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### Dates for your diary

- **Committee meeting** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 20:30pm at TRFC. If you have any points for discussion or would like to attend, please email <u>secretary@avonvalleyrunners.org.uk</u>.
- AVR Imber Ultra 6<sup>th</sup> March event FULL marshals needed please
- AVR 5x5 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July (all Thursdays) Online entries here.
- Westbury 5k 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July (all Tuesdays) Online entries here.

### **Peter Chappel**

This month, we are sad to learn of the passing of Peter Chappel, an early member of the club. Many thanks to our Vice President, **Bob Washbourne** and **Rosemary Barber** for the following information about Peter:

I knew Pete for many years - as far as I can remember he was a member of Trowbridge Athletic Club before AVR formed. Pete grew up in the outskirts of North London and did an engineering apprenticeship with one of the leading aircraft manufactures. We used to have many conversations about old motorbikes (a common interest) and life growing up in the London suburbs. Pete went on to be a lecturer in Engineering at Bath University, then working for a Norwegian company that built wind turbines.

Pete initially regularly attended the club's Thursday night sessions before ill health restricted him. He was a sprinter and tried to always turn up for the "mile". Pete's ill health has lasted many years and I first started visiting him in hospital then at his home. Although in considerable discomfort he remained optimistic and cheerful. – Bob

[He] never enjoyed the best of health, suffering from spondylosis, the same as Stan Farr, but he loved to run, and enjoyed being part of AVR. I only ever saw him on a Wednesday afternoon, when we did our 2 mile speed session along the canal between Elbow Bridge and Winsley Bridge and also doing a few timed hills. Afterwards, we would usually end up in The Lock Inn for Tea. - Rosemary



#### **New Club Records**

It's been a busy month for club records, with 4 being broken by Diane Hier and Jackie Rockliffe. Congratulations to both ladies! A comprehensive list of all club records can be found on the website <u>here</u>.

Diane FV60 records

5km, Street 5km – 22:01 10km, Longleat 10km – 46:58 10 miles, Wiltshire 10m – 1:14:41



Jackie FV50 records

10 miles, Wiltshire 10 - 1:07:26



# AVON VALLEY TRIATHLETES

There is a new home for AVT news.

All AVT information will now be in a new publication available on the closed Facebook page or on the main website.

Check out the new Twitter feed, @AvonValleyTri



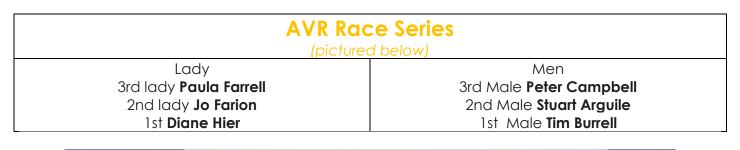
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#### **Presentation Evening 2022**

This year's event took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to celebrate all of our 2021. successes from Huge thanks go to the working group (right) for organising the event and also to Martin Bull for taking time out of his evening to take all of the photographs. A video of many of these great pictures is now on our You Tube channel here.



Congratulations to all of our winners, listed below, who received their awards from Chairman, **Richard Newman** and President, **Denise Ellis**.





Adewale Kadiri Most Improved Male	Laura Waterhouse Most Improved Female	Ed Knudsen Outstanding senior Male		
Bethan Francis	Rich Harding	Jo Farion		
Outstanding Senior Female	Outstanding MV40	Outstanding FV40		
Tim Burrell	Jackie Rockliffe	Phil Harding		
Outstanding MV50	Outstanding FV50	Outstanding MV60		

Pauline Bradley	Stuart Arguile	Rosemary Barber		
Outstanding FV60	Outstanding MV70	Outstanding FV70		
Anthony Hickson	Terri Duddy	Vicky Bodman		
Outstanding MV80	Tony Bartlett Perseverance	The Bomb		
	award			
Carrie Almeida	Samantha Parry	Chris Redshaw		
Volunteer of the year	Club Beginner of the year	Most Promising Athlete of the		
		year		

<b>Club Championship</b> Quickest combined times of half marathon, 10k and 5k in 2021							
Ladies SEN - <b>Emily Dye</b> FV40 <b>Annalie Ibiso</b> FV50 <b>Jackie Rocklif</b> FV60 <b>Pauline Bradle</b> FV70 <b>Rosemary Barb</b>	n M\ fe ?y	Men MV50 <b>Tim Burrell</b> V60 <b>Andrew Jefferies</b>					
Stan Farr Boxing Day winners-	AVT Inspire and Motivate	David Griffiths "Members					

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First Male Mike Towler	award - Chris Walford	Member" - Sean Price
First Lady Jackie Rockliffe		

Goofy - Kat Taylor-Laird (pictured)

Race Face - Martin Russam (pictured)



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#### **Goal Getters awards**

The GG initiative is to inspire and motivate members to set and achieve their running goals while encouraging them to try something new as well. Below is a list of all of the GG achievers who received their medal at the presentation evening from their mentors.



