

Well Well another success full year for YTRRC and with the presentations this evening we hope to show and reward those club members who by their endeavours whether by their athletic ability or their hard work have gone into the enhancement and achievements of your club.

**Distance Award (Shoe trophies) – (NOT VOTED FOR),,** These awarded to age category winners at pre-determined races during the racing year. Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt. (These will not be formally presented but placed on your table by your place setting) Look and you should find

Some of the remarkable things that your club has achieved in 2017

43 Run leaders have led some 853 Club runs and that does not include coaching on the track. We are desperate for run leaders and training will be provided

Members have taken part in excess of 170 Park Runs

And have also visited some 56 different Park Run locations

Just under 3000 race places have been contested (That's the ones I know of) and later you'll see by the award of hats who has achieved the criteria for the award of a hat which is the clubs most successful lure to get people racing

Lyne Thumpston in excess of 50 Marathons

Guy Williams some 153

And Paul Allen 289

And there are others working their way up the marathon ladder

5 members completed 10 years club membership

4 members 15 Years membership

2 members in excess of 20 years membership

And most importantly Matt & Kevin are still friends

## PRESENTATIONS

A slight change this year in that we would like all nominees to come to the front as they will be presented with certificates

### **BEST NEWCOMER** 2016> DENISE BYRD

**Best Newcomer** – Member who in the opinion of the Awards sub Committee has in their first eighteen months from joining the Club shown the most improvement either in running development or race performances

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

The nominations this year are:

This year has seen several new faces all making a big impression both within the club and the racing scene. I just wish I could pronounce some of their names

The nominations this year are:

#### **Steve Lye**

Steve sort of crashed into the club and very quickly was running and those sort of annoying fastish people like Tim & Guy I believe that most of the races he has run in he has been in the top 10%

#### **Yun Mi Jang**

Yun Mi I keep calling her Yummy joined the club and very quickly worked her way up the group. Then like a lot of our young Lady runners she came into the clutches of Pete where she has improved greatly

#### **Magdalena Kusmierczyk**

Magdalena joined the club and was immediately taken in hand by Pete and with his coaching and her determination she has progressed up the race positions with some very commendable times

So this year's BEST NEWCOMER is **Steve LYE**

## **MOST IMPROVED FEMALE** 2016> JO HENLEY

**Most Improved Female**– Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has shown significant improvement in performance has been the most notable, based upon running development and, or race performances. All Races must have been run whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

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The nominations this year are:

**Jo Crane** Some years ago Jon Crane dragged along Jo and helped and encouraged her so much so that after a couple of years they got married. Now being the dutiful wife she encouraged Jon during his forays as a marathon runner. Then getting bored with that she entered the usually accompanying half marathon. I've lost count tally of how many but I'm sure she knows. What I do know that her time have massively improved

**June Moule** June a long time club member abet with a couple of breaks. A couple of years ago we talked her into coming to Argentan where she once again got the racing bug. Under the tutorledge of both Pete and pacing by Brian MJR he has achieved some really good times. Maybe the next step is a good for age for London

### **Magdalena Kusmierczyk**

I remember when Magdalena first joined the club she came over from Abbey Manor and stood on the outside of the groups. Then as the groups were called out she would run with whichever group. It was pointed out to Pete that her was looking a bit left out. Like a Red Rag to a Bull, that was to Pete and so he brought her under his wing where he nurtured her running eventually getting her up to 18 Miles. I don't know whose idea it was for her to enter races but she did and then progresses up the times ladder

This year's MOST IMPROVED Female is **Magdalena KUSMIERCZYK**

## **MOST IMPROVED MALE** 2016> BARNABY LUKE HICKS

**Most Improved Male**– Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has shown significant improvement in performance has been the most notable, based upon running development and, or race performances. All Races must have been run whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

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The nominations this year are:

## Alan SMITH

Alan only joined the club last year so that his sister could get the next Club place in the forthcoming London Marathon. In fact I think it's quite safe to say he was bullied. Not withstanding from the Newcomers group he quickly worked his way through the groups and races of various distances to now having unsuccessfully applying for London Marathon in 2018

## Kevin Doherty

When Kevin joined the club some three years ago he kept a very low profile. Then as his running got better someone must have introduced him to face book and now he is like the club's correspondent from Plantagenet Chase. Do I see a TV series coming

**John Curtis** John has been with the club for some years now and is probably best known as the run leader for the slower 8 Mile group. He has also run a few marathons this year consistently reducing his times

I think his tally for the year is well in excess of 25 marathons completed

Also a committee member

And the MOST IMPROVER Male Club runner for this year is **Alan SMITH**

## **MALE VETERAN** 2016> FEZ PARKER

**Male Vet** – The male 40+ Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has over the past year, has shown the most consistent performance, whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

