

**West Anglian Orienteering Club** *welcomes you to*  
**Maulden Wood** *for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event*



**15 January 2023**

**Directions:** SatNav: Postcode MK45 4AD will take you to Clophill near the roundabout mentioned below.

Event centre/forest entrance: Grid reference: TL074393. What3words:  
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Maulden Wood is situated by the A6, south of Bedford. You **MUST** approach the event by heading North on the A6 from the roundabout at the A507/A6 Junction near Clophill. **DO NOT** turn right into the layby if you are heading South on the A6. Instead, continue to the roundabout.

From the roundabout, travel north on the A6 for about 1700m. Turn left into the parking area (layby) signed Maulden Wood.

**Parking:** Parking space is likely to be at a premium given the level of pre-entries. Please car-share where practical. All parking will be via the layby off the A6, either on the layby itself or in the Woodland Centre car park which is accessed from within the layby. No payment needed for parking. Please follow signs and car parking marshall's directions.

If you are planning to bring a minibus, coach or other large vehicle, please contact the organiser in advance.

You **MUST NOT** park on the A6 verge beyond the layby.

### **Facilities**

Registration and Download will be in the Woodland Study Centre adjacent to event parking. First Aid kit and toilets will also be available at the centre.

### **Celebrate our Anniversary!**

Finishers will receive a free memento of our 50-year anniversary, and can take a slice of home-made cake! We will also be handing out some spot prizes.

**Finish:** Finish is located about 200 m walk from Download. Please remember to go to Download as soon as you have finished. Courses close at 2:00 pm.

**Registration** will be open from 10:00 until approx. 12:00 for Hired dibber collection, enquiries, and on-the-day entries.

### **Starts**

The start is located about 100m from registration/download.

Self-allocated start times are displayed on the Fabian4 website. We will not be enforcing start times, but please try to arrive at the start in time for your selected slot. The Start (and Finish) units must be punched, even if using a SIAC dibber.

Loose control descriptions will be provided in the start lanes. One SIAC battery check unit will be provided at the start, and another at registration. A Start official will carry out an SI dibber check – this is important to ensure SIAC cards are switched on.

### Course details

Course	Length (km)	Controls
Brown	7.8	27
Blue	6.3	23
Green	5.0	19
Short Green	3.7	14
Light Green	3.1	10
Orange	3.1	12
Yellow	2.3	10
White	1.3	8

Courses close at 2:00 pm - you must report to Download by this time.

**IMPORTANT: Please report to the Download tent even if you do not finish your course.**

We will be using **SPORTident** electronic punching. **Beacon mode will be enabled for all numbered controls. Start and Finish controls will require contact punching by all competitors.**

### Entry Fees:

	On-line, up to 31 December 2022	On-line, 1 Jan to 8 Jan 2023	On the day
<b>Juniors (Under 21) and students in FTE</b>	£ 3	£ 3	£ 3
<b>Senior BO member</b>	£ 10	£ 12	£ 12
<b>Senior non-member</b>	£ 12	£ 14	£ 14

S.I. cards (dibbers) can be hired from registration. Hire fee (in addition to entry fee above): standard dibber: £1 SIAC dibber: £3.

Loss of a hired S.I. card (non-SIAC) will incur a charge of £30. Loss of a hired SIAC will incur a charge of £65.

### Map and Terrain

Maulden Wood is varied contoured woodland on the Greensands Ridge.

Course maps and loose control descriptions will be printed on waterproof paper. All courses have double-sided maps, A4 size, with old and new versions of the map on

opposite sides. Current map is 1:10000, 5m contours, revised during 2021/2022 for this event.

### **The Vintage Map**

This was WAOC's first 5 colour map 1:10,000, produced in 1977. It was surveyed by members of WAOC at the time and the cartography was done by Dave Bryant and Kate Slater. A trace had to be produced for each colour.

### **Planners Comments**

The Magnetic North variation between 1977 and 2023 is approximately 5 degrees to the west.

Controls on the old map have been selected to be as fair as possible- they were all checked using only the old map. The most important differences between the two maps are in the vegetation. In general, a bit of common sense and using your eyes should eliminate any potential unfairness. There are no hidden traps! We hope that competitors will take the use of the old map in the spirit intended.

