

SANDHURST JOGGERS

Minutes

21st Annual General Meeting

Held 23rd March 2009 – Sandhurst Community Centre

Present;

Dave Breslin, Stuart Padbury, Jill Corfield, Jenny Gray, Graham Robinson, Liz Morris, Mike Corfield, Janice Alves De Sousa, Jeff Salt, Serena Gigg, Becky Millar, Sue Wright, Richard Salmon, Malcolm Cron, James Casey, Nick Jacobs, Clive Rolfe, Jo Newman, Patrick Wadsworth, Liesl Padbury, Dave Raeside, Nina Cron, Mike Hewison, Suren Mannick, Simon Whillis, Anne Whillis, Roger Halliwell, Roy Whillier, Gerry Mephram, Sara Ricards, Rita Thompson, Erol Ali, Mark Gasgoigne, Monica Burbridge, Alan Kirby, Richard Johnson, Chris Armstrong, Helen Coperman

1. Apologies for absence

Ann and Rob Hewison, Clare Beckwith, James Ratcliffe, Lesley MacDonald, Debby Hewison, Royston Cranley, Dick Newman, Fiona, Colin Adams, Annie Salt, Carl Bradshaw, Charlie Garrett

2. Approval of 2008 AGM Minutes & matters arising.

Typo: Elin Loftenses rather than “Elm” in apologies.

Approved

3. Club Committee Reports

3.1 Events Rob & Ann Hewison XCountry

Mike read Rob and Ann's XC report

Cross-Country report (Ann & Rob Hewison)

Sandhurst Joggers had another excellent season in the Thames Valley Cross-Country league, although it was disappointingly curtailed by the cancellation of the last two races because of venue problems. The club came second (of 13 participating clubs) in all but one of the six remaining races and second overall in the league, beaten only by Reading Roadrunners, a club twice our size. The club won the Handy Cross event. At the first race of the season, at Datchet, we had a record turnout of 63 Sandhurst runners (that's the photo on the club website).

Graham Robinson won every one of the five races he ran in (on average he was 68 seconds ahead of the second runner, in races of about 30-35 minutes duration), and Jenny Gray was Sandhurst's first woman in all her five races. They were backed up by a splendid and competitive team. But we also had many new runners taking part in their first running events.

Our second place in the league qualifies us to compete in the national finals on Sunday 19th April, probably in Nottinghamshire although the venue is not yet decided. Any member who ran in at least two of this season's races is eligible to take part. We will be seeking names for our team quite soon.

The venue for our home race – military land at Hawley Hill, a few miles south of Yateley – is excellent but it is also very expensive. We paid the MoD £427 to use it for our race, 267 runners, this season. As runners pay a £2 entry fee (Sandhurst runners pay nothing) and there are many other expenses this left us considerably out of pocket.

We are actively seeking another venue. We have looked at one on Forestry Commission land to the west of Blackbushe, but the Commission too has recently raised its charges very significantly. If any member has

suggestions please contact Ann or Rob Hewison (contact details on the club website under the "Committee & Contacts" link).

3.2 Membership Report Janice Alves de Sousa

Healthy membership of 289. 100 are new members. Renewals are now due-to be sent to Janice ASAP. EA no-one renewed individual membership. We are affiliated as a club but there is no obligation to join as an individual which you must do separately with EA.

3.3 Social Report Liz Morris

Pub runs throughout year well attended. 43 attended C/mas at Wings. EoY dinner 99 people. Special thanks to Nick Stock for his help with the organisation. Roger Halliwell proposed thanks to Liz and those who organise social events throughout the year.

3.4 Publicity Report James Ratcliffe

Dave Breslin read James' report

2008 – 2009 has been a successful year for both the club and also for publicising the club activities

On top of the demand that the club website regularly get – (Report to follow) the follow activities and publicity carried out over the last year:-

- Summer 2008 - 25 club members took part in a photo shoot for the Camberley/Aldershot/Sandhurst news. The subsequent half page spread for both article and picture was well received. The article can be found in the Summer 2008 newsletter
- Summer 2008 – Dave Breslin produced a striking board about Sandhurst Joggers that was on view at this years Yateley 10k Series
- Summer 2008 – Sandhurst Joggers were heavily involved in helping out at Sandhurst Family Fitness Funday.
- Autumn 2009 – Dave Breslin created a A2 presentation poster that was on show at
- Yateley's Health and Fitness
- Spring 2009 - The local free Courier wrote an article about a member of Sandhurst Joggers. Not a great article and the wrong picture was shown, however it's another article and publicity for the club.
- Spring 2009 - As Sandhurst Joggers were the largest team (34) to take part in the 2009 Grizzly; we managed to get a mention in the local Seaton Paper. This is no small feat as the race is over 100miles away, and there are much larger local clubs that take part.
- Spring 2009 – Nick Jacobs can be seen in this year's London Marathon Magazine. We hope to have this on the website soon.

