirmed.

**Next WMOA Committee Meeting:** 9 December 2019 at the Great Barr Hotel.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55.





## West Midlands Orienteering Association

## Income and Expenditure Account from 1/9/18 to 31/08/19

Income	Actual	Actual	Budget
General Levy	3,464.50		1600
SINS	1,588.00		1400
	<u>5,052.50</u>	5,052.50	<u>3000</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>5,052.50</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Expenditure			
West Midlander	0.00		0
Junior Squad Subsidy	1,000.00		1000
Donations	283.00		500
Officer Expenses	0.00		75
Committee meeting expenses inc AGM	547.60		600
English Orienteering Council	919.00		500
Courses	694.82		100
Sundry	5.00		150
WM Website	66.00		0
JK Surplus passed onto clubs + OF	14,176.40		0
Total Expenditure	<u>17,693.82</u>	17,693.82	<u>2925</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)		(12,641.32)	75.00

WM Junior Squad

Income	3,825.92
Expenditure	4,532.80
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(706.88)</u>

## TOTAL FUNDS

	Total	WMOA	WMJS
WMOA Treasurer Account	22,259.98	22,259.98	
WMJS Account	3,614.72		3,614.72
Opening b/f	25,874.70	22,259.98	3,614.72
Surplus/(Deficit) for 2018/2019	(13,348.20)	(12,641.32)	(706.88)
closing c/f	12,526.50	9,618.66	2,907.84
Represented by:			
WMOA Treasurer Account	9,618.66	9,618.66	
WMJS Account	2,907.84		2,907.84
Total	12,526.50	9,618.66	2,907.84

I, Brian Laycock of 8 Pear Tree Close, Malvern WR14 4AW, have inspected the above accounts and I confirm that they are an accurate and true record.

Signed

Date

*Brian Laycock*  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019.

## West Midlands Junior Squad Report: September 2018 to August 2019

On the weekend of the 26/27 September 2018 the Junior Inter Regional Championships took place at Chatsworth and Carsington Pastures. The West Midlands team consisted of:

M18 (Brown)	Alfie Bullus, Sam Leadley, Ollie Lunn
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

Kirsten Strain, Harriet Lawson, Tracy Craig and Rob Smart accompanied the team. The boys were 9th in the Individual and 8th in the Relays leaving them in 9th position overall. The girls were 7th in the Individual and an impressive 4th in the Relays and so were the 5th overall girls team putting the whole squad into 7th position.

In October the Squad trained on Kinver Edge and the following weekend a post West Midlands Relays fun session took place at Sutton Park to which all the West Midlands Juniors were invited.

In November following the West Midlands Championships in Telford Town Park, Will Gardner planned a challenging training session for the Squad. Late November/December saw some of our M/W 16's heading up to Hawkshead in the Lake District to take part in a weekend of training with all the other Regional Squads. We were joined by Iain Embrey for the weekend which was a great help. We then joined up with the South Central Squad for a weekend of training near Woking a few weeks later.

In January 10 juniors trained on Elmdon Park with an emphasis on Sprint orienteering and physical training. February saw five members of the Squad join the East Midlands Squad in Buxton for a training session with an emphasis on contours. Most stayed on to do a Night Event that evening which they all enjoyed.

In March, after the Badgerslade League event, 11 WMJS juniors took part in another general session, and others have been held since then although some have had to be cancelled due to lack of participants.

### Other Highlights of the Year:

❑ Kirsten Strain attended the British Orienteering Coaching Conference, and had opportunities to learn about coaching Sprint orienteering and physical training for developing athletes.

❑ Harriet Lawson has almost completed her UKCC Level 2 Coaching Course with her assessment coming up this weekend. She has already planned and helped deliver a number of WMJS sessions.

❑ Henry Webb has rejoined the squad after a break and Oscar Barnby has recently joined having attained his Orange Standard badge and begun to run Light Green.

