

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS - 9 May 2003

I'm sure you'll all be delighted to know that the Chairman's jottings will be short this time. Mainly because I can't really be arsed to keep writing this L.O.B. (see last issue).

Congratulations to all our members who successfully completed the London Marathon this year. (Only 299 training days until next year's!)

Talking of marathons reminds me of our recent club Hash on 4 May - it took 3 HOURS!! I don't think I've ever been so glad to reach a sip stop before. I reckon Gadge and Loopy did this deliberately in the hope that they won't be asked to do one again - some hope!

Finally, I read an article recently about the dangers of excessive drinking. It scared me so much that I've finally decided to take the pledge - and never read again.

Keep laughing and smiling

ROCKY THE CHAIR
(A.K.A Rocking Chair)

NEW RECRUITS

Craig DURACELL - Nickname 'PINBALL WIZZARD'

He couldn't resist our friendly little Club, so he's signed up !

MARCH 2003 HASH (Number 12, according to old IRON MAN, but he hasn't shown us a graph, so don't necessarily believe him - Ed)

Another whopping great turnout to take on this love little trail, put together by our very own HUMPTY DUMPTY, ably assisted by PSYCHO.

Quote

"Oh I wish I could be a dog. You could just walk up and lick anyone's bollocks !"

.....Anon (for reason of avoiding prosecution - Ed)

PADDOCK WOOD HALF MARATHON

Harvel's elite forces were out in force at this traditionally well attended little run. Rumours and the race commentator both suggested that there were around 1000 runners at the event, so they can't both be wrong.

Usual chaos reigned at the start of the day, but never mind, they arrived at Paddock Wood in good time to get booked in and spent the requisite half hour in the queue for the loo. With minutes to go and finely tuned for the off, the team took their place in the starting field, ready for the off.

10am ish, on the dot, they were off.

FOZZIE was seen to be passing the time waving his fond goodbyes to them all, before spending an hour dispensing applications for the Harvel 5. Oh well, what the hell, it gave him a chance to get a nice sun tan !

Out on the course, the Kenyans were setting a brisk pace, with BIDDY's new love, SIR PAULA, chasing hard after them. Our very own HAIRY KENYAN was tucked in their slip stream (bet he'd like to be in SIR PAULA's slipstream - Ed), while surprise package (but not to those in the know - Ed) FATNAT, was keeping old HAIRY, firmly in her sights. RABBLEROUSER, fully 'Tiger Balm'ed, was in hot pursuit, while DURACELL, SLIM and

SLIM SHERRALYN were making good progress, not far behind, working as a team, sharing the pace-making (or should that be pacemaker? - Ed).

1 hour 40 mins later, his HAIRYNESS charged over the last bridge and round the bends into the finishing straight, overtaking the flagging Kenyon contingent to take the chequered flag. 9 minutes later and taking everyone by surprise, including SIR PAULA, who once again had been found wanting for a burst of speed on the final lap, FATNAT came bounding up the finishing straight, looking fresh as a daisy and wondering what all the fuss was about.

RABBLERouser, obviously spending too much time sniffing Tiger Balm and latching after FATNAT's arse, was far enough back to avoid obvious accusations of botty watching, but we all know different!

Our final trio of DURACELL, SLIM and new recruit, SLIM SHERRALYN all won the team event for a blanket finish.

Well done to all finishers on a very hot day for such a testing run.

FLORA LONDON MARATHON (The Greatest Show on the Road)

Now I don't usually get pissed off easily, but I just spent an hour writing up a load of particularly abusive cobblers about this, and saved it, I thought, but no, its got fucking wiped ! I am not a happy hasher ! I can't be arsed to do it all again, especially as most of this bollocks I write doesn't get read anyway.....

It went something like.....

The greatest show on the road really turned out, this year, to be just that.

The Church bus came back into service (sorry DIBLEY, I don't do it on purpose, you know - Ed) to spirit the terrible trio of HAIRY THE KENYAN, BIDDY and THE TIGER, himself, of course. DURACELL had pallied up with SLIM SHERALYN to get a lift from SLIM GRASSICK (he's not silly, is he? - Ed), while BEERTRIX made her own way there, God knows how. (Oops, sorry. Done it again - Ed)

The old boys team went through the usual ritual of queuing for the loo, drinking tea and Lucozade Sport and eyeing up the crumpet, while DURACELL and SLIM SHERRALYN were seen to be hovering on the start line, keeping Paula clearly in their sights. BEERTIX was chatting up anything in trousers and looking for divine inspiration. Anyway, they all got away at the off and straight into their stride. BIDDY, clearly working on his strategy of following PAULA's advice, was seen to be starting steadily, as was THE TIGER and THE HAIRY ONE, all keeping the Kenyan pace-makers in their sights. They all thought it was very nice of the organizers to lay on such an elite bunch

of pace-makers for them so its only fair to pass on their thanks to David Bedford. Luckily their strategy of starting slow, then getting slower, also was religiously followed. (Look, I've said I'm sorry - Ed)

The problem was that no-body had told DURACELL that she was not expected to pass PAULA, so you can imagine everyone's amazement when she did just that, at the 15 mile mark. What a girl! BEERTRIX was also seen to be doing OK and particularly liked the bunch of blokes who informed her she had a nice arse!

