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26.2 RRC Monthly Newsletter

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26.2 December Newsletter

Dear <<First Name>>

This month's running order...

- Christmas Party - Chairman's message
- Stragglers Mob Match and Membership Update
- Valentine's 10k - IMPORTANT
- Grand Prix Races - IMPORTANT UPDATE

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- **Cross Country**
- **Club Kit**

This months newsletter kicks off with a message from our Chairman, Grant Davison...

Dear 26.2 RRC Members,

I'm unfortunately not able to make it to our annual Christmas Party this year but just wanted to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas.

It's been a truly amazing year for our club with membership growth stronger than ever and great representation across all distances and terrains. A cherry on the top was beating our old rivals, The Stragglers, at our annual mob match! Wonderful to see so many new faces joining our happy family of long standing members.

Have a wonderful festive season and prosperous 2017. Happy running!

Yours sincerely

Grant Davison

Club Chairman

Grant is sadly away but the rest of us of course will be at the clubhouse **tomorrow - Wednesday 21st December** - for the Christmas bash. See you all there!

STRAGGLERS MOB MATCH AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WE WON WE WON WE WON WE WON WE WON WE WON WE WON WE WON WE WON.

For the first time since the 1980s, 26.2 RRC beat the mighty Stragglers in our annual mob match. Well done to everyone who came down and walked, jogged and ran round the course. You all helped achieve something that most members thought impossible.

A key factor in this historic victory was the huge increase in our membership over this last year or so. It's been brilliant welcoming so many new faces into the club who bring their own energy and contributions alongside that of more established members.

Membership Secretary John Bennett has just recorded our **250th current member** - which is an all time high based on our currently available records. Long may it continue.

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VALENTINE'S 10K

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 Hogs Back Road Race. 29 members turned out on what was an absolutely freezing but gloriously sunny day. This was the first appearance of this race on the GP calendar but after such positive feedback, you may well see it again next season.

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.

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

GP11 Saturday 4th March - Tooting parkun

GP12 Sunday 12th March - Surrey Half Marathon

CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Both teams will be in action on **Saturday 14th January!** Well done once again to the Ladies team who put on another strong showing earlier this month!

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CLUB KIT

There is currently an order window open. This window will close **middle of January** and will deliver middle to end of February.

Instructions on the ordering process can be downloaded from our website [here](#). For any queries 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

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!
Saturday 4th March - 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!!

A small selection of the 29 runners at the Hogs Back Road Race GP

Captain Kevin Stone after the stuffing we dished out to the Stragglers at our mob match!

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