

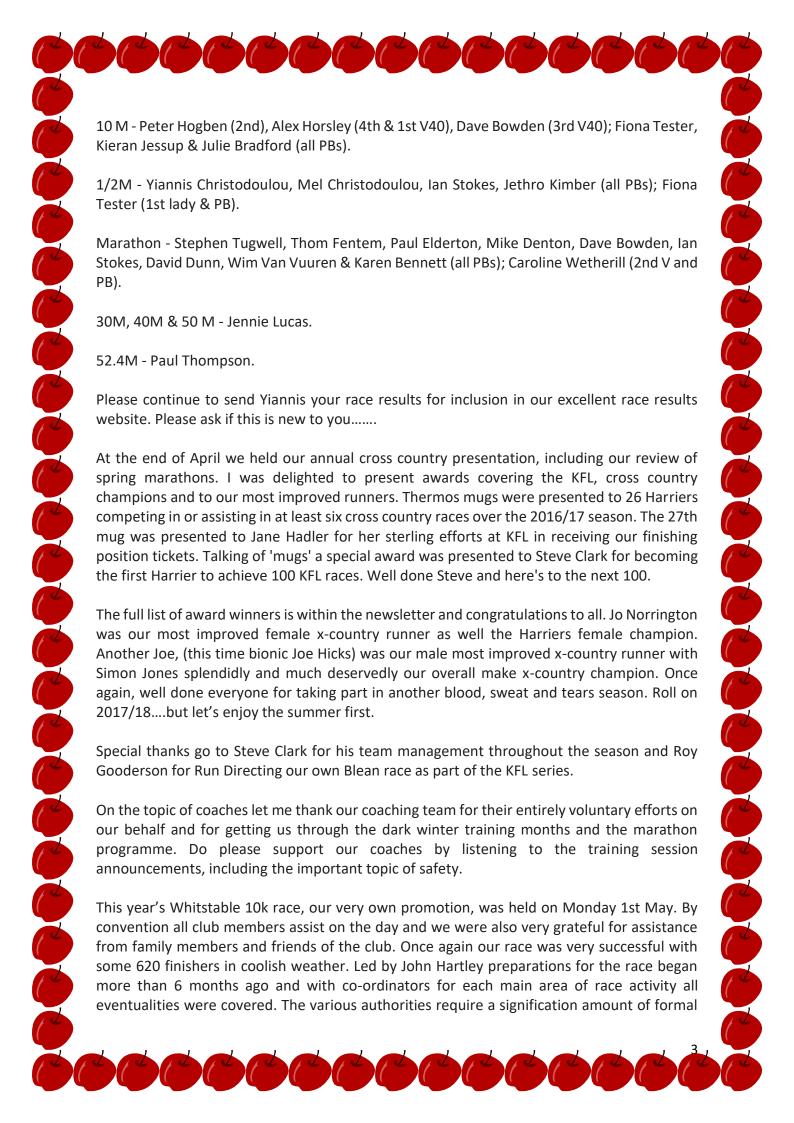
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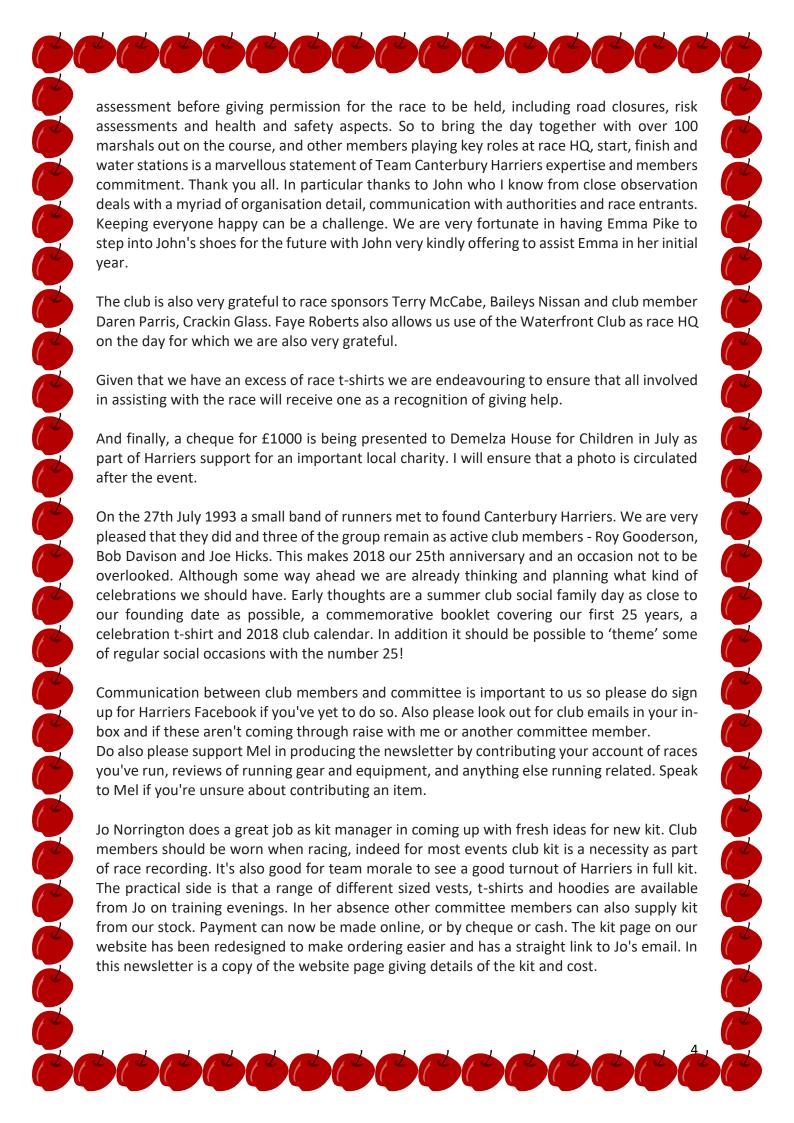
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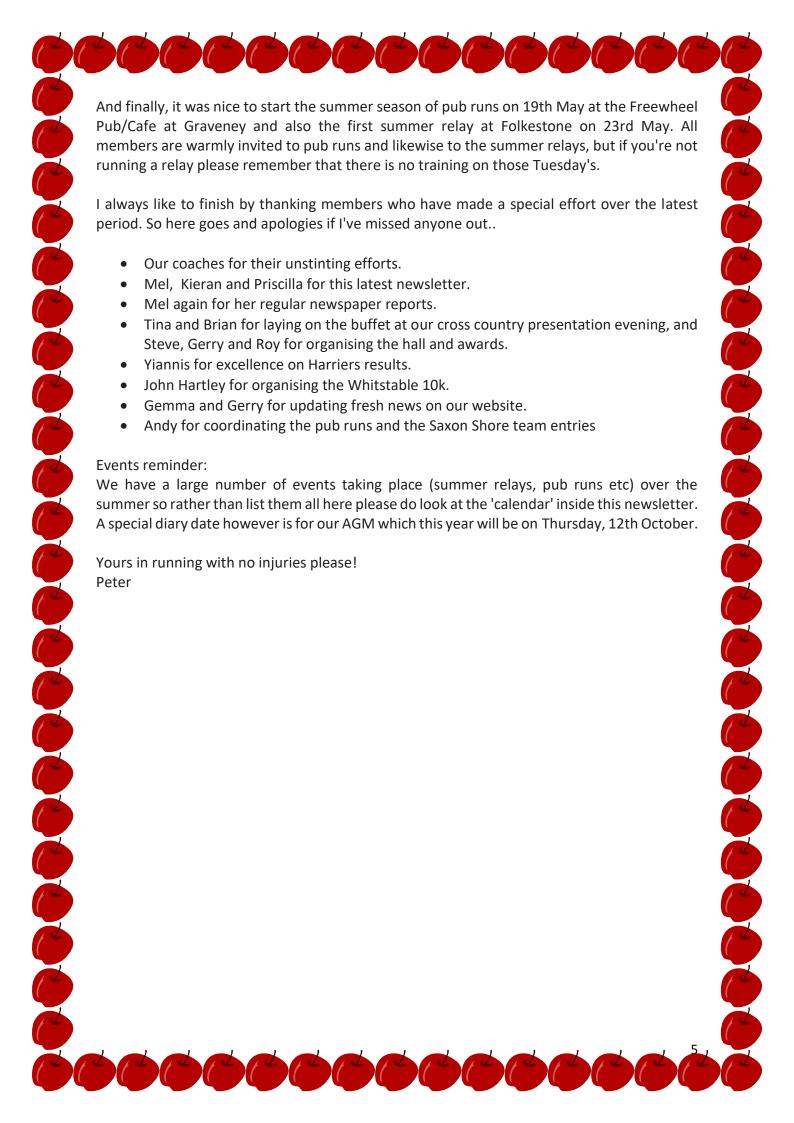
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CHAIRMAN'S SPRING WELCOME Dear Harriers, I'm very pleased to be introducing the latest edition of The Harrier. Many thanks to Mel, Priscilla and Kieran for their editorial skills in providing us with this issue. We currently have 166 members made up of 152 running members, 5 honorary members and 9 social members. I hope that newer members are enjoying membership with us and enjoying regular training with the club. For newer readers my introduction picks up on key happenings in club activity over the last 4 months, or so, and gives me the opportunity to give a 'chairmans' flavour to club life - social, running news and events etc - particularly to members who are unable to get to training as regularly as they might wish to where news and views are shared. The spring period saw many members taking part in a rich variety of marathons in locations including Manchester, Paris, Brighton, London, Milton Keynes, Bewl Water and Ashford. In addition, Jennie Lucas, Sally Silver and Karen Bennett continued their demanding schedule of long distance runs. For many, the marathon is the ultimate distance challenge where mind, determination, guts and training all come together in making the finish line a reality. For those doing Brighton the weather added a further complication as the early April hot sun slowed likely finish