

SCHOOL ORIENTEERING NEWS

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Orienteering News for Schools and Youth Groups in Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Daventry and Banbury

EXPERIENCE THE ACTIVE OUTDOOR NAVIGATION SPORT OF ORIENTEERING

With Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club www.octavian-droobers.org

Saturday 13 November – Itchington Holt, nr Harbury

This event, the Tony Haw Trophy is an annual charity competition in aid of Leukaemia research, open to all ages.

Experience the fun of a score event - find as many controls as possible within a time limit of 45 minutes. Cost - juniors £1 plus £1 for timer hire, starts anytime from 10.30am until 11.30am. Please contact organiser or tel 01926 632189 to register to ensure we have enough maps and helpers by **Friday 5 November**.



NATIONAL SCHOOL EVENT

British Schools Orienteering Championships, 2021
Stowe Park, National Trust Gardens, near Buckingham

Sunday 21st November

Saturday 20th November is a training day at Campbell Park, Milton Keynes.

This is an amazing opportunity for pupils from Coventry and Warwickshire areas to experience some fun orienteering and compete for their school at this event not far away.

This event is for pupils in years 5 – 13 inclusive and schools can enter teams or individuals in year groups in three school categories: Lower, Middle and Upper Secondary.

Stowe Park is a lovely mix of open grassland with many paths and the gardens and landscape were designed by Capability Brown.

The training area on Saturday is open parkland, good paths and plenty of sculptures.

For full details and entry form, please see www.bsoa.org
Entry deadline 4th November.

To help pupils, and teachers, prepare for school competitions please encourage them to come along, with families to events.

Help is available for beginners and improvers.

Next Local Events

Sat 13 November, Itchington Holt, Harbury 10.30-11.30am
Sat 5 December, Brandon Wood, nr Coventry 10.00-12noon
Mon 27 Dec, Xmas Relays, Rough Close Scout Camp, Coventry, morning
Sat 15 Jan, Burton Dassett Country Park, after dark, early evening
Sat 19 Feb, Everdon Stubbs, nr Daventry, 10.30-12noon

PERMANENT ORIENTEERING COURSES

Around Warwickshire Octavian Droobers have installed many courses that are open every day and can be used at a time to suit you. Especially useful for primary schools wishing to introduce the sport and how to use a compass and for secondary schools to use as practice for school competitions.

Free maps can be downloaded from www.octavian-droobers.org click on newcomers and permanent courses or search www.britishorienteering.org.uk and click on 'go orienteering'.

So now you can go orienteering and download a map for free at all these locations: Ryton Pools Country Park, Coombe Country Park, Jubilee Wood, Warwick Compton Verney, Hartshill Hayes Country Park, Pooley Fields Country Park, Kingsbury Water Park and Draycote Water.



BSOA

The British Schools Orienteering Association is a valuable resource for schools. The website has information on how to introduce the sport, useful teaching programmes, how to map your school, kit to purchase, upcoming championships, etc. Membership is FREE. Contact: www.bsoa.org

More opportunities.....

Join the club Junior membership is only £7 per annum.

Juniors can represent the club in leagues, compete in midland championships, join the West Midlands Regional Squad, meet others at training camps around the country and overseas and represent England.

Over the past few years it has been great to see several junior orienteers from the club represent England at the International Interland Cup, against Belgium, the Netherlands and NE France. Selections are made after juniors aged 14 – 18 years have competed in selected competitions held around the country.

Encouraging pupils to go along with their families to local and other events hosted by neighbouring clubs, will widen their experience of the sport and hopefully their enthusiasm will grow. See British Orienteering events website for details of nationwide events. www.britishorienteering.org.uk. West Midlands events www.wmoa.org.uk. East Midlands www.emoa.org.uk.



Other useful contacts: infoschools@octavian-droobers.org

