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Minutes of the March and June Committee Meetings

Here is a link to the [Minutes of the Zoom meeting held 27th March 2023](#) and to the [Minutes of the Zoom meeting held 12th June 2023](#) (subject to ratification at the 11th September meeting)

These minutes, and those from earlier meetings, can be found on the [Minutes page of the WMOA website](#).

Annual General Meeting date

A date for your diary: this will be held on Monday 2nd October at Great Barr Hotel with the option of joining by Zoom.

Safeguarding; we need a Welfare Officer

The WMOA is committed to the principles of Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults and the website has been updated with a [Safeguarding page](#) that explains our policies and practice.

However, the WMOA needs a Welfare Officer. **Could this be you?** Perhaps you already perform this role at club level, within another organisation or are willing to undertake the training. There are lots of training resources, information and other support available through the [this page on the British Orienteering website](#), which includes a [role description for a Club Welfare Officer](#). (This link will only work if you are logged into the website.)

West Midlands Junior Squad news and an appeal

Kirsten, Harriet and Mel report:

“Things have been going well for WMJS recently. In the last 12 months we've had a tour to Scotland, a training weekend in the Lake District and eight day trainings, plus monthly technical and physical Zoom trainings. The 2022 JIRC's weekend had a WM team of 9 juniors, up on the 2 that represented WM the previous year. In 2023, squad members have had success at major events, resulting in several medal positions, and two juniors achieving selection to a JROS tour. It is clear that friendships within the squad are strong and the juniors are enjoying squad activities.”

You can read their full and detailed reports in the [WMOA meeting minutes](#).

They wish to continue building on this success, to be able to offer an effective and enjoyable programme of squad activities. Their aim is that all squad members are supported to achieve their full potential.

However:

In order to keep doing this, **they need more help**. Changing personal circumstances of the current squad team mean that without additional help, they will be forced to reduce what they offer. They'd really love for one or more new person(s) to join the team and get involved with running the squad.

Squad tasks needing help can be broadly broken down into two types: **coaching** and **management**. These tasks can be done by one person or different people. Here's a brief description of what they're looking for:

Coach:

- Must be either currently qualified to at least L2, or be willing to become qualified (which includes a requirement to do First Aid training, safeguarding training and to have done a DBS check)
- Should be committed to attend and coach at a majority of in-person trainings, and take a lead in planning some of the trainings
- Experience in coaching would be a benefit but not essential
- Ideally would be willing to support or lead Zoom trainings

Manager / administrator – could be one or more person to take on any/all of the following tasks:

- Acknowledging/responding to emails
- Arrangements for residential trips - coordinating transport, accommodation, entries

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- Arrangements for day trainings - arranging permissions, obtaining map files, arranging BO registration, emailing out for sign-ups and collecting responses, emailing out final details
- Representing us at WMOA meetings including writing report in advance
- Supporting athlete nominations for JROS tours, England team selection
- Supporting athletes requiring reports for DofE
- Overseeing fundraising activities (working with existing squad Fundraising Lead)
- Managing stocks of squad kit

Please give this some thought and consider whether you could join the team and take on some of the workload. It is hugely rewarding to see the young people develop and enjoy their experiences of the sport.

If you'd like to find out more, get in touch through <mailto:wmjsquad@gmail.com>

Tamworth Urban, 23rd July, Walton Chasers

Entries are now open for this event, which is the first one in the [West Midlands 2023 Urban League](#). The full [details are on the Walton Chaser's website](#) and [entries are open via the Pre-entries app](#).

In brief, the **Event Centre** including download is located near the start and finish in the castle grounds OS grid reference SK 205 038 or what3words: sculpture.wicked.misty. **Car Parking** is plenty of locally and free on a Sunday.

Provisional Course details:

	Length	Controls	Classes
1	7.8km	24	MO (M18+, M21+)
2	6.5km	22	MV (M40+), WO (W18+, W21+)
3	5.5km	20	MSV (M55+), WV (W40+)
4	4.7km	20	MUV (M65+), WSV (W55+)
5	2.7km	13	MHV (M75+), WUV (W65+)
6	2.4km	15	WHV (W75+)
7	3.5km	18	MJ (M16-), WJ (W16-)
8	1.8km	11	YJM (M12-), YJW (W12-)

Entries will be via Pre-entries <https://pre-entries.app>;

- Seniors £8.50 (£2 surcharge if non-members of British Orienteering)
- Juniors (less than 16 years old) or students £2.50
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Entry Deadline is midnight Sunday 16 Jul 23.

After that you will still be able to enter subject to availability of maps until midnight Thursday 20 Jul 23, but there will be a £2 late entry surcharge.

West Midlands League update

Many, many thanks to Andrew Weaver (WRE) for taking over the co-ordinator role from Lesley Ross. After four events Wrekin have a slim lead over Harlequins, with Octavian Droobers some way behind. The League now has a break until the Autumn, when OD host two out of the remaining three events. Will this be enough for them to claim the League again, or can Wrekin or Harlequins beat them?

Club	Points
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WRE	4724
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HOC	4658
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OD	4349
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WCH	3778
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POTOC	3056
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COBOC	1128
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For a breakdown of these scores, please refer to the [Club](#) and [Individual](#) tables.

