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WMOA Fixtures Secretary - urgent



Hopefully you are all aware that Rick Roberts is standing down from this role as soon as possible; Club representatives have been asked to see if anyone in their club is willing to take it on. Rick has suggested that he would possibly come back to the role in the future – suggesting it is not *too* onerous a job! We are grateful for all his work over the previous years.

Could you volunteer to take on this vital role? There's a [job description here](#) and you would have full support from the rest of the committee. Please contact Carol Dredge (WMOA Secretary) or Richard Lewis (acting Chair) if you are interested. [Email addresses for all committee members are here](#).

Minutes of the June 2024 Committee Meeting

Here is a link to the [Minutes of the Zoom meeting held 3rd June 2024](#) (subject to ratification at the 9th September Committee Meeting)

A note from me

This news round-up is collated by me, Marian White, quarterly. It follows the WMOA committee meetings held in March, June, September and December.

It is a poor replacement for the excellent West Midlander magazines of the past but I hope it serves a function in communicating the activities of the WMOA region to its members.

The content I collate is almost all already on the WMOA website. If you are reading this and thinking “yes, but what about...” then do please send me anything that could be included, or better still think about taking on the yourself!

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British Sprint Championships weekend

Congratulations and huge thanks to all the volunteers who produced a brilliant weekend of racing. Even the connoisseurs of the sport on Nopesport were struggling to come up with any criticisms! ([Link to the discussion thread here](#))

Relays, Saturday 22nd June

Congratulations to EUOC Legends who took the win on the Elite course, followed by Forth Valley Orienteers in second place and then ODs and Evens (Octavian Droobers) in third place. Additional challenges included tight timescales for set up after the University Open day and a temporary tent encampment!

Organiser Ian Gamlen said: *“Thank you for taking part in this year’s British Sprint Relay Championships. I hoped that you enjoyed it. Putting on these events as many of you know involves a lot of hard work by a lot of people, but it would all be for nothing if people like yourselves didn’t come along and take part. Particular thanks go to John Leeson who planned excellent courses, Roger Edwards who did a fantastic job controlling the event and Bob Scott who liaised with the University of Birmingham and chose such a great location for the Event arena.”*

- Online results are here: <https://www.sportident.co.uk/results/BOC/2024/BritishSprintRelay/>
- Routegadget: <https://www.boc.routegadget.co.uk/rq2/#61>
- Winsplits: http://obasen.orienteering.se/winsplits/online/en/show_event.asp?id=98622
- Link to photos [Photos - Rob Lines](#)

Individual races, Sunday 23rd June

Congratulations to Nathan Lawson and Megan Carter-Davies for their victories in the Open classes, and a huge congratulations to Octavian Droobers for pulling off the event in style despite having to overcome multiple challenges.

Organiser Phil Kirk said *“I have received some very kind and thoughtful messages from a lot of competitors about how enjoyable their day was and how professional we all were in our numerous roles. We reached my personal target of sticking to the timetable, the Finals start was on time from 2 pm and the prizegiving was at 4.15 pm. I understand this is the first time in the history of this event that it has been achieved!”*

- Results are available [here](#)
- Routegadget is available at: <https://www.boc.routegadget.co.uk/rq2/>
- Officials comments plus links to Winsplits and Photos are here: <https://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk/page/541>

West Midlands Schools Championships



The 2024 West Midlands Schools Championships were held Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham on Saturday 11th May, organised by Harlequins Orienteering. [The results of the event are available here.](#)

Congratulations to everyone who took part; the trophies were awarded as follows:

- Primary School Trophy to New Hall Primary School
- Middle School Trophy to Winterfold House School
- Secondary School Trophy to Discovery Academy



West Midlands Relays

Harlequins Orienteering hosted the 2024 West Midlands relays on a sunny day in Baggeridge. The results by [relay class are here](#), and a pdf file of the results by course [is here](#).