The nominations this year are:

## **Matt Driver**

Matt whose real ambition this year is to amass more points than his antagonist Kevin Doherty. According to Face Book as written by Matt he is the leader. We will just have to wait to see the results of the Club Championship

## **Trevor Strelley**

Club Runner, Park Runner Pub Runner who over the years with the club has greatly improved his race times. If you study the race results every week you will find the name Trevor Strelley somewhere

### Kevin Doherty

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Kevin and Matt have entertained us all on face book with their regular friendly banter and surely at the end of the day that's part and parcel of what being members of the club is all about. Friendly banter & sportsmanship with the occasional dirty trick thrown in. Who ran two races in one day for the extra points? Not withstanding this years Male Veteran is

### Trevor STRELLEY

## FEMALE VETERAN 2016> MEL DENHAM

**Lady Vet** – The female 35+ Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has over the past year, has shown the most consistent performance, whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

The nominations this year are:

### Lynne Thumpston

Our ever popular Run leader with her very own fan club. However when not run leading she is also the Clubs Welfare Officer and an inspiration to many of our members. She leads by example. However she is quietly totting up the marathons now having passed the magic 50

Also a very committed YTRRC Committee Member

### Kate Hayden

Kate may not too well known to many of you. There was film years ago call "The Loneliness of the long distance Runner" Well that's Kate. Without broadcasting it she runs long distance Ultra's not your normal Ultra's but ones in excess of 100 Miles. If she cant find them her she goes abroad like running the Comrades Marathon in South Africa

### Nikki Guiver

After her last birthday Nicky set herself the target of running 50 half marathons in a single year to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy to say she is still on course

And the female veteran of 2017 is of course **Lynne THUMPSTON**

## **PERFORMANCE of the YEAR** 2017> JC

**Performance of the Year** – Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** through a running event(s) has shown the most outstanding achievement(s), whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

So many great things have been achieved by our members this year that it would take a long list to name them all.

I would like to remind you that the rules state that that whatever the performances they must have been achieved in the club name and colours ie Bryn Phillips running in Royal Navy colours at London and in America, Guy heading toward his 200<sup>th</sup> marathon sometimes wearing his 100 Marathon Club Colours. So this year

The nominations this year are:

### **Georgina Brice**

When not working on our milk supplies Georgina's name keeps cropping up for yet another running adventure. Maybe we should have an award for her mum Carol who gives her great support. I remember when she 1<sup>st</sup> joined the club from weightwatchers who are not renowned for their running prowess but went on to win Best Newcomer 2013 and in 2014 Most Improved. Its like running promotion really

### **John Curtis**

John the popular run leader of the slower 8 mile club run. Earlier in the year it was noticed that as well as entering local races he kept disappearing to Shropshire and returning looking knackered. Well very quietly John was knocking up his tally of Marathons finishing off the other week by attempting to run seven marathons back to back in seven days. Sadly he failed at 17 miles on the 7<sup>th</sup> marathon with what we think are shin splints. Fantastic effort & I don't believe anyone in the club has ever raced 6 marathons in 6 days. Not satisfied with that he then ran another Marathon the following Saturday

Also a very committed YTRRC Committee Member

### **Terry Bryn**

Terry who? I hear you say. Well Terry lives in deepest Dorset, who by choice likes wearing our Green and White which he take to places its not normally seen, Over the last Year racing most weekends Terry has consistently improved his times and is sometimes the 1<sup>st</sup> over 60

Like a good wine he has improved with age

PERFORMANCE of the YEAR is by John CURTIS

**UNSUNG CLUB HERO** 2017> Liz Diamond

**Unsung Hero** – Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** made contributions which for the most part may be largely unseen or unsung but benefits the Club to a high degree

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

The nominations this year are:

**Adam Hawkins**

Everyone favourite ex headmaster and race director who in his spare time is also the membership secretary and what he does with 500 children once a month has to be seen to be believed. He as many of you already know is the race Director for the ASH Races and the TOWNTREES TRAIL

Also a very committed YTRRC Committee Member & Officer of the club

**Liz Diamond**

Liz the owner of two dogs and a very supportive husband who when not running or in the Gym is an Army reservist and still manages to be a regular run leader. Behind the scenes Liz is one of the hard workers behind the scenes helping to make the Yeovil Marathon work

**Mel Dodge**

Mel one of the owners of the little “Tuck Shop” at all the Yeovil 10 & 5K races which over the last year has made a major contribution to the club funds. Many of you will also have noticed that Mel now looks after our Newcomers group

Also a very committed YTRRC Committee Member

The UNSUNG CLUB HERO for the Year is Liz DIAMOND

## **CLUB PERSON of the YEAR** 2017> Nathan Gardiner

**Club Member of the Year** – Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has shown, the endeavour, hard work and support to the Club or Club members and has made a significant contribution to the club throughout the year.