**Control descriptions:** Control descriptions reflect the features on the map. This means that there are some anomalies as some features have been mapped differently on the two maps - consequently, the description (not the number) may differ according to the map. All will be obvious on the ground.

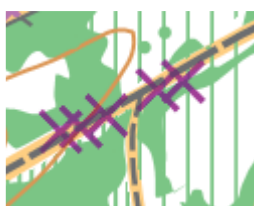
### **White, Yellow, Orange, and Light Green courses:**

Both versions of the map show the same course. You can use either or both! Control descriptions will be printed on the front of the map.

### **Short Green, Green, Blue and Brown courses:**

Courses start on the 1977 map and switch to the new map halfway through the course. The "1977" section uses features that are marked on that map and which still exist on the ground. These courses have separate loose control descriptions for each map – make sure you pick up both versions in the start lane. Control descriptions for each section will be printed on the corresponding side of the map.

### **Brown and Blue courses only**



There is a small bit of windblown which has fallen across a path. You can still get through the path. This has been marked by purple XX see opposite, and this is still the optimum route between the controls.

### **Safety:**

**Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.**

- Please do not go into any area marked as Out of Bounds, indicated on the map by either solid olive colour, or vertical purple stripes or cross hatching.
- DO NOT climb on or even approach log piles, or forestry machinery.
- There may be mountain bikers, walkers, dogs, and horse riders in the forest. Please be aware and do not obstruct.

- Competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Full leg cover is compulsory and you are advised to carry a whistle.
- In extreme weather conditions, cagoules may be declared obligatory and signs will be on display at assembly if this is so.
- Dogs are allowed but must be kept under close control at all times in accordance with FE policy, and must be on leads in the car park area and layby. Remember that the wood is adjacent to the A6 dual carriageway. See also note on Oak Processionary Moth.
- Courses close at 2:00 pm. You must report to download even if you do not complete your course.

### **Oak Processionary Moth**

There is confirmed Oak Processionary Moth at Maulden. The moth caterpillars are a pest that can damage oak trees, and hairs from nests can be an irritant to pets and people if inhaled. While our event is outside the caterpillar season, courses have been planned to avoid control sites near oaks, to minimise the risk of nests being disturbed and releasing hairs. **Please ensure you clean your kit and especially shoes as soon as possible after the event.**

**Results:** Results will appear on the WAOC website, [www.waoc.org.uk/results](http://www.waoc.org.uk/results), and will be uploaded to the British Orienteering website.

**First aid:** Club first aid kit will be available at download.

Travel directions to the nearest hospital with A&E facilities (Bedford Hospital MK42 9DJ, 01234 355122; approx. 7 miles N of the event) will be available at registration/download.

### **Officials**

Organiser – Peter Woods (WAOC) [entries@waoc.org.uk](mailto:entries@waoc.org.uk)

Planner – Bob Hill (WAOC/RAFO)

Controller – Mike Capper (WAOC)

Any queries should be directed to the organiser using the email address above. If you are new to orienteering or require assistance, then please enquire at registration.

### **Acknowledgements**

We would like to thank Forestry England for giving permission to use the area and the Greensands Trust for allowing us to use the Woodland Study Centre. The organiser wishes to thank all helpers from WAOC, without whom the event could not run.

### **Event Cancellation Policy**

If a condition arises whereby the event might not be able to safely proceed as scheduled, for example due to a forecast of gale-force winds, the event will be put on notice of cancellation. In this case, all who have entered through Fabian4 will be notified by email and the event web-page on the WAOC website will be updated

accordingly. This will specify a go/no-go date and time, by which a final decision will be issued as to whether the event will proceed as planned or be cancelled. This decision will be emailed to those who have entered on-line and also displayed on the event web page.

**Forthcoming events:**

12<sup>th</sup> Feb Hockham Woods (EAOA event) CompassSport Cup & Trophy Qualifier

19th Feb Croxton Heath, Thetford. EA League, and Day 2 of ICENIAN Weekend

**Privacy:** You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the Event and may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not limited to) name, any club affiliation, race times and age group. [Read our data protection page](#) for further information about how we look after your personal information.

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