

After the impact of COVID since Mar 20 we have learned to adapt and evolve to provide activities to members despite the various restrictions. This has continued over the past year with some herculean efforts to both keep the club moving forward and provide activities to members, thanks to all involved.

Membership

- We currently have 340 members and 18 potential new members being registered, which is comparable with last year's 366, despite a lower number of sessions being able to be provided.
- We have continued our registration to EA, and this has been helpful in gradually recovering our running activities this year.

Racing and our races

- Racing started at the end of summer 20 but was soon on hold again until this spring time, however despite that we still had Harriers competing in various events from 5ks to super tough and long ultras.
- Despite the lower number of races there have still been club records broken, international honours and many stunning individual performances as well as general enjoyment of the social aspects of these events, all of which have been detailed on the website and the Gazette reports.
- Although we were not able to run the Ilkley Moor Fell Race in its normal time slot, thanks to Steve Weston and his team's tenacity we have recently run another very successful event and hope to continue to see it in future years along with the addition of new events.

Training and group leadership

- Through the COVID restricted period we have managed to run various sessions with the appropriate controls and visibility required as detailed by EA and the government and on behalf of the committee thank all run leaders for their diligence in planning, delivering and attending sessions and members for using the systems to ensure we all remain safe.
- We have also had a number of members take the step to formalize their run leadership or coaching which is great to see and required for fresh ideas and continuity in the club so we don't only rely on the experience of Neil Chapman, Jane Bryant and Malcolm Pickering.
- Finally, new club kit is still available for racing and training and we have recently added yellow, orange and green, fluorescent long sleeve tops for dark night running and increased visibility of members.

Social

- With the cancellation of the Annual Awards we did a separate recognitions celebration which was well received by members with well over 30 responses and over 35 members recognized for their achievements in running, coaching / leading and organizing different aspects of the club.
- Things are starting to get back to normal and we look forward to getting back to our programmes again over the coming months, including re-establishing the ILTSC as our Tuesday night run base.

Communication

- We have begun using different channels alongside the website updates and emails, with regular use of the WhatsApp group alongside Facebook.
- For the past year we have also been working to refine the current website to enable easier updating whilst maintaining the richness of information we have historically had on there. We now have the ability to add news updates and going forward we plan to also add the booking system to the website, replacing SignUp.
- Traditional comms via the Gazette news and articles have continued to be a great way to provide greater visibility of club activities.

Committee and other roles

- Positions are available for Committee members and other roles. This year sees a number of people step down after many years of service for the club and we thank them for their contributions and look forward to the fresh ideas of the new committee going forward. Remember, it's not too late for you to add their names - agenda item 8.

On behalf of the Committee

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