



# SHORTS

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Weekly Newsletter  
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**NOTE: All club runs and organised training suspended until further notice**

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## **Club runs & training still suspended but... Good News !**



It's been announced that lockdown rules will be relaxed **from 29 March** so the club will be looking to resume Wednesday evening runs in **groups of 6** from then on.

However, Crystal Palace track is still likely to be closed then so we are exploring other

options for Tuesday evening sessions from spring onwards.

We will notify you and keep you informed of the run arrangements nearer the time and also any changes etc

Ros Tabor - On behalf of the D.R. Committee

## **EA renewals April 1 2021 - March 31 2022**

I am aware that EA are sending/have sent renewals but you can ignore these as the club will renew on your behalf.

As you were previously advised for those who renewed or joined during this membership year the club was extending the Dulwich Runners part of membership at no extra cost for an extra year until March 31 2022 but that EA registration if required would still need renewing come April 1 2021.

I will be emailing all current members with EA registration renewal notices in the last half of this month.

The renewal fee remains at £15 for the year, April 1 2021 - March 31 2022.

If you have any queries regarding membership please feel free to contact me.

Barry Graham

# DULWICH RUNNERS 2021 FIXTURES

Further information about races will usually be here in SHORTS and or announced on a Wednesday club night. Some dates and locations are subject to confirmation and or changes, so make sure to check here regularly.

## Green Belt Relay - cancelled

A race on the 15/16 May is not a responsible or realistic option. And given all sorts of clashes and risks, it's not an option to move it. So it's with an extremely heavy heart that we must announce the cancellation of the 2021 race. We look forward to seeing you in May 2022, probably on the weekend of 21/22.

## Cross Country - cancelled

No Surrey League cross country races this season, 2020/21 - hopefully will go ahead from autumn 2021/22

If you require information about events in Shorts, how to enter etc, contact your respective captains:  
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## Tuesday Evening Training - Restarting !

We are planning to resume spring/summer training sessions at Dulwich College on Tuesday evenings in mid April and track training at Crystal Palace around the same time.

We are limited to groups of 6 so the numbers we can cater for will be limited, therefore we need a reliable estimate now of those who plan to attend in order to decide whether to extend the booking period to 2 hours. The sessions at Dulwich College will be largely on grass, with some limited use of the track.

Thanks to those who have responded so far, but could anyone else, including newly joined members, who would like to take part in Tuesday evening training sessions at Dulwich College please contact:  
Mike Mann - [mcmann90@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mcmann90@yahoo.co.uk)

**All Club Sessions, Wednesdays and Tuesday track currently suspended**

**Here are some speed sessions you could do, by yourself or with a running buddy. Options given depending on your pace.**

**Mar 9 1600m reps:** 3x1600 off 9 mins, 4 x 1600 off 8 mins or 5x1600 off 7 mins

## Hill sessions

For hill sessions - beware of doing too much too soon or you will find any running hard for a few days after. Until your body has fully adapted, keep it controlled and be sure to a good warm up. For the Sydenham Hill suggest focussing initially on just half the hill. ie 4 efforts of approx 30 seconds up to the gate on left then 6 efforts of approx 60-75 seconds from the gate to near the top

After a few weeks it might be possible to introduce 4-6 full efforts but still include some shorter ones.

One suggested session if hill long enough could be  
5 x 15 secs hills  
4 x 30 secs  
3 x 45 secs  
2 x 60 secs  
(1 x 2 mins)  
all with slow jog recovery.

If you have a gentler hill - avoid running too fast downhill on a steep descent - you could run a circuit making sure the effort is harder on the ups. It could be 5 laps of around 400m (or 10 of 200m) - with one mostly up and one mostly down sections - keep an eye on the time of each lap to ensure you are not slowing too much on your overall pace and to do that don't run the first few lap too fast.

# Happy hour training - 25 session ideas

From an article by Steve Smythe in Athletics Weekly - Jan 14, 2021

With UK outdoor activity currently restricted, AW results guru and coach Steve Smythe suggests some running sessions that can be done quickly and efficiently

Current UK government advice on exercising in England is to stay local, restrict outside training to once a day and to only train alone or socially distanced with one other person if they are not in your household or support bubble. (Click here to view the latest government guidance).

Here are some running sessions which can be carried out quickly and efficiently.

In theory, without clarification, one session could last three hours and anyone training for a possible marathon won't want to fully ease back on the training, but for everyone's safety when the virus is so prevalent and contagious it would be beneficial to keep the time out

training to a minimum.

