



SHORTS

Dulwich Runners AC
Weekly Newsletter
October 14th 2020
www.dulwichrunners.org.uk

These are your SHORTS
Please send your reports, running news etc to:
barry@bg1.co.uk or barry@1bg1.com
DEADLINE 17:30 TUESDAY

Wednesday night runs in groups of six from the clubhouse carpark have started and also Tuesday training sessions at Crystal Palace track.
NOTE: our clubhouse remains closed and there are no toilets or changing facilities.

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As you will see some of the regular items have been removed from Shorts as they are not relevant under the current conditions, they will return as and when appropriate. Meanwhile feel free to send in any running or sport related stories, anecdotes etc, photos also welcome.

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Dulwich Runners AC Statement

Dear Club Members

The current rules allow us to train and run in groups of six with people from other households, but still maintaining a two-metre gap from those you do not live with.

Therefore we now have group sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Details of these plus some training sessions from coach

Steve Smythe that are suitable for up to 6 people maintaining a 2m distance can be found in Shorts.

We will advise you of further changes to the rules, meanwhile stay safe and well, and do keep in touch with each other - either through the Club's Facebook, Strava and WhatsApp groups.

Ros Tabor - On behalf of Dulwich Runners AC Committee

Membership fees 2022 extension

The Club Committee is aware that many of you have already paid your membership fees for 2020, for which the club is grateful.

Good news !

if you have renewed your membership or have joined as a new member and in light of the restrictions on athletic activities owing to Covid-19

then your **membership will automatically be extended until 31st March 2022.**

So that's two year's membership for the price of one.

It is important for you to note that this only applies to club membership fees and that your individual England Athletics registration fee in 2021 will still need to be paid (Not applicable to 2nd Claim members as you pay your EA fee through your 1st claim club)

If you have not renewed it is not too late to do so.

DULWICH RUNNERS 20/21 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.

**The fixture lists will return once events can go ahead.
All events listed were either cancelled/postponed.**

If you require information about events in Shorts, how to enter etc, contact your respective captains:
Men road: ebeprill@yahoo.co.uk Men Xc: mcmann90@yahoo.co.uk Ladies: dulwichladiescaptain@gmail.com

Wednesday Evening Runs Autumn 2020/21

Wednesday night runs have started in groups of six, each with a leader and catering for different paces

Runs start at the clubhouse car park at 7pm.

NOTE: the clubhouse is closed there are no toilets or changing facilities.

Group leaders will ensure groups are limited to 6 with staggered starts. Please make sure to maintain social distancing at the start of the run in Burbage Road.

You can just turn up but arrive a bit earlier to enable us to sort out groups and place you in a suitable pace group. If this is your first run with the club please contact Mike Mann or Ebe Prill in advance. (email details below)

We are starting a Wednesday sign in system so can you please arrive in good time to sign in. If for any reason you are unable to, please contact Mike or Ebe after your run. If you have any Covid-19 symptoms in the days after your run, you should contact Mike and Ebe ASAP

The groups are currently organised as follows.

sub 7 minute mile pace led by Tom South
thomas_south@hotmail.com

approx 7.30 minute mile pace led by Gower Tan
gower.tan@gmail.com

8-9 minutete mile pace (and slower) - groups led by
Ebe Prill ebeprill@yahoo.co.uk and
Mike Mann mcmann90@yahoo.co.uk

Standard run is about 8-9 miles, the slowest group will also have the choice of 5 miles, depending on numbers on the night.

If you are a new runner, we will place you with someone to run with at your preferred pace and distance.

TUESDAY TRACK SESSIONS AT CRYSTAL PALACE

We have now arranged with Crystal Palace NSC/GLL for the use of the Crystal Palace track on Tuesday nights over the autumn and winter.