times. Very well done to everyone taking part in this round of marathons and also commiserations to those who were injured and unable to take part.... A tremendous development in Harriers club life is the international recognition that our members are achieving. We are very proud of their achievements and the publicity that it brings. On Saturday, 27th May Yiannis Christodoulou and Simon Jones are representing GB at the ETU European Aquathlon Championships being held in Bratislava, Slovakia. On Thursday 24th August Yiannis and Simon are representing GB at the ITU World Aquathlon Championships being held in Penticton, Canada. At the same venue on Friday 25th August Dave Bowden will represent GB in the World Triathlon Championships. At national level Yiannis is taking part in the national Aquathlon Championships being held in Leeds on Saturday, 10th June; and Peter Hogben is taking part in the national middle distance Triathlon Championships on Sunday 23rd July in Ashford. We wish Yiannis, Simon, Dave and Peter all the very best for their championship races. As well as spring marathons many Harriers have taken part in races of varying distance. It's impossible here to mention everyone but PB's and places deserve a mention. Do look at the Harriers website for all race results: 5k - Alex Horsley (PB). 5m - Simon Jones (1st and PB). 10K - Nicola Charlton (1st & 2nd lady - 2 races), Tom Hooley (1st V60), Alex Horsley (2nd and PB - 2 races), Fiona Tester (3rd lady), Simon Jones (1st), Sian Smith -Keary (PB & 3rd lady); Mark Peacock, Fiona Craig, Debbie Parris & Kieran Jessup (all PBs).







