Chairman's Report 2024-5

May 2025

It's hard to believe it's been another year since my last report, we have almost (at time of writing) completed the annual GP and Handicap seasons; we have completed Surrey League Cross-Country, plus other XC events and prepping to announce these at the awards night in May. Another weekend of Green Belt fun and chaos is around the corner, if you have not taken part before, definitely put this in your calendar for 2026. And lets not forget other summer events including Imber Court Relays and the BBQ (or braai if you prefer)

I am pleased to report that we have had another successful Grand Prix season. With one event to go, the Maidenhead 10, there is no clear winner in the Men's table with three runners still in contention for the top spots, though the Ladies table has been concluded. Congratulations to all 100+ runners that have taken part over the season. And a special thanks to Jacqueline Chang and Paul Keddie for all their efforts on organizing the season.

The Surrey Cross country league has obviously come to an end, as it does each year when the mud runs out, though I suspect that some runners may still be trying to forget the mud from Lloyd Park. A big shout out to the Ladies who finished second in Division 3 and have been promoted, with a special mention to Carla Cotton who was 4th on the individual leader table. The Men also had a sterling year, finishing third of Division 3 with both James Senior and Ed Francis appearing on the individual leader tables. Special mention to Alice Pike and Gery Hasson for being the XC Captains and rallying the teams.

I can't forget that Terry's Orange Handicap, with over 70 runners taking part in the current ten races, one remaining at the end of April. Why are there two in April I hear you ask…we want to complete the season ahead of the awards night, choosing the awards night date is difficult as it depends on clashes such as Green Belt, Half-Term and the Venues availability. Dave Wilson has been wonderful, along with many helpers recording times, photos and marshals to support runners chasing each other over the 3 miles.

We had another successful hosting of the Imber Court Relays, and look forward to another race in July. Sadly the Valentines 10k was not the same financial profit, though the race was a

success based on the feedback from participants. These events would not be possible without the support of our club members, and for all that support I am extremely grateful. Similarly, I would like to thank the run leaders, and Wednesday run organisers for everything they do to ensure that we keep running.

At time of writing, the Club membership is currently sitting at 217 with 120 members holding English Athletics affiliation, both slightly down on last year.

At this AGM I will be stepping down as the Chair, it has been a great pleasure but time to hand the baton to somebody new. The past years would not have been as easy without the support of the Committee, as well as all club members, therefore thank you. I look forward to continuing to run with the club and watch its success grow.

Kind regards

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