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| OCTAVIAN DROOBERS  The Orienteering Club for Warwickshire & Coventry  Affiliated to British Orienteering  www.octavian-droobers.org/wow  **Warwickshire Orienteering Weekend**  **Midland Championships**  **BENTLEY WOODS**  **At**  **Merevale Hall, Atherstone, Warwickshire**  **On**  **Sunday 26th March 2017** | Clubmark_logo_2clr_S web | |
| Level A, UK Orienteering League, UK Junior Elite League | |  |

Travel: Atherstone lies on the A5 between its junctions with the M42 and M69 motorways. All but local competitors are likely to approach Atherstone along the A5. Parking is in the town centre which should only be approached from the eastern end (Hinckley, M69) of the Atherstone bypass. If travelling by rail, the station is nearer to the event than all car parks and passed on the walk to the arena. The bus station is located at the western end of town centre, adjacent to some car parks and nearer to the arena than most parking.

Car Park: Cars will be parked in a number of town centre car parks and street parking areas with a walk of up to 1.25km to the arena from the furthest. It is a level walk on town pavements the whole way. Follow signs to the town centre from the eastern end of the Atherstone bypass. You will encounter the first marshal in just under 1km at a spot island at the junction of Woolpack Way. The marshal will direct you ahead along Long Street to enter a traffic flow around the town filling up parking areas as you go. First arrivals will be nearer tha arena. From all parking areas, the train station and bus station, make your way to Long St (the old A5 through the town) and walk in a westerly direction. Near the station, take the left-hand fork along the lane (Old Watling Street)passing under the railway bridge (note: the left fork is the old A5 and continues in the same direction as Long St). Continue over the canal bridge and the gate to Merevale Hall is 150m on the left.

Coaches, Mini buses and club tent drop off: There is limited space in Merevale Road for coaches, mini-buses and high camper vans. This is also the club tent drop off point and is adjacent to the hall gates. Merevale Lane can only be accessed from the western end of the Atherstone bypass when travelling in a westerly direction. After dropping your tent, return to the bypass and follow to the roundabout at the western end in another 200m. Go around the island and travel back 2km to the eastern end and follow the above car parking instructions.

Arena: Located in the grounds of Merevale Hall. Follow the taped route from about 200m beyond the gatehouses. Please respect the privacy of the gatehouse tenants as you enter the grounds. There is plenty of room for club tents in the arena with start and finish close by for the main event.

Times: Registration from TBA

Start times from 10.30 to TBA

Courses close at TBA

Entries: Pre Entry on Fabian 4 ([www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk)) up to midnight on Sunday 19th March 2017.

Entry on the day will be available subject to map availability

Entry Fees: Adults £ 14.00

Juniors £ 6.00

EMITag Included in entry fee

Electronic punching: The EMIT contactless electronic punching system will be used. EMITags will be issued at registration. A demonstration control will be available in the assembly area. It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure that the EMITag has registered at each control, start and finish. Those people who ran the Rugby Urban will already have been issued a EMITag.

Terrain: An undulating area of woodland consisting of coniferous plantations and areas of fine mature deciduous trees.

Course Details: Subject to final controlling, the courses are as follows. There will also be a string course.

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| Course No | Classes |
| 1A | M21E, M20E, M18E |
| 1B | W21E, W20E, W18E |
| 2 | M35L, M40L, M21L |
| 3 | M45L, M50L |
| 4 | M55L, M18L, M20L, W21L, M21S |
| 5 | M60L, M16A |
| 6 | W35L, W40L, M35S, M40S |
| 7 | M65L, M45S, M21V, W45L, W50L |
| 8 | M70L, M50S, M55S, M20S, M18S,  W55L, W21S, W20L, W18L, W16A |
| 9 | M75L, M60S, W60L, W35S |
| 10 | M65S, W65L, W70L, W40S, W45S,  W50S |
| 11 | M80, M70S, W75, W20S, W18S,  W21V, W55S, W60S |
| 12 | M85, M90, M75S, W80, W65S, W70S |
| 13 | W85, W90 |
| 14 | M14A, M16B |
| 15 | W14A, W16B, Light Green |
| 16 | M12A, M14B, W12A, W14B, Orange |
| 17 | M10A, M12B, W10A, W12B, Yellow |
| 18 | M10B, W10B, White |

Juniors & String: TBA

**Map:** By Bruce Bryant at a scale of 1:10,000 with 5 metres contours for all courses on A3 waterproof paper, updated in 2016.

Race Numbers: Bibs will be used for both days competitions. Bibs should be collected at registration. Those people who ran the Rugby Urban yesterday will use the same bib.

Control Descriptions: Control descriptions will be printed on the map. Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

Start: TBA

Compulsory Safety Check: There will be an electronic EMITag safety check at -4 minutes. This will record all starters and will be used at download to ensure that all competitors are accounted for. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT ALL COMPETITORS WHO START REPORT TO DOWNLOAD EVEN IF THEY DO NOT COMPLETE THEIR COURSE.

Safety and First Aid: All competitors take part at their own risk. They are responsible for their own safety and that of fellow competitors and members of the public. First Aid will be provided in the Arena area. Emergencies must be directed to A & E. The nearest A & E Hospital is George Eliott Hospital, Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ, tel: 02476 351351 and is 8 miles from the event.

Insurance: British Orienteering members will be covered by British Orienteering Public Liability Insurance. All other competitors will be covered by that public liability insurance for a maximum of three British Orienteering registered events. Joining Octavian Droobers includes British Orienteering membership

Facilities: Toilets are available in the arena. Traders will be present. The town centre parking facilitates easy access to shops, cafes and pubs after your run.

Traders: TBA

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Organiser: Bob Brandon – Details TBA

Planner: Anne Straube

Controller: Chris Burden, Airienteers

More info: Occasionally circumstances may force late changes. Please check on the club website [www.octavian-droobers.org/wow](http://www.octavian-droobers.org/wow) a few days before the event for the final detail