

SCHOOL ORIENTEERING NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2017

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



James Stedman and Rugby School pupil, studying the map at an orienteering workshop held during their 450th anniversary festival week.

MAJOR SCHOOLS EVENTS

British Schools Score Championships, Rother Valley, Sheffield **Saturday 14 October**

British Schools Orienteering Championships, New Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean, Glos, **Sunday 19 November**

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

Local events.

- Saturday 1 July, Beginners event, Coombe Country Park 11-3pm
- Wednesday 5 July, Rough Close, Coventry 6-7.30pm
- Wednesday 12 July, Brueton Park, Solihull 6-7.30pm
- Wednesday 19 July, Itchington Holt, Harbury 6-7.30pm
- Wednesday 26 July, Memorial Park, Coventry 6.7.30pm
- Wednesday 9 August, Rugby Urban (Hillmorton tba), 6-7.30pm
- Wednesday 16 August, Elmdon Park, Solihull 6-7.30pm
- Saturday 19 August, Compton Verney, beginners activity, 11-3pm
- Wednesday 23 August, Ryton Pools C.Pk, Bubbenhall 6-7.30pm
- Wednesday 30 August, Burton Dassett C.Pk, 6-7.30pm

Help is available at all events for beginners and improvers. Check website for final details re dates and venues, or contact 01926 632189. NB Ryton Pools Country Park has a permanent O course, maps at visitor centre.

REWARD SCHEME

To encourage juniors new to the sport Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club have introduced a reward scheme. The Explorer Challenge Award Scheme (ECAS) is based on the number of control points visited on a course. An 'ACORN' Certificate will be awarded for achieving 10, a 'TREE' for 25, etc up to 100 for a 'FOREST' Certificate.

West Midlands Schools Orienteering Championships were held on Saturday 13 May at Severn Valley Country Park, Shropshire. Kenilworth School and Sixth Form won the trophy for best senior school team. Top three places were gained by several pupils from Coventry, Warwickshire and Banbury schools: Warriner School, Banbury, Kenilworth School, Myton School, Ash Green School, Coventry, Southam College and Bablake Junior School, Coventry. see: www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk for results.



The British Schools Orienteering Association is a valuable resource for schools. The website gives much information about how to introduce the sport, useful teaching programmes, how to map your school, kit to purchase, upcoming championships, etc. Membership is FREE www.bsoa.org **NEW!** two new great books 'Cool, Awesome and Educational' teaching orienteering in school's books for 6-12 years and 13-15 years.



Other useful contacts: infoforschools@octavian-droobers.org
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WORLD SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS



CONGRATULATIONS to Kenilworth School and Sixth Form Years 9 and 10 boys team who came 3rd at the World Schools Orienteering Championships in Palermo, Sicily in April. Ian Lockren, school team manager, was very pleased with all the boy's performances and is looking forward to taking pupils to Estonia in 2019.

WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 ESTONIA

Pupils born in the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, can qualify for the next World Championships. School teams of 5, boys or girls, or individual pupils need to compete regularly at events, take advantage of coaching opportunities, and then do well at British Schools Championships selection races. For more information see www.bsoa.org. **Let's get your pupils and school there.**

World Orienteering Day 24 May



The club celebrated this and 109 competitors came along to Abbey Fields, Kenilworth, joining in with over 288,000 participants from around the world at 2265 locations in 79 countries. Amazing! www.worldorienteeringday.com.