Publicity for the Coming Year 2009 – 2010.

Following on from last years relay success - if we can reproduce the form of last year we hope to send both article and pictures of the teams winning ways. It is hoped that this can translate into more running related articles in the sports pages of the local papers

Post any possible changes to personnel on the committee, the Welcome brochure will be updated and distributed. We would like to place these in the following locations:-

- Frogmore – In a folder attached to the board
- Yateley's health and Fitness
- Up and Running

Continued Support and activities for the Family Fun day and Yateley 10k Series

Website

As per most years the website is a perfect vehicle to publicise the club and the good work we carry out for its members and the local community.

We will endeavour to keep this up to date and provide the info needed for its members and continue our support and encouragement for any future members.

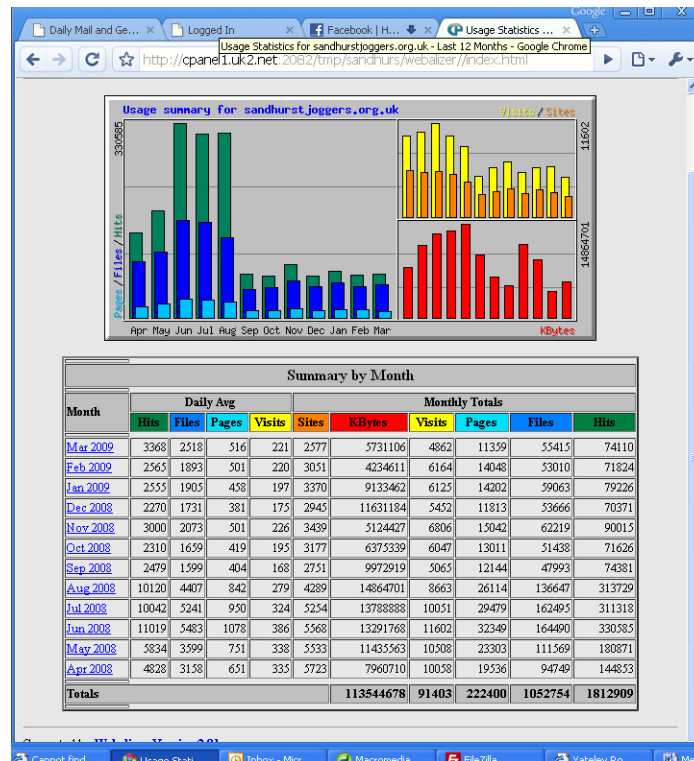
Website Stats

The website saw its normal heavy load in June, July and August.

June was the busiest month with a total of 11,602 Visits in the month. This works out at 386 individual visits per day. 32,349 pages were viewed in this month. This large traffic load can be attributed to the Yateley Website.

Taking the Yateley 10k out of the equation the site would normally get approx 200 individual visits a day with about 500 pages viewed per day. This is a very respectable total, and a possible reason we get contacted regularly asking to advertise on our site.

Any suggestions for improvements and upgrades are always considered



Put leaflets in public libraries for publicity

3.5 Secretary's Report Jill Corfield

4 London Marathon places; Mike Corfield, Steve Smith, Janice Harris and Alan Kirby

3.6 Annual Statement of Accounts Stuart Padbury

Large deficit of income as we did not take income from YRR this year but put it towards club clock. We have just paid for EoY dinner too and new membership is not in. £700 tied up in kit in Up and Running in Camberley.