❑ Junior Regional Orienteering Squad Tours: Felix Lunn was selected for Stockholm and Holly Stodgell for Deeside.

Thank you to all clubs that have helped us with permissions and maps so that we can put on training sessions, and thank you to the WMOA for again donating £1,000 towards the running of the Squad.

**Mel, Kirsten & Harriet**

## CompassSport Cup/Trophy 2019 Final



The Final of the CompassSport Cup/Trophy took place on 22 October at Pippingford Park in Ashdown Forest hosted by MV.

HOC, in their first year as a 'small club', triumphed in the Trophy holding off strong opposition from the winners for the last three years INT and WAOC. In the Cup OD finished in 6th position.

Next year the West Midlands heat will be held by HOC at Postensplain on 15 March. The Final returns to the West Midlands on 18 October at Sutton Park hosted by OD. Please note that the area is now embargoed.

Cup		Trophy	
FVO	2345	HOC	1251
SYO	2303	WAOC	1247
SO	2203	INT	1240
BOK	2199	SARUM	1225
WCOC	2157	GO	1199
OD	2154	SAX	1195
SN	2136	SWOC	1174
DEVON	2017	CLARO	1087
DVO	1791	TAY	1046
DEE	205	MV	1004
		SROC	809
		BL	129



*The winning HOC team with the CompassSport Trophy*

*Photo by Andy Johnson (HOC)*



## ‘O’ Ringen 2019

Kimberley Lunn (OD)

I cannot remember where I read it, but I distinctly do remember reading that the ‘O’ Ringen was an event that all keen orienteers should compete in, at least once in their lives. I thought that the younger members of my family fitted that description, so off we went this year.....



.....and what a week we had! The event this year offered 5 days of orienteering in the Kolmarden area which is about 2 hours South West of Stockholm. The event itself was immense with over 20,000 orienteers from all over the world, a festival feel with a positive vibe and just the most amazingly well organised and well planned event you could imagine.

The heat was, at times, a little testing, the terrain was like nothing my four had experienced before and the ‘run in’ was like negotiating the M25 at rush hour. All four of my children, however, returned after their courses smiling,

having enjoyed their courses and wanting to go out the next day.

The orienteering village offered the usual kit shops and food outlets, a huge camp site and shuttle buses. Everything was close to hand and the cost was equal to the UK. We stayed in a house about 7 kms away from the orienteering village and cooled off with a daily post-race swim in the Baltic Sea, which was in our front garden, before finishing with a barbecue.

There was apprehension from all four children before the first race began about the difficulty and the map complexity. The apprehension proved short lived as by the end of the week they were navigating well and learning from previous day’s experiences. The age categories work slightly different at ‘O’ Ringen; there were over 200 entrants on D15 (Tabitha and Florence) and 200 also on H18 (Oliver and Felix). Top placing for the week for our family went to Felix on Day 1, placed 28th. It was fabulous to experience such a large event and witness so many people enjoying orienteering.



On the rest day we did a quick visit to Stockholm, took in a lot of the sites and cruised along the Royal Canals after visiting the Vasa Museum. We would thoroughly recommend ‘O’ Ringen to anyone who has wondered about going. (or perhaps not thought about it). I thought plans were afoot about going again next year until Felix opened a copy of CompassSport and saw an advert for the Californian Orienteering Festival next Summer.....!

## West Midlands Relays 2019



This year the Relays were hosted by POTOc at Whitfield Valley on 22 September. The area, which was profiled by John Heaton in the last issue, was ideally suited to a relay event. Fairly straightforward terrain combined with a fair amount of seasonal undergrowth provided a good competition. Unfortunately there were a low number of teams entered this year with some courses only having one team competing - perhaps a clash with the London City Race had something to do with this?

In 2020 the Relays will be hosted by WRE on 28 June at Severn Valley Country Park. Perhaps the better weather will encourage more teams to enter this fun, social event.

