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THAMES HARE & HOUNDS 67th ALUMNI RACE 2019

The date for this year's race is Saturday, December 14th, at 1430 hrs. The format will be as usual – to enlighten or remind you:

You may enter a team of unlimited numbers, but they must all be genuine alumni of the nominated school. Guest runners are welcome – whether partners, friends, parents, staff, current pupils, children, grandchildren – but cannot score as part of your team. The event is gender neutral.

There will be four team competitions within the race and a further three individual awards –

- **The King Henry VIII Trophy** – an open race to be won by the team whose first four finishers have the lowest score, the winner of the race scoring 1 and so on upwards.
- **The Old Brentwood Trophy** - Veterans' 40 race, participants to be aged 40 or over on race day, with three to score.
- **The Chataway Cup** - the Veterans' 50 race, participants to be aged 50 or over on race day, with three to score.
- **The Old Denstonian Cup** - the Veterans' 60 race, participants to be aged 60 or over on race day, with three to score.
- **The Jane Bubear Cup** - - the Veterans' 65 race, participants to be aged 65 or over on race day, with two to score.
- **The Norman Berry Cup** for the individual winner, from a team of at least three finishers.
- **The Old Coventrian Cup** for the first individual lady to finish, also from a team of at least three finishers.
- **The Wyndham Halswelle Cup** for the first finisher ranked by age adjusted time.

In any of the competitions, if two or more teams have the same score, the advantage will lie with the team whose last scoring finisher has the lowest score. Incomplete teams may participate and are closed in accordance with the Surrey Rules. Note we do often have incomplete teams and some in due course fill out. We also have teams of well over four. Very often a Vet scores for the open event and a V50 for the V40 etc.

The race is over 5 miles of true cross country on Wimbledon Common. The start is at the Thames HQ – in the South corner of the playing fields to the immediate East of the Robin Hood roundabout on the A3, two miles SW of Putney. Very limited changing facilities are available, not sufficient for the 300 + runners who now attend. Tea and cakes are served immediately after the race to lead up to, hopefully, a prompt prize giving. Regrettably, the nearby Telegraph pub has closed so for further refreshment, we suggest you either go to the Fox and Grapes on Wimbledon Common, near the 2 mile mark, or the King's Head in Roehampton.

Further details are on the Thames website including a map and directions.

<http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk> and

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I look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully seeing you on the day.

With best wishes

David Jenkins