<u>Income</u>	<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2007/08</u>
End of Year Dinner	1,365.00	2,480.00
Kit Sales	630.50	866.28
London Marathon	288.00	220.00
Relay Sponsorship	0	120.00
Running Weekend	1,320.00	1,310.00
Subscriptions	3,920.50	3,760.00
Tri a Tri	68.12	0
XC	150.00	162.00
Yateley 10K Series	0	1,213.00
Total Income	7,742.12	10,131.28
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Affiliation Fees	(100.00)	(675.00)
Prior Year AGM Expenses	(75.70)	(218.92)
Current Year AGM Expenses	(200.00)	(12.00)
Coaching Fees	0	(120.00)
End of Year Dinner	(400.00)	(3,796.23)
Equipment Purchases	(512.69)	(449.78)
Frogmore Campus	(717.50)	(428.50)
Kit Purchases	(2,844.50)	(936.15)
London Marathon		(750.00)
Newsletter Costs/Website	(89.65)	(100.55)
Postage/Stationary	(83.13)	(5.00)
Relay Sponsorship	(507.00)	(216.00)
Running Weekend	(1,843.67)	(1,501.15)
Social Events	(253.26)	(119.39)
Sports Events	(89.00)	(37.03)
Subscriptions	0	(167.53)
Sundry	0	(76.81)
Tri a Tri	(174.00)	(178.00)
XC	(909.55)	(652.65)
Yateley 10K	(64.25)	0
Total Expenditure	(8,863.90)	(10,440.69)
Deficit of Income Over Expenditure	(1,121.78)	(309.41)
Opening Bank Balance	5,565.63	5,875.04
Account Movement	(1,121.78)	(309.41)
Closing Account Balance	4,443.85	5,565.63
Uncleared Bank items	933.4	5,094.90
Statement as at Year End	5,377.25	10,660.53

3.7 General Members Dave Breslin, Sara Ricards

Things going smoothly. Tuesday night track sessions will be going ahead in the future.

Thanks for all people who lead runs and work hard on the committee.

Graham Relays:

Record turnouts for relay entries. Entered 5. 1st in 4 and 2nd in one. 40 runners for Bounders making 10 SJ teams. 18 runners for the River Relay. 30 runners in the Brickmakers, 24 runners in Dinton Pastures and 24 runners for Runnymede Relays. We also entered the Clarendon marathon relay for the first time and came second. Green Belt relay (round M25) entered for the May race. Peak District relay will go ahead again-thanks to Alan Kirby for his efforts to organise teams. Erol Ali and Dick Newman organised a Basingstoke canal run which 20 people participated in.

Weekend Away. More people than last year. Lots of people joined in. Booked already for this year. Tweaks to Sunday morning but Saturday is sussed we think!

3.8 Chairman's Report to AGM

Once again I can report back to the Club that the last year has been another one of growth and achievement. We continue to increase our membership but perhaps not as much as recent years but we have developed the running and social sides of the club with the introduction of new events

The year started with the re election of the committee at the last AGM with 2 new general members but with the other posts unchanged. This has meant that there has been continuity across the year and I would like to say that this committee has been the best I have had the honour of chairing. Our club fielded a large field of 28 runners for the Flora London Marathon in April and many members also took part in the marshalling at the finish.

We have had particular success this year with our relays – winning the Bounders Relay, Dinton Pastures, Brickmaker's Relay, River Relay and coming 2nd in Clarendon Marathon and Runnymede Relay – well done to all those who took part and to Jenny and Graham for organising the teams which can be likened to trying to herd cats!

Individually, Graham had success again in the Berkshire Half Marathon Championships and he was also selected to run for Berkshire in the Inter – Counties XC as was Jenny for Hertfordshire.

Our own XC season was unfortunately curtailed by the cancellation of the last 2 events but we finished 2nd (again) to Reading and Graham won all the races he entered and Jenny beat her arch rival Sarah Gee at our own event! We had record turnouts at the events with 63 people running at the 1st event at Windsor – many of whom had not done XC before. This is a good place to stop and thank Rob and Ann for all the hard work they have done this year organising the XC season but also helping with all the other events. Rob has done all this whilst out injured most of the year with his back problem and unable to run so many thanks to you both.

The high light of the summer is of course the Yateley series in June/July and August. Jeff has of course given you his report but I would like to add that I think that he has continued to develop the race series with the introduction of chip timing, the Fun Run and sponsorship. The fact that we can attract such large numbers of runners to these events is testament to the hard work, enthusiasm and skill of Jeff and his team – and also to all those ordinary club members who turn out to help with car parking marshalling, baggage etc. – Well done. Jeff has agreed to continue to organise it for next year but we do need someone to take over from Jeff at some point, we are trying to make the organisation more efficient and reduce its demands on the race Directors time. If there is anyone interested then please let us know.

