SECRETARY’S REPORT 5th APRIL 2018

2017 was the 30th Anniversary of the Club and was celebrated with the Annual 10k and a fun day in Little Paxton, both of which were a great success. A total of £3390 was raised by the 10k and the raffles held during the club social evenings which was shared equally between the 2 club charities for the year.

Membership for 2017 was 353 of which 261 were Senior members. A very successful beginners group was run again by KP (Keith Pritchard) and his helpers. A significant number of the group went on to join the club and have subsequently renewed their membership.

The junior section remains as strong as ever with over 90 members. This is due largely to the coaches and helpers who run the sessions and I would like to thank Sharon, Emma, Helen, Natalie, Michaela, Clare, Mark, Pauline, Steve, Ryan, Richard, Ade and the Johns (sorry if I have forgotten anyone) for all their hard work and dedication in supporting the group.

The half marathon in conjunction with Nicetri Events was a success yet again and raised a significant amount of money for the club funds.

The club was triumphant in the Frostbite Series with the Seniors winning the Adrian Jarvis Trophy and the Juniors coming second in their competition. Although it is a team competition I think it is worth mentioning that Mike Taylor was in the top 3 for all 6 of the Senior Races. The Club also had teams representing it in the RNR and the Thunder Run (and the Dragon Boat race but they weren’t allow to run in that one).

Individually there were a large number of achievements and PB’s throughout the year. The George Callow Award for an outstanding running achievement was won by Maurice Hemingway for his 10 marathons in 10 days. It was a hard decision though with Darren Woodward and Karen Childerley for their individual performances at the Thunder Run, Michelle Byatt for running 12 marathons in 12 months, Mike Kendal for the London to Brighton Ultra Challenge, James Shiner for Man vs Lakes marathon and Tara Berry going from an absolute beginner to running the St Neots half within a 6 month period, all close contenders. However, I must mention our inspirational Captain, Gary Barnes who has led by example and supported everyone throughout the year. Who else but Gary would dream of spicing up the Colworth Challenge by going and running a midnight marathon on the eve of the challenge half marathon. There were a number of times during the year where he rightly deserved ‘star of the month’ but refused to accept it. Thank you Gary for being a great Captain.

Thanks to Alan Turnbull and his brother, Ian for running the Tuesday night training sessions and for all the support and advice he has given to the members throughout the year. Thanks also to Matt Sellick for continuing to run the Saturday morning session.

Social events still play a major role in the success of the club and I would like to thank Clare & KP for organising the ‘not kennys relay’, Darren Woodward for the Parent and Child race, Team Ginger Beard (alias Clare Jenkins and Chris Hull) for the Xmas mud run at Paxton Pits, Norma and Kenny for the New Years Day bacon butty run, the Evans family for the Easter egg hunt and everyone who organised the summer social runs.

What I think makes this club so special is the number of people who get involved in organising its activities. I have already mentioned some of them but there is also Maurice Hemingway for the Handicap, Tony Hainsby for the Star Awards and the bar staff for the club social evenings. Since joining the committee however, I have seen that there is one person who works tirelessly on a daily basis in support of the club and that is Sam, our Chairman who assisted by Karen, Malcolm, Clare, Gary, Lee & Dawn ensure a smooth running of the club.

Thankyou.