In order to book and access the discounted Dulwich Runners rate you will first need to be set up as a member on the Crystal Palace/ GLL booking system. **Register here:** <https://www.dulwichrunners.org.uk/tuesday>

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all individual track bookings will need to be made online through the new GLL Booking App. How to book using the app [instructions can be found here](#)

Details of timings etc will be provided in due course but **for now if you intend to attend track sessions or would just like to give track a try, please register at the link above so that you can be set up on the system.**

NOTE: you must register to comply with Crystal Palace Arena Covid rules

Training Sessions

My training suggestions - *Steve Smythe*

Tuesday sessions

Oct 20 depending on pace 3x1600 off 9 mins, 4 x 1600 off 8 mins or 5x1600 off 7 mins

Oct 27 depending on pace 3 x 2000 off 11 mins, 4 x 2000 off 10 mins or 5x2000 off 9 mins

Nov 3 depending on pace 12x400 off 2 mins 30, 15x400 off 2 mins 30 or 20x400 off 2 mins Tempo

Thursday sessions

Oct 15 40 mins of 5 min blocks - alternating approx Marathon and HM pace (20-30 secs a mile difference)

Oct 22 4 x 10 min tempos (HM pace) with 2 mins float between

Oct 29 40 mins approx marathon pace but put one min at 10km pace every km and go back to previous pace asap

Nov 5 40 mins setting off at approx marathon pace and up pace 10-15 secs a mile every mile every 10 mins

NB: on paces it is best to do sessions off road and go slower than suggested than risk injury on the road. ie good grass is much better than joining the masses in Dulwich Park even if you can't go quite as quick

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.

Surrey League Cross Country

Since the EA guidance was issued, there is has been an increase in Covid-19 cases with the prospect of further national and local restrictions. Recently several races in public parks have been cancelled including the Battersea Park 5k/10k and a half marathon in Wimbledon Common.

EA have put back the opening of their licencing process until 19 October. This will not allow sufficient time for the second Surrey League set of fixtures in early November to proceed. The two South of Thames races have also been cancelled and all the races organised by SEAA are yet to be confirmed.

The way forward being charted by the Surrey League includes pre-registration of runners, starts in waves and chip timing in compliance with the EA guidance.

With the difficulty in obtaining permission to hold races in public parks likely to continue, private venues are considered more likely to be licensed and several options are being considered, including National Trust land and large country estates. These could include venues that have been used for other races in recent years such as Polesden Lacey and Denbies Vineyard.

Other venues where races have not been held before could prove more of a challenge as they would involve designing a course from scratch, but this may not be insurmountable. Please let me know if you have any ideas; these do not have to be in Surrey, but Kent would be preferable to options north of the river.

Mike Mann mcmann90@yahoo.co.uk

Reigate Priory Cross Country Relays

Promising news on Reigate Priory XC relays: the organisers from RPAC have found a way to go ahead with them in November. Women's teams of four on Saturday 14th Nov, 11am, men's teams of four on Sunday 15th Nov, 10am start. We are asked to let them know by Sat. 17th Oct latest how many teams we would like to enter. The sooner the better, as there is going to be high demand on this one.

For women's teams If interested contact Ange Norris or Ola Balme dulwichladiescaptain@gmail.com or for men Mike Mann mcmann90@yahoo.co.uk

No absolute guarantee in these Covid times that it will happen.

Text from RPAC:

"RPAC has identified a course suitable for the 2020 Priory Relays which will allow us to comply with current EA XC Covid rules. This will not be in Reigate Priory Park as the Local Council has banned its use for sporting events.

The course will be approx. 1.5 miles, to allow each runner to finish within the current EA 15 minute limit. While shorter than the usual race distance, the course will still be challenging.

Because of limited availability, we cannot use the site until mid November.

Given the likely high demand for the races, we will split the events over 2 days: Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th

November.

We will run the ladies' event on the 14th, and the men's on the 15th.

Currently we plan to start Saturday's event at 11.00 and Sunday's at 10.00. We will review these times when we have clearer indication of the number of teams entering. In order to comply with the EA restriction of 12 athletes per wave, we will spread the event across each day. Each team will be given a designated start time.

Each team, both ladies and men, will consist of 4 (four) runners

There will be adequate parking on site, a small designated warm up area (runners will not be able to run the course beforehand), and a block of toilets.

There will be no race HQ, no awards presentation on the day and no refreshments provided.

There will be chip timing of runners. The race results will be calculated by addition of individual team member times. We are exploring how we might replicate a relay handover under Covid regulations.

RPAC will ensure compliance with all Covid health requirements in the set up of the event, and will provide guidance to athletes on safety procedures.

Medical Dispatch will be in attendance."

