

Almost Athletes Monthly Bulletin - April 2026

Contents - **BRIEF** this month as we are **exhausted** from a combination of running (marathons for some) and organising the AGM! Please refer to the April weekly run reports, website updates when AGM minutes complete, and Facebook pages for more details.

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AGM - 29th April

Our thanks to the 79 members who attended our Club AGM on Wednesday 29th April. Another super evening in our club calendar.

Full minutes and a transcript of the Chair's Report will be on our website, in due course. In the meantime, we are delighted to confirm that the meeting was very well received by those attending. This included full Membership support on proposals relating to the new committee, an appreciation of the value in club membership and the importance of managing revenue, both in subscriptions and club races. It was recognised that we want to invest for future strength, in coaches and leaders, in preparing for our 40 year anniversary and in growing our club.

Congratulations to all award winners on the night plus a welcome to Rob Hume who joins the Committee as Minutes Secretary. (As mentioned at the AGM, we are sending a race series summary with his bulletin. Thanks to Paul Jones, Road and Off-Road Race Series Director.)

109 member votes were received for the coveted, members only voted, Runner of the Year trophies – our much applauded winners on the night were Prashanth Sripathi (Prash) and Zakia Husain. Congratulations to them.

Key messages from the AGM included:

- We are so much more than just a running club
- We agreed 4 new, member nominated club charities: Ward Buddies, Cots for Tots, Endometriosis UK and Teenage Cancer Trust.
- For 2026/27 our focus is planning and delivery for Almost Athletes Club strength – in member benefits, in volunteer support, in revenue.

Existing members whose membership expired on 31st March 2026, will shortly be invited to apply for membership, for the period to 31st March 2027. Annual subscriptions have been agreed as £40, first claim members, £20, second claim members. (New members who have already joined to 31.3.27 will not need to take any action). Some members have asked if they can make additional donations to the club. Please wait for further club communication from our Membership Secretary, Mark Wreford-Bush, before taking any action on these items

Key Events and Dates

Check out our weekly Facebook diary post and the club website for information and any changes.

11th May – First Handicap Series Race – See FB posts/ contact Peter Mitchener or Paul Jones for more details.

13th May – Run and Talk Evening for mental health and wellbeing, as part of usual Club Social Runs. 7pm start from Patesians Club. Refreshments afterwards.

13th June – PatsFest summer social get together/promote the club – get in touch if you can help on the day with manning the gazebo etc (Patesians Club, Everest Road – on all day from 12pm – bar, music, social catch up – maybe even some running! Showcase the club and benefits of AA)

5th December – Christmas Party night – NEW – NOW BOOKED – central venue, United Services Club, North Place, Cheltenham GL50 4DW

13th December – Club trip to Weston Super Mare & the Weston Christmas Cracker 10km – we have had a fantastic level of interest in this idea. Committee plan to go ahead and booking details and costs to follow shortly.

Let's go for a run!

Your Committee
Almost Athletes
1st May 2026

Want to know more?

Committee meeting highlights and other updates are posted on the [club website](#) under the 'NEWS' tab.

More details about all of our regular training sessions and social runs can be found on the ["where we meet" section of our club website](#) and on our Facebook page.

Club Merchandise – see ["merchandise" section of the club website](#)