This year we have also managed to extend our track sessions into the winter. Alan was able to persuade Bracknell AC to turn the lights on in return for a contribution from the club of £250 and this seems to have been a success.

On the National level, we enjoyed great success at the Olympics in Beijing – though rather disappointingly most of our success was away from Track and Field – nevertheless, running continues to grow in popularity and we have to expect our club to continue to expand. England Athletics are still trying to sort out their affiliation mess whilst the rival organisation ARC (to which we also belong) seems to be doing well.

Away from the running our club has a very active social calendar too – we recently held our EoY do which was extremely well attended and as always efficiently organised by Liz. I would like to thank Liz for all her hard work this year on behalf of the club – as usual, by the 2nd committee meeting, Liz had had all the social events sorted out with venues booked, menus sorted and people organised! There were also Pub runs through the summer which remain popular, the Xmas do at Wings which gave us a few worries as so few tickets were sold until the last moment but Liz whipped up support and the event was full again this year.

In November we held our 2nd Running weekend at Streatley with over 40 people attending the event. We improved a few things based on our experiences of the first weekend and it was enjoyed by one and all – this is probably going to be a regular event but it does require considerable organisation before hand which was largely done by Jenny and Graham who took this on in addition to all the other events that they have been organising. I would like to thank both of them for all the hard work and support they have given to the club over the last year –it can be a thankless job sometimes.

I mentioned earlier the growth of the club and Janice has given you the membership details. Our club runs attract more runners than ever and this has led to some problems with safety. The committee recognised this and set up a group chaired by Jenny to look at the issues involved and to come up with some recommendations. These were mainly about keeping the group size manageable by splitting groups, making sure that runners were visible and being aware of other road users and pedestrians. These changes have now been introduced and are working well. The summer runs are about to start and once off road the issue is less important. I think that members are usually very good about being visible and thinking about safety but it does no harm to be reminded of it from time to time.

The success of SJ not only depends on our running and social side but also the work of people in the background doing the administrative bits. Janice maintains the membership list most efficiently and will normally only start biting your ankles if you are late paying your subs. Jill does the secretarial work, liaising with England Athletics, answering correspondence and she is the official face of the Club organisation. Stuart looks after the money – and perhaps the most important bit of his job is stopping the committee from spending all your money! James handles publicity and the website which is now the principle means we now use to communicate with members – James estimates he spends an hour a day maintaining the web site! Last year Dave Breslin and Sara Ricards were elected to the committee and have been very active contributors – Dave has been involved in the organisation of a lot of the club events and Sara has been instrumental in introducing a lot of the safety changes to the Tuesday night runs. I would like to thank all of those I have mention for their work on the committee in the last year and their contribution to the success of the club.

Of course, there are lots of people who also contribute to club and in no particular order I would like to mention, Simon Whillis as handicap organiser, Alan Kirby and Carl Bradshaw for running track sessions, Mally Cron for resuscitating the Newsletter, Serena Gigg and Tracey Oliver for doing the Club Kit. And if I forgotten to mention you then my apologies and thank you very much as well.

On a personal note, this will be my last appearance as Chairman as I have been chairman since April 2004 and feel the time has come to step down – I am happy to continue to serve on the committee in some other role but for the time being I think that won't be as chairman. I would like to thank everyone for all their support over the years particularly Jill.

4.0 Yateley Road Races Report Jeff Salt

1. 2008 – Donated about 8K to good causes,
2. Around 5k left as an opening balance for this year 2009
- 3.
4. Liaison with other organisations:
ARC – (Permits Received)
Hart District Council – (Road Closure Order in place)
Yateley Lions-(marshalling)
Hampshire Highways Area – (Road Closure agreed)
Stage Coach – (Road Closure agreed)
Yateley Police Station – (Road Closure and Resources Agreed)
Red Cross – (Medical Agreed)
3rd Bramshill Scouts – (water and sponge)
Raynet – (communications)
Yateley Centre – (event site and schools informed)
5. ChampionChip (Raceahead contracted)
6. Entries via RaceAhead 10k nearly 200. Fun Run 21
7. Budget still to be produced
8. Volunteers to help out on the race day

YRR 2009 Committee

Race Director	Jeff Salt
Finance Member	Liesl Padbury
Start-Finish Organisation Member	Alan Kirby
Prizes Member	Jenny Gray
Results Member	Jenny Gray
Web Page Member	James Ratcliffe
General Members	Annie Salt, Sue Wright, Richard Salmon
Fun Run	Jenny/Graham
Sponsorship Members	Dave Ricards, Sarah Alcock
Publications Member	Rita Thompson
Supplies Member	Liesl Little

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Mayor had written to say thanks for donation to Mayor's charity this year.

