

FARNHAM TRIATHLON CLUB



Farnham Triathlon Club AGM

20 November 2025 at the Six Bells PH, Farnham

The Chair started the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Attendees

John Bennison, Sue Tiplady, Shirley Wilkinson, Charlie Gray, Alison Richardson, Gillian Barrett, David Barrett, Tracy Castle, John Butcher, Jodie Williams, Keith Conradi, Kim Mepstead, Cathy Berry, Steve Smulovic, Haydn Jones, Dominic Brooks, Dave Lodge, Janine Roberts, Nigel Fisher, Ian Howard, Tom McGhie, Alanna Etherington, David Pinkney.

Apologies for absence:

Jim Coleman, Chris Roper, Andy Pickup,

Approval of minutes

The 2024 AGM Minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved.

Proposed: John Bennison Seconded: David Barrett

Awards were presented for the Club Championships Races

Guildford Triathlon 20th July 2025

Male: Vet: 1st Karl Owen, Supervet: Steve Smulovic.

Female: Open: 1st Jodie Williams, Vet: Caroline Roberts

Eton Dorney Standard Triathlon 9 August 2025

Male: Vet; 1st Tom McGhie, Supervet 1st Dom Brooks, 2nd Chris Plummer

Female: Vet: 1st Ruth Jones

The Alan Keith Award: Gary Caswell for his 107km 2-day footrace in the Tunisian Desert, raising funds for a military charity.

Club Member of the Year: Nick Timmins who is a longstanding member and an enthusiastic and conscientious Cross Country team captain.

Most improved Youth Member: Lottie Denton.

Youth Member of the Year: Cassie Woodford.

*Those who were not present at the meeting will have their trophies presented in the coming weeks.

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Head Coach's Report

Tonight is a night to celebrate our FTC Members' successes.

It should be noted that they mostly all take part in our regular training sessions, taking advantage of our coaches' wealth of knowledge. Our coaching team are all volunteers; they give up their own valuable time and spend a lot of effort writing session plans for members to help them achieve their race goals.

We would still like to hear from any club members who would be interested in becoming a coach. The club will cover the costs of your coaching course, the majority of which can be done online via Zoom calls. I can honestly say that it is a truly rewarding path and my own training has benefited from learning more about the sport. If you are interested; please speak to me or contact me via email.

- Tom McGhie Ironman Portugal, Ironman Lanzarote
- Keith Conradi cycled the length of Portugal over 10 days.
- Ian Howard World Sprint Tri Finals Australia 2nd in age group, Winter Duathlon Championships, 4th in age group.
- Shirley Wilkinson World Standard Aqua Bike Finals Australia
- Ruth Jones World Duathlon Finals Pontevedra, European Duathlon Finals Rumia
- Clare Grindrod European Duathlon Finals Rumia

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies, it has been a very busy racing year and I am sure you will agree a very successful one with still more to come.

Our Youth Section is flourishing and the run improvement sessions we introduced in the summer have proved so popular we have extended them into the winter. However, we still need our members support, turning up for our for Cross Country races, helping the committee and attending training sessions, please continue to support us.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the committee and the coaching team for their valuable time, help and contributions over the past year. Here is to 2026!

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Treasurer's Report (Dominic Brooks)

FTC Club Accounts 2024/5, Year Ending 30th September 2025

Position at 28/9/2024: Bank Accounts: £9,971.

Position at 28/9/2025 Bank Account: £11,188.

Receipts	2023/4	2024/5
Kit	£758	£294
Training Sessions	£8,807	£8,864
Membership Fees	£3,235	£2,507
Other	£600 (Hart Tri)	£130
Total Receipts	£13,400	£11, 795
Outgoings		
Facilities Hire	£7,892	£8,818
X Country	£100	£250 (2 years' payments)
UKA/EA	£521	£485
BTF Affiliation	£165	£165
Coaching	£1,325	£41.54
Social Events	£320	£444.30
Web Costs	£162	£136.60
Miscellaneous Costs	£303	£306.17 (£218.67 kit)
Total Outgoings	£10,788	£10, 646.61
Surplus/Deficit	£2,612 surplus	£1,149.05 surplus

Highlights:

- All funds now sit with HSBC, and we shall be setting up a high interest account with £8,000 on deposit on a rolling six-month basis. Sue Tiplady and Charlie Gray have access to the HSBC Business Account App to enable them to pay invoices.
- Pool fees have increased substantially and, approximately one hundred fewer swim sessions were booked over the year. Consequently, sessions ran at a £400 loss which has been subsidised by membership fees.
- We have twenty fewer members compared to last year, which has impacted income by £600.
- There are plenty of funds in reserve, so the club is not at risk, but it would be preferable if training sessions cost were covered by attendance.

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Chairman's Report (John Bennison)

There were three notable events this year:

- We migrated successfully to the Spond Club Management App and away from Club Spark to avoid fees levied by British Triathlon, the system is working very well.
- Hart Triathlon was cancelled so we lost a contribution to our funds of £600 by volunteering and the chance to recruit members.
- Our 40th Anniversary Celebrations at Frensham Heights School was a great success (thanks to Charlie, Nick, Sue, Shirley, and Janine who organised the party and mini triathlon event for members' children).

Thanks to

- Head Coach Shirley Wilkinson and the entire coaching team particularly Jonathon Porter who is responsible for coaching the youth squad and David Pinkney, Haydn Jones, Ruth Jones for her run improvement sessions and Dominic Brooks who will soon be a level 2 coach.
- Dominic Brooks for his help as Treasurer managing our money.
- Sue Tiplady who has been Club Secretary and Membership Officer.
- Charlie Gray who as Social Secretary has worked tirelessly to organise many educational and social events during the year.
- David Barrett who as Kit Manager organised us an online kit shop.
- Alanna Sussex/Etherington for her role of Welfare Officer
- David Pinkney who rebuilding the website page by page and retrieving archive content from the old website.

Upcoming events:

- 23rd November Cross Country at Alice Holt
- 29th November Park Run at Alice Holt
- 11 December 7.30pm Club Christmas Curry in Farnham.

The 2024/5 Committee stood down.

Election of Executive officers for 2025/6

- Chair: John Bennison Proposed: Alanna Sussex. Seconded: Shirley Wilkinson
- Treasurer: Dom Brooks Proposed: John Bennison Seconded: Shirley Wilkinson
- Secretary Sue Tiplady Proposed: John Bennison: Seconded: Alanna Sussex

The remainder of the committee were proposed and elected as a group:

Alanna Sussex (Welfare), Charlie Gray (Social Sec), Dave Barrett (Kit Manager) were re-elected.

Tom McGhie and Cathy Berry made it known after the meeting that they would like to help out; they will co-opted to the committee at the next committee meeting and

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take up the positions of membership secretary and Welfare Officer, respectively.

AOB: There was a vote for thanks for John Bennison for his work as Chair and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.