

# Trotter Newsletter

14th May 2026

We've done it! A new record membership total of 371, and it's still rising. It wouldn't surprise me if we hit 400 before the end of our membership year. Axe Valley Runners are the currently the biggest club in Devon with 380. However, a big percentage of their members only join to be guaranteed a place in the Grizzly!

I'm looking forward to the Trotters Teignmouth parkrun takeover on Saturday. With all volunteer positions filled, why not dig out your Trotters top and join the rest of your clubmates taking part. It should be quite a spectacle.

My favourite Trotter race of the year, the DD, is fast approaching. It's a pretty full on weekend but also very rewarding. The club come together to stage what is one of the most iconic races in the country. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this year and all those taking part will enjoy their DD experience.

I'm treading water so far as my running is concerned. I've been struggling with stomach issues. Tests are ongoing, so hopefully I'll find out what's wrong sooner rather than later. It certainly makes you appreciate your fitness, something I guess many of us take for granted.

There are a couple of away runs organised for this summer. Full details can be found on page 5. One of them is on a Wednesday - just to mix it up a bit!

The spring marathon season certainly didn't disappoint. There were some fantastic performances on home soil and further afield. Well done to everyone who tackled the 26.2 mile distance.

The Club Championship continues to go from strength to strength. It's great to see so many of you giving it a go. The latest standings can be found on page 3.

## Membership total: 371

As mentioned above - we have a new record! A very warm welcome to all those that have joined since my last newsletter when the total was 355! Four of those members are pictured below.



Natalie Wills



Dean Jordan



Ben Giles



Sally Woodhouse



Sunday 28th June

A new venue and new course for 2026. It promises to be a cracking day.

This is a chance for the guys to roll up their sleeves and let the ladies run!

Nigel Barnett is the chief marshal and he would love to hear from you if you're able to marshal.  
[nigel.barnett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.barnett@hotmail.co.uk)

With over 175 ladies in the club, it would be great to get as many of you as possible to give it a go.

Apart from a lovely rural route and wonderful atmosphere, there's also the added bonus of receiving a watercolour print of a view on the course, from our very own esteemed artist, John Skinner.

You can enter online at SiEntries, or via this link; <https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?>

## Trottettes entered

Eyvoll Aston  
Samantha Battershall  
Jayne Birbeck  
Corinne Bright  
Caroline Clark  
Kerry Clarke  
Tracy Elphick  
Caroline Hayes  
Jess Hayes  
Tracy Lane  
Char Lee  
Amy Mactaggart  
Liz Nuttall  
Susanna Pratt  
Shelly Rattlidge  
Sharon Sharples  
Julie Willis  
Rhiannon Waugh-Baker  
Chloe Weeks  
Kate Williams  
Kate Williamson  
Sally Woodhouse

Jo Randall (Press & Publicity Officer) and the rest of the club would love to hear about where you've run and what you've done! So please keep those race reports coming in.  
[press@teignbridgetrotters.co.uk](mailto:press@teignbridgetrotters.co.uk)

You can greatly assist Jo by including a link to the results. Remember the deadline is 7pm on Sunday.



## Men's Club Championship ~ Top 10

1st. Andrew Morton	252 points
2nd. Ewan Walton	233
3rd. Allen Taylor	167
4th. Jaydon Taylor	154
5th. Donald Brooks	150
6th. Roger Easterbrook	149
7th. Neil Rutley	143
8th. Duncan Knight	142
9th. Derek Skinner	138
10th. Ben Tampkins	118



Allen Taylor in 3rd

## Ladies' Club Championship ~ Top 10

1st. Kathryn Steemson	248 points
2nd. Pat Atkins	243
3rd. Lucy Evans	192
4th. Sue Tremlett	188
5th. Corinne Bright	183
6th. Jo Randall	173
7th. Michelle Doherty	133
8th. Chloe Weeks	96
9th. Kim Knight	96
10th. Sam Galvin	92



Pat Atkins in 2nd

## 2026 Championship races

Date	Date	Distance	Notes
11/01/26	Oh My Obelisk (13M)	Half	
15/02/26	Dalwood 3 Hills	Long Misc	
29/03/26	Minster Challenge	Mixed	
06/04/26	Easter Bunny 10K	10K	
03/05/26	Saltash Half Marathon	Half	200 entry limit
10/05/26	Ottery 10K	10K	
31/05/26	Muskie Madness	Mixed	150 entry limit
11/06/26	Dawlish Dash	Short Misc	
04/07/26	Forest Flyer	Mixed	
25/07/26	Cornwood 10K	10K	
07/08/26	South Devon Relays	Short Misc	Free entry for Trotters
13/09/26	Storm the Fort 10K	10K	* CC nominated race.
18/10/26 TBC	Herepath Half Marathon	Half	
07/11/26 TBC	South Moulton Struggle	Long Misc	
15/11/26	Drogo 10	Long Misc	
28/11/26 TBC	John Scott Trophy	Short Misc	

## EA Individual Licence

It's renewal time if you want your own individual EA Licence number. This entitles you to a £2 discount off EA/UKA permitted races. The cost for this year is £23.

You can renew it via this link; [https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event\\_id=17693](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=17693)



## Two New Club Records!

It's a bit like waiting for a bus - you wait for ages for one to come along and then two appear out of nowhere!

On Sunday 3rd May two club records were broken. David Taylor took part in the Worthing 10K and ran a superb time of 55:34. In doing so he set a new MV80 club record. Beating the previous time of 58:37 set by Graham Baker in 2021. What made it even more special was the fact that it was Dave's 80th birthday that day!

Julian Scanes broke the MV55 record that had also stood since 2021. He recorded a time of 3:00:38 at the North Dorset Marathon. A very impressive time considering the lengthy time out he had through injury.



David approaching the finish line



Jules at the 19 mile mark

## Summer Away Runs

After the great success of last year's Widdecombe away run, Neil Tampkins and Tim Hassell have organised another one for this year. It will take place on Wednesday 1st July.

There will be the option of a 6-7 mile run at 8.30/9.30 pace led by Tim, or a 5-6 mile run at 10/12 pace led by Neil. All runners will need to meet at Widecombe car park by 6.15 for a prompt 6.30 start.

There is an option to stay for food afterwards at the Rugglestone Inn. They will provide us with a shortened menu from which we can pre-order. More details to follow.

Ruth Johnson and Bonnie are organising a similar run but this one will on Monday 20th July. The distance and pace will be pretty much as it is above. It will be a 6.30 start from Berry Pomeroy Castle. There's a cafe in the grounds that will be opening afterwards just for us! Similar to the Rugglestone they will be offering us a shortened menu.

All food orders will need to be pre booked in advance. Anyone not turning up will still have to pay for their food! Menu options will be advertised nearer the time.

There will be reduced training sessions form the Rec on both nights. Please check the training tab on our website for full details.

### How full are our races?

