

The Westie

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All Things Westbourne: Once again I can start with membership news as we welcome Sandy Luke to the fold. Hopefully we will get to meet Sandy soon, but it is beginning to look as though Covid-19 may have a say in many things this winter.

You may recall that our previous website, for reasons I never quite understood, didn't show up in Google searches. Consequently, Liz Dyble reached for her sonic screwdriver and resolved this by creating a new website. The point of this digression? Well Sandy found us by a Google search so I think Liz can take the credit for our latest recruit.

It'll be lonely this Christmas, without the Westies: As I type this the BBC news is on in the background talking about Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole teetering on the edge of Tier Two; oh joy. Well that just about confirms the view we formed at Monday's committee meeting that a face to face Christmas 'do' is unlikely this year. However, we were less clear if the consensus favours putting a line through Christmas, or if by December we'll be climbing the walls and a Zoom get together would be a godsend. Therefore a voting form is attached where you can indicate your preference and also add your suggestions as to what a Zoom gathering might look like (It would be simple enough to do Liz's dastardly quiz by Zoom). There is also a question about whether, for this year only, you would prefer the Most Supportive and Outstanding Achievement awards to be finalised at Christmas or deferred to the AGM. Which, with the slickness of a Radio Two DJ leads me on to ...

The Annual General Meeting: Yes, contain your excitement, that time of year approaches again so block off 18 January in your diary for the AGM and I'll issue the formal notice in due course. Inevitably it will be a virtual AGM via Zoom, which will be a huge disappointment to many of us who look forward to our annual evening in a draughty hall.

.. and the Award goes to: Irrespective of whether the awards are presented at Christmas or the AGM there is still time to make your nominations. So, contact Liz with your nominations for the 2020 Outstanding Achievement and Most Supportive Runner awards at Liz-WRC@outlook.com.

Westie Wednesdays: Judith seems to have unearthed huge enthusiasm for running up hills, but for fear of gilding the lily (or perhaps to protect various Westie knees) has decided to make hills a fortnightly, rather than weekly, fixture. So, for November hills will be on 11 and 25 November (meet at 7pm by Hot Rocks). Social flats will continue on a weekly basis every Wednesday throughout November (meet at 7pm on the Prom by the Durley Inn. I will continue to issue a weekly reminder by email and Facebook, because let's face it, if you don't get a barrage of emails from me, you'll only assume something is wrong with your inbox.

Social Sundays? Hengistbury Head – Sunday 8th November 9:30am: From Peter Doughty; "Would anyone fancy meeting up on a Sunday morning for a relaxed gentle jog at a similar weekend time to when we used to race/park run? If so, I'd happily lead a group (Social distancing and maximum bubble/s of six obviously). Don't worry about pace – intention is to run nice and easy – I know I have a tendency to speed off sometimes, but that's only when solo, I am more than happy to run steady and have a bit of a chat So lets say 09:30 @ Hengistbury Head on Sunday 8th November, and going forwards we can stick with this venue or rotate through a few different ones. Do let me know (peterdoughty@totalise.co.uk, 07534 466 595). Cheers, Pete"

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The 2021 Championship and Off Road Series: We discussed next year's championships at Monday's committee meeting and the consensus was that it too early to make a decision. Rest assured that when the mists clear we will reach out to the membership before pressing ahead. However, it remains our intention where possible to use races from the 2020 Championship list in next year's championship, especially where we know members have already shelled out their hard earned dosh on entry fees.

Dorset Road Race League 2021: You may be interested in the following statement from the DRRL Committee:

“As you will know at the meeting in April of this year it was decided to cancel to 2020 series and that all the races to be carried over to 2021. However, it is now apparent that, due to the COVID restrictions lasting longer than anticipated, this will not be possible. Currently UKA regulations are requiring extra first aid, no mass starts and a change of timing requirements. Many races scheduled for 2021 have either been cancelled or put “on hold” pending further COVID developments in 2021.

A virtual Zoom meeting was held on the 5th Oct to discuss the 2021 League. The committee felt that, at this stage, it was not possible to publish a list of League races for 2021. All Clubs present wanted to see some form of competition for next year. Some Clubs suggested a number of “Virtual” League races whilst others thought a League start in May/June next year to include races that Clubs might find it possible to stage in the later part of 2021. It was decided to hold a further meeting in November and in the meantime obtain feedback from race organisers, participants and the public from local road races that have taken place under the current COVID restrictions.”

Facebook: Since the Summer we have been operating with just the ‘open’ Facebook group and all seems to going well. It is perhaps worth noting that the open group does attract interest from prospective new members. Therefore, whilst we appreciate some of you may miss the opportunity to banter away in the ‘closed’ Facebook group, our intention is to continue with just the open group. I’m fairly sure you don’t need me to remind you that posts on the open group can be seen by non-members and therefore we need to keep posts clean, but I just have!

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UP AND COMING THIS MONTH

NEXT WRC CHAMPS RACES	NEXT ORS RACES	NEXT DRRL RACES	TRAINING	SOCIAL
2020 NOW CANCELLED		DRRL CANCELLED FOR 2020	Wednesday Training <u>Social Run</u> 4, 11, 19 and 25 November 7pm on the Prom at the Durley Inn Book at wrcclive7@gmail.com <u>Thrills on the Hills</u> 11 and 25 November 7pm on the Prom at Hock Rocks Book at judith.coole29@gmail.com	'Weekly' TT Challenge Run See Facebook/email for the latest route Every Saturday Felicity Hooper's Fark Run
			Sundays <u>Social Run</u> 8 November 9.30 am at Hengistbury Head peterdoughty@totalise.co.uk	