A	<b>Mini Relay</b>	M/W 12	WCH	Euan Barnby, Oscar Barnby, John Hearn
B	<b>Junior Women</b>	W42-		No Entries
C	<b>Intermediate Women</b>	W54-	OD	Florence Lunn, Pippa Smart, Tabitha Lunn
D	<b>Open Women</b>		OD	Harriet Lawson, Ka Man Leung, Anne Straube
E	<b>Senior Women</b>	W130+	WCH	Mary Adams, Mel Hearn, Christine Collins
F	<b>Veteran Women</b>	W165+	HOC	Alison Sloman, Marian White, Mandy Mackereth
G	<b>Super Veteran Women</b>	W200+	POTOc	Marian Denham, Barbara Farr, Jean Rostron
H	<b>Junior Men</b>	M42-		No Entries
I	<b>Intermediate Men</b>	M54-	OD	Oliver Lunn, Luke Cherry, Felix Lunn
J	<b>Open Men</b>		POTOc	Martin Pigott, Graham Pigott, Andrew Rowe
K	<b>Senior Men</b>	M130+	WRE	Clive Richardson, Ian Hopkins, Richard Pay
L	<b>Veteran Men</b>	M165+	WCH	Ray Collins, Dave Smith, Neil Adams
M	<b>Super Veteran Men</b>	M200+	WRE	Jeff Haycock, Peter Howsam, Rod Postlethwaite
N	<b>Mixed Ad Hoc</b>		WRE	Craig Storey, Andy Clough, Julia Allinson

## 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

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>	Nathan Taylor	TVOC	<b>Young Junior Women (W12-)</b>	Harriet Allinson	WRE
<b>Junior Men (M16-)</b>	Jacob Oxtoby	OD	<b>Junior Women (W16-)</b>	Ella May Rush	BOK
<b>Open Men</b>	Robert Holdway	POTOC	<b>Open Women</b>	Kath Atkins	HOC
<b>Veteran Men (M40+)</b>	Liam Corner	MDOC	<b>Veteran Women (W40+)</b>	Helen Parkinson	NOC
<b>Super Veteran Men (M55+)</b>	Adrian Pickles	WRE	<b>Super Veteran Women (W55+)</b>	Sue Hartley	WAOC
<b>Ultra Veteran Men (M65+)</b>	Doug Dickinson	DVO	<b>Ultra Veteran Women (W65+)</b>	Sheila Carey	OD
<b>Hyper Veteran Men (M75+)</b>	Peter Carey	OD	<b>Hyper Veteran Women (W75+)</b>	Jean Rostron	POTOC

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's West Midlands Urban League.

At the time of writing the 2020 has another full programme of five fixtures starting in April with Woodside in Telford, a complex housing estate which is guaranteed to provide a navigational challenge. Also included is an event in Birmingham City Centre which is a trial run for a proposed European City Race to be held in 2022.

## West Midlands Urban League 2020

Date	Event Venue	Club
5 April	Woodside, Telford	WRE
7 June	Hinckley Centre	OD
14 June	Birmingham Centre	HOC
5 July	Heath Hayes	WCH
16 August	Daventry (tbc)	OD



**2019 West Midlands League Events**

Jan 13	Beaundesert	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	Long Mynd NE	WRE
Apr 7	Arrow Valley	HOC	Dec 8	Sherbrook	WCH