YOUR EDITORS

Hi everyone! Most of you probably know me by now, and if you don't, I am usually the one complaining that it is cold!

As some of you know, I don't particularly enjoy running, I do it to keep fit and healthy. However, the reason as to why I run with the Harriers is for the social side of it; I love the friends that I have made, as well getting to socialise with so many friendly members at events and races. This just shows how the Harriers are so different from most other clubs, there is a real sense of "family" in the club. Happy reading!

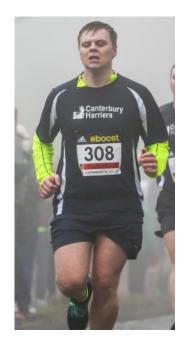
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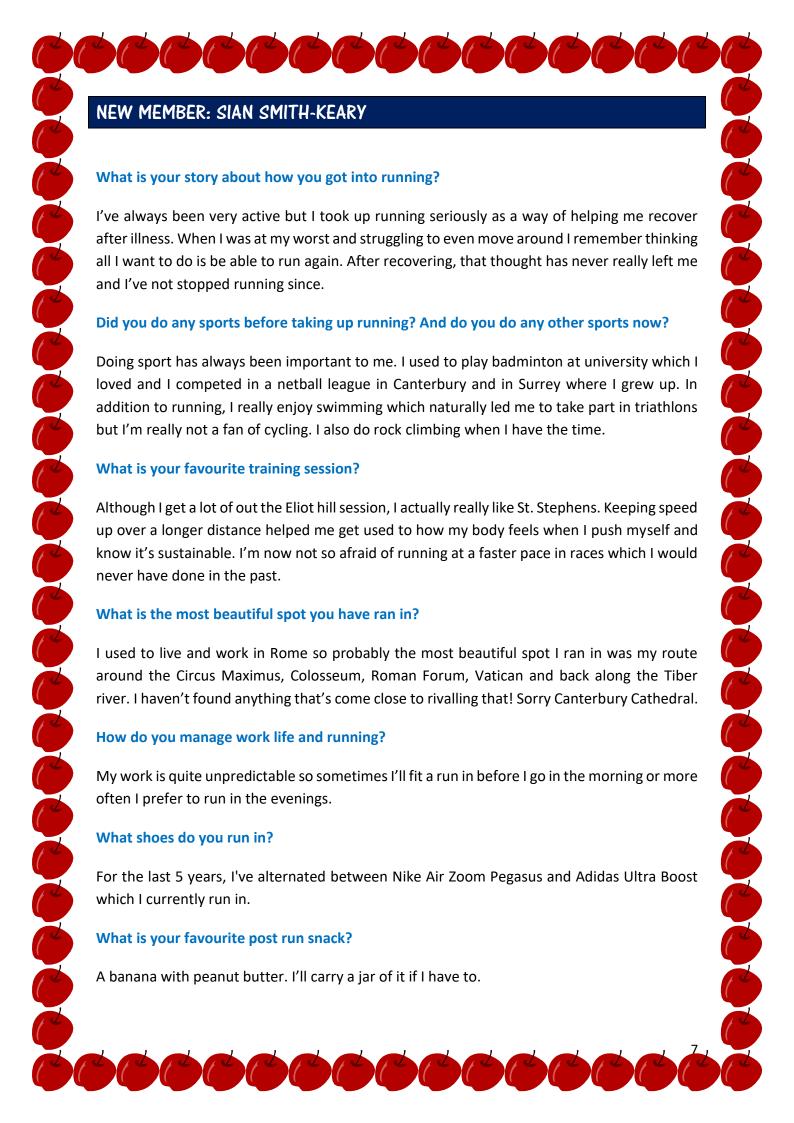




I've been running with Canterbury Harriers for about 11 years now, during which time a lot has happened! It's been a challenge to keep going in between having babies but also great to see old friends and meet new runners whenever I come back to club training. My ideal race would be a challenging coastal trail half marathon but out of necessity I've learnt to enjoy a weekly fast and flat 5k.

