

STOPSLEY STRIDERS



NEWSLETTER

April 2026



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 **Marathon Mania... and what a month it's been!** 

April has truly been a month of Marathon Mania — and once again, our members have absolutely blown us away.

From start lines across the country (and beyond), Striders have been taking on the mighty 26.2 miles with determination, grit, and a whole lot of heart. Wherever you choose to run your marathon, you've done the club proud.

And it's not just about crossing the finish line — it's about how you've done it. We've seen another incredible wave of personal bests, smashed goals, and some truly outstanding performances right across the club.

A special mention must go to **Danny Kelly** who continues to raise the bar
Danny has broken yet another club record and now holds both the
MV65 Marathon Club Record and the **MV65 20 Mile Club Record** —
an exceptional achievement and a real inspiration to us all.

It's clear that the hard work, consistency, and community spirit within the club are paying off. Month after month, you continue to show what's possible — and April has been no exception. Whether it was your first marathon, your fastest, or simply a personal challenge you were determined to conquer...you are all part of what makes this club so special.

Here's to the miles, the medals, and the memories — and to whatever challenges lie ahead next.

Claire
Chair, Stopsley Striders



Miles of Smiles



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Club Championships



- 5k - 12th June – Marston
- Half - 14th June - St Albans
- 10k - 26th June - Beds AAA*
- 5 mile - 12th July – Aston 5 mile
- 5k - 22nd July - Doug Anderson*
- Half - 11th October - Luton*
- 10 mile - 20th September Leighton*
- 10 mile - 31st Dec - Buntingford 31st Dec
- 20 mile - Any - consider Oakley* 29th March (usually a big Strider presence)
- Marathon - Any: not virtual

Races with * are County Championships

Submit your race results on the website:

Club Competitions > Record your race > Your Races and add to the form.

Alternatively: www.stopsleystriders.org/record-your-race



Race Suggestions



Race suggestions, please also check our Facebook 'Race Suggestion' page for other events taking place that may not be mentioned below:

17th May – Wheathampstead 10k trail ATW

25th May – Hatfield Broad Oak 10K ATW

12th June – Marston 5K

14th June – St Albans Half Marathon ATW

19th June – St Albans Summer Solstice ATW

26th June – Beds AAA 10k

28th June – Silsoe Stride ATW

21st June – Welwyn 10k

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For all ATW events remember to claim your 10% Strider Discounts, use the code STOPSLEY_10

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Diary Dates



🏆 18th May – Bring your Bling – Strider Club Social event 🏆

24th May Long run and social catchup at Venue 360

25th May – Bank holiday – club is closed

31st May – Stride & Seek – Team Challenge

19th June – Charity Quiz night

9th August – Stopsley Trail

➔ ➔ ➔ Save the date - Graduation Day!! Sat 11th July ← ← ←

****Thursdays Coached Sessions with your Run Director****



Watch this space for more info!



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XC 26/27 Dates

- #1 25.10.26 Dunstable Lions
- #2 15.11.26 Wootton or Wellingborough
- #3 13.12.26 NHRR
- #4 10.01.27 Bedford
- #5 31.01.27 STOPSLEY STRIDERS

**YES, IT IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE ONCE AGAIN
THANK YOU TO KAL and ANDY FOR SECURING THIS XC EVENT**

We will need an army of Marshalls – please keep 31st Jan 27 free

