**Carnegie Harriers Weekly Bulletin 18th January 2019**

**News Flash**

* **Training at the Public Park and Rosyth this week**
* **Cross country at Livingston on Saturday – our next GP event**
* **Devils Burden recce of Legs 3 & on Sunday**
* **Been to a race recently? Why not send it a report to let others know about it**

**Training etc.**

At this time of year, the weather can be unpredictable and we may need to change the session and /or venue, or even cancel it altogether at short notice. We will make every effort to let you know in good time, by posting on Facebook and, if possible, by email. So, if the weather is particularly bad, please check Facebook and your emails for updates.

Do make every effort to be on time for the sessions as we don’t want people hanging around for too long. Please dress appropriately (especially for the warm ups and cool downs) and wear hi-viz clothing at all times. Remember that you leave any garments, valuables or other personal possessions at the training venues entirely at your own risk.

As always if you do have a race coming up, we recommend that you reduce the intensity of the session by reducing the number of repetitions and/or the pace at which you run. This will keep you fresh for the race, or aid your recovery afterwards.

We had good turnouts for both training sessions this week (30 and 27 respectively), despite a few regulars missing from the action, which is a very encouraging start to the year. This coming week on Tuesday we have the last of the hill sessions in the public park (at least for the time being) whilst on Thursday we continue to progress with the 5K pace intervals.

**Sat 19th Jan East District Cross Country League Race 3 – Livingston (2018-19 GP Event No 10)**

 No pre-entry required for this event, just turn up on the day, register and run. Please remember to wear your club vest as required by the event rules, as well as it being a club counter. See the information sheet sent out last week for further details. (Don’t forget your club vest.)

 Alan Murray has posted on Facebook for anyone interested in car-sharing.

**Sun 20th Jan Recce of Legs 3 & 4 of Devils Burden**: see below for further details.

**Tue 22nd Jan Public Park:** 30 minutes hill circuit (both sides of dual carriageway) (session will be explained before we start).

 The session will start at **6.50 pm** prompt from the bandstand.

 If planning to run up from Pitreavie Sport and Soccer Centre, it’s approximately 2 miles (3.2 km) so aim to leave from there at **6.30 pm sharp** for an easy run up. If going direct to the Park, meet at the band stand at **6.35 pm** for a group warm up.

**Thu 24h Jan Rosyth - Ferrytoll Road Loop:** 9 x 3 minutes at 5K pace with 1 minute recoveries (27 minutes total effort).

Session will start at the blue gates leading to the Industrial Estate on Ferrytoll Road at **6.55 pm** to allow sufficient time for the run down from Pitreavie Sport and Soccer Centre.

 If you don’t wish to run quite so far to and from the session, options for parking include Ferrytoll Park and Ride, Kings Road near Camdean Primary School, or on Hilton Road.

**Sat 25th Jan Devils Burdens Relay, Falkland**

**Up and Coming Races**

Remember we do only list the up and coming GP events and any other races of particular interest, such as National Championship events. It is your responsibility to keep checking club and online entry websites for details of when entries open, especially for those races which sell out quickly. Useful websites include:

<http://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events>

<http://scottishrunningguide.com>

<https://www.entrycentral.com>

<https://www.sientries.co.uk/>

https://www.stuweb.co.uk/

When entering races online (using EntryCentral, SIEntries, Stuweb etc.), please do check that your club details are present and update them if necessary, particularly if you have recently joined from another club. It does make things a lot easier when looking to see who may have entered races, and when checking the results.

**2019 Hill Running Grand Prix**

Full details of the Hill Running Grand Prix for 2019 were sent out under separate cover last week. Information is also available on the club website: <https://carnegie-harriers.co.uk/hill-grand-prix/>

The next two events in the 2019 Grand Prix are as follows:

**Sat 9th Feb Carnethy 5 (2019 Hill Running GP Event #2)**

 The ballot for entries has now closed.

 <http://carnethy.com/carnethy-organised-races/carnethy-5/>

**Sun 3rd Mar Bishop Hill Race (2019 Hill Running GP Event #3)**

2.00 pm start, Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell

<http://www.scottishhillracing.co.uk/RaceDetails.aspx?RaceID=RA-0018>

**2018-19 Grand Prix Series**

Details of all events can be found on the website, including a GP points table which has been updated with the most recent race results: <https://www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-19-GP_Points_Interim.pdf>

The remaining counters in the 2018-19 Grand Prix are:

**Sat 19th Jan East League XC Race 3, Livingston** **(2018-19 GP Event No 10)**

 Info sheet attached <http://www.salroadrunningandcrosscountrymedalists.co.uk/Archive/East%20District%20League/ED%20League%20Home.html>