I'm Kieran Jessup and I've been a member of Canterbury Harriers for almost a year now. Joining the club was one of the best decisions I've ever made; I love running at such a friendly club and I'm really pleased with my progress to date.





What other sports are you interested in watching? Honestly, I don't watch a lot of sport on TV! What is a typical week's training for you? I normally run 3 times a week including a long run at the weekend and then add an extra session like swimming in as well if I can. What are your favourite races and distances? My favourite distances are probably 10ks or half marathons. I've really enjoyed doing the Olympic Park 10k series and the Royal Parks half marathon for several years. What are your future goals and ambitions?

My future goal is to run my first marathon this October in Bournemouth. I've never done this distance before so I'm looking forward to the challenge. I'd really love to do more races abroad as well.

How do you keep motivated to run?

Scheduling in a race every few weeks has really helped me work harder and stay motivated it's always reassuring to see improvement no matter how small. Coming to the club has also really helped keep my motivation up as it's so encouraging to run with others.

Do you have any tips or advice to offer other Harriers?

Just a thank you really for being so welcoming and encouragement to keep it up as it really helped someone like me who put off coming to the club because I feared I wasn't good enough.

HARRIERS KEY DATES

Harriers I	Future Events
Friday 19th May - Pub Run	Sunday 23rd July - national middle Distance Triathlon championships (Peter Hogben)
Tuesday 23rd May, Summer Relay, Folkestone Relay	Tuesday 25th July, Committee Meeting
Saturday 27th May - ETU European Aquathlon Championships, Bratsliva, (Yiannis and Simon Jones)	Friday 11th August - Pub Run
Tuesday 30th May, Summer Relay Minnis Bay	Tuesday, 22nd August Committee Meeting
Tuesday 6th June - style and form workshop (after training, tbc)	Thursday 24th August - ITU World Aquathlon Championships, Penticton, Canada (Yiannis & Simon Jones)
Friday 9th June - Pub Run	Friday 25th August - ITU World Long Distance Triathlon Championships, Penticton, Canada (Dave Bowden)
Saturday June 10th - ITU National Aquathlon Championships, Leeds - (Yiannis)	Friday 1st September - Pub Run
Tuesday 13th June, Summer Relay, Victoria Park , Ashford	Tuesday 19th September Committee Meeting
Saturday 17th June - Saxon Shore Relay	Sunday, 8th October - Ashford 10k (and club championship)
Tuesday 27th June, Summer Relay, Samphire Ho, Dover	Thursday 12th October - AGM
Thursday 29th June, Committee Meeting	
Friday 30th June - Pub Run	

Tuesday 4th July, Summer Relay Canterbury	
Friday, 21st July - Pub Run	

SPOTLIGHT: PAUL KNIGHT

What is your story about how you got into running?

I always enjoyed running in my school days many moons ago! But in more recent years it all started after entering in Whitstable's Surf N Turf Aquathlon in 2014. I wanted to raise money for Cancer Research at the time and thought this would be something new for me to try. Low and behold I did pretty well finishing second but more than that I enjoyed the whole experience of racing! From that day I haven't looked back and have now raced in Triathlon's, Marathon's and Half Ironman events.

Did you do any sports before taking up running? And do you do any other sports now?

I've always loved playing sports and over the years I have had a go at quite a few. During school I played lots football but out of school I used drag my family around the south east, for me to race on my BMX. We had great fun and eventually all my brothers and sisters joined in. I also enjoyed playing Tennis and played for Herne Bay for a few years as well as helping out with coaching the younger members.

Golf was my main sport over the last 20 years, playing a couple of times a week but that's taken the back burner now, I've only played three times this year.

What is the most beautiful spot you have run in?

We had a holiday in Clearwater, Florida last year! Early morning runs along the beach was quite amazing! Mind you I must admit the Kentish country side comes a close second there was a moment earlier this year when I was on a Sunday morning 20 miler with no sunshine in sight, just 40mph winds, thundering clouds, launching hailstones the size of peas and stinging like needles, with a grimace on my face matching Rockie Balboa after 12 rounds I trudge on into Clowes woods, where the hailstones ceased and the weather began to brighten I realised once again what a beautiful place we live in.

How do you manage work life and running?

I'm quite lucky being my own boss and working just around the corner from home. I usually get the chance to train straight after work for an hour, whether it be running, cycling or spinning. On occasions also get the chance to nip to the swimming pool during lunch times.



Boston 6 trainers, they are great! Lightweight with a fair bit of cushioning.

What is your favourite post run snack?

Usually I would have a protein bar, shake or banana

What other sports are you interested in watching?

I'll watch most sports given the chance but I do love watching football, especially the mighty Spurs! I'll watch most teams though! Even the not so good teams like Arsenal, Man Utd, Man City and Liverpool Ha!! Ha!!

Not making any friends here!!!

