

EVFC - 2017 AGM - Chairman's Notes

Let us take a minute to remember Dave Parry – passed away 10th October 2016, after a heroic battle with cancer

We have established a sustainable foundation for the club going forwards;

- club constitution simplified and updated
- club duties now shared more widely - **though Clive does the “heavy lifting” –big thankyou!**
- regular club committee meetings after training; with open invite to all members to attend
- simplified club membership admin (online membership portal);
- club accounts very healthy
- 22 senior members currently signed up for 2017 – **quite a few more claiming to be members at races!**
- we can now offer free membership to all associate and junior club members
- well attended, and tough (!), weekly training runs on a Tuesday night
- **EVFC staging 7 races in 2017**; including one FRA English (Jnr) Championship race:
 - Capt Cook, Commondale, Blakey Blitz,
 - Cock Howe,
 - G’boro Moors (40th Anniv),
 - Gribdale Gallup
 - G’boro Woods
- **urge greater support for race organisers through volunteering to marshall, and assist race entry admin; individual’s commitment to collective race safety**

Social Media – facebook club community page has almost 1,000 followers, club website

EVFC 2017 Race Turn-out (Dave Parry Winter Series)

- 27th Dec – **195** Runners @ G’boro Woods (incl. 1 x MJ, 3 x FJ)
- 1st Jan – **345** Runners @ Capt Cook (incl. 5 x MJ, 2 x FJ)
- 8th Jan - **136** Runners @ Commondale Clart (incl. 1 x MJ)

Trend through 2016/17 is a lower EVFC member turn-out at the local race series; EVFC team placings in last 4 races in the series have been;

- Glaisdale; M 6th, F*
- Commondale; M 3rd, F*
- Capt Cook; M 4th 24th, F*
- G’boro Woods; M 11th, F*

Do we need to have some club target races to boost our numbers/ competitiveness?

Encouraging young fell runners

- increasing junior numbers at local races
 - **14** @ G’boro Woods - 7 x U12/ 5 x U14/ 2 x U16
 - **35** @ New Year Race – 6 x U17/ 11 x U15/ 8 x U13/ 5 x U11/ 5 x U9
- EVFC hosting the FRA English Junior Championship series with Cock Howe Classic on Sunday 25th March

Some big personal challenges completed or planned by some club members;

2016 Helvellyn Tri - Clive

2016 – first club member completed the BGR, 2017 BGR – Mike Quinn, and Paul Williams;