Many runners used to high volumes of training are surprised just how fit you can get on a hour's training a day or at least maintain fitness if starting at a high level.

If you are used to longer sessions, then shortening the length might allow you to increase the intensity, but it is still important to ensure you have rest or at least easier days.

Make sure you do not have two intense sessions on successive days and limit them to three a week.

On speed sessions, we have listed standard distances but with tracks not available, it may be difficult to get precise measurements and you could instead do efforts by time. So instead of doing kilometre reps, for example, you could do a four-minute rep. That might mean a 15:00 5km

runner will cover over 1200m while a 30:00 5km runner might cover 600m.

With parks being so much more crowded than pre-covid, make sure you give others plenty of space and it might be worth trying to find a smaller lesser-known park or an area of common. I live near Greenwich Park but find it far too busy to train there and the nearby Blackheath Common with its wide expanses is much easier to train on and avoid people.

Below are 25 sessions that can be completed in around a hour and we give a rough level of intensity for each one but that is dependent on how hard you choose to push it. For instance, you might choose to increase recoveries or run a mile rep session at half-marathon pace instead of 10km pace which would significantly reduce the intensity level.

If you do choose some of the more intense sessions, do note that you can do half hour to 45-minute recovery runs the following day and don't need to necessarily run for a hour every day!

## Speed/speed endurance

### 1. 400m for speed (300m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 6

15 mins warm up, 5 mins of strides, 8 x 400m or 90 secs at mile (significantly quicker than 5km!) race speed with 90 secs recoveries or a rep every 3 mins, with 15 mins warm-down.

For variation: run first 200m or 45sec at 5km pace, but accelerate second 400m approx 5sec quicker.

### 2. 400m for speed endurance (300m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 7

15min warm up, 5min stride, 12 x 400m or 75-90sec at 5km race speed with 30-45sec recoveries or a rep every 2min, 15min warm-down.

### 3. 800m for speed (600m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 7

15min warm up, 5min strides, 5 x 800m or 3 mins at quicker than 5km race speed with 2min recoveries or a rep every 5min, 15min warm-down.

### 4. 800m for speed endurance (600m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 8

10min warm up, 5min strides, 8 x 800m or 3 mins at 5-10km race speed with 1min recoveries or a rep every 4min, 10min warm-down.

### 5. 1000m for speed (800m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 7

15min warm up, 5min strides, 5 x 1000m or 4 mins at quicker than 5km race speed with 2min recoveries or a rep every 6min, 10min warm-down.

### 6. 1000m for speed endurance (800m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 8

10min warm up, 5min strides, 8 x 1000m or 4 mins at 5-10km race speed with 1min recoveries or a rep every 5min, 10min warm-down.

**7. Mile for speed endurance (1000m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 9**

10min warm up, 5min strides, 5 x 1600m or 6min at 5-10km race speed with 1min recoveries or a rep every 7min, 10min warm-down.

**8. 2000m for speed endurance (1600m for less fast athletes). Intensity: 9**

5-10min warm up, 5min strides, 4 x 2000m or 8min at 10km race speed with 2min recoveries or a rep every 10min, 5-10min warm-down.

**Basic speed session**

**9. short recovery. Intensity: 7**

15min warm up, 5min strides, 20 x 200m or 40 secs at 5km race speed with 20sec recoveries or a rep every 1min (optional break of a few mins after 10 reps), 15min warm-down.

**10. Russian steps. Intensity: 9**

15min warm up then 4 sets of 7 mins of 15sec hard, 45sec easy, 30sec hard, 30sec easy, 45sec hard, 15sec easy, 60sec hard, 60sec easy, 45sec hard, 15sec easy, 30sec hard, 30sec easy, 15sec hard, 45sec easy, with 2min recoveries, 15min warm down.

**11. Leg speed. Intensity: 5**

20min warm up, 5min strides, 10 x 30 secs effort with 2min easy jog/walk recovery (start at 10km pace and try and go a few metres more on each effort).

**Multi paced running**

**12. Steady with bursts. Intensity: 6**

Run one-hour at a steady pace (approx a min. a mile slower than 1/2M race pace) but every 10 mins put a one-min burst at 5km pace but go back to original pace asap at end of one min.

**13. Double acceleration. Intensity: 8**

5min easy, 5min at steady, 5min at marathon pace, 5min at 1/2M pace, 5min at 10km pace, 5min at 5km pace and repeat all sections.

