VETERAN HOME INTERNATIONALS 2021

4th & 5th December 2021, Dorking area

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INTRODUCTION

South London Orienteers and the SEOA are pleased to offer the rearranged VHI Weekend 2021. We have been able to arrange two quality forests close to Dorking. Things have come together very quickly, and we already have all of the significant aspects of this event in place.

TRAVEL

Road Dorking is 8km south of junction 9 on the M25

Rail Two railway lines cross at Dorking, linking to London but also cross country to

Guildford and Reading

The railway station at Gatwick airport is probably best for anyone travelling by train

and then hiring a car

Air London Gatwick is the closest airport. The Relay event in particular is very close to this!

OUTLINE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening: Teams arrive at accommodation Saturday Late Morning/Early afternoon: Individual Event at Winterfold

Saturday Afternoon: Prizegiving plus social at Newdigate village hall

Saturday Evening: Eating arrangements to be confirmed

Sunday Morning: Relay Event at Glovers Wood Sunday Midday Prizegiving at Glovers Wood

PRIZEGIVING & SOCIAL

Saturday's prizegiving and social event will be held at Newdigate village Hall (10km south of Dorking) on the Saturday afternoon. There are showers at the hall. Food will either consist of either:

- tea and cakes, leaving teams to make their own arrangements for evening meals at local venues
- a simple meal with one or two choices and the option to bring drinks

We are investigating options over the next week or so and will consult with teams before deciding on the format

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Accommodation will be on one of two bases

- 1. Four 20-berth chalets at High Ashurst Outdoor Centre 4km northeast of Dorking
- 2. Teams to book their own accommodation at nearby hotels, in which case we will provide a list of suitable candidates

We are currently pursuing the High Ashurst option in order to provide teams with a choice. We will confirm the situation in *Bulletin 2*.

THE EVENTS

Individual. Saturday 4th December 2021

The Individual event will be held on Winterfold & Pitch Hill, 10km southwest of Dorking. This area has hosted many major orienteering races including the World Cup in 2005. Most recently used for the SLOW OK Nuts Trophy event in May 2021.

Relay. Sunday 5th December 2021

The Relay event will be held on Glovers Wood, 11km southeast of Dorking (and 6km from Gatwick Airport!) This a small, wooded area notable in the South East of England for being runnable even at the height of summer! This area was most recently used in September 2020.

ORGANISING TEAM

Overall

Weekend Coordinator: Sarah Brown (07986 804243)

IT Coordinator: Gordon Parker Volunteers Coordinator: Steve Clelland

Individual Race. Saturday 4th December 2021

Organiser: Alan & Diane Leakey

Planner: Andy Jones Controller: Paul Todd (LOK)

Relay Race. Sunday 5th December 2021

Organiser: Charlie Turner Planner: Paul Street

Controller: David Dawson (DFOK)

AND FINALLY...

We hope that you will be able to join us in force for this weekend of quality orienteering competition. Expect *Bulletin 2* confirming outstanding details in a week or two.

Alan Leakey,

Chair, South London Orienteers

