



16 February 2017

## Future VAC Events and Training

### August

From time to time, some sessions may need to be adapted or changed at late notice. Before you set off for a training session, please take a moment to check our [Facebook Group](#), [Facebook Page](#) and [Twitter feed](#) for information on any of these possible changes.

Date	Category	Event Details	
Thurs 16 Feb	6pm	Havant Park - Pyramid <b>coach:</b> Malcolm	HLC
Tue 21 Feb	6:30pm	Emsworth 10k <b>coach:</b> Gemma <b>sweeper:</b> Bridget Main	HLC
Thurs 23 Feb	6pm	Warblington – 800m <b>coach:</b> Lucy	HLC
Tue 28 Feb	6:30pm	Farlington Ave <b>coach:</b> Cathy Beresford <b>sweeper:</b> Debra Ritsperis	HLC

Details about the regular Tuesday and Thursday training sessions are available on the **Victory AC website** at

There have been a few changes to our Winter sessions. Please check out the website link below for more information.

<http://www.victoryac.org.uk/training.html>

## The annual Victory Awards night will be on Friday 28th April (weekend after London and Southampton marathons 😊) at the Langstone Hotel, Hayling Island.

There will be a drink on arrival, 3 course dinner (V, dairy free and GF options available), coffee and presentations followed by the obligatory disco.

It's provisionally booked for 60 with the cost at £30 per person however if we have 80 or more then the cost will reduce to £26ish per person as we won't have to pay for room hire.

Can everyone who would like to attend please let me know on either on FB (reply to this) or email me at [vac@victoryac.org.uk](mailto:vac@victoryac.org.uk).

## Southern Cross Country at Polecat Valley, on the Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Hi everyone,

Haslemere Border Athletics Club are hosting the final race in the league on Sunday 26th February Race start time: 11am Venue: The Royal Senior School and Sixth Form, Farnham Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1HQ please note – NOT the Junior School in Hindhead. The course is an undulating 7.8k through the paths and woods of Hindhead Common and Gibbet Hill. It is stony in places so spikes are not suitable. The parking is very limited and with little scope for street parking, so we are requesting that runner's car share where possible. On arrival you will be directed to a parking space by one of our marshals. There is an area reserved for staff and boarders – these will be clearly denoted. There is a pitch to the left of the second entrance where clubs can set up flags, etc. You will be guided there. Refreshments will be available in the hall for £1.50 – please remove shoes before going in.

We shall meet at Morrison car park, Horndean 9.15 am, to share cars unless you want to make your own way there or if you want a lift just contact me.

Please come along and give it a go, you might be surprise how much you enjoy it.

Andy

If you need Contact me on 07976 946518 or by the club's Facebook page.

## Chichester Corporate Challenge 2017

### Wednesdays 1st, 15th & 29th March - by Marilyn

A series of evening road races around Chichester City Centre - only 4.5K. It is a brilliant event for all our newcomers (including CouchTo5K new recruits) as well as our fastest. Some of you may have already signed up to run for a workplace team. Pete Drury is entering IBM teams and Amanda Godfrey often organises teams from West Sussex County Council (WSCC).

Besides the Corporate teams, there is also a section for Sports/College teams, and we traditionally enter as **Victory Vipers** (men or mixed - four to score for a team) and **Victory Vixens** (women - three to score for a team).

Entry forms are available here --> <http://www.chichester-runners.org.uk/corporate-challenge>

## Event Details

The Corporate Challenge is split into "A" and "B" races for logistical reasons. Race "A" for runners under 18 min (10K in under 40min); race "B" for all other runners. Team results are calculated from an aggregate of fastest times regardless of whether the team members run in the "A" or "B" race.

### Timetable (for all 3 evenings)

- 6.30 pm** Junior races start - see entry form for age-groups, distances and full timetable.
- 7.30 pm** Corporate Challenge "A" race approx. 4500m (4 laps of 1100m approx.)
- 7.55 pm** Corporate Challenge "B" race approx. 4500m (4 laps of 1100m approx.)

Course: 4 laps of Chichester centre, 4500m total, ie < 3 miles.

Teams: Men/mixed - 4 to score for a team.

Women - 3 to score for a team.

Venue: Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LQ.

Changing & showers available at Westgate Sports Centre. (not close to the start/finish).

Parking: Festival Theatre car park (or other city centre car parks) - free after 6 pm.

Cost: £12.00 for runners from a UKA affiliated club - with current EA registration - for all three races. £14 for those without EA registration.