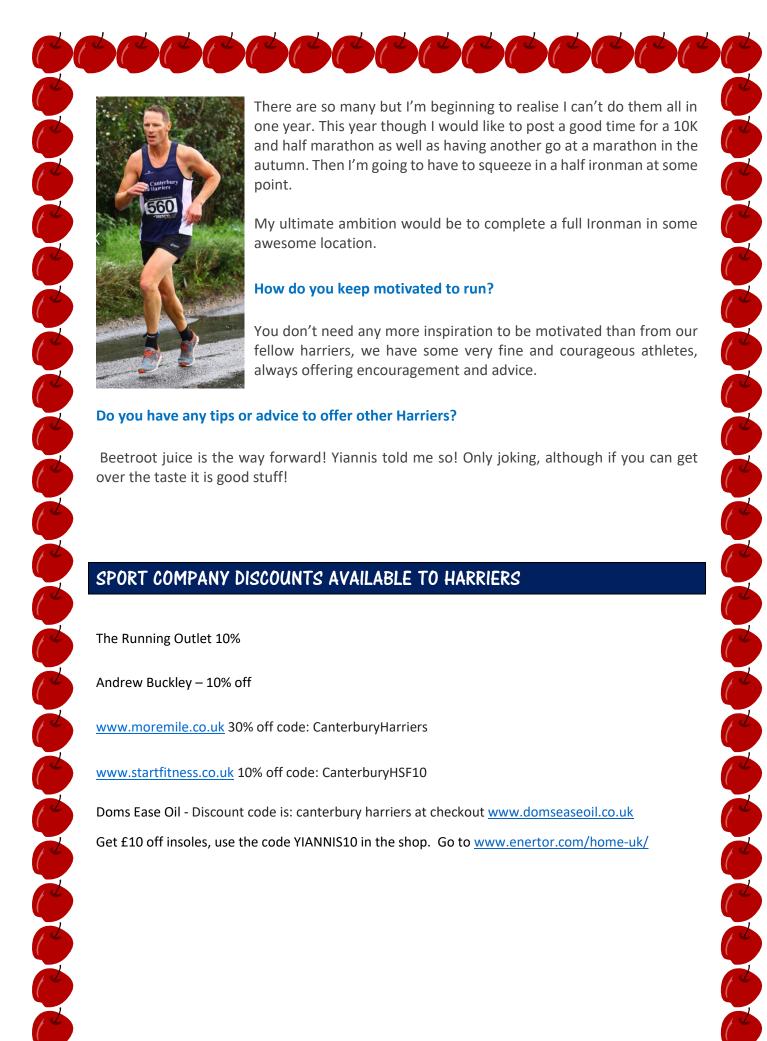
What is a typical week's training for you?

During marathon training I would more than likely be out running 5-6days a week, I didn't have a structured training plan but would make sure I got the usual speed work, hills, mid mileage and long runs into my weeks training. Now there over for a bit, I'll mix my training up with swimming and cycling as well.

What are your favourite races and distances?

Having only been running for a few years I haven't done as many races as most of the Harriers but I do enjoy the challenge of marathons. So far this year I completed the Brighton and London marathon, I must say the atmosphere and support from the crowd was unbelievable.

What are your future goals and ambitions?



CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS **Individual League Category Awards,** (qualification is 5+ appearances). - Trophy & Certificate (9th year!) **Female V55 Champion** Barbara Wenman 2nd overall & 1st V40 Male Simon Jones - Trophies & Certificate **Individual League Certificates**, (qualification is 5+ appearances). Females: V65 Category 2nd **Tina Jones** V55 Category 4th Wendy Smith V45 Category 13th Jo Manser V45 Category 14th Leisa Foad V35 Category 3rd Emma McCabe SEN Category 2nd Jo Norrington SEN Category 9th Sarah Brenton V70 Category 4th Males: John Hartley V70 Category 7th Phil Hadler V65 Category 3rd **Gerry Reilly** V65 Category 6th Geoff Burston V60 Category 2nd Steve Clark V60 Category 3rd Mark Wenman V60 Category 5th **Bob Davison** Joe Hicks V60 Category 6th V60 Category Jon Vann V60 Category 9th Tony Savage V60 Category 10th Richard Hudson V60 Category 19th Rov Gooderson V55 Category 3rd Jon Blunt V55 Category 15th John Cooper V55 Category 17th Steve Reynolds V50 Category **Andy Phillips** V50 Category 19th Colin Kent V50 Category 28th **Bob Pullen** V45 Category 7th Wim Van Vuuren Mike Denson V45 Category 14th V40 Category 3rd John Matthews SEN Category 6th Yiannis Christodoulou SEN Category 25th Jonathon Solley MV60 3rd Team award: Steve Clark, Mark Wenman, Bob Davison

Club Kit Awards for 6 plus xc's (marshal @ Blean counts as 1)

Girls: Sarah Brenton, Jo Norrington

Tina Jones, Jo Manser, Emma McCabe, Wendy Smith, Barb Wenman

Boys: Gerry Reilly, Steve Clark, Joe Hicks, Andy Phillips

Jon Vann, Mark Wenman

Jon Blunt, John Cooper, Bob Davison, Phil Hadler, John Hartley, Richard Hudson,

Simon Jones, John Matthews, Tony Savage

Geoff Burston, Neil Godden, Roy Gooderson, Peter Yarlett

Club most improved xc runner female (Jo Norrington)

Club most improved xc runner male (Joe Hicks)

Club overall xc champion female (Jo Norrington)

Club overall xc champion male (Simon Jones) (2nd year)

MARATHON MAN

By Glenn Wilson

So I am finally a marathon runner. And unlike Pheidippides, I survived to tell my tale. However, to steal the words of Muhammad Ali uttered after his epic 14 round win over arch rival Joe Frazier in their third fight in 1975, running that marathon was 'the closest thing to death'. I learned that 26.2 miles needs to be respected; it is an unforgiving distance. Unlike my previous races, the longest of which was 20 miles, I realised that you really do have to train for a marathon. You need miles in the legs, you need to know how to hydrate, how to keep the fuel levels high and how to stay mentally strong.

