

Chairman's Report – AGM 20/11/19:

It's been a great year and obviously some individuals have been key contributors, but the real success is that everyone in the Club has made it great, so I'm going to try not to highlight individuals and will instead concentrate on key Club activities.

And now I will immediately break my own rule and mention some individuals. We started the year without a formal Committee – *something I wasn't too keen on as it put me firmly in the firing line to be blamed for everything* – but 5 Club stalwarts came forward to guide me through the year. They were Nik Whalley (Men's Captain & Chief Coach), Sam Parkhouse (Ladies' Captain), Richard Connett (Webmaster & System Controller), Andrew Jones (Treasurer) and James Simmons (Deputy Chair) – and my personal thanks go to them.

Membership:

At the end of last year we had 97 paid-up members and that has now increased to 109, a good increase helped by the successful Beginners Sessions that started in early Spring. It's worth noting that although we have 109 paid-up members, we have 138 names in our Grand Prix table, so apparently we have a few so-called members who are not!

Regular Events / Series:

The Three Bridges (Summertime) Series became No Bridges this year, with a better and safer course; and Streetlights continued successfully during the dark nights.

As usual we were well represented at the North Devon Relays and had some notable performances, although we failed to win any age categories this year.

And of course the Grand Prix was great as an overall record of performances.

Club Teams:

We competed in:

- Gliddon & Squire Cross Country – well represented, had a team at 5 of the 6 events
- Wessex Ridgeway Relay – we were winners again (3rd successive year)
- Tavy 7 – winning team (and Ross Shield, but subject to a steward's enquiry!)

Club Organised Races:

Castle Hill Corker: It was another hugely successful sell out event, thanks to the Race Director and everyone who pitched in to help make it such a success.

New races: We gave initial thought to the creation of a new race or races, but it's a big job – so still a long way to go!

Social:

We had all the usual highly successful events:

- Xmas Streetlights last December
- Xmas Party last December
- Sandyway 10K

Also a 'social canter' along the Coast Path (North Devon AONB Relay) – in awful conditions
And a great day at the Stowford Deer Dash (highly recommended for next year)

Club Finances:

In excellent shape (see separate Report). Overall Net Worth (funds held less liabilities) is now a little over £9,000 – at a similar level to last year.

In Conclusion:

Thanks to all you volunteers who organised events and other activities. You made 2018/19 a highly successful year.