

Chairman's Monthly Newsletter – August 2011

When I was lucky enough to be elected Chairman of BPJ, one of my promises was to ensure our member were kept fully informed of the goings-on within the club – communication being the key and all that. So here comes the first of my Newsletters which you can read, use as loo paper, or as a cure for insomnia!

Run to Remember – *Due to a number of unforeseen circumstances (travellers and lack of race referee/licence) the committee have opted to postpone the race due to be run in September. It was not an easy decision and it is our intention to re-arrange for a date in April. It will mean as a club we will now have a Spring and Autumn race, rather than rushing to organise 2 very quickly.*

Croome – *Now we have just one race to organise, we aim to make Croome on 25th November a resounding success. Mike Lane is our race co-ordinator and following on from April's e-mail last week, I would urge people to come forward and lend support. His e-mail details are on the BPJ home page.*

Membership – *Now the soap box moment. Club memberships were due on the 31st March and as a committee we are aware of some members from last year who still attend and have not yet renewed, as well as attending events as BPJ members and receiving discounts. April has posted on the noticeboard at Perdiswell our very own Name and Shame Wall. I would also ask any of you to badger those we know are running week after week who have not joined, after all its only £12!!*

Peter's Meal - *Peter has arranged this for 23rd August at Nando's. Please let Peter know if you want to attend, again his e-mail is available on the home page of the website.*

Millenium Bridge Run – *A success last time this was done. A number of your group leaders wish to take a run in over the Millenium Footbridge. As this would be about a 7 mile run from Perdiswell, some will meet at Pitchcroft on Monday 5th September. Your group leader will let you know if they are doing so.*

Kit - *Over the last couple of years Matt Bailey has been our Kit guru, but due to work commitments he is unable to offer the time required, especially Monday evenings when many are asking about it. May I take this opportunity to thank Matt for all his contributions in this role. Don't worry though you can still get kit through us and April Turner and Avril Munday will now be the people to see to get your BPJ vests and shirts from. They will issue you a receipt and you can then collect your purchase from Ollie at Runaround Sports, near to the Cathedral.....so happy shopping!*

Group Leaders – *You will all agree that our leaders are so important to us, but we still lack certain group leaders. We need you to volunteer. Many of you know the routes you run and we require you to do is get others to follow. Worryingly some people are going out in small groups anyway, so you may already be a leader. It is important for insurance purposes that we know whats going on, so don't be shy.*

That's it for now, see you at club.

Gary Smith

Chairman