So let me try to break down the emotions and the feelings I went through on that day in Manchester. At the start, the long walk to the starting pen followed by the slow walk to the start line was a new experience for me. I like to start my races with a '3-2-1-GO'. But by the time I reached the start line, almost 20 minutes had elapsed since the starting gun. But then I was off, accompanied by my very supportive partner who stuck with me throughout.

For the first ten miles, I felt strong, enjoying carnival atmosphere. After all, ten miles was a short run during my training for this marathon. The next five miles were tough, but nothing unexpected — I felt confident albeit tired. But around mile 16 or 17, my physical strength started to wane. During my 20 mile run at Lydd, I started to struggle at the same distance, but this time, instead of only three or four miles left to go, I still had ten.... TEN!! Logic states that if you are physically drained, you don't go for a ten mile run. This was the time for that mental strength. For the next 7 or 8 miles, I ran a couple, then walked a bit, ran another couple and walked for a bit, all the while, taking on water at each water station. At 20 miles, I knew I had 10k to go, then at 23 miles, I heard someone shout out that I just had one more parkrun to

go. Then I saw the 24 mile marker – two miles to go. I'm counting down. I can do two miles in my sleep! From that moment, I vowed to run to the end. And that I did. Lifted by the crowds of enthusiastic Mancunians who had come out in their thousands to cheer us on.

The finish straight at Manchester is just over half a mile. I could see the finish line as I turned into the straight and put my head down and drove on. Two minutes later, I lifted my head. The finish line was no closer!! Had I been jogging on the spot? I kept going, keeping the finish line in my sites. It grew bigger and bigger first slowly, then more quickly and then suddenly it disappeared! It was behind me. I had done it! I had run a marathon. I felt emotionally drained. I thought I would feel overwhelmed by my achievement, but alas, I was just tired, grumpy and thirsty.

Will I do another? I don't think so. But at least I can add a marathon to my bucket list and tick it off.

CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS PHOTOS





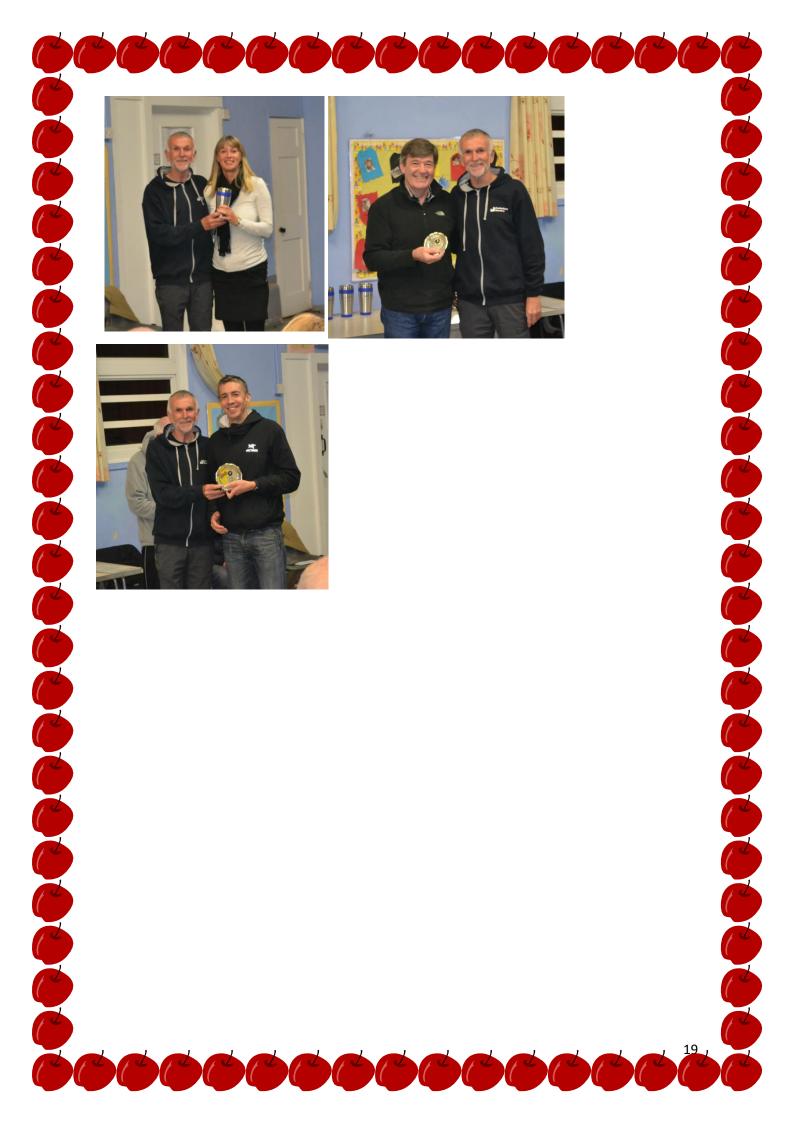












RUNNING PHOTOS











REPORTING YOUR RACE RESULTS

For information Yiannis Christodoulou is the Results Manager for the club. Yiannis regularly monitors the major local road races and record Harriers results on our website. As part of this process he checks whether a road race event is certified accurate (i.e. it has been measured and certified as accurate by a qualified Association of UK Course Measurers Measurer). If it is certified as accurate then Yiannis ticks the "certified accurate" box for the event when entering the results and these results are then automatically transferred on to the website league tables and count in terms of club awards and points tables. The same applies to the principal international road races which club members take part in including the Reims and Le Touquet events and other major international city distance road races and marathons all of which are assumed to have been certified as accurate under their own national measuring systems and rules.

With regards to parkrun 5K results Steve Clark monitors the Whitstable Park Run website and records the weekly results on the website separately – the results from the Whitstable Park Run when the race is run on the standard two lap route are recorded as "certified accurate" and are automatically transferred to the league tables as this course has been officially certified as accurate by AUKCM. If the race is run over the "lollipop" route or the normal route is shortened on the day for whatever reason then the "certified accurate" box will not be ticked and these results will not be transferred to the league tables. These results and any other results where the course is not certified as accurate will show on the results table in green italics.

If you wish to check before entering whether a race is certified as accurate you should visit the UK Course Measurers website at http://aukcm.org.uk/. The association measurements apply to the standard road race distances of 5K, 5 Mile, 10K, 10 Mile, Half Marathon, 20 Mile and Full Marathon and these are the only race distances which qualify for our road race league tables and road race club awards.

Please note that statements on UK road race websites or entry forms that a course has been "accurately measured" are meaningless unless the course has been officially measured and certified as accurate by AUKCM. Races which have been given AUKCM certification will usually show the AUKCM triangle/wheel symbol on their entry forms, information sheets or websites. The AUKCM certificate is valid for a ten year period after which it is subject to a renewal process on expiry or if there is a change in course routing in the intervening years.

If you wish to notify a race result for logging on the website <u>PLEASE NOTIFY DETAILS DIRECTLY TO YIANNIS CHRISTODOULOU</u> at <u>yiannis christodoulou@hotmail.co.uk</u> Similarly if you have any queries or corrections with regard to results already entered please contact Yiannis. (Please note the underscore between the first name and surname).

HARRIERS ON FACEBOOK

One of the club aims is to upgrade the various ways that we communicate with each other. Most of us are familiar with Facebook and it seems a sensible way of informally communicating club/member messages and information. Like most social media it needs to be used in a way that we can all enjoy.

Facebook can be used to tell each other about weekend training sessions, club results, upcoming fixtures and sharing lifts to races etc. Indeed Facebook use is as wide as members wish to make it for club matters. If you are not already signed up to Harriers Facebook then it really is a must to help you keep in touch. Gemma Jeffrey is our Facebook Administrator.

- 1) If you do not already have your own Facebook account you need to set one up. This simply requires your email address and a personal password to set up. It's then up to you how much further information you choose to include. You are then ready to use the Harriers Facebook page.
- 2) To find Canterbury Harriers use the search bar at the top of your Facebook home page by typing in Canterbury Harriers and the page will come up. It can also been found by typing in www.facebook.com/CanterburyHarriers in your address bar. You can also find Harriers Facebook by clicking on the Facebook logo on the front of the Harriers website (top right). To see the posts from Harriers in your personal Facebook news feed click on the 'Like' button found just under the main photo.
- 3) If you want to post on the page there is on the left hand side of the page a box that says 'post' above it. You can then write your message and then press Enter this will not be public and others won't see your message unless they look for it on the page. If you want something posted (eg. any events you are participating in, details of PB's or if you want to organise a training run) you need to private message the page which you can do by clicking on the 'message' button on the right hand side of the page. Your message will come through to Gemma Jeffrey (Harriers Facebook Administrator) who will then post your entry so that all members can view it. This method also needs to be used if you have any photos you would like to post. Alternatively photos can be e-mailed to Gemma at facebook@canterburyharriers.org who will then post them to Gemma site.
- 4) To see what others are posting on the Harriers page click the label. Recent Posts by others and you will see everybody else's posts, allowing you to also comment and 'like' on these.
- 5) Because Facebook is so instant simple messages can quickly be relayed within the club. As Administrator Gemma is keen to develop use of the site and for members to get involved with the posts, to like and comment on them. Brief news stories and photos are also very welcome so that these can be shared.
- 6) And finally if anyone has a problem in accessing the Facebook page please e-mail Gemma at facebook@canterburyharriers.org to help sort things out.



Skirt

members.

See the Kit page on the Canterbury Harriers website

Canterbury Harriers - order your Harriers Kit here....

The club has a wide range of club kit and all members are encouraged to wear club kit, especially when representing Harriers in races...