Liz Mason	Elizabeth Morris	Simon Woodhead	Jen Nattrass
Mentor: Debbie Ellis	Mentor: Steve Jeffries	Mentor: Fiona Price	Mentor: Andrew
Challenge Bronze	Championship Bronze	Championship Bronze	Jefferies
Bronze Award	Bronze Award	Bronze Award	Challenge Bronze
			Bronze Award
Jay Sims-Bagshaw	Fiona Newman	Sandra Sharratt	Holly Newman
Mentor: Vicky Bodman	Mentor: Chris Walford	Mentor: Fiona Price	Mentor: Hayley
Challenge Silver	Challenge Silver	Challenge Silver	Southgate
Silver Award	Silver Award	Silver Award	Championship Silver
			Silver Award
Chris Walford	Vicky Bodman	Sean Price	Jen Buckle
Mentor: Vicky Bodman	Mentor: David	Mentor: Hayley	Mentor: Tina Towler
Challenge Silver	Bagshaw	Southgate	Challenge Gold
Silver Award	Challenge Gold	Challenge Gold	Gold Award
	Gold Award	Gold Award	
Emily Dye	Emma Day	Hayley Southgate	Sara Robert
Mentor: Martin Russam	Mentor: Paul Hosking	Mentor: Anne-Marie	Mentor: Richard
Challenge Gold	Championship Bronze	Gibson	Newman
Gold Award	Challenge Bronze	Championship Bronze	Championship Bronze
	Double Bronze Award	Challenge Bronze	Challenge Silver
		Double Bronze Award	Bronze/Silver Award
Martin Bull	Kat Taylor-Laird	Carrie Almeida	Sharon Firkins
Mentor: Anna-Marie	Mentor: Michael Guy	Mentor: Clare Wood	Mentor: Helen
Watson	Championship Silver	Championship Silver	Donnelly
Championship Silver	Challenge Silver	Challenge Silver	Championship Bronze
Challenge Bronze	Double Silver Award	Double Silver Award	Challenge Gold
Silver/Bronze Award			Bronze/Gold Award
Caroline Scott	Stephen Clark	Ben Phillips	Sally Frawley
Mentor: Chris Walford	Mentor: Michael Guy	Mentor: Martin Russam	Mentor: Vicky Bodman
Championship Gold	Championship Gold	Championship Gold	Championship Gold
Challenge Silver	Challenge Silver	Challenge Silver	Challenge Gold
Gold/Silver Award	Gold/Silver Award	Gold/Silver Award	Platinum Award
Laura Waterhouse	Hayley Anderson	Martin Russam	Annalie Ibison
Mentor: Sarah Jeffries	Mentor: Douglas Marr	Mentor: Kat Taylor-	Mentor: Martin Russam
Championship Gold	Championship Gold	Laird	Championship Gold
Challenge Gold	Challenge Gold	Championship Gold	Challenge Gold
Platinum Award	Platinum Award	Challenge Gold	Platinum Award
		Platinum Award	



#### **Raffle winners**

An amazing array of raffle prizes were available to win on the night thanks to a number of donators. Thank you to those who donated or sourced them from companies. Below are some of the winners enjoying their prizes.



Diana Hier – Scimitar Funky Collection £50 voucher



Fiona Newman – Proviz running top



Fiona Price – Running Guy top



Michael Guy – pet portrait by Daryl Gibson Artist



Rosemary Barber – runr snood



Nicky Applegate and Vicky Bodman with leggings by Lottie and Ted

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#### **AVR Results**

Avon Valley Runners results 2022 are now live on the club website. Please email your results for inclusion to <u>results@avonvalleyrunners.org.uk</u>. The deadline for results to be submitted from any races completed in January is the 28<sup>th</sup> February and for any races completed in February is the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Unfortunately, any results submitted after these deadlines will not be included. When submitting results, please include the following information:

- Race Date
- Race Name
- Distance
- Finish Time
- Position

Thank you - The Results Team

- Category Positions
   Prizes
  - Personal Bests
  - Club Records

### **Alzheimer's donation**

Our Over the Hills Race in November last year also raised money for our chosen charity of Alzheimer's Support. This month, Race Director **Jay Sims-Bagshaw** along with **Tina Vivian** presented the charity with a cheque for £1000 from the event.