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

Although things appear to be picking up and there are a few events now starting to take place, you are still welcome to send in any running, tri, cycling etc or related stories, anecdotes, past glories, abject fails etc.

Hever Castle Triathlon

27/09/20



Castle Series Triathlon have a reputation of being very "Can Do" as their race director is ex-Military and they pulled out all the stops to get a race going before the end of the season under the current government restrictions. Becca and I entered along with a good contingent from our triathlon club. Race briefings were sent in advance with videos and documents and on race morning everything was contact free and running with military precision. We grabbed our numbers and racked our bikes.

As can be the case with late season triathlons we heard the water was particularly cold so the swim was shortened to less than 1km. Most people were well layered up for the swim and extra hats which was well needed as I quickly got brain freeze. Happy to be out of the swim in a decent time, I ran up to my bike in transition and decided to wear gloves on the bike for the first time as the air was particularly cold still. As you might realise, castles aren't generally built in flat locations so this bike course was hilly and tough. I rode with a power meter and tried to stay on the right numbers so I didn't burn my legs for the run but you could see a lot of people were finding the 40km course tough.

My average bike speed certainly didn't look spectacular but it's all relative on a course like that. It was quickly apparent that much of the same was in store for us on

the run. This was essentially a hilly cross country 10.5km route. I passed a clubmate of mine on the bike so set out fast on the run to try to hold him off. and attacked every downhill as hard as I could. He is a Highgate runner and is pretty decent. At 7km he caught me so I dug deep to hold onto him, knowing he had started a minute ahead of me. I suffered like a dog for the remainder of the run. One of the hills was so bad we all thought about walking it. I managed to work hard enough to finish 6 seconds ahead of my clubmate. Great end to the season!



Becca had her own battle with another clubmate (also a Highgate runner) for 1st female. There is usually very little between them and Becca has taken the last few wins. This time wasn't her day but she definitely has the next one. I was also very nice and caught her at the top of the worst hill for a photograph!

Overall everyone loved the race despite the cold and if anyone is looking for their first triathlon, Castle Series would be a good recommendation with races all over the country. Definitely on list for 2021.



Des Crinion 2:21 (21st Overall)
Becca Schulleri 2:39 (17th Overall)

DULWICH RUNNERS VIRTUAL 5K CHALLENGE

		3 Oct		10 Oct		17 Oct		24 Oct		31 Oct	
			Pts		Pts		Pts		Pts		Pts
Chris Nunn	M45	21:25	50	20:53	50						
Ebe Prill	M55			21:12	49						

NB: you will need to submit your result yourself via Opentrack

HOW IT WORKS

1. Search the opentrack listings
[opentrack.run](https://www.opentrack.run) - virtual - competitions - Dulwich Runners 5k
2. Login or sign up to enter and submit

- your result. You need to upload your run from Strava, Garmin Connect or other GPS app
3. Results need to be submitted before 23.59 on Monday for your entry to be in Shorts and be part of the club champs.

Virtually Down Under

Our son Alexander Dodds, who used to be a member of Dulwich Runners, moved to Sydney with his Australian partner in January. Soon afterwards running took over from football as his main sporting activity and he signed up for the Melbourne marathon which was scheduled to take place on 4th Oct. (the same day as the eventual virtual London marathon, of course). He did so with his training partner, another exiled Londoner, Matt Moore, son of Lucy, the Director of Dulwich parkrun. Lucy and Clare used to be in the same antenatal class at the local GP practice back in 1993 so Alex and Matt are exactly the same age and have known each other all of their lives. They're also decently well matched in terms of their running fitness which was handy as things turned out



Come the inevitable postponement of the race Alex and Matt decided to do their own virtual version although there was nothing 'official' organised by the Melbourne organisers along the lines of London. They'd trained and prepared properly -

as any glance at their Strava records in the past several months would immediately confirm - and had built up a good knowledge of where in the city they could plan a good route. In the event they chose one centred around the Olympic Park. His father thought this was just to wind him up as it is the location of Mike's worst ever marathon,

by a long, long way, - and his last! - in the trial event for that Olympic year of 2000 but, to be fair, it made sense as it's predominantly flat with much of it alongside a river with shelter and a cooling breeze.