**Individual Class Leaders after 11 Events**

M10	Jonah Hearn	WCH	500	W10	Grace Allinson	WRE	500
M12	Oscar Barnby	WCH	500	W12	Darcy Dunn	WCH	260
M14	Arthur Mitchell	HOC	480	W14	Josie Smart	OD	356
M16	Sebastian Mitchell	HOC	485	W16	Tabitha Lunn	OD	468
M18	Alexander Mitchell	HOC	476	W18			
M20	Sam Leadley	OD	472	W20	Ellie Bales	POTOC	180
M21	Thomas Lewis	WRE	454	W21	Ka Man Leung	OD	260
M35	Robert Holdway	POTOC	392	W35	Katie Lewis	WRE	400
M40	David Dunn	WCH	409	W40	Anne Straube	OD	444
M45	Rob Bambrook	OD	490	W45	Melanie Hearn	WCH	500
M50	Clive Richardson	WRE	500	W50	Lesley Ross	OD	500
M55	Alex Morgan	HOC	496	W55	Liz Phillips	OD	498
M60	Ray Collins	WCH	500	W60	Mary Adams	WCH	484
M65	Geoff Trewin	HOC	485	W65	Hazel Waters	WCH	500
M70	Robert Brandon	OD	500	W70	Sheila Carey	OD	500
M75	Peter Carey	OD	500	W75	Diana Hailey	OD	398
M80	Derek Turner	WRE	500	W80	Alison Sloman	HOC	500
M90	Philip Broadhead	WRE	300				

**2020 West Midlands League Events**

Jan 5	Brindley Heath	WCH	Oct 11	Haywood Warren	WCH
Jan 26	Wrockwardine Wood	WRE	Nov 15	(tbc)	HOC
Feb 2	Hartshill Hayes	OD	Nov 22	Park Hall	POTOC
Mar 29	Bagot Wood	WCH	Nov 29	(tbc)	WRE
Jul 12	Burton Dassett (tbc)	OD	Dec 6	Brandon Wood (tbc)	OD
Sep 20	(tbc)	HOC			

## The West Midlands League 2019 Positions after 11 Events

1. OD 7353				2. WRE 6843				3. HOC 6621			
A	Max Straube-Roth	M10	496	A	Grace Allinson	W10	500	A	Sebastian Mitchell	M16	485
A	Tabitha Lunn	W16	468	A	Harriet Allinson	W10	482	A	Sebastian Mitchell	M14	480
B	Rob Bambrook	M45	490	B	Thomas Lewis	M21	454	B	Robert Rose	M35	377
B	Sam Leadley	M20	472	B	Steve Parker	M45	400	B	Benjamin Rauffet	M21	343
C	Alistair Landels	M50	490	C	Clive Richardson	M50	500	C	Alex Morgan	M55	496
C	Chris McCartney	M50	482	C	Tony Callow	M50	465	C	Ian Chafer	M50	431
D	Lesley Ross	W50	500	D	Diane Jacks	W50	497	D	Kerstin Mitchell	W50	461
D	Liz Phillips	W50	498	D	Julia Allinson	W40	420	D	Marian White	W55	302
E	Robert Brandon	M70	500	E	Derek Turner	M75	500	E	Alison Sloman	W80	500
E	Peter Carey	M75	500	E	Andrew Clough	M60	492	E	Geoff Trewin	M65	485
F	Sheila Carey	W70	500	F	Jeff Haycock	M75	442	F	Alexander Mitchell	M18	476
F	Susan Hallett	W70	496	F	Rod Postlethwaite	M65	430	F	John Pearson	M70	464
F	Hilary Simpson	W80	494	F	John Broadhead	M60	429	F	Lesley Brown	W65	459
F	Bruce Bryant	M60	488	F	Ian Hopkins	M50	417	F	Barry Houghton	M70	447
F	Keith Willdig	M70	479	F	Duncan Bayliss	M50	415	F	Andrew White	M60	415
4. WCH 6474				5. POTO 5012				6. COBOC 1812			
A	Jonah Hearn	M10	500	A	Daniel Pigott	M10	262	B	James Thomas	M21	377
A	Oscar Barnby	M12	500	A	Alexander Evans	M16	100	B	Emils Vainovskis	M21	181
B	David Dunn	M40	409	B	Andrew Rowe	M40	396	C	Ian Gamlen	M50	440
B	Stuart Duckworth	M40	397	B	Robert Holdway	M35	392	E	Mick Sadler	M70	370
C	Andrew Yeates	M55	372	C	Jim Cooke	M55	364	E	Richard Burnett	M60	217
C	Mike Musters	M50	224	C	Jonathan Whilock	M50	69	F	David Arnott	M70	158
D	Melanie Hearn	W45	500	D	Elizabeth Bales	W55	467	G	Richard Beamish	M65	69
D	Sally Hughes	W45	329	D	Ellie Bales	W20	180				
E	Ray Collins	M60	500	E	Henry Morgan	M60	483				
E	Hazel Waters	W65	500	E	Paul Graetz	M70	462				
F	Hazel Waters	W60	484	F	Marian Denham	W70	426				
F	Chris Boycott	M75	478	F	Jean Rostron	W75	398				
F	Jonathan Howell	M65	467	F	Dave Bales	M60	391				
F	Euan Barnby	M10	437	F	Austin Farr	M75	322				
F	Dan Findlay-Robinson	M35	377	F	Martin Pigott	M40	300				