**Sun 24thFeb National XC Championships, Falkirk (2018-19 GP Event No 11)**

 Pre-entry only through club captains, further info nearer the time

**Sun 24th Mar Gartmorn 6, Sauchie (2018-19 GP Event No 12)**

 Info: 10.00 am start, Sauchie Hall, Sauchie near Alloa

 Entries now open: <https://www.entrycentral.com/form/100946>

**Sun 31st Mar Alloa Half Marathon (2018-19 GP Event No 13)**

 10.00 am start, Leisure Bowl, Parkway, Alloa

 <http://www.alloahalfmarathon.co.uk/>

 Entries now open:

 <https://register.primoevents.com/ps/event/AlloaHalfMarathon>

**2018-19 Cross Country Season**

The deadline to put your name forward for the National Masters Cross Country Championships, which take place on Saturday 2nd February in Hawick in the Scottish Borders, has now passed. Only four members put their names forward: Isobel Burnett, Neil McLure, Phil Smithard and Graeme Wilson.

Barry and Karen will provide final information nearer the time.

To ensure you receive emails about upcoming cross country events please add the following addresses to your contacts (if possible):

Barry Davie (Men’s Captain) – menscaptain@carnegie-harriers.co.uk

Karen Forsyth (Ladies Captain) – ladiescaptain@carnegie-harriers.co.uk

If you don’t appear to be receiving the emails, do check your junk or spam folders first before contacting Barry or Karen to let them know.

**Race Round-Up**

Another quiet week on the racing front, although things will start to pick up again as we head into the second half of the cross country season. Last weekend the main action was the cross country event at Stirling where two Harriers, Neil McLure and Derek McDonald, were amongst almost 1400 runners taking part in the Simply Health Great Stirling Castle Run. Well done gents.

**General**

Race Reports

After an initial good response to our request, the reports on races in which you’ve taken part have tailed off. It doesn’t need to be War and Peace or a contender for the Man Booker prize, just a few lines to give a flavour of the event. It’s good for members to read about an event they haven’t done and to bear in mind for the future.

Please email reports into secretary@carnegie-harriers.co.uk and a member of the committee will post onto the public Facebook page and the website. Please try and accompany any reports with good quality images, if possible.

Devils Burdens Recce Run – Sunday 20th January

Jonathan Millar will be leading a recce run of Legs 3 and 4 on Sunday 20th January. The plan is to meet at the Falkland car park near the duck pond at 9 am and take a car(s) to Kinnesswood. The recce will start at 9.30 am from Kinnesswood covering legs 3 (11.5K) (<http://fifeac.org/files/races/maps/devils_burdens/devils_burdens_leg3.pdf>) and 4 (5.8k) (<http://fifeac.org/files/races/maps/devils_burdens/devils_burdens_leg4.pdf>). Leg 3 will finish near the car park in Falkland for anyone that does not want to cover leg 4. Alternatively if anyone wishes to recce Leg 4 only, you could arrange to meet up with Jonathan and the others in Falkland, possibly around 11:00 am.

Jonathan is then planning to cover legs 1 and 2 to take him back to Kinnesswood and anyone wanting a longer run would be welcome to join him.

If anyone is planning a recce of any of the other legs and would like some company, please let us know by posting in the Members group on Facebook and by sending an email to enquiries@carnegie-harriers.co.uk so that we can notify those members who are not on Facebook, in particular.

Devils Burdens Relay – Saturday 26th January 2019

This ever popular relay event takes place on Saturday 26th January. Full information on the event can be found on the Fife AC website: <http://www.fifeac.org/events/fife-ac-events/devils-burdens/1315-devil-s-burdens-2019.html>.

If you are not familiar with the route, Leg 1 is a trail run along clearly marked tracks and farm roads, Legs 2 and 3 are run in pairs and over rough hill ground and finally, Leg 4 whilst going up and over East Lomond, is also over well-defined paths. Legs 2 and 3 are more suitable for relatively experienced hill runners but Legs 1 and 4 are well within the capability of most club members.

With slightly less interest than in previous years, we have enough names to enter three full teams as follows:

**Ladies Team**

Angela Sandilands

Hannah Campbell

Michelle Best

Aileen Morton

**Karen Forsyth [C]**

Alison Sutherland

**Men’s Team**

**Steven Honeyman [C]**

Lee Holland

Neil McLure

Jonathan Millar

Alan Murray

Alan McGowan

**Men’s Team**

**Barry Davie [C]**

Steven Greer

Derek Hunter

Dave Morton

Robin Pate

Stuart King

The names in bold indicate the team captains who will be in touch with their respective teams to collect race entry fees and to organise transport on race day between the different handover points.