**14. Two-paced section run. Intensity: 7**

Alternating km or 4min of approx a min a mile slower than 1/2M race pace and just inside 1/2M pace.

**15. Pyramid run. Intensity: 8**

10min steady, 1min easy, 5min at 1/2M pace, 1min easy, 4min at 10M pace, 1min easy, 3min at 10km pace, 1min easy, 2min at 5km pace, 1min easy, 1min at mile pace, 1min easy, 1min at mile pace, 1min easy, 2min at 5km pace, 1min easy, 3min at 10km pace, 1min easy, 4min at 10M pace, 1min easy, 5min at 1/2M pace, 1min easy, 10min steady.

**16. Three-paced section run. Intensity: 7**

10min warm up, alternate one min. sections at 5km, 1/2M and steady (one minute a mile slower than 1/2M race pace) for 40min, 10min warm down.

**17. Fast start run. Intensity: 9**

15min warm-up then a km or 4min at quicker than 5km pace, a km or 4min quicker than 10km pace, a km or 4min quicker than 1/2M pace, then ease back sufficiently to recover but pick up last 5 mins to maximum effort.

**18. Out and back run. Intensity: 7**

Choose a point half an hour or so away and run there at a relaxed, steady pace and turn after 33-34min and then try and get back before the hour with a much quicker second half (take into account wind direction and terrain).

**Hill sessions**

**19. Short hills. Intensity: 5**

20min warm up, 10 x minimum 30sec dynamic efforts with 90 secs slow jog/walk recovery, 15min warm down.

**20. Long hills. Intensity: 8**

15min warm up, 10 x 90sec steady efforts with 2min slow jog/walk recovery, 10min warm down. Note: if the hill is not that length, then carry on past the top of the hill to make up time.

**21. Hill Circuit. Intensity: 8**

15min easy. Continuous circuit (with a steeper uphill section and ideally longer easier descent) - ideally a 3min circuit to run harder up (minimum minute climb but keep a reasonable pace on the descent but monitor time on each circuit to check you are not slowing too much), maintain for 30min. 15min easy.

**Steady running**

**22. Very hard. Intensity: 9**

One hour at 1/2M pace.

**23. Hard. Intensity: 8**

One hour at marathon pace.

**24. Steady. Intensity: 7**

One hour at a minute a mile slower than 1/2M race pace.

**25. Recovery. Intensity: 5**

One hour at 90sec a mile slower than half-marathon race pace.

# 2021 CLUB CHAMPS AND 5K/10K LEAGUE

Normally at this time of year, a programme of club championship races for the following year is issued. However current circumstances remain a long way from normal with few events scheduled for the first few months of 2021 and uncertainty over the few races currently in the calendar. As a result the programme of club champs events for 2021 will need to be back-end loaded, with all the planned events compressed into the May to November timeframe. Many of the events chosen are regular repeat events occurring either monthly or weekly, giving runners the opportunity to choose when to compete, and taking the pressure off numbers competing. Clearly this will reduce the element of head to head competition and weather and ground conditions will differ between races, but we feel this is the right way to go until things return to normal.

With London and surrounding areas now in Tier 3 events should be regarded as provisional. We will review and update them around the end of March.

It may seem a long time ago to many of you but we actually did complete 2 events of the now defunct 2020 programme, Beckenham parkrun in February and the Big Half in March. Although we are intending to include a half marathon and parkrun in the programme for 2021, the results of these races in 2020 will count towards a combined 2020/21 club championships.

We intend to kick off with one of the Second Sunday of the month 5 mile trail runs on Wimbledon in the spring, either in May or later. This will be followed by one of the Sri Chinmoy 5k races in Battersea, details to follow. Given the uncertainties over the numbers that may be allowed to compete in races during the spring and summer, we intend to give runners the option of competing in any of the monthly 5 mile races and the summer series of 5k races at Battersea Park.

We have included the Richmond Summer Riverside 10k in mid July. If there turns out to be a problem because of numbers limits for example, the Regents Park winter series, organised by Mornington Chasers is a possible alternative, with runners free to choose which race to enter. However no details of this monthly series of races are available yet.

With the London Marathon scheduled for early October,

we have chosen the Paddock Wood Half Marathon in early September.

There are uncertainties over when parkrun will restart, so we have suggested a late date using Dulwich parkrun, the brief window in the cross country calendar in late October/ early November. However runners will be free to use any parkrun event at Dulwich once it restarts, helping to reduce pressure on numbers at a popular venue.