## WMOA Fixtures

### November 2019 to April 2020

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

#### 2019

##### November

23	POTOC Local	<b>POTOC Local Event Downs Banks</b>	Stone	<a href="#">SJ900365</a>
28	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening League Event King's Heath</b>	King's Heath	<a href="#">SP067812</a>
30	COBOC Local	<b>Beginners, Schools and Families Event Sutton Park</b>	Sutton Coldfield	

##### December

5	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League Event Redditch Church Hill</b>	Redditch	<a href="#">SP039676</a>
8	WCH Regional	<b>WCH West Midlands League 12 &amp; West Midlands Championship Sherbrook</b>	Stafford	
12	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening League Event Coombeswood</b>	Halesowen	<a href="#">SO974852</a>
14	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event War Memorial Park</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP322772</a>
14	HOC Local	<b>HOC Club Championship Saltwells Nature Reserve</b>	Brierley Hill	<a href="#">SO934869</a>
29	OD Local	<b>OD Christmas Relays Rough Close Scout Camp</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP264780</a>

#### 2020

##### January

1	OD Regional	<b>Laurie Bradley New Year's Day Score Baggeridge Country Park</b>	Sedgley	<a href="#">SO934869</a>
4	WRE Local	<b>WRE Club Championship Madeley Court</b>	Telford	<a href="#">SJ696048</a>
8	WCH Regional	<b>WCH West Midlands League 1 Brindley Heath</b>	Stafford	
9	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League Event Worcester City Centre</b>	Worcester	<a href="#">SO849552</a>

11	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event Daventry Country Park</b>	Daventry	<a href="#">SP575629</a>
16	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening League Event Habberley Valley</b>	Kidderminster	<a href="#">SO802774</a>
23	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League Event Droitwich</b>	Droitwich	<a href="#">SO897633</a>
25	COBOC Local	<b>Beginners, Schools and Families Event Pype Hayes Park</b>	Birmingham	
26	WRE Regional	<b>WRE West Midlands League 2 Wrockwardine Wood</b>	Telford	
30	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening League Event Arrow Valley</b>	Redditch	<a href="#">SP062676</a>

## February

2	OD Regional	<b>OD West Midlands League 3 Hartshill Hayes Country Park</b>	Nuneaton	
6	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League Event Walsall (tbc)</b>	Walsall	
13	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening League Event Frith Wood</b>	Ledbury	<a href="#">SO721390</a>
15	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event Everdon Stubbs</b>	Daventry	<a href="#">SP606562</a>
15	POTOC Local	<b>POTOC Local Event Apedale Country Park</b>	Newcastle- under-Lyme	<a href="#">SJ822483</a>
20	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League Event Malvern</b>	Great Malvern	<a href="#">SO782457</a>
27	HOC Local	<b>HOC Winter Evening League Event Kinver North</b>	Kinver	<a href="#">SO831834</a>
29	COBOC Local	<b>Beginners, Schools and Families Event Handsworth Park</b>	Birmingham	