The full competition rules are [here](#)

League events for 2023:

Event	Date	Club	Venue	Details
1	15 January	HOC	Longdon, Wyre Forest	Results
2	26 February	WRE	Wrockwardine Wood	Results
3	2 April	OD	Bentley Wood South inc WM Champs	Results
4	16 April	WCH	Shoal Hill, Yvette Baker heat	Results
5	3 September	OD	Burton Dassett	Club site
6	19 November	HOC	Burlish Top	Club site
7	10 December	OD	Sutton Park south	Club site

Springtime in Shropshire results and photos

“Thanks to all for a fantastic weekend of orienteering at SINS. A particular thanks go to the organisers, planners, controllers and coordinators who put in an amazing amount of work putting together a great series of events. It also wouldn't be possible without all our brilliant crew of volunteers helping out.”

“Telford Hornets Rugby club, who hold other non Rugby functions at the club House, said that the Orienteers they met and spoke to were the nicest people they had been involved with.”

27th May Telford Town Park and Randlay Urban Event

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28th May Brampton Bryan Midland Area Long Distance Orienteering Championships

Click on this link for the full list of [Midland Champions 2023](#); congratulations to all the Region's champions.

And click on [this link for Andy Johnson's photographs](#).

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29th May Corndon Hill Middle Distance Event

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RouteGadget:

[Black & Brown](#)

[Blue to White](#)

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Link to [Charlie Leventon's photographs](#) from Corndon, with a couple of tasters:



WMOA Schools Championships report

Organiser Ian reports:

West Midlands Orienteering Association Schools Champs 2023

The WMOA Schools Champs took place on 13/5/23 at New Hall Valley Country Park Sutton Coldfield. The event was organised by the City of Birmingham Orienteering Club.

Children from 3 Primary, 12 Secondary Schools and a few home-schooled children took part.

Dave Ellis planned 7 interesting courses for the 10 age classes from Y5 to Y11+ and Adrian Bailey was the Controller of the event.

The Primary School Trophy was won this year by New Hall Primary School in Sutton Coldfield and the Secondary School Trophy was won by Discovery Academy.

The top 3 runners in each class were awarded medals and all participants received a certificate of attendance.

Many thanks to everyone who took part and helped organise a very successful and enjoyable event.

For the full results and pictures of the trophy winners please go to www.coboc.org.uk

Ian Gamlen, Event Organiser

West Midlands Championships photos and results



The **2023 Championships** were held on the 2nd April in Bentley Woods. Congratulations to all the 2023 Champions, and many thanks to all the Octavian Droober volunteers who hosted a great event. Full results are on the [Octavian Droobers web site](#).

Age Class	W	M
M/W 10	Not Awarded	Edward Lewis (WRE)
M/W 12	Not Awarded	Andrew Tang (OD)
M/W 14	Eden Pigott (POTOC)	Jonah Hearn (WCH)
M/W 16	Olivia Stamp (WCH)	Max Straube-Roth (OD)
M/W 18	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
M/W 20	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
M/W 21	Harriet Lawson (OD)	Will Gardner (OD)
M/W 35	Juliette Soulard (OD)	Thomas Lewis (WRE)
M/W 40	Claire Stamp (WCH)	Martin Pigott (POTOC)
M/W 45	Not Awarded	Andrew McNally (WCH)
M/W 50	Sally Hughes (WCH)	Chris McCartney (HOC)
M/W 55	Sarah Bayliss (WRE)	Alex Morgan (HOC)
M/W 60	Claire Bushnell (WCH)	David Williams (HOC)
M/W 65	Judith Evans (HOC)	Adrian Pickles (WRE)
M/W 70	Hazel Waters (WCH)	Jonathan Howell (WCH)
M/W 75	Marian Denham (POTOC)	Peter Carey (OD)
M/W 80	Judy Douglas (POTOC)	Trevor Simpson (OD)
M/W 85	Alison Sloman (HOC)	Not Awarded
M/W 90	Not Awarded	Not Awarded

HOC / COBOC merger

Harlequins held an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 27 June 2023 to vote on the proposal to merge City of Birmingham Orienteering Club (COBOC) with Harlequins Orienteering Club (HOC). The meeting voted by a large majority to proceed with the merger. An earlier COBOC Special General Meeting had voted in favour of dissolving COBOC and merging with HOC.

The merged Harlequins Orienteering Club will exist from the 31st July 2023, and the two club's websites will be combined at <https://harlequins.org.uk/wp/>.

Future events in the West Midlands:

02/07/2023	Lilleshall Local Event	Local	WRE
06/07/2023	HOC Summer Event - Rd. 6 - Worcester Woods	Local	HOC
09/07/2023	Silverdale Country Park Score event	Local	POTOC
23/07/2023	Tamworth Urban - WMUL	Regional	WCH
13/08/2023	RUGBY URBAN – WMUL	Regional	OD
6/08/2023	Come and Try Orienteering - Onny Meadows	Local	WRE
23/08/2023	Rough Close Evening Event	Local	OD
03/09/2023	Burton Dassett - WM League	Regional	OD
10/09/2023	WMUL Event - Malvern Urban	Regional	HOC
16/09/2023	Fenton Park	Local	POTOC
24/09/2023	WMOA Relays	Regional	WCH
30/09/2023	Banners Gate Sutton Park Beginners & Families Event	Local	COBOC