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## Thursday night schedule for August

Thurs $5^{\text {th }}$ Philomena to lead
Thurs $12^{\text {th }} \quad$ Handicap Race
Thurs $19^{\text {th }}$ Sue to lead
Thurs $26^{\text {th }}$ Alison to lead

## Thursday night schedule for September

Thurs $2^{\text {nd }} \quad$ Gillian to lead

Thurs $9^{\text {th }} \quad$ Sarah to lead
Thurs $16^{\text {th }} \quad$ Terry to lead
Thurs $23^{\text {rd }} \quad$ Steve Gosling to lead
Thurs $30^{\text {th }} \quad$ Handicap Race

## Correspondence received

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| Sender | Subject matter | Action |
| Women's Running Network | Half marathon, East Sussex (19-09-10) | Events Diary \& notice board |
| SEAA | Crystal Palace Open 10K (03-10-10) | Events Diary \& notice board |
| SEAA | Notice of AGM | File |

## Race reports and results

## Thames 10K, Beale Park, $7^{\text {th }}$ July

Pete O finished in $45: 45\left(36^{\text {th }}\right)$. Other imminent members and friends of the Harriers who took part were: Guy Watts $93^{\text {rd }} 37: 30$ ), Glyn Jones ( $9^{\text {th }}, 40: 47$ ), Lee Jones ( $14^{\text {th }}, 41: 45$ ), and Richard Disney ( $19^{\text {th }}, 43: 05$ ).

## Milton Keynes Half Marathon, $18^{\text {th }}$ July

Sus set a great PB of 1:27:42, finishing as $3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{FV} 35$ lady ( $50^{\text {th }}$ overall). Philomena finished $308^{\text {th }}$ in a good 1:45:50, while Ryan was $54^{\text {th }}$ in 1:28:01, his best half marathon since recovery from injury.

## Bewl 15, $4^{\text {th }}$ July <br> Sus

Phil and I both treated this as a training run for our autumn marathon. The terrain was moderately difficult, with lots of dust kickback in places and some ruts to watch out for, but very rewarding with app. 1000 slices of different homemade cakes to greet us on our return. The scenery is outstanding and on a good day like we had this year, with the sunshine glimmering on the reservoir, it's pretty special. So if you want a great running experience over a decent distance then this is a good race to go for.
We both managed to wave the Compton flag by each taking $2^{\text {nd }}$ position in our age category.
669 finished the race.

| $1^{\text {st }}$ Man | $1: 27: 25$ | Richard BURGESS-GAMBLE |
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| $1^{\text {st }}$ Lady | $1: 39: 54$ | Tina OLDENSHAW |
| 79 | $1: 51: 25$ | Susanne ENHARD |
| 270 | $2: 12: 08$ | Philomena MBURU |

## High Wycombe Half Marathon, $18^{\text {th }}$ July

## Pete H

This is a race in which most of the pain, apart from a couple of blisters I picked up, is close to the start. After $3 / 4$ mile there is an ascent of 225 feet in little over half a mile. After that it's a fairly easy and, to be honest, bland course. There is a surprise near the finish as the car park comes into sight and one thinks there are just a few hundred yards of flat grass to run across, when the course suddenly swings uphill for a detour through some woods.

Some 50 yards from the end a competitor performed a passable re-enactment of the 1908 Olympic Marathon finish with four marshals dragging him towards the finish line. It has to be said he was not looking too well. I finished in $1: 46: 45,268^{\text {th }}$ out of 930 finishers.
Two races were staged concurrently, at around about 4 miles the 10 km course veered off to the left. A couple of marshals pointed this out to me - why? It was only when I looked at my running number that I realised it had 10k stamped across it. Undeterred I carried on in the longer race and got a name check on the PA with the announcer informing the crowd I was in the wrong race. I thought that I might appear in the results with my slowest ever 10km time, but no they sorted it out...however read on and I get my wish(!).

Upon checking the website later I clicked on my name and not only did it include my times for three other races I've taken part in but one I'm going to enter in 2022! Apparently I'm going to do a 10k in 2 hours 40 . Not fast but good to know I'll still be running in my 60 's.

Steve Gosling also took part, finishing in a good 1:50:49 (376 $\left.{ }^{\text {th }}\right)$

## Back-in-a-flash 5K, $28^{\text {th }}$ July

## Sue

The third and final race of the 2010 Back-in-a-flash series had a record number of competitors (218), which led to a bit of congestion on some of the narrow sections. I like this event - it's friendly and well-organised, the route is interesting and varied and, because it's an out-and-back route, you have the added interest of seeing both the leading runners and the back-markers during the race. Before the start I was chatting to Nicola Gomm (Witney RR). In recent months, we have always finished very close together when we've raced each other, and this race was no exception. Nicola tracked me all the way and we both worked hard, overtaking five men at 3 K . Nicola challenged me with 1 K to go, but I pushed on and beat her by 4 seconds finishing in 20:19 as $5^{\text {th }}$ lady ( $37^{\text {th }}$ overall). The first four ladies were well away, the winner being Tamsin Smith (unattached) in 19:11. First man, Dave Roper (Cheltenham Harriers), not only annihilated the opposition, he also knocked over a minute off the course record, running 15:22 for what is an undulating off-road 5 K with lots of twists and turns. Definitely an event one for the race diary next year!