The chosen day was last Saturday, 10th, which would allow for a supporting cast of friends and family members to cheer them on from the early morning of a fine, but not overpowering, Spring day and then celebrate by the time the mercury had reached 25C with a socially distanced picnic. It's difficult, from this far away, to know exactly how comfortable it was for them but the basic Strava stats suggest it was - remarkably so for debut marathons - with barely 5 seconds between every km on an average of just under 5 minutes each to bring them home together in 3-29-57.

The support crew really got into the spirit of it providing home-made medals for the athletes, a finishing tape and so on. It was obviously frustrating not to be able to do the 'real thing' but this was some compensation, at least. Given the nature of their performances it certainly begs the question of whether, and if so, when, they would want, or be able, to do another one.



I haven't seen or heard the dreaded phrase 'never again' so I wouldn't be surprised if one or both of them targeted a marathon very soon after the proper marathon experience, or indeed any distance running events, are available once more.

Mike Dodds & Clare Wyngard



"Grzegorz Galezia, running in armor for the charity Spartans for Kids, was among the virtual participants in the London Marathon on Oct. 4. Participants such as this group, in Dulwich Park in South London, used a mobile application as a monitoring system." - Dominika Zarzycka/NurPhoto via Getty Images
Full story here - <https://tinyurl.com/y4a7zag7>

VIRTUAL RUNNING

VIRTUAL CLUB 5K CHALLENGE

We thought it might be a good idea to set up a Virtual Club Championship for those of you who want to have a competitive fix, miss their weekly parkrun or just want to maintain some routine to their running.

The Championship takes the form of a weekly

SOLO 5K time trial taking place from Thursday to Monday at a time and place of each runner's choosing. Runs and times are tracked through Strava or other GPS app and uploaded to the OpenTrack results service. A weekly table of results will be in Shorts.

You will need to submit your result yourself via Opentrack

HOW IT WORKS

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- Dulwich Runners 5k
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Dulwich Runners Landmarks Photo Competition



Dulwich has many unique landmarks that we've all run past many times; some famous and some not. When you're out for your next run take a photo of whatever landmark is quintessentially Dulwich to you. There are no hard and fast rules - it can be a landmark, a view, with or without a runner etc. Be as creative as you like.

The winning 12 photos will be used for a 2021 Dulwich Runners' calendar. To enable photos of other seasons, the competition will run for several months. Deadline tbc. You may enter as many times as you wish, but any person will only be able to have one photo in the printed calendar. Entries have started to be sent in, but we want lots more. NB - interpret the word 'Dulwich' to be 'Dulwich and the surrounding area'. We have photos taken in Brockwell park, Peckham Rye and Burgess park. That's all fine.

entries to Ange: dulwichladiescaptain@gmail.com

DULWICH RUNNERS CLUB KIT

Vests £18 each
T-shirts short sleeved £20 each
T-shirts long sleeved £22 each
Socks £5 pair
Buffs-snoods £6 each



DULWICH RUNNERS' SHORTS - All sizes available
Traditionally cut either 'racing' style, or slightly longer - Both styles are a bargain £15.



Most kit is usually available
Wednesdays at the club from Ros
ros.tabor49@gmail.com



Buffs-snoods - only £6
An ideal face covering !

Socks only £5



WATERPROOF JACKETS
LIMITED STOCK - only £10 each
Only 2 Xlarge left



The Beast from the East !
It's on the way!.. be prepared...
get yourself a bobble hat £15



! Available now !
Women's "Racer Back"
vests - £25

For all club kit enquiries: ros.tabor49@gmail.com



NEW KIT - BUY DIRECT FROM OUR ONLINE SHOP

We have set up an arrangement with pbteamwear to provide showerproof jackets, mid-layer training tops, fleeces & hoodies. Just click the link to the Dulwich Runners shop and purchase directly. <https://www.pbteamwear.co.uk-athletics-clubs-dulwich-runners.html> any questions contact Ros at: ros.tabor49@gmail.com



College Hoodie



Micro Fleece Jacket



Showerproof Team Jacket



Pro Mid Layer 1-4 Zip Top

Dulwich Runners Winter Map 4

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>

10.2 miles / 16.4 km - 151m elevation

7.2 miles / 11.6 km - 94m elevation

5.5 miles / 8.9 km - 55m elevation

All routes go anti clockwise



Run group leaders may or may not use these routes