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

This has been a particularly difficult award, and to just pick out three names as nominees as there are so many members who work very hard to make the club as successful as it is. I would like to name them all but I'm afraid I might miss someone out & then they would feel slighted

The nominations this year are:

### **Nathan Gardiner**

Nathan took over the Hill Rep evenings and has guided the from two or three people to a rather largish group of runners who in some warped way enjoy running up steep hills. Laterally he has been assisting Pete with the coaching. Behind the scenes he keeps our Chairman on his toes with it seem an ever ending list of ideas to improve the club

Also a very committed YTRRC Committee Member

### **Liz Diamond**

If you run or help out at the Yeovil Marathon you might just catch a glimpse of Liz as she rushes about setting up the course, Water Stations, Tables, Flags, Signs etc.

Then Collecting everything in at the end. She is also a sort of Chief Marshal, and general run about

She also one of our dependable Regular Run Leaders on club Runs

### **Anita Rufus**

Last year Anita organised the Awards Night Dinner and also the Bristol Half Marathon. Well this year she has only gone and done the same again. Not only that but she has also gone into marathon running even going abroad when we run short in the UK. Also a Run Leader for one of the six mile groups

Also a committed YTRRC committee member

And this year's Club Person of 2017 is **NATHAN GARDINER**



**CAKE PLATE** 2016> LINDA MEMBURY

**Cake Maker of the Year** – Awarded by our very own Mary Berry – Anita Farquhar Rufus

Recommendations are welcome from all Club Members

All those who have attends the club races may have noticed that I spent a lot of time around the cake table. It was not because I LOVE cake. It was really so that I can make recommendations to Anita Rufus who sponsors the Cake Plate. Thats my story and I'm sticking to it. So the winner is Tesco for their donuts. Anita says NO to that So the nominations are

**Linda Membury**

Cake maker exradionaire but won it last year

**June Moule**

New to making cakes for the club her cakes have taken her to the top table so to speak

**Denise BYRD**

Denise another Committee, member who I believe didn't even know she could produce a round object of such beauty & perfection filled with fresh cream and So! So! yummy

And the Best Cake maker for 2017 is **Denise BYRDE**

The following awards are not voted for but have to be personally worked for following the criteria for each award

**POINTS KING** 2017> **KEVIN DOCHERTY**

**Points King**– (NOT VOTED FOR), Determined by totalling the highest **ten** scoring races from the total of the nominated races over the racing year.

Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt

Now this award has gone to the wire as over the year Matt Driver and Kevin Docherty have egged each other on and as I said before in a spirit of sportsmanship, underhandedness, lying, conniving, trickery and any other adjective you care to use. Congratulations to you both for the entertainment you have provided and the best trickster is

**KEVIN DOCHERTY**

**POINTS QUEEN** 2017> **Jo HENLEY**

**Points Queen** – (NOT VOTED FOR), Will be determined by totalling the scores from **all** the pre-determined races over the racing year.

Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt

### **Jo HENLEY**

**Male & Ladies Club Champions** – (NOT VOTED FOR),, will be determined by totalling the highest **ten** scoring races from the total of pre-determined races over the racing year.

Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt

This year to encourage more members to take part in races we have introduced a 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the male & Female Championship However as you will see in a minute that can all go pear shaped

### **CHAMPION AWARDS**

This award has changed so as to encourage more competition and it's worked has 'it?

There will in future be three awards of Gold Silver & Bronze for the Club Champions just to make it more difficult for Lesley has had to worked very hard to sort this one out and she eventually came up with

**MALE CHAMPION** 2017> PAUL CARD

<b>GOLD</b> <u><b>PAUL CARD</b></u>	<b>SILVER</b> Matt Driver	<b>BRONZE</b> Kevin Doherty
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**FEMALE CHAMPION** 2017> Jo Henly

Now we come to the bitter bit. After much counting, nail biting recounting numerous phone calls the Awards committee have deemed the FEMALE CHAMPION

<b>GOLD</b> <b>JO HENLEY</b>	<b>SILVER</b> Corinne Hawkins	<b>BRONZE</b> No Qualifiers
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**Chairman's Award – Male & Female** – Chairman's opportunity to recognise significant contribution or achievement of a club member So over to Malcolm who I feel we all owe a great deal to for all his hard work in being Chairman of YTRRC. I feel that not as many members as should, actually realise how much work he does for the greater good of us all