**Note:** Once you have your number you need to keep it for all three races.

## VAC Entries

**Closing date is Saturday 25 February.** I will co-ordinate the entries for Victory Vixens and Victory Vipers. Who wants to be included? Get your name to me at training or as below by **Thursday 23 February.** I'll try and get a club cheque, so you will owe your entry fee to the club.

The event has been oversubscribed in the last two years, so there may be no entries on the night and/or no extra entries accepted for the B race at the 2nd and 3rd race for those who had not entered the first race.

Victory Vixens - so far

Helen Whiting

Jane Noble

C'mon girls - we need a few more!

Victory Vipers - so far

Gary Heather

Andrew Wright

Zack Lahlal

Matt Healy

Paul Mitchinson

Daniel Bailey

David Howard

Simon Gill

An A and a B team so far, boys! Need more for a C team and to cover those who may not make all three races!

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## **Emsworth - Basingstoke Relay Saturday 20th May 2017 - Martin**

This is great day out running the 45 miles or so from Emsworth to Cliddesden near Basingstoke in teams of 6. We can enter several teams and of course, we always need a few reserves as people drop out for all sorts of reasons (petty excuses usually, you know, leg fell off, that sort of stuff). It would be good to have some newer runners in as well so get in touch. You don't have to be fast or be able to run long distances. We each run 3 legs so the total distance can be adjusted from about 6 miles to 10 miles depending on leg allocation. There are one or two hills along the way but it is fun and the time flashes by. Our teams would expect to finish in about 6 - 7 hours (2016 Men's 6:01, Ladies 7:09) - unless anyone gets lost of course!.

Gentlemen please contact me at [martcoles@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martcoles@yahoo.co.uk) , ladies please contact Marilyn. I'd like to get teams sorted by around the end of March or so to allow for reccying. For information take a look at the website <http://www.emsworthrelay.org.uk/> where you can find pictures, results etc from previous years and maps of the legs.

The gents will be defending their title and my mate Darren wants to try a recruit a fast team. I was myself thinking of recruiting a mixed, and mixed ability, team assuming Darren doesn't need me! So the more the merrier please!

This is a charity relay so runners will need to share the entrance fee of £50 per team and any travelling expenses and be expected to make a donation themselves or raise money from friends and family. Marilyn usually creates a donation web page to make this simpler.

To be clear this is the day before the Netley 10k.

## **South Downs Relay 2017 - Saturday 3rd June - Martin**

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

This might seem early as it's nearly 6 months away but I expect to receive an invitation soon to enter a team in this event and need to confirm our entry by 31st March.

In recent years we've entered a mixed team from VAC as the take-up has been limited but let's make no bones about it, this is an epic race where stamina is as important as speed and is not to be entered into lightly. Each leg will need to be recc'd, so that is another reason why early decisions have to be made - somebody will be recc'ing leg 1 starting at Eastbourne. If you don't have your own transport, then we can probably arrange some help here too.

I think most who have ever participated, would consider the event a tough but great experience. The course (on the website above) is just under 100 miles in length. Each team consists of 6 runners, who do 3 legs each. So in round figures, each runner needs to do about 16 miles over hilly cross country over 3 legs. There is some scope for giving some runners longer or shorter lengths according to needs and wishes. The slow teams start first at 06:00 and teams are expected to finish by 20:00. There are cut-off times in the race (strictly enforced), so those teams failing to meet the cut-off will be asked to leave the race. To put the standard into context, I expect team members to be able to clock 1:45 for a normal half marathon. I may be able to accommodate a slower runner if I have faster ones to offset.

There is a 14 hour limit for the race which must be met or we will no longer be invited.

We would normally be amongst the early starters at 0600 which will mean leaving the area at 0330 to get there.

For now, please send me your name if you are interested in taking part to [martcoles@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martcoles@yahoo.co.uk). I will sort out team selection and leg allocation nearer the entry deadline. Entry fee will be £17.00 per team member. The team will have to pay for their transport too estimated at £33.00 per head. Hopefully Bob Cope will be able to source and drive a minibus for the team again this year. This is not an event for wimps. As we have discovered in the last three years, we also need potential last minutes reserves too in order to cover for injuries.

Last year we had to withdraw at the last minute due to injury to one of our runners, I suspect if we do this again we will no longer be invited.

This is the day before the D-Day 10k which is NOT in the road race league this year.

## Selsey 10k Volunteers with Roles 2017 up-dated 15.2.17

Hi Everyone

Here is a list of people who have volunteered to help out at Selsey with provisional roles. If I have missed anyone who volunteered or if you can possibly help out on the day, please contact me. We are still short of marshals, we need in excess of 30 marshals out on the course to ensure the runners safety. If anyone can't do the roles allocated to them, again please let me know, ASAP.