The provisional programme of races for 2021 is as follows, but the two events completed in the early part of 2020 will also count:

**9 May** (or any later race) Second Sunday of Month 5 mile, Wimbledon Common

**late Jun/Jul** Sri Chinmoy 5k, Battersea Pk (any race in this summer series)

**17 July** Richmond Summer Riverside 10k (or any race from Regents Pk winter series tbc)

**late July/early August** SOAR Mile

**5 September** Paddock Wood Half Marathon

**4 October** London Marathon (or alternative)

**Suggested dates 30 October or 6 November** Dulwich parkrun, but any dates after parkrun reopens

## '5k and 10k League'

With the uncertainty over whether races will go ahead and their format and also whether members will be comfortable in taking part in races with large numbers of participants, particularly in the first half of the year we intend to introduce a league of 5k and 10k races. Any races over these distances completed in the first 6 months of 2021, whether they are traditional races, time trials with starts in waves or virtual races will count towards these. Shorts will publish a monthly league table for the two distances. This league will be separate from the main club championships. We intend to use Opentrack for time trials and official times for regular races. Further details to follow.

## DR 2021 Club Champs League

We have 2 leagues set up on Opentrack which will last from now until the end of June. (Assuming we will be able to run normal races again by then - tbc)

We are trying this out as part of the Club Championship 2021 while we are unable to run actual races.

You can upload any type of run -

Your own run - done by yourself or with one other person

A virtual race - any result from a virtual race

An actual race - any result from a 'normal' race. If you prefer to use the result from the race, rather than your garmin, you will need to inform us for that time to be included in the league.

You can enter as many times as you like to try and improve your time.

NB Each time you enter you will over-write all of your previous entries.

To enter go to - [opentrack.run/competitions](https://opentrack.run/competitions) and search for Dulwich Runners.

You will find - Dulwich Runners 5k League 2021

Dulwich Runners 10k League 2021

It has details of how to enter and upload your runs.



Want your race results and reports in SHORTS ? make sure & email them to [barry@1bg1.com](mailto:barry@1bg1.com)  
All road, xc, fell, tri and track results etc, are welcome.

You are still welcome to send in any running, tri, cycling etc or related stories, anecdotes, past glories, abject fails etc.

## The Parks of the Democratic Republic of Lewisham.

Believe it or not but just to the side of Southwark, homeland of Dulwich, is the London Borough of Lewisham. Famed for the Catford Cat, Gyrotory, Millwall FC, Lewisham Shopping Centre and maybe not much else, it does rather miraculously for an inner-city institution, have some parks/open land. With inspiration from some earlier Shorts, I thought I would tick off the parks, gardens, fields, heaths and barren lands of the Borough that forgot to get some river frontage

Last outing for the Lewisham Parks...

Outing 7. Deptford and New Cross. Feb 28th, 2021, late morning.

**1. Ferranti Park.**

The Polis of Deptford is one heck of a historical gathering, and I feel really underrated, perhaps even forgotten about. This park is small number, essentially a play park, but next to it, sharing the same plot is the Sue Godfrey Nature Reserve. Now, this is a reserve you can access, no fence, or strange opening times. I must say, on arrival, I thought it was land left to rot, and not a nature reserve in the slightest. The first recorded building on the site was 1672, the Trinity Hospital Almshouses, and over the years many changes of use until eventually, wasteland. Sue Godfrey successful campaigned for the open land to stay, becoming the reserve.

**Verdict:** Run through.

**2. Evelyn Green.**

I then made my way to the Green, via the imposing 18<sup>th</sup> century baroque St. Paul's Church, to discover a mainly concrete park, with floodlit 5-a-side cage and a basketball match in full-flow. Popular cut-through for cyclists this one.

**Verdict:** Could do some slight workouts here but more a run-through.

**3. Sayes Court Park.**

Best sign so far, see pic, excuse hair. I have found the decaying park signs of the Republic more endearing as I've gone along. At first, I was annoyed that valuable open spaces have 'keep-out' signs, the kind that make you think, 'this park looks well dodgy'. Now I see the signs as a statement, an art project, that in decay there is beauty. The park seemed a bit lonely, but with potential. National Trust started here so I learn.

**Verdict:** Can do some small circuits but its more gardens than park, not really a running venue.

**4. Pepys Lower and Upper.**

The lower was a bit of a blur to be honest, I kinda ran though without taking anything in, before running up a travelator into the Upper, which was also non-descript. Once out and onto the upper deck, a vast expanse of water presented itself. Whoever negotiated the boundaries for Lewisham really didn't realise the Thames potential, so left us with a small dose of waterfront. Good running scope on the Thames path of course.

