

# The Westie

WRC - The friendly running club

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**All Things Westbourne:** Breathe a sigh of relief dear Westies as this will probably be the shortest news letter on record, a combination of the continued effect of lock down and having reached what was once the holiday season. There is good news though as we welcome two new members to the fold, Sally Pritchard and Matt Seager. Many of us already know Sally and Matt from Wednesday evenings on the Prom and I'm sure as and when things return to normal more of you will get to meet and welcome Sally and Matt to the club.

**Championship Matters:** From the votes and comments we received there is a clear majority view that a line should be drawn through the 2020 championships and that these should be scratched and hopefully we will return to normality (or something closer to it) in 2021. Picking just two of the many comments, Aiden Compton made me smile by referring to 2020 as " ... the year that never happened (aka the Bobby Ewing dream season) ..." whilst David Child struck a more poignant note with "... in addition to the practicalities and uncertainties ... I think it would be more respectful to those who have suffered with Covid to not have a 2020 championship." So, the championship and the off road series are on hold until next year.

**The Green and White Army's Corner:** Most of the recent adventures and achievements of the Westies were covered in the recent update. Admittedly, what was intended as a mid-month update has slipped to somewhat later in the month, but if it is of interest (and if there are sufficient contributions) I'm happy to keep this going during lock down.

**Closed/Open to Entries Postponed/Cancelled Races:** Somehow July slipped by without me updating the race list. Liz continues to do a great job of tracking the changes on our website, see: <https://www.westbournerc.co.uk/coronavirus-update>. However, I will take a look at my list over the next week. Some races seem to be doing all then can to go stage an event (e.g. the Ooser is still hoping to go ahead on its rearranged date of 16 August) whereas some races scheduled for much later in the year are now scratching (e.g. December's Hogs Back Road Race announced this week that it is cancelling 2020's run). My guess is that if race organisers have already forked out for numbers and medals they will look for a way to go ahead, but races that have yet to spend will minimise their risk by cancelling.

**Training:** Despite the constraints of social distancing and having to run in groups of six, the return of Westie Wednesdays seems to be going well. Please email me at [wrcclive7@gmail.com](mailto:wrcclive7@gmail.com) if you want to book a place. Please don't attend if you feel unwell and do follow the England Athletics (see below) and Government's guidance and if you have any further tweaks to the format that would make you feel more comfortable, do please let me know.

<https://www.englandathletics.org/athletics-and-running/news/guidance-update-step-2/>

We will look to reintroduce the more formal training sessions as soon as practical.

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**The Club Face Book Groups:** Thanks to the Westies who fed back their views on the two Face Book groups. One of the effects of lock down is that personally I've been looking less at Face Book than before, but as far as I can tell the world hasn't ended since we've only been using the public group. That said, rather than rely on my finger in the air hunch we will have a more detailed debate at the next committee meeting and see where we go from here. Do please continue to let any committee member know your thoughts.

**Social on the Beach:** Thanks to Tim and Lucy Evans for instigating last month's post Westie Wednesday Social on the beach. If there is sufficient interest we will do this again on 12 August and, if so, because the light is starting to be against we may also look to run half hour earlier at six thirty. Once again please let a committee member know your thoughts.

## UP AND COMING THIS MONTH

NEXT WRC CHAMPS RACES	NEXT ORS RACES	NEXT DRRL RACES	TRAINING	SOCIAL
2020 NOW CANCELLED		DRRL CANCELLED FOR 2020	Westie Wednesdays 5, 12 19 and 26 August 7pm on the Prom at the Durley Inn  Book at wrcclive7@gmail.com	'Weekly' TT Challenge Run  See Facebook/email for the latest route
				Every Saturday Felicity Hooper's Fark Run
				Fortnightly Treasure Hunt  See Facebook/email for the latest clues
				12 August  Post Westie Wednesday Social on the Beach