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26.2 RRC Monthly Newsletter

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## 26.2 October Newsletter

Dear <<First Name>>

This month's running order...

- **Grand Prix Races - IMPORTANT UPDATE**
- **Cross Country - PLEASE READ**
- **London Marathon Club Ballot**
- **Cotswold 24 Hour Relay Race - 2017**
- **Green Belt Relay - 2017**
- **New website feature - your PBs and Results!**

## GRAND PRIX RACES

The Grand Prix season is now nearly at the halfway point, with the most recent fixtures being GP4 Second Sunday Five and GP5 Ealing Half Marathon with nearly 40 runners competing in the two races. Well done to all those who took part!

The sixth fixture in our season will be Fixture One in the Surrey Cross Country League on **Saturday 15th October** (further details later on). Following on from that will be the Oxshott 10km on **Sunday 30th October**. A full fixture list can be found on the [club website](#).

**PLEASE NOTE - GP8 The Epsom 10 - has moved from it's original date and is now a week earlier on Sunday 13th November.**

## CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

The first fixture for both the Men's and Ladies' teams is on **Saturday 15th October** at 2pm and midday respectively. The men will be at Wimbledon Common and the ladies will be at Nonsuch Park.

Just as importantly, the club will be **hosting the second fixture of the men's season on Saturday 12th November on Epsom Downs**. We desperately need volunteers as well as runners so please, please do make yourself available if you can.

We had some great turnouts for the two teams last year but we certainly need as many runners as possible for both. Cross Country is all about the numbers and we can never have enough turning out for the club. Regardless of your ability, we would love you to come along! Cross Country is enormous fun and something a bit different from the majority of races we compete at. The men usually run 8km and the ladies around 6km so are short enough for most of us to get round.

Post race cookies, cakes and coffee are generally on hand too!

Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for more information and don't forget, not only are all Cross Country races FREE, they also count as a qualifying race towards the club London Marathon ballot.

## LONDON MARATHON CLUB BALLOT

Time is running out for you to get to the magic number of 8 races to qualify for the club London Marathon ballot. So far 12 runners have made the grade and can enter the ballot should they wish. There's still time though and the remaining qualifying races are GPs 6-9 this year as well as the Cross Country

A full list has been [put up on the club website](#) detailing how many races you have run and who else has qualified.

## **COTSWOLD 24 HOUR RELAY RACE 2017**

Following the overwhelmingly positive feedback from those that attended this years Cotswold 24 Hour Race, the club has decided to enter another three teams for next year's race. Places have been reserved and can be purchased by members wishing to join in the fun. It's a family friendly event and there are often as many supporters as there are runners so please do bring all along friends and family too.

**The race next year will be on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd July 2017 and you can [sign up here](#).**

## **GREEN BELT RELAY 2017**

As with every year, we will be entering a number of teams into next year's Green Belt Relay. This unique and special event is always a club favourite and we're now asking members to sign up and [declare their interest here](#).

**The date for next year's race is 20th-21st May 2017.**

## **NEW WEBSITE FEATURE - TRACK YOUR RESULTS, PBs AND CLUB RECORDS**

Webmaster extraordinaire, club member Richard Kirk, has performed another spot of technical mastery and has re-introduced the personal race recording feature to the club website. This was available on the old site but has taken some time to bring over to the new one. Provided you are logged in, you can view and store your race results as well as also viewing club records at all the major distances.

This feature is available [here](#) (again, make sure you are logged into the site).

## **CLUB KIT**

The kit from the previous order window has now been delivered and will be brought up to the club by Danny Norman on club nights for the next few weeks. If you are unable to attend the club, please could you either email [kit@26point2.co.uk](mailto:kit@26point2.co.uk) or make contact with Danny to arrange an alternative arrangement so we can get your kit to you.

A new kit ordering window will open shortly.

Our supplier has a new website and updated instructions on the ordering process can be downloaded from our website [here](#). For any enquiries regarding the kit, please do contact the 26.2 Kit Team using the link at the bottom of this email.

## Dates For Your Diary... In Summary

- Saturday 15th October - Cross Country Fixture One / GP6
- Sunday 30th October - GP7 Oxshott 10km
- Saturday 12th November - Men's Cross Country Fixture Two - Hosting
- Sunday 13th November - GP8 Epsom 10 Mile
- Saturday 3rd December - Ladies' Cross Country Fixture Two
- Sunday 4th December - GP Hogs Back Road Race
- Sunday 11th December - Stragglers Mob Match
- May 20th-21st 2017 - Green Belt Relay
- July 22nd-23rd 2017 - Cotswold 24 Hour Relay Race

## Happy running!!



Kudos to Greg, Richard, Maria and Matt for getting early and smashing round the Bournemouth Half Marathon last weekend - all in time to get back and support fellow members as they ran the full event.



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Stage One runners after completing their leg of the River Relay. Captain Stone sporting his war wound with pride!

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