**Verdict.** Can do workouts here and run up the stairs/slope for a mix-up session.

**5. Aragon Gardens.**

This may also be called Admiralty Square and is similar in olde master planning to Gramacy Park, or Portman Sq, giving you a glimpse into what Deptford may have been like all those years ago. Its open to the public unlike a lot of such squares, and with modern high rise on some sides, it tries to mix the old with the new.

**Verdict:** Can do circuits here but doesn't have a feel for sports.

**6. Deptford Park.**

Through some estates, right past Eddystone Tower, out across Evelyn Street (where many of us have run down) and into the area's largest park. This has been done up over the years with better play areas and was famed for featuring in a popular documentary about Deptford a few years ago now, more so the row of terrace houses that perimeter the open space.

**Verdict:** Decent running venue, flat, can get some laps out, but be careful as some maps make it look like there is a track. I have vague recollection of a cinder track around a 11-a-side pitch from mid-90s, but my mind may be playing tricks, just grass now.

**7. Folkestone Gardens.** Right nearby to Deptford Park, under the railway, you find an elongated number, with mounds, some landscaping, and a trendy skate park. Not that long ago this truly was a no-go park but has come on with the skate park and café, plus it's on a popular cycling route. **Verdict:** Run-through number.

**8. Bridgehouse Meadows.**

I am not sure this is technically a meadow, like the active one by Friendly Gardens, but perhaps once was. It is however, famous for football. Cast your mind back to the late 80s and Millwall FC were in the topflight. Occasionally the camera would pan back and show a bunch of fans stood on a bank, looking out, free of charge, over the action of the Old Den. Well, this is that bank. Now it's just forgotten land that only gets glimpsed at when rider whizz by. **Verdict:** No.

**9. Hatcham Gardens.**

Its shrunk in size since I last saw this, half given over to a building site, so now just a very small parcel of land no bigger than some folks front gardens.

**Verdict:** No.

**10. Eckington Gardens.**

This one surprised me as it felt like the first visit, yet I know the roads round here. Typical inner-city cage for football, and bends around with curvy Victorian street layout, small park but bigger than it looks, if that make sense.

**Verdict:** Not really but you could incorporate if coming along the Old Kent Road.

**11. Fordham Park.**

I refer to this one as, 'out the back of The Venue'. Has undergone some treatment in recent years, esp. the signs, pathways, lighting, and climbing apparatus, offering a good escape from the hustle and bustle of downtown New Cross.

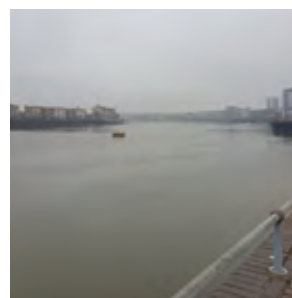
**Verdict:** Can easily run the perimeter here but may get bored after a few laps.

**12. Margaret McMillan Park.**

There is a nice cut-through (Cycle Route 1 of the Republic) from Fordham leading you under the railway line that serves New Cross station, and directly into this urban number. I noticed most of the Deptford and New Cross parks have the tall vertical signage you find in Central London for Santander bike users. Now I know where all the Republic's park sign budget went. This is a linear park with a side play-park section. Margaret and her sister Rachel were pioneers in Nurse education.

**Verdict:** Run though to avoid using the busy roads.

This was my final park of the Lewisham challenge, which I have enjoyed, visiting parks I never knew existed, and picking up some history, and maybe some fitness, along the way.



**Side-dish.** I have not done Deptford and New Cross enough justice for its history. Deptford is famed for the Royal Dockyard, the first no less, and with that, Jon Evelyn, famed writer, gardener and diarist, who lived in Deptford and has much named after him. Sayes Court was his home which saw the visit of Peter the Great of Russia (studying ship building locally), who planted a tree back in 1696, still there today.

The more popular Samuel Pepys also gets a mention round here with the Pepys Estate. Deptford is an urban heartland really, albeit with small parks, each one seems to have a fascinating story, and was a nice way to end the exploration.

