



What a year of running

THE Stubbington Green Runners' Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday, June 19th at The Crofton Pub in Crofton Lane, Stubbington (start 8pm).

It will be the chance to chew the fat over the past year, as well as to elect and re-elect officers to the club committee.

Here, ahead of the AGM, secretary Mark Le Gassick, offers his report of the past 12 months.

ANOTHER year, another Stubbington 10k, and a great race it was too! The weather was fantastic, there were a record number of finishers (we broke the 1,000 mark for the first time ever!) and, as always, the day went like clockwork.

It was Gary Littlecott's first year as Race Director and, in the months leading up to the race, he worked very hard to get everything on track and ensure that race day ran smoothly.



I think everyone will agree that the new, two-start system worked very well and helped to ease the congestion that many runners had complained about in previous years.

However, a fast, flat course, a hard working race director, and fine weather are only part of the story.

The fact is, over the years, the Stubbington 10k would not have earned its enviable reputation as one of the friendliest, best-organised road running events in the area without all the club members, and non-club members, who help make it happen on the day itself.

So, many thanks to Gary, *pictured above*, and all those who helped make the race a success yet again. I hope that the 2008 race will be even bigger and better - if that's possible!

Following a number of recent articles in the Green Runner about the change in the governance of athletics in England, you are no doubt aware by now of the new situation regarding individual member affiliation to England Athletics.

For this year (2007/8), the committee has agreed to pay the reduced individual affiliation fee of £3 per competing member.

However, with this year's membership renewal form, you will receive a slip asking whether you intend to compete in any UK Athletics run events in 2008/9.



Kay Sadler and Tracie Jarvis who completed their first London Marathons this year.

If you do, you will need to complete the slip and return it to Membership Secretary, Dennis Woodward, with your £5 affiliation fee, and your club membership renewal.

To find out more about England Athletics, you can visit their web site at www.englandathletics.org

Well done to all those club members who, over the winter months, put in many hours and many miles training for the 27th Flora London Marathon, in April.

It was one of the hottest London Marathons on record, with many runners succumbing to the unseasonable conditions.

In particular, many congratulations to those club members for whom London was their first marathon experience, such as Kay Sadler and Tracie Jarvis who, just 12 months previously, completed the beginner's course – what a great success story!