## Website update... http://www.comptonharriers.org.uk

Staying hydrated over the course of a workout helps maintain performance and assists in body recovery. Your method of re-hydration will vary according to the type of workout and how long the session lasts. Sports drinks are marketed as being better than water for athletes because of the added electrolytes and carbohydrates. The carbohydrate-electrolytes mixture help athletes replenish key minerals like sodium and potassium that are lost through sweat and are important for fluid retention. For long runs or intensive exercises lasting more than 30 minutes it is probably a good idea to take along a sports drink that includes carbohydrates and electrolytes to ensure that you are not only hydrated but properly fuelled for the duration of your workout. Post exercise re-hydration is just as, or even more important to the recovery process so as not to leave you below par for your next session. Again, sports drinks are recommended as the best means of performing important recovery function, but there is an alternative .... the following link will take you to a fascinating research article on 'Milk as an Effective Post-Exercise Re-hydration Drink': http://tinyurl.com/CHRC-Milk

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:15 pm | Philomena to lead | Club Event |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 9:00 am | Reading parkrun - Weekly Free 5km Timed Run | Sports Event |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 8:45 am | Salisbury 5-4-3-2-1 | Sports Event |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 9:30 am | Salclear Isle of Man Marathon | Sports Event |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:30 pm | Tuesday Session | Club Event |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:15 pm | Handicap Race | Club Event |
| $15^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 10:30 am | Merthyr Police 10K | Sports Event |
| $15^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 11:30 am | The TBAS Castle Combe Summer 10K | Sports Event |
| $17^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:30 pm | Tuesday Session | Club Event |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:15 pm | Sue F to lead | Club Event |
| $22^{\text {nd }}$ Aug | 10:30 am | Burnham Beeches ½ Marathon (BMAF \& SCVAC Championships) | Sports Event |
| $22^{\text {nd }}$ Aug | 11:00 am | Foxtrot Five (mile) road race | Sports Event |
| $24^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:30 pm | Tuesday Session | Club Event |
| $26^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 6:15 pm | Alison to lead | Club Event |
| $29^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 10:00 am | 5k Multi-terrain Run-Wootton Bassett | Sports Event |
| $29^{\text {th }}$ Aug | 10:30 am | Pewsey Vale Half-Marathon | Sports Event |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ Sep | 6:15 pm | Gillian to lead | Club Event |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:00 am | Chalfont St Giles 10K Multi-Terrain Run | Sports Event |
| $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:00 am | Swallowfield 10K Plus: 3k Fun Run | Sports Event |
| $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:30 am | Peppard 10K Plus: 7K Walk | Sports Event |
| $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:30 am | The Beast 2010 The Kraken on the Coast | Sports Event |
| $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 11:00 am | Little Aston 5 mile road race (\& 2 m fun run) | Sports Event |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 6:15 pm | Sarah to lead | Club Event |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 9:30 am | High Ways and Sky Ways | Sports Event |


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| $12^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:30 am | 12TH ERIDGE PARK 10 TRAIL CHALLENGE | Sports Event |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:30 am | The 4th Peasemore Festival 5 Mile Challenge | Sports Event |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:30 am | Pangbourne multi-terrain 10k | Sports Event |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 11:00 am | Bramshill Forest 10K | Sports Event |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 11:00 am | United World Colleges Aldbourne 10K | Sports Event |
| $16^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 6:30 pm | Terry to lead | Club Event |
| $18^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 11:00 am | ISLE OF WIGHT FELL RUNNING SERIES 2010 | Sports Event |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:00 am | Medmenham 10 Plus: 3.5 mile fun run | Sports Event |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:00 am | The Basildon Burn Run | Sports Event |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 10:30 am | ISLE OF WIGHT FELL RUNNING SERIES 2010 | Sports Event |
| $23^{\text {rd }}$ Sep | 6:15 pm | Steve Gosling to lead | Club Event |
| $30^{\text {th }}$ Sep | 6:15 pm | Handicap Race | Club Event |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Oct | 10:30 am | Cricklade Half-Marathon | Sports Event |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Oct | 10:30 am | The Gt Clarendon Marathon Plus: Clarendon Relay | Sports Event |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Oct | 11:00 am | SEAA 10K Road Race Championships | Sports Event |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ Oct | 10:00 am | Eden Project Marathon Plus: 1 Mile Fun Run Plus: $1 / 2$ Marathon | Sports Event |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ Oct | 10:00 am | 29th Ridgeway Race (Approx 15K) | Sports Event |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ Oct | 11:00 am | Swindon 1 ² Marathon | Sports Event |
| $17^{\text {th }}$ Oct | 9:00 am | ABINGDON MARATHON | Sports Event |
| $23^{\text {rd }}$ Oct | 9:00 am | Beachy Head Marathon | Sports Event |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Nov | 10:00 am | The Castle Combe Chilly 10K | Sports Event |

And finally; one for me and one for Tom ...