**Writes** Ross Rook, native of Dulwich, resident of Lewisham.

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# Dulwich Runners Winter Map 9

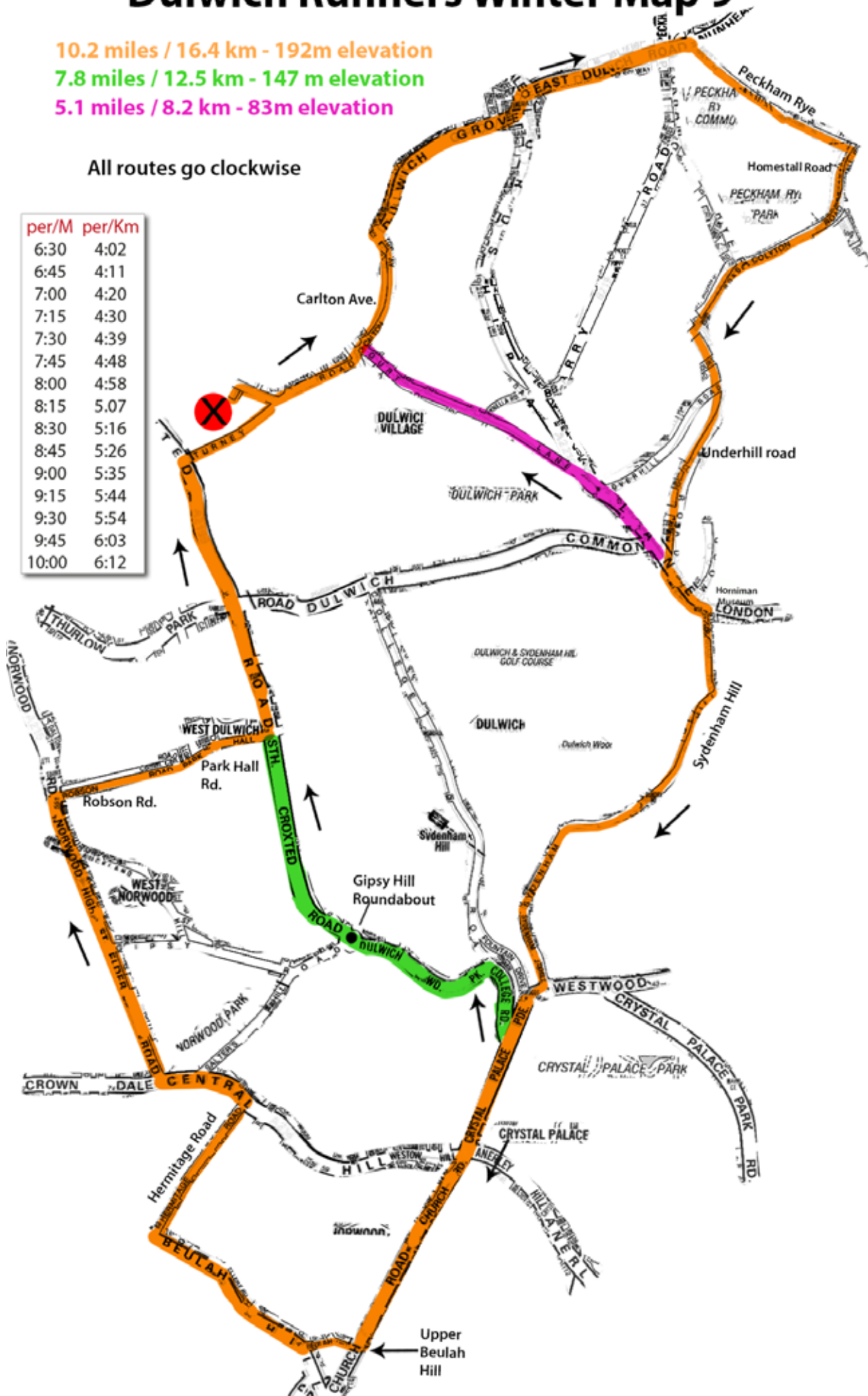
10.2 miles / 16.4 km - 192m elevation

7.8 miles / 12.5 km - 147 m elevation

5.1 miles / 8.2 km - 83m elevation

All routes go clockwise

per/M	per/Km
6:30	4:02
6:45	4:11
7:00	4:20
7:15	4:30
7:30	4:39
7:45	4:48
8:00	4:58
8:15	5:07
8:30	5:16
8:45	5:26
9:00	5:35
9:15	5:44
9:30	5:54
9:45	6:03
10:00	6:12



All maps on Strava (you don't need an account)  
<https://www.dulwichrunners.org.uk-wednesday-night-routes>