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26.2 RRC Monthly Newsletter

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26.2 November Newsletter

Dear <<First Name>>

This month's running order...

- Valentine's 10k - IMPORTANT
- Grand Prix Races - IMPORTANT UPDATE
- Cross Country
- Stragglers Mob Match
- Christmas Party
- Club Kit

It's coming around to that time again when the club Committee goes into overdrive to organise our annual event, the Valentine's 10k. This year the race is on Sunday 12th February and will again be based out of the Chessington Community College. We're pleased that the race is indeed going ahead at all because we were informed at the absolute last minute that we would no longer be able to start the race in it's usual spot. Thanks to the perseverance of members - particularly Peter Tozer, Kevin Stone, Danny Norman and Grant Davidson - we're delighted to say the race will be going ahead - though probably with a different start line!

Just a gentle reminder for existing members and a first heads-up if you are a new member - **we would ask that all club members refrain from entering the race at this stage.** We desperately need marshals and other volunteers in order to allow the race to go ahead. It's the club's main source of income and without you, the race can't go ahead and won't be the success we need it to be. Please do put the 12th February in your diaries to help if you can!

GRAND PRIX RACES

Well done to all who competed in the most recent Grand Prix race - the Epsom 10. We had another cracking turnout and there were some really quick times on the day!

The final set of GP fixtures have now all been confirmed and are listed below. The club half marathon championship, as voted for by the members, will be the Surrey Half Marathon on 12th March 2017. **If you intend to run this race, we would strongly urge you to enter ASAP as this race will sell out well before the day itself.**

GP9 Sunday 4th December - The Hogs Back Road Race - don't forget to use the discount code!

GP10 Wednesday 25th January - 3000m Track Race at Kingsmeadow

GP11 TBC February - Tooting parkun

GP12 Sunday 12th March - Surrey Half Marathon

CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

The club and Men's Cross Country Captain - Moustafa Fawzy - would like to say a big 'thank-you' to all of you who came down last weekend to volunteer. By all accounts we helped put on a well-organised race and we've had some lovely feedback about our friendly volunteers. The men put on a strong showing again, all the more impressive when co-hosting the event.

The next Ladies' fixture is on Saturday 3rd December on Mitcham Common (when the Men have the day off). Both teams will be in action on Saturday 14th January.

STRAGGLERS MOB MATCH

Roll-up, roll-up for the event of the year! Each year we face off with our local rivals, The Stragglers, in a mob match. For the uninitiated, mob matches are all about the numbers. The club with the most runners turning up, wins the day. We've come very close to winning these last couple of years and this year really could be our year - especially as we have more members than ever before! So make Captain Stone's day by rocking up at 10am on **Sunday 11th December at the Kingston Hawker Centre**. Walkers can start at 10:30am and runners at 11am.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Apparently John Lewis have just released their new advert beseeching you to shop with them this year. So that must mean it's time to announce that the club Christmas party is on **Wednesday 21st December!** The party will be at the club HQ after the hills session as per normal! Please do come along!

CLUB KIT

There is currently an order window open. This window will close on **Friday 18th November** and will deliver just before Christmas - but only just! Any kit ordered after this will be delivered in the new year.

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 3rd December - Ladies' Cross Country

Sunday 4th December - GP9 The Hogs Back Road Race - don't forget to use the discount code!

Sunday 11th December - Stragglers Mob Match

Wednesday 21st December - Club Christmas Party

Saturday 14th January - Men's and Ladies' Cross Country

Wednesday 25th January - GP10 3000m Track Race at Kingsmeadow

Saturday February 11th - Men's and Ladies' Cross Country

Sunday 12th February - Valentine's 10k!

TBC February - GP11 Tooting parkun

Sunday 12th March - GP12 Surrey Half Marathon

20th-21st May - Green Belt Relay

22nd-23rd July - Cotswold 24 Hour Relay Race

Happy running!!



The classic grey and cold look for our Men's Cross Country Team - well done to all who ran and those who volunteered!

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Just 24 hours later and the sun was out for another club outing at the Epsom 10!

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