Into the Mall, and our very own HAIRY GABRISSILLAISE sprints home for a famous victory, in a record breaking time of 3 hours 41 mins, followed quickly home by THE TIGER in 4:02 and BIDDY in 4:03.

Pride of place, however, is save for DURACELL, who having passed old PAULA at 15 miles, kept up the speed to take the ladies race. BEERTRIX wasn't far behind, but at least, apparently, it was a nice behind, so that's OK.

Loads of money was raised for charity and thanks to everyone who pledged money to our runners.

QUOTE FROM PAULA.....

"I'd much rather run the Harvel 5 than this bloody London Marathon. They use a bloke on a bike to lead the race, not a motor bike and there's beer at their water station."

MERCHANDISE

We now have a stock of T-shirts, running vests and woolly hats !

Anyone wanting one should cross FOZZIE's palm with the requisite amount of Sterling currency and order will be precessed.

Don't forget, woolly hats will now come emblazoned with the 4 'H's logo (yellow on black), so you may just want to add the latest design to your collection.

Fozzie@harvelH3.org will find him, so hurry, hurry, hurry and place your orders now.

Forthcoming Events.....

MAY

- 18th The Ridley's Great Baddow 10 Mile Charity Road Race. 11am. The Recreation Ground, Great Baddow, Essex. £5/£6 (Sponsored by Ridley's brewery, so it's bound to be great !
- 18th Sevenoaks Seven. 10.30am. Knowle Park (car parking at Leisure Centre) £5.50/£8.00
- 25th Snodland Boundary Run.
- 30th Coast to Coast bike ride. Cycle 140 miles over three days through the Lake District. See the folder for further details.

JUNE

- 1st New Eltham Joggers - 5 Mile
- 7th **THE 5TH HARVEL 5.**
- 15th Edinburgh Marathon. (Advertised by the Royal London Society for the Blind) £500 min sponsorship, includes race entry and pre-race party. £750 will get you travel to and from Edinburgh and two nights' B&B. (For £1,000 they'll let you win ! - Ed)
Contact Vanessa on 01732 592685 or e-mail 'marathon@rlsb.org.uk'.
- 29th North Downs Run. 10.30am. NEW START AND FINISH VENUE - Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane. £9/£11

JULY

- 6th **HARVEL HASH. On On 11.30am. From : Hare: Padge / Bidy**
- 20th 50 Mile Challenge Individuals £15 or Teams of 4 £40, Marshside, nr Canterbury. On foot, over varied terrain in less than 15 hours. See Club folder for further details.
- 20th 27th Dartford Harriers Half Marathon. 9.00am. Dartford Park. £8/£9.

AUGUST

- 10th It's a KNOCK OUT! (Advertised by the Royal London Society for the Blind) Bedgebury Pinetum, Goudhurst, Kent. 10am. Teams of 10. Minimum individual sponsorship £60, or £600 per team. Free entry to spectators. Details from Vanessa on 01732 592685 or e-mail 'itsaknockout@rlsb.org.uk'.

SEPTEMBER

- 7th **HARVEL HASH. On On 11.30am. Hare: Golden Nuts / Hairy One**
The BUPA Bristol Half Marathon. £15 advance entries only.
www.bristol-city.gov.uk/halfmarathon

NOVEMBER

- 2nd New York Marathon. (Advertised by the Royal London Society for the Blind) Minimum sponsorship £1,800 buys you flights, accommodation and race entry. Details from Vanessa on 01732 592685 or e-mail 'marathon@rlsb.org.uk'.

TRAINING NIGHT

Tuesdays - Club run, starting outside Harvel village hall.

Wednesdays - Track training. Meet outside Harvel village hall at 6.30pm.

WWW.HarvelH3.org

Hash pictures and shots from the 2003 Harvel Open are on the web now.

Very good, as per usual.

QUOTE FROM PAULA.....

"I don't know about doing the Harvel 5 again, this year. I never beat their ladies."

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