## March

14	OD Local	<b>OD Saturday Morning Event (incl.School Champs) Ryton Pools</b>	Coventry	<a href="#">SP606562</a>
15	HOC National	<b>CompassSport Cup/Trophy Heat Postensplain</b>	Bewdley	<a href="#">SO753779</a>
19	HOC Local	<b>HOC Night Street League Event St Johns Worcester</b>	Worcester	<a href="#">SO836542</a>
26	POTOC Local	<b>Staffordshire &amp; Stoke-on-Trent Schools Championship Central Forest Park</b>	Hanley Stoke-on-Trent	<a href="#">SJ886487</a>

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| 29 | WCH<br>Regional | <b>WCH West Midlands League 4<br/>&amp; Yvette Baker Trophy Heat<br/>Bagot Wood</b> | Burton-upon-<br>Trent |
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**April**

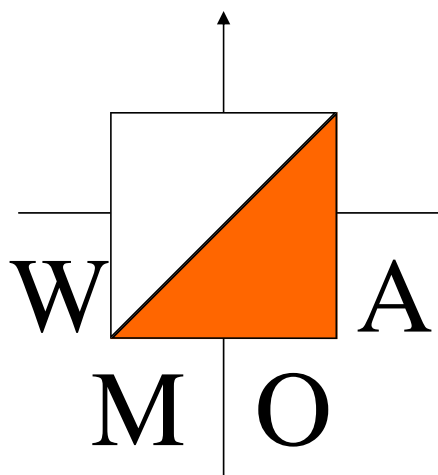
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| 5  | WRE<br>Regional | <b>WRE West Midlands Urban League 1<br/>Woodside</b>                       | Telford          | <a href="#">SJ638042</a> |
| 18 | OD<br>Local     | <b>OD Saturday Morning Event<br/>Bructon Park</b>                          | Solihull         | <a href="#">SP162790</a> |
| 18 | POTOC<br>Local  | <b>POTOC Local Event<br/>Barnswood Scout Camp</b>                          | Leek             |                          |
| 29 | COBOC<br>Local  | <b>Beginners, Schools and Families<br/>Event<br/>New Hall Country Park</b> | Sutton Coldfield |                          |

**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.

**Elaine Dunn**

It is with sadness that we report that Elaine Dunn has passed away. Elaine was one of the very early members of Walton Chasers and was an active member for many years still making regular appearances at the Club Dinner even when confined to a wheelchair. Elaine's funeral was held on at 3.30 on Tuesday 26 November at Stafford Crematorium. Condolences from all Chasers to Elaine's family.



**LEVEL C**  
**EVENT**  
**PLANNERS**  
**COURSE**

30th November 2019  
 9.30-4.30 approx.

**Venue:** John O'Leary Centre,  
 Marquis Drive Visitor Centre,  
 Cannock Chase,  
 WS12 4PW  
 Grid Ref; 003154

Please arrive by 9.15 am. for coffee / tea and introductions for a 9.30 start .

Pencil / pen and notebook or paper will be useful.

Please bring your British Orienteering membership number.

Please bring with you:

BOF Rules and Guidelines if you have them all, if not you can download the most significant ones from the BOF website. The ones you really should have copies with you are the Rules themselves, Appendix A (control descriptions), B (course planning) and Guideline A (colour-coded events).

Clothing suitable for a control-taping exercise.

Lunch.

Pre-course work:

It will help you if you have read the following before the course:

BOF Rules: particularly 5, 6 and 8, Appendices A, B, F (environmental good practice) and I (electronic punching)

Recommended reading: Course Planning by Graham Nilsen (available from BOF office, very useful)

I will send out a questionnaire before the course, if you could complete that and bring it with you to the course.

Course tutor; Henry Morgan (POTOC) shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk 07910 859932  
 Brenda Morgan (POTOC)

Course fee; WMOA members paid by West Midlands Orienteering Association.  
 Other Regions, £10 per participant, paid to WMOA.