Social Run – Sunday 27th January

Fiona, Pauline, Sue and Ken have offered to lead a social run of around 6 miles on trails near Cairneyhill on Sunday 27th January, starting at 12 noon. The run is mostly off road, on rough ground but isn’t hilly. Off road or trail shoes would be recommended. You will get muddy and we’d recommend that you don’t wear white socks or your best leggings. They’ve manicured the route to remove the worst of the brambles and branches but it will still be a proper trail run. The route will include a visit to the Tuilyies Stanes, the pace will be social and you should expect to be out for ages! Given the pace will be gentle, this shouldn’t be too hard on those who ran the Devil’s Burden race the day before.

Please meet in Cairneyhill at the hairdresser, HB4, where there are few parking spaces and there is also street parking available on Station Road. Car-pooling would be sensible though. Please let Fiona, Pauline Sue and Ken know if you are planning to come along – using the members forum (<https://www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk/members-forum/topic/tuilyies-stane-trot-a-social-run/#postid-31> ) or the members Facebook page.

Devilla Forest Races – Sunday 17th February

Thanks to a great response from club members we now have around 50 volunteers for race day but we can always make room for a few more if you want to help out. Therefore if you have not already put your name forward, please let us know as soon as possible, (also indicating whether or not you want to run) by adding your name to the list on the club website (<https://www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk/members-forum/topic/devilla-forest-races-2019/>). Remember you need to be logged in first.

We are currently working to clear the waiting lists for both races. Once finished, we will be able to re-open the waiting list to entries from club members who wish to run. We will send out a separate email to let you know what to do and when.

European Athletics Indoor Championships 2019 - Kit Carriers

We have received the following email from Scottish Athletics. We suspect this is probably aimed more at athletics clubs with junior members, but we thought there was no harm in circulating it to you in case there was any interest. This is probably unlikely bearing in mind there are a few races that weekend, particularly on Sunday 3rd March, and people need to be available to attend at different times across the duration of the championships.

*“As you will no doubt be aware the European Athletics Indoor Championships will take place at the Emirates Arena between 1-3 March 2019. An exciting opportunity has arisen through EAIC 2019 for athletics clubs in Scotland to provide kit carriers for the event becoming part of the 400 strong volunteer team.*

*EAIC 2019 are looking for teams of 8 volunteers plus one team leader to put themselves forward to assist. All volunteers must be 14 years or older. Further details on the roles can be found on the attached PDF.”*

Team details need to be submitted by Friday 25th January.

Club Website

Remember to visit the new website at <https://www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk/> for a range of information such as training schedules, GP races lists etc. You must be registered to access the Members’ Only Section so if you haven’t already done so, don’t delay – register today. Simply go to the log-in page (<https://www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk/members/> ) and choose a user name (we would prefer that is it something by which we can readily identify you as we do get some spammers trying to register). Once we authorise your request, we’ll let you know and you’re good to go.

If you have forgotten your log in or password, please send an email to secretary@carneige-harriers.co.uk and we’ll sort it out for you.

Carnegie Harriers Members Group on Facebook

Please do keep using the Facebook page to arrange activities such as car sharing to races, or to link up and share training ideas, and organise some training runs together.

**Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 4th February. As ever, please email details of anything you wish raised with the committee to communication@carnegie-harriers.co.uk or speak to one of the committee members at training.

General Suggestions

If you do have any ideas or suggestions or feedback on anything, please let us know, ideally by email to communication@carnegie-harriers.co.uk. Remember the committee is here to run the club for your benefit and we can only do that if we know what you want from it.

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**RACE RESULTS** (Chip times in brackets where applicable)

Apologies if we’ve any missed any results, particularly for members who may not have entered races as a Harrier. Club details are not always shown in race results, making it well-nigh impossible to carry out a general search for club members who may have taken part, especially for larger races.

**Therefore, if you want to be sure of your results being reported, please email in your results to** **results@carnegie-harriers.co.uk****.** In particular, do let us know if you have taken part in a race whilst away on holiday. Remember that we generally record results using gun time, as this is what determines final race placings.

Remember, if you want to check out parkrun results from up and down the country, go to: <http://www.parkrun.com/results/consolidatedclub/?clubNum=2202>.

**Saturday 12th January**

**Simply Health Great Stirling Castle Run, Stirling (7K)**

 20th Neil McLure 31.43

 172nd Derek McDonald 37.44

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Here is a list of dates which you might find useful to help you plan your activities over the coming couple of months.

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