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## THAMES HARE & HOUNDS 71st ALUMNI RACE 2023

The date for this year's race is Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1500 hrs.

You may enter a team of unlimited numbers, but they must all be genuine alumni of the nominated school. But we allow teams to include one person who has been a bona fide member of the school staff for at least five years. Guest runners are welcome but cannot score as part of a team. Children over 11 are welcomed to run, but if under 17 must have a responsible adult on hand. The Open and Vet team competitions are gender neutral.

There are six team competitions within the race and a further three individual awards –

- The King Henry VIII Trophy an open race, won by the team whose first four finishers have the lowest total score, the winner of the race scoring 1 and so on upwards.
- The Old Johnian Cup won by the team whose first three lady finishers have the lowest total score, with the team having at least three lady finishers.
- The Shrewsbury Cup an open team race based on Age Graded % score four to score and the highest total wins.
- 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, three to score.
- The Old Denstonian Cup the Veterans' 60 race, three to score.
- The Jane Bubear Cup the Veterans' 65 race, 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 graded 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 there are many incomplete teams, many of which in due course fill out. A Vet may score 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. ///arena.globe.unrealistic, SW15 3DU. 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 results announcement. For further refreshment, we recommend the Telegraph or the Green Man, both at the top of Putney Hill, or the Fox and Grapes on Wimbledon Common, near the 2-mile race mark.

Further details are on the Thames website and the Alumni page.

New teams need to register by emailing me first. Then entrants can register on the <u>THHAR23 OT Website</u> for the event. The fee this year will be  $\pounds 10$  per entrant – nothing to do with the cost of living but all to do with supporting our host, Wimbledon Common.