Alzheimer's Support @AlzheimersSupp · Feb 18

Huge thanks to @AvonValleyRun and everyone who took to the hills for us. Your support makes such a difference and is so appreciated #OvertheHills #charity #dementia



### New day time interval session

STARTING WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND @ 12.30pm ON THE TRACK AT TRFC. The sessions will be planned by club coach, **Fiona Price** and delivered by two qualified run leaders.

You can now book onto the sessions on the Run Together app here.

### Please cancel on Run Together

If you cannot make a run session for whatever reason, please cancel your place using the Run Together App so that spaces can be made available to others. A tutorial on how to do this is available from Sean Price on the members' only Facebook page <u>here</u>.

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## AVR Youth - by Sara Robert

The youth section of the club is currently undergoing a re-branding to become AVR Youth with lots of exciting things planned for the future.

The AVR youth section is really beginning to develop. The beginning of the year saw **Rich Ayling** return as a qualified youth coach and join our coaching team. We now have a great group of coaches and leaders all working together to take AVR Youth forward.



We have had some great success in cross country with **Will Smith** (U13 boys) qualifying for both inter county and English schools nationals. **Jess Hiscock** (U17 girls) qualified for inter county nationals. **Dylan Neale** (U15 boys) qualified for the inter-county and English schools nationals.

The inter counties cross coutry takes place at Loughborough on 12<sup>th</sup> March. English schools nationals 19<sup>th</sup> March in Kent.

We also had some great performances at this month's Gwent Cross Country race at Blaise castle, Bristol which saw 6 of our young athletes competing in very challenging conditions with wind, rain and of course lots of mud.

**Will Smith** was first to run in the U13 boys category and finishing in 8<sup>th</sup>. The U15 boys were next to go with **Dylan Neale** (15<sup>th</sup>), Toby Orr (32<sup>nd</sup>), **Daniel Lewis** (42<sup>nd</sup>) and **George Sawyer** (50<sup>th</sup>) giving their all. The penultimate race of the day saw **Jess Hiscock** run the U17 girls race finishing 25<sup>th</sup>. True grit and determination from all!!

As a coaching team we could not be more proud of all our young athletes!





### **AVR Westbury 5k series**

This popular fast and flat 5k series is back for 2022 comprising of 3 laps around Westbury Trading Estate. **Andrew Jefferies** is the new Race Director for the events happening on Tuesdays over 3 events: 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July. Entries can be purchased <u>here</u> and offers to volunteer can be sent directly to Andrew at <u>Basil123andrew@gmail.com</u>.



### AVR 5x5 series

This 5km event takes place in the charming village of Steeple Ashton from the local pub (we hope) along the White Horse Trail to East Town Farm and back...and it only costs £5!

#### Outward route

Run straight down the wide grassy track to a signpost on the left. Cross the field to a wooden bridge, cross that and turn right. Keep straight on along the right hand side of the field. The route then proceeds along a winding trail which arrives at a junction. Turn right and start a gentle climb up to the farm, turn right (passed it) and run to the turning point where you will be instructed by a marshal to return along the same route and finishes just outside the pub!



Of course the terrain is different each month varying from dry, through wonderful green scenery, to lots of mud. Nettles have even been known towards the end of the season.

Taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July (all Thursdays). Start is at 19:00. <u>Online</u> <u>entries here</u>.

# If you would like to volunteer for the 5x5, please get in touch on <u>offroad@avonvalleyrunner.org.uk</u>.

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### Wiltshire and AVR Off-Road leagues 2021/22

The Wiltshire Off-Road Race League (WORL) is an annual series of races for all runners from clubs affiliated to Wiltshire Athletic Association. These races are Off-Road, meaning they are

mostly gravel path, woodland, fields etc. There will usually be road sections. Expect these races to be hilly and potentially muddy. The races are selected by the XC and Off-Road secretaries. There are typically eight races in a season which runs from autumn to the following spring.



