

Dear Runner,

Thank you for supporting this year's Compton Challenge. We hope that you enjoyed your day. We also hope that these results are accurate, so please let the webmaster know if you spot errors so that corrections can be made. (email: webmaster@comptonharriers.org.uk)

We have been made aware, in a few cases rather forcefully, that several runners added extra distance to their race in Ashampstead Woods. Whilst we are very sorry that these runners added around 1100yards to the trip, we would like to point out that at no time were they 'sent' or 'directed' on the wrong route as was suggested by some. When the marshal at the bottom of the woods found runners approaching from behind, he ran up the reverse route and found all route-marking still in place. Next year, if we stage the event again, we promise to put even more arrows at the sharp right turn at the top of these woods in the hope of preventing recurrence.

This year was the first time that our race or any other for that matter, has been included in the new national Ultra Trail Race Series sponsored by Montrail. We wish to re-affirm that neither Compton Harriers nor their volunteers benefit financially from the agreement. We are, however, most grateful for Montrail's promotion of trail running and their contribution to the prize fund. If you have not already registered free for the series at www.runfurther.com it is not too late. Even if you do not intend to complete the series, you may like to register just to get details of events and other information via the email newsletter.

On the subject of promoting trail running we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few other events: The Compton Canter - Saturday July 1st 2006

Six 'Country Miles' (9.86Km)

Compton Harriers will be organising this multi-terrain race on pleasantly undulating Downland tracks and trails, staged in conjunction with the Compton Summer Fete. The race will start at 2:00pm on the Compton village recreation ground, School Road, Compton, Newbury, Berks. Entry £4.00 on the day only, registration from 1:00pm, race limit 200, minimum age 16. Contact: Compton Harriers, c/o Martin Fray, 5 Croom Cottages, Wantage Road, Didcot, OX11 0JX Tel: 01235 833996 Email: martin.fray@tinyworld.co.uk

The 2006 Marlborough Downs Challenge (Race Permit TRA/56/05) will be held on Saturday 20th May. There is a choice of 20 or 30 mile circular routes. For entries on either course and received by 12th May 2006:- Walkers and affiliated runners £12, Non affiliated runners £14 (i.e. not a member of a club affiliated to UK Athletics). Entries on the day £16. Contact Tim Gravina, Hochgurgl, Poulshot, Devizes, SN10 1RP. tim.gravina@btinternet.com Tel 01380 828292

The Third 86 mile Ridgeway Run from Ivinghoe Beacon to Marlborough, will be held August Bank Holiday weekend. Details from Anthony Taylor 2 Maunsel Street, London, SW1P 2QL Tel 02078 280580/07970 872774 email Anthony@maunsel.freeserve.co.uk. This event is growing in popularity year on year, so Anthony will be especially pleased to hear from you if you, your family or club could help man a checkpoint on the route. It can be fun, honest.

Of course, lots of info on races – including whether or not there's to be a Twelfth Compton Challenge – can be found via our club website www.comptonharriers.cjb.net

If there is to be one, we sincerely hope that you will once again be a principle part of it.

Best wishes, COMPTON HARRIERS.