

5. Newsletter

Most members are aware of the club newsletter known as 'The Harrier' but for the benefit of any new members present the newsletter puts in place what is happening in the club from race reports, training information, photos etc. and is a good reference guide. The Harrier is issued once a month and is sent out by email to members on my distribution list and also appears on the club website.

I did have some computer problems at the beginning of the year and had to purchase a new laptop. This meant the January Newsletter went out very late and I therefore decided not to issue a February edition so I could get back to some form of normality. I probably made up for the missing Harrier by issuing the bumper edition of the 40th Anniversary Harrier, which I will talk about later.

I would like to thank in particular your Chairman Tom Davies and Secretary Keith Reed for their regular reports, which are always important to read if members can't make club nights and as a reference guide. Also many thanks to anyone who has sent me various photographs and reports. I was very impressed with photos taken at the Giants Head and the Grizzly. Will Battershill also submitted several great photos of his success at winning the British Steeplechase Championship. Hopefully Will can get to the Olympics next year and become the first athlete from Erme Valley Harriers to do so. I also took photographs at various venues and was pleased to make the Looe 10 for the first time.

Charlie Milward recently submitted a great report on his trip to Bilbao. I would encourage any of you to send me reports of any different races you run in as they make good reading and perhaps encourage you to try something different. I am aware that Craig MacAlpine is running a 100km ultra marathon in Thailand in December and I have already asked him for a report and some photos. I also believe that Tim Steere will be going to the Tokyo Marathon in March to continue on his journey to complete the Abbott World Six Major Marathon series. Hopefully I can persuade Tim to write about the trip.

Turning now to the 40th Anniversary Harrier. This was a monumental task to take on and something which I probably won't do again. I had to decide what to put in the Harrier relating to 40 years of Erme Valley and pick out some important moments and events, apart from trying to get the Newsletter in some form of order. Hopefully you enjoyed what I put together as it took me around 4 weeks to sort out. I decided that there had to be a limit and due to this also issued a separate photo compendium. The Harrier is also an important historical document for the club and is probably worth saving to look back on years down the road.

I am often unaware as to how the Harrier is received and to what extent it is read but hopefully you find time to read it and enjoy its contents.