We would like people involved with the Parking and Race numbers to be on site by 8.15am. All other marshals please could you be on site for 8.45am.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks Andy

Dan Bailey	Race Director
Andy Smith	Race Marshal Co-ordinator
	Lead Cyclist
Mary Short	Tail Runner

	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other roles</b>
Dan Bailey	Start and finish	Set up finish area
Peter Harding	Start and finish	Set up finish area
Andy Smith	Start and finish	Set up finish area
Graham Foden	Start and finish	Starter
Malcolm Hagan	Marshal	Parking
Jim Clow	Marshal	Parking
Sue Gover	Running	Baggage Drop off
Marilyn Crocker	Marshal	
Kevin Giles	Marshal	
Lisa Gatenby	Marshal	
Amber Atkinson	Marshal	Late Entries
Will Hahn Griffith	Marshal	Parking
Debbie Clarke	Marshal	
Bridget Main	Marshal	
Gill Ripiner	Marshal	
Dennis Boardway	Marshal	
Paul Bould	Marshal	Parking

Mark Cooter	Marshal	
Lindsay Cooter	Running	Baggage Drop off
Mike Beal	Marshal	
Gary John	Marshal	Race Number Issuing
Chris Turner	Marshal	Race Number Issuing
Raman Sangha	Marshal	Race Number Issuing
Terry Healy	Marshal	
Nicola Stott	Marshal	
Ian Stott	Marshal	
Martin Coles	Marshal	
Tim Cooper	Marshal	
Pete Bones ?	Marshal	
Jo Lea	Marshal	Medals/Finish
Caroline Jane Newman	Marshal	Medals/Finish
	Marshal	
	Marshal	
Jan MacDonal		Late Entries
	Marshal	
	Marshal	
Dave Howard & Family	Water Station	
	Water Station	

## Hampshire Cross-country Staunton Park

Bitterly cold weather, with the Coastal half-marathon the following day contributed to a minimal team at the closest of these events. Very familiar territory the course took us half round the initial parkrun lap (in reverse), leading to some problems as we ran through the last 20 yards of the junior race, before heading down beside the lake, back onto a stretch of parkrun and up the steep hill. This repeated although there was much relief to continue straight near the hill and head out towards Rowland's Castle and on to Havant Thicket. A clockwise loop of the thicket then back the way we came to finish on lawn by the start. The only mud was on the final turn onto the lawn.

First finisher was Tom Austin from Poole in 32:43

I was a little way behind in 152 with a time of 49:38

New member Peter Royce 163 time 63:01

The final race of the season is in Reading, on March 4th the day before Selsey.

We could avoid relegation with the right results on the day, but would need at least 3 runners to make this happen. it could be you.

Andrew

## rescheduled: Hampshire League Cross Country at Prospect Park, Reading - from Marilyn

### Date: Saturday 4 March

The fixture at Prospect Park, Reading that had to be cancelled on 14 January (due to travellers in the park) has been re-arranged for 4 March, which is a designated date for league events.

To avoid clashing with junior football matches, the timetable has been put back by 30 minutes, with the first race starting at 12:30.

As this is the day before the Selsey 10K, a great opportunity for you all to run the XC on Saturday and help at the Selsey 10K on Sunday :-)

## Victory running kit clearance – Jan MacDonald

As Alexandra Sports has taken over the supply of our club kit, this is your last chance to pick up a bargain from the remaining stock I am carrying.

Clearance sale!

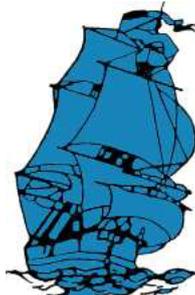
**Fastrax performance T-shirts**. In club colours with logo. I have 2 x size S only, were £13, now £6!

**Wasp club vests** in club colours with logo. I have sizes 32" (3), 34" (1), 36" (2) and 42" (3). Perfectly valid to continue to wear this design as most members have these vests. These **were £15, now selling at £10** to clear.

and lastly, I have a few **Hi-viz bibs** for sale at £8. Ideal to pop over your existing running kit for dark evenings.

You can contact me on 07503 151870 to reserve any of the above.

Jan MacDonald



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**Please send flyer submissions to [flyer@victoryac.org.uk](mailto:flyer@victoryac.org.uk) by 7pm**  
**Weds, or earlier in the week if possible**