Most kit is held in stock but sometimes we may need to order extra items to top up on particular sizes or popular items.

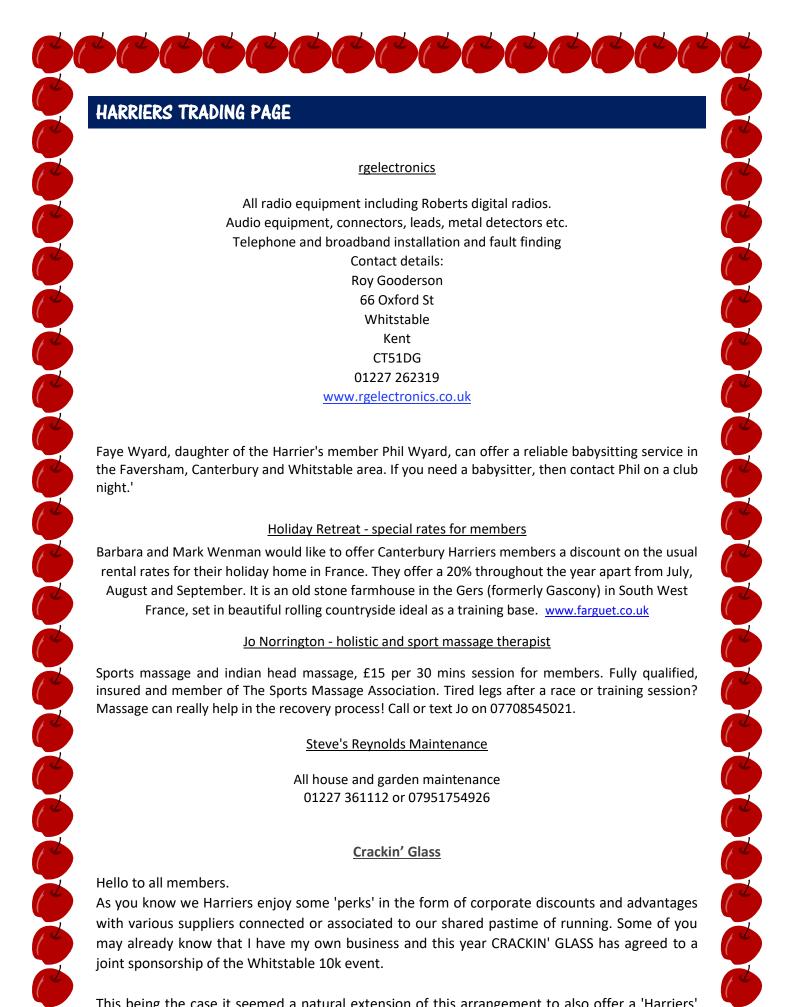
There are male and female options for all items apart from the hoodies that are unisex. The size options are S, M, L or XL.

All items are printed with club logo and 'Canterbury Harriers' name.

Vests	£16.80 (a few older style vest ones available at £15)
Technical t shirts	£13.50
Long sleeve technical top	£13.00
Hi-viz long sleeve top (yellow or pink)	£11.50
Hoody	£17.00
Zipped hoody	£20.00
Running cap	£6.50
Running tights	£14.00
Jacket	£32.00

Also, if anyone who may have any **preloved kit** of any kind, but there is still wear left (size change or bought new kit), we can arrange a sale between club

£13.50



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Kent

Faye Wyard, daughter of the Harrier's member Phil Wyard, can offer a reliable babysitting service in the Faversham, Canterbury and Whitstable area. If you need a babysitter, then contact Phil on a club night.'

<u>Holiday Retreat - special rates for members</u>

Barbara and Mark Wenman would like to offer Canterbury Harriers members a discount on the usual rental rates for their holiday home in France. They offer a 20% throughout the year apart from July, August and September. It is an old stone farmhouse in the Gers (formerly Gascony) in South West France, set in beautiful rolling countryside ideal as a training base. www.farguet.co.uk

Jo Norrington - holistic and sport massage therapist

Sports massage and indian head massage, £15 per 30 mins session for members. Fully qualified, insured and member of The Sports Massage Association. Tired legs after a race or training session? Massage can really help in the recovery process! Call or text Jo on 07708545021.

Steve's Reynolds Maintenance

All house and garden maintenance 01227 361112 or 07951754926

Crackin' Glass

Hello to all members.

As you know we Harriers enjoy some 'perks' in the form of corporate discounts and advantages with various suppliers connected or associated to our shared pastime of running. Some of you may already know that I have my own business and this year CRACKIN' GLASS has agreed to a joint sponsorship of the Whitstable 10k event.

This being the case it seemed a natural extension of this arrangement to also offer a 'Harriers'

discount to all members (social or full members). With effect 1st Feb 2016 I will be pleased to offer a 20% discount on our full range of services and supplies. All glass, glazing services, guttering, fascia, soffits, Doors, Windows and conservatories will be available to all members with a 20% discount from the normal full price. Myself and my colleagues will be pleased to offer free advice and guidance for any project that you may be considering in the near future. To qualify for your discount simply email to; sales@crackin-glass.co.uk or call 01227 711151 and mention/include the code CH20. We will be pleased to hear from you. All the best Daren