WORL races selected as qualifying races for 2021/22:
1. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – White Horse Gallop 2. Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Avebury 8
3. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Yarnbury Yomp10k
4. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Plain Crazy
5. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Slaughterford 9
6. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Lungbuster
7. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – SMaRTT Smasher 10k
8. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Terminator



This year (January to December) the AVR Off-Road League will be returning to the format promised for 2020, keeping the Wiltshire League and the Gwent league events. There will eventually be 20 races from which to choose including all of the WORL races for 2022 and all the Gwent League races for 2022, plus other events which may include some races further afield to add variety to the choice. Only your best eight races will count for the championship.

The first AVR runner will get 1 point, the 2nd will get 2 points and so on until all runners are accounted for. Non-runners will get five points more than the number of points of the last runner of the highest attended race. The winner will be the runner with the **least** points. Since only the best 8 races for each runner will count, you don't have to run every race however, if there is a tie for the winners then the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> races will be taken into consideration until a winner is established.

AVR Offroad league races 2022 so far:
1. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Slaughterford 9
2. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Lungbuster
3. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – SMaRTT Smasher
4. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Gwent League at Blaise Castle
5. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Terminator
6. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Gwent League at Singleton Park, Swansea
7. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Hanham Horror
8. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Sutton Veny
9. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Bristol 3 Peaks
10. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Chippenham Longest Day 10k

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#### <u>Lungbuster</u>

Six members of AVR took part with **Gary MacAlister** as first AVR in 10<sup>th</sup> place in a time of 1:12:55. **Tina Towler** was the first AVR female in a time of 1:47:07.



#### SMaRTT Smasher

13 members took on this out and back event in Calne. It was held on the same day as the Wiltshire 10 which saw 36 members taking part so it was a very busy day for the club! At the Smasher, **Joby Hobbs** was the first AVR home in 7<sup>th</sup> place in 39:25 with **Gary MacAlister** not far behind in 8<sup>th</sup> place in 39:32. **Rebekah Carrivick** was the first AVR female in 46:23. Our wonderful Off Road Secretary, **Anthony Hickson** (*pictured*), took part as the one and only entrant in the MV80 category – what an inspiration!

#### Gwent XC

Seven AVR men took part in the mudfest at Blaise Castle in which **Mike Towler** (*pictured*) was the first AVR home in 11<sup>th</sup> place overall. Nine AVR ladies took part and were led home by **Jackie Rockliffe** in 23<sup>rd</sup> place overall and 4<sup>th</sup> in her age category.



#### <u>Terminator</u>

Five AVRs took part in this grueling and hilly event. The first AVR across the line was **Andrew Sharratt** in 1:53:21 and the first AVR lady was **Mel Ward-Nichols** in 2:02:40. **Pauline Bradley** was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FV60 category in a time of 2:07:48.

#### AVR standings after 4 races (Terminator not added on yet) Full results can be found <u>here</u>.

		Lad	ies				
			Running				
Posn	Name	Sex	Total	1	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Ladies	aaa	Female	0	0	0	0	0
1	Tina Towler	Female	19	2	1	5	11
2	Pauline Bradley	Female	23	4	2	6	11
3	Jilly Hobbs	Female	32	11	11	4	6
4	Maria Harryman	Female	34	1	11	11	11
5	Rebekah Carrivick	Female	34	11	11	1	11
6	Sally Frawley	Female	34	3	11	11	9
7	Jackie Rockliffe	Female	34	11	11	11	1
8	Jolene Farion	Female	35	11	11	2	11
9	Veryan Cranston	Female	35	11	11	11	2
10	Jennifer Ford	Female	36	11	11	3	11
						-	
11	Leah Sartain	Female	36	11	11	11	3
12	Helen Farion	Female	37	11	11	11	4
13	Hayley Southgate	Female	38	5	11	11	11
14	Diane Hier	Female	38	11	11	11	5
15	Nicole Jackson	Female	39	6	11	11	11
16	Sharon Firkins	Female	40	11	11	7	11
17	Paula Farrell	Female	40	11	11	11	7
18	Fiona Gibbs	Female	41	11	11	11	8

#### Wiltshire league standings after 7 races (Terminator not added on yet) Full results can be found <u>here</u>.

Runners highlighted in yellow are the current age category leaders.