4.2 2008 Accounts

5.0 Club Subscriptions

Currently £15 annually. Committee proposes should remain same. Carried.

6.0 Constitutional Changes – proposed by Mike Corfield (see attached document)

Current Version is 6th. Last updated 2007

Changes

Clause 4 Para 1.

Change to..... The Management of the Club is vested in a committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Social Secretary, Events Secretary, Events Secretary (Cross Country), Publicity Secretary and General Member all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All posts are unpaid.

Add the following.....

The committee shall have the power to co-opt the Yateley Road Race Director onto the committee

The membership at the AGM may appoint more than one member to serve in one particular role except that of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Proposal that.... This AGM resolves that General Members may stand for re-election after their term of one year ends.

Mike Hewison; over lapping General members over 2 years. Vice chair-experience, widens committee membership. Tuesday night should be represented by a General Member. They are happy for general members to stand again. Meeting votes to send out this as a proposal for an e-mail ballot and by post. Views of majority would stand. Proposal 1 Clause 4 para 1 to include vice chair role , split events, co-opt YRR Director . Mike Hewison seconded. Carried. Secretary to send out necessary voting opportunity.

Richard Salmon, seconded for Gen member to stand longer. Carried

7.0 Election of Club Officers for 2009/10

Chairman: Jenny Gray Nominated by Mike Corfield Seconded Mike Hewison

Vice Chair: Mike Corfield

Treasurer: Stuart Padbury Nominated by Simon Whillis Nina Cron seconded

Secretary: Jill Corfield Liesl Padbury nominated Serena Gigg seconded

Events XC: Rob and Ann Hewison Dave Breslin nominated Monica seconded

Events (Other): Dave Breslin and Graham Robinson Nominated by James Ratcliffe seconded Mike Hewison

Membership: Janice Alves De Sousa Nominated Richard Salmon Roger Halliwell seconded

Social: Liz Morris Nominated Mally Cron Suren Mannick seconded

Publicity: James Ratcliffe Nominated Nick Jacobs Seconded Brendan

General: James Casey Nominated Patrick Wadsworth Seconded Mike Hewison Rep Weds

Could we have 2 general members for Tuesday (therefore 3 General Members) Vote for 10 for 1 general member 19 for 2 General members and therefore

Royston Cranley Nominated Nina Cron Seconded Serana Gigg

Sara Ricards Nominated Mike Hewison Seconded Richard Salmon

8.0 Non-elected Posts for 2007/8

Yateley Road Race Director: Jeff Salt
Handicap Run Organiser: Simon Whillis
Webmaster: James Ratcliffe
Track Coach: Alan Kirby, Carl Bradshaw
Newsletter Editor: Mally Cron
Kit sales: Tracey Oliver

9.0 Any Other Business.

1) Mike and Debby Hewison: Club Champs: Max distance is 13m. Could we add a marathon and a 20m to choose from to widen participation. At moment we do XC, handicap, 10m, ½ marathon, relay, Woodland 5. At moment we 4 out of 6 events but perhaps we could have 5 out of 7. Do we include a 20m? Carried. 1 vote against Do we include a marathon? 38 for. 2 against Carried

2) Mike and Debby Hewison: Non-voting matter: Sunday mornings. Fast run to start with-everyone knackered so could groups be decided in car park please rather than all going off together too fast. Dave Raeside agreed.

3) Roger Halliwell: 6/6/09 Fitness Fun Day in Sandhurst

4) Safety sub-committee; list of 6 recommendations for safety. If agreed they will be sent out with new membership forms and copy on web site.

5) Alan Kirby: Looping on Mondays. Remind people that it is expected not to run and then stop but to LOOP back.

1st committee mtg Kit