

# The Westie

WRC - The friendly running club

MEMBERS E-BULLETIN

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**All Things Westbourne:** I like membership news, so I'll start with some membership news as we have two new members. To nick one Claudia's and Tess' catch phrases, in no particular order, these are Lisa Norris and Rakesh Bisla and both have already run with us on our social runs. I am sure you will all make them welcome.

As you have gathered from the flurry of emails I have sent recently, after a wee bit of a gap the committee met last month so there is a fair bit of news consolidated below.

**The 2021 Championship:** To recap regarding the 2021 Championship, as you know both the Hoburne 5 and the Gold Hill 10K cancelled this year and having slotted in the reserve race, the Christmas Pud 10, we were still one race short of the intended ten races. We have therefore added the Southampton Common 10K on 5<sup>th</sup> December to the list. Details are at <https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/southampton-common-10k-17285?fbclid=IwAR2gXo6mEllQg95hXlzejy63x24tWdrZGpPEamQpKrl3kTXy82ddj04g0Yk>

So the full list of remaining Championship races is as follows:

21/11/21 – Wimborne 10m

28/11/21 – Boscombe 10K

05/12/21 – Southampton Common 10K

12/12/21 – Christmas Pud 10K (now sold out)

**The 2022 Dorset Road Race League: (DRRL)** With 2020 and 2021 having been unusual years, the DRRL may be a tad obscure to newer members. Basically it is an inter club competition for local clubs based on existing races (i.e. the DRRL doesn't organise its own events but sensibly coat tails on the existing publicly available races). I'll probably get in trouble with the rest of the committee for saying this, but we are very much the Norwich City of the DRRL. So when either of our teams are in Division Two expect a fair bit of DRRL chat, but when we are in Division One, well there is always next season.

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1	<b>DRRL Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	
2	Broadstone 1/4	Saturday 1st January 2022	
3	Blackmore Vale Half	Sunday 6th February 2022	
4	Lytchett 10	Sunday 13th February 2022	
5	Marnhull 12k	Sunday 3rd April 2022	
6	NDVM	Sunday 1st May 2022	
7	May 5	May	
8	Puddletown Plod Half	Sunday 12th June 2022	
9	Purbeck 10k	Friday 17th June 2022	
10	Portland 10	Sunday 3rd July 2022	
11	Hoburne 5	Sunday 25th September 2022	
12	Gold Hill 10k	Sunday 9th October 2022	
13	Wimborne 10	Sunday 20th November 2022	
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**The 2022 Championship:** Normality is hopefully returning so the intention is to return to the usual 'eight races to count from fifteen races' style of club championship in 2022. We came up with a rough list at our committee meeting that will need refining, but now is the time to shout if you either are an advocate of certain races or if you really want to see the back of particular races. At one time we held off announcing the championship races until the Christmas Party, but with races filling up quickly these days we will look to bring the announcement forward.

**The 2022 Off Road Series (ORS):** Even more excitingly, we agreed that the jewel in the club's crown, the ORS, will return in 2022. For some bizarre reason we'll sort out the dates for the Championship first and then fit the ORS around those dates. So, expect one of my familiar hissy fits if we end up running around a B&Q car park rather than the Blackhill 10K. Do please feed in your thoughts about suitable races.

**Local parkrun Socials and hopefully a trip to Bushy Park:** for the benefit of newer members I should explain that in the pre-Covid times we used to arrange periodic parkrun socials, where we would pick a date and a venue and to try get as many of us as possible to the same parkrun and stay for a post run coffee. The November social, at Bournemouth was well attended and marked David Mayne's 100<sup>th</sup> parkrun. The December social will be on 4 December at Poole and it would be good to see you there.

As you can see so far we have kept it fairly local. This means you can save up your Greta Credits, because we will be looking to arrange a trip to the birthplace of parkrun, Bushey Park, at some point in the near future. This will involve a bit of thinking about dates and logistics, so watch this space. A couple of other landmarks are imminent; Matty Bishop's 100<sup>th</sup> parkrun and Darrell Minvalla's 100<sup>th</sup> Bournemouth parkrun. I'll try and keep you all posted on the dates.

**Track Sessions:** Apologies as we appear to have let the lighter nights slip by so we will re-visit this in the Spring as paying for lights is a bit of a drain on the club funds. Whilst on the topic feedback on the various social runs we organise and your preferences is always useful.

**AGM:** Apologies as we did suggest a September AGM, but time slipped past and we have now decided to revert to the usual January timetable and will hold the AGM on 18 January 2022. Whilst this might seem like your current committee undemocratically clinging on for another few months, I think of it as giving you all a few months extra in which to organise your putsch.

**Christmas Party and Presentation Evening:** More details to follow, but for now: block the date off in your diary

- 13 December 2022, 7pm for 7.30pm at All Hail Ale, 10 Queens Road, Westbourne, BH2 6BE
- Email wrcclive7@gmail.com if you intend coming and whether you are bringing your plus one
- We'll cross the bridge of being over subscribed if and when we hit that point (but to err on the safe side reply soonest)
- There will be no charge for tickets this year
- Liz is compiling a dastardly quiz.
- All Hail Ale do not offer food but are happy for customers to order from the nearby pizzeria or to have Deliveroo deliveries

Thanks to Emma and Peter at All Hail Ale for their assistance.

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**The Award Season:** Over to Liz “As we’ve managed to slowly get back into racing it’s about time I asked you all for some nominations for the following Westie awards:

- Outstanding achievement
- Most supportive member
- Most improved runner

For those who are new to the club, every year we give a small prize to the winner of each of the above awards. The nominees must be fully paid-up members of the club; once all nominations have been received the list is circulated for a final vote.

Please email me (liz-wrc@outlook.com) by 20th November with any nominations of members you feel are worthy winners and the reasons for your nomination.”

## UP AND COMING

NEXT WRC CHAMPS RACES	NEXT ORS RACES	NEXT DRRL RACES	TRAINING	SOCIAL
<p>21/11/21 Wimborne 10M</p> <p>28/11/21 Boscombe 10K</p> <p>05/12/21 Southampton Common 10K</p> <p>12/12/21 Christmas Pud 10K</p>	<p>Sorry all cancelled for 2021</p>		<p><u>Wednesday Training and Thursday and Sunday Social Runs</u></p> <p><b>Hills</b> – alternate Wednesdays at 7pm at Bournemouth Pier</p> <p><b>Looping back run</b> - Every Thursday at 7pm by the Durley Inn</p> <p><b>Social Sundays</b> - non race weekends only – 9.30am starting from Tuckton Tea Rooms</p> <p><u>See emails and Facebook for updates</u></p>	<p>04/12/21 parkrun social <b>Poole</b></p> <p>13/12/21 <b>Christmas Party and Presentation Evening</b> 7pm All Hail Ale</p>