	Total Div			
	Total Pts		М	F
HAM HARRIERS A	120	6425	3137	3288
VOOTTON BASSETT HOUNDS RC A	106	4541	2651	1890
M RUNNING CLUB A	105	4449	2616	1833
HAM HARRIERS B	102	4307	2564	1743
ALLEY RUNNERS A	101	3968	2181	1787
MARTT A	90	2908	1663	1245
UNNING CLUB A	87	2665	1108	1557
ATH ATHLETIC CLUB A	87	2390	955	1435
RUNNING CLUB A	85	2608	1605	1003
ALLEY RUNNERS B	56	1358		561
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Ladies					
Name	Cat	Club Name	Total		
1 MICHELLE MAXWELL	FV40	CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	595		
2 EMILY GRIFFITHS	FSEN	TEAM BATH ATHLETIC CLUB	592		
3 LILIANA SOTO	FSEN	CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	562		
4 Juliette HATT	FV40	CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	477		
5 JULIA MADDOCKS	FV40	CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	464		
6 SUSAN MACKIE	FV50	CORSHAM RUNNING CLUB	439		
7 Tina TOWLER	FV60	AVON VALLEY RUNNERS	403		
8 Michelle COVENEY	FV40	CALNE RUNNING CLUB	403		
9 YUKA MORRELL	FV40	CORSHAM RUNNING CLUB	370		
10 Samantha KELLY	FV50	Royal Wootton Bassett Hou	361		
11 KERRY LINDE	FV40	CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	344		
12 Dawn MCCAFFERTY	FV50	ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT	341		
13 Sarah CRITTLE	FV40	DEVIZES RUNNING CLUB	339		
14 NICOLA JAMES	FV50	CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	305		
15 Rebecca BOLLEN	FSEN	Calne Running Club	274		
16 Frances Machin	FV40	-			
17 Jennifer COLLEY		Calne SMaRTT	253		
18 LYNDA BENNETT		CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	253		
19 JULIE BEAN		CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	243		
20 Daphne Marion	FV60				
21 Pauline BRADLEY		AVON VALLEY RUNNERS	210		
22 Heather FELL		TEAM BATH ATHLETICS CLU			
23 Emma Haley		Chippenham Harriers	197		
24 Cordula HURCUM		CHIPPENHAM HARRIERS	197		
25 LAURA MIDWINTER		CORSHAM RUNNING CLUB	193		

#### Imber Ultra



The Imber Ultra is back on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The 33 mile race is a joint venture between AVR and the Rotary Club for Westbury with proceeds from the event being given to charities supported by the Rotary Club.

Entries for the event are now closed so our attention turns to marshalling and organisation. Please contact **Richard Hudson** through the <u>event website</u> if you would like to be a marshal for the morning. Most runners in an ultra are self-sufficient, so we try to minimise the effort from the club, but it does mean that every marshal is vital. We would love to see you there!

7pm heat

#### **5k Time Trials**

6pm heat

Most Wednesday nights at the track, there is a session held by **Sean** and **Fiona Price**. The drills and sessions are designed to improve members' speed over time by using interval training, many of which can be seen in the new club video <u>here</u>. However, every now and again, they plan a 5k TT so members can get a benchmark of their current ability and the latest happened this month on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

With the Youth team taking a break over half term, it meant that there was the opportunity for two TTs to take place at 6pm and 7pm with an amazing 26 volunteers who turned out to do lap counting! Thank you to each and every one of you – you created a wonderful supportive atmosphere for those taking part.

12 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> laps of the track in both sessions saw some brilliant times from athletes of all abilities including 3 who achieved a sub 20 minute time. Well done to all 29 runners who took part.

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Position	Person 🔶	Running	Position A	Person 🔶	Running		
1	Chris Redshaw	00:19:29	1	Jon Pittard	00:20:27		
2	Dan Coleman	00:19:41	2	Veryan Cranston	00:21:27		
2		00:19:41	3	Ray Pemberton	00:22:13		
3	Jack Prout	00:19:44	4	Ken Piper	00:22:29		
4	Alan Buttone	00:21:28	5	Doug Watkinson	00:22:33		
5	Andrew Jefferies	00:22:05	6	Diane Hier	00:22:47		
6	Colin Sawyer	00:22:11	7	Simon Evans	00:23:18		
7	Simon Williams	00:22:27	8	Steve Jeffries	00:23:35		
			9	Sarah Hillman	00:25:26		
8	Fabrice Gagneaux	00:22:48	10	Sharon Firkins	00:26:27		
9	Isabella McNally	00:23:28	11	Mark Tucker	00:27:17		
10	Paula Farrell	00:23:30	12	Katie Oliver	00:27:44		
11	Jenny Natrass	00:24:38	13	David Gale	00:28:50		
12	Martin Russam	00:26:37	14	Sarah Emery	00:29:12		
13	Lil Morris	00:27:36	15	Tom Gale	00:30:52		
10		00.27.30	16	Gretchen Tucker	00:41:36		



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