

Holme Pierrepont Running Club AGM -Events Secretary's Report 2016-17

Thank you to everyone for all your support over the last 12 months.

It's been another great year at HP.

Numbers of members participating in events have increased and I have been delighted to see that has not just been in the "fast runners category". I spoke at the last AGM about my keenness to encourage people to run who didn't think they were fast enough and I am thrilled that things have changed. We have had lots of new faces turning up to have a go at cross country over the winter and I am expecting this trend to continue in the Summer League. I think this is down to the club spirit that everyone has generated with newer members being supported and taken under more established people's wings. It's terrific and I thank everyone for that.

I always like to take this opportunity to thank our Team Captains, Jean Inglis and Neil Devonport (Jogger) who work very hard to encourage everyone to participate and to hopefully enjoy themselves. Both Jean and Jogger have had health problems this year and haven't done as much running themselves but that hasn't stopped them from coming to races to support and then doing the numbers at the end of the Summer League and cross country races. It's indicative of the type of people our captains are and their dedication to the club is much appreciated.

As last year, I have also had some help with event organisation from Tom Davies over the last 12 months and I am very grateful to him. Tom's help has meant that the club has been able to do separate events on the same day.

Summer League:

We did well in the Summer League in 2016, achieving our goal of winning the Mens Seniors (for the first time ever) and coming 2nd in the Vets. The Senior ladies were 3rd and 2nd in the Vets.

We have already made a good start this year too but although trophy winning is great, it's not the most important thing at HP. These are really enjoyable summer evenings out and I would encourage everyone, irrespective of your ability, to come along and give it a go. All the dates for the races are on the club website.

All the races start at 7.15pm.

Cross-Country:

The cross country races over the winter have been well supported this year and we had a great team spirit going in all the events with incredible amounts of baked products being brought to the club tent!

Last year the men easily outnumbered ladies at the races but this year numbers have been very even which is great.

As with the Summer League, everyone is welcome in the East Midlands League and all first claim runners in the North Mids League, so please come and have a go next season. The dates will appear on our website.

We had some team success in the 2015-16 season, as can be seen below:

National Relays (Nov 16-Mansfield) - Ladies A 60th, B 67th, C 69th (out of 123), Mens A 84th, B 107th, C 140th (out of 166).

Midlands 7 (Nov 16- Bulwell) –Ladies 9th, Mens 5th

County Champs (Jan 17-Wollaton) - Ladies Seniors 3rd, Vets 1st and 2nd, Mens Vets 1st

Midlands Champs (Jan 17-Prestwold Hall, Loughborough) – Ladies 6th (out of 27) Mens 18th (out of 33)

National Champs (Feb 17 - Wollaton) - Mens 31st (out of 60 teams), Ladies 35th (out of 93 teams)

East Mids League - Ladies Seniors A,B,C &D- 1st ,Vets A,B&C Teams 1st ,
Mens Seniors B,C -1st , Vets A , B & C Teams 1st

North Mids League - Mens Vets 2nd , Ladies Vets 1st

Other Events

The club has participated in several other events this year too, including:

- The Long Eaton Relay. This is a really friendly event run through lovely Derbyshire countryside. I am recruiting for this year's teams right now. Please contact me if you are interested.
- The Bramley Apple Challenge – a friendly race against several local clubs
- The Ed Prickett Relays- an event organised by Nottingham University.
- The Thunder Run 24 hour event
- The Equinox 24 hour event
- The Midlands Road Relay Championships which is a great event. The ladies came 14th out of 58 teams there which meant they qualified for the national championships where they came 29th which was a great achievement.
- The Masters Cross Country relays (for vets)

The club will be involved in all of the above events in the coming year and I am hoping to be able to support more local races too if there is sufficient interest.

Grand Prix

The Grand Prix is the main event in the HPRC year!

These are the dates:

Tuesday 27th June 2017: Rushcliffe Country Park
Thursday 29th June 2017: Holme Pierrepont

Tuesday 4th July 2017: Embankment
Thursday 6th July 2017: Colwick Park

Please enter the series and enjoy the races. All we ask is that you help the club by marshalling one of the races.

Please continue to get involved with the events so you can get as much as possible out of the club - you will enjoy it more and it will improve your running!

Please contact me if you have any queries about forthcoming events or any suggestions about races you think we should be involved in by e mailing me at thetupholmefamily@gmail.com or chat to me at the club.

Very best wishes for your running over the next 12 months.

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(Events Secretary)