Many thanks to all the volunteers, particularly Adrian and Kerstin for planning and organising, and congratulations to the winning teams:

Class	Club	Runners
A – Mini		
B – Junior women	WRE	Harriet Allinson, Grace Allinson, Annie Lewis
C – Intermediate Women		
D – OpenWomen	OD	Juliette Soulard, Harriet Lawson, Anne Straube
E – Senior Women	POTOC	Eden Pigott, Ianka Evans, Elizabeth Bales
F – Veteran Women	WRE	Sarah Bayliss, Marian White, Diane Jacks
G – Super Veteran Women		
H – Junior Men		
I – Intermediate Men	OD	Adam Landels, Rupert Powell, Max Straube-Roth
J – Open Men	HOC	Kin Wai Lee, Steve Blackmore, Dave Aldridge
K – Senior Men	OD	Alistair Powell, Alistair Landels, Tom Jeffries
L – Veteran Men	HOC	Simon Thompson, David Williams, Ian Chafer
M – Super Veteran Men	WRE	Andy Clough, Rod Postlethwaite, Andy White
N – Mixed Ad Hoc	HOC	Barry McGowan, Karen Thompson, Ka Man Leung



Men's Open winners



WRE, Junior Women



POTOC's Senior Women



WRE, Super Veteran Men



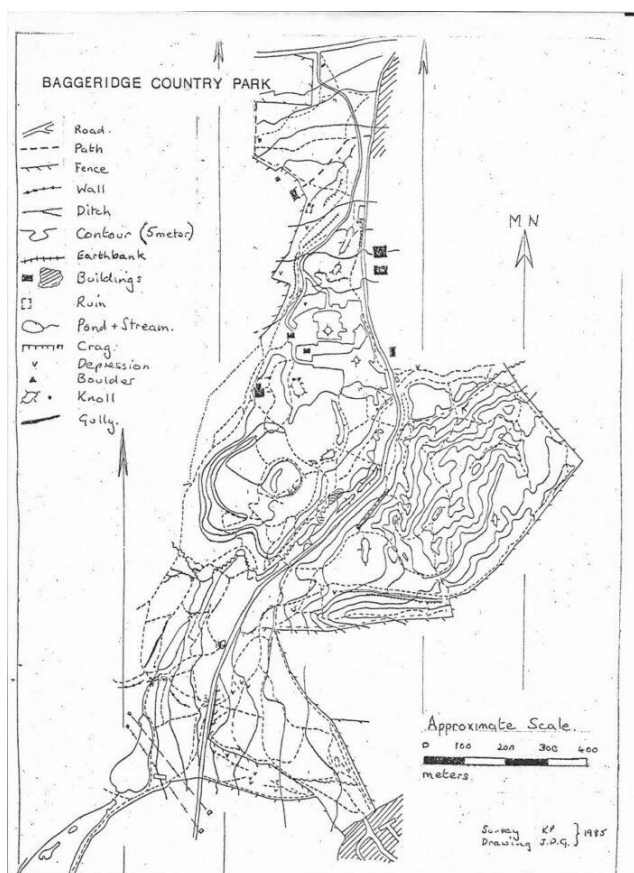
2/3 of HOC's winning Veteran men



HOC's winning AdHOC team



WRE, Veteran Women



From Rod Postlethwaite's archives:

Did you know that WRE were the first club to map Baggeridge Country Park way back in 1985? Back in those days there was no computer mapping and training maps were drawn with pen and ink and photocopied in black and white.

The map was surveyed by the late Ken Posnett (Wrekin's one time Chairman) and drawn by Dave Gittus and was used for a couple of Tuesday evening training events before HOC mapped it in colour.

Running on the map was quite tricky!

West Midlands Urban League update

There are now three events for the 2024 season:

Event	Date	Club	Venue	Details
1	07/07/2024	WRE	Whitchurch	club website
2	01/09/2024	HOC	Worcester	club website
3	13/10/2023	OD	Stratford	club website

West Midlands League update

The access problems encountered by POTO C for their planned but cancelled May event at Morridge mean that no events have taken place since the previous news round up.

Club	Points
WRE	2595
HOC	2564
OD	2341
WCH	1309
POTO C	518

After the first two events, defending champions Wrekin have a very narrow lead over Harlequins, with Octavian Droobers not far behind.

The League events and scores are displayed on [the WMOA website page here](#); this has the link to the [Club](#) and [Individual](#) tables.

The remaining fixture are:

Event	Date	Club	Venue	Details
3	15 September	POTO C	Bathpool Park, also WM Champs	club site
4	03 November	WRE	Nesscliffe	club site
5	10 November	HOC	Eymore Woods	club site
6	24 November	WCH	Oldacre & Middle Sherbrook (tbc)	club site
7	8 December	OD	Brandon Wood	club site

Regional events coming up in the West Midlands

07/07/2024 Whitchurch Urban Event - WMUL Event (WRE)

01/09/2024 Worcester Urban – WMUL Event (HOC)

15/09/2024 West Midlands Championships + WML – Bathpool Park (POTOC)

13/10/2024 Stratford Urban (tbc) Event - WMUL event (OD)