



Member Information

(Membership year ending 31st March 2022)

Elmbridge Road Runners is a friendly local running club catering for runners of all abilities. We have around 130 members of mixed ability, both men and women and we are affiliated to England Athletics. You will find us on the 1st Floor of the Elmbridge Canoe Club, Walton Lane, Weybridge. Or, each Wednesday, we meet at the track in the Xcel Sports Hub (<http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allId=3544>).

The club produces a regular running diary that can be found on our website www.err.club. We share updates with members using emails and on our [Facebook](#) page.

Regular events

Our running varies from jogging around local roads, river towpath, running track and trails; these vary between relaxed friendly runs to speed 'interval' sessions.

During the *winter*, both club nights are held at the Canoe Club and training runs are typically between 5 and 9 miles.

During the *summer*, our Thursday evening venue is at Winterdown Road, West End, Esher (next to the Prince of Wales pub), running on trails in the woods. Our Tuesday night sessions can be intervals, a relay session, or a run along the towpath.

Day	What	When	Where
Tuesday	Main club night – incl. C25K	@ 19:00	@ Canoe Club
Wednesday	Speed endurance night	@ 19:00	@ Xcel Sports Hub
Thursday	Additional club night	@ 19:00	@ Canoe Club (winter) @ West End (summer)
Sunday	Longer run	timings & venue vary (please see website/diary)	

Pace groups

On the Tuesday main club night, we use a number of pace groups, varying from 6.5 mins per mile to 11-12 mins per mile. We accommodate the pace of all new members who can run 5 km / 3.2 miles. An existing member will be responsible for each pacing group. The route and distance run by each pace group will depend on the makeup of the group on the night.

Club kit

Running kit is available through the club, which includes vests, short & long sleeve tops, trousers and hoodies.

For *club vests*, please contact Marisa (kit@err.club).

For *all other club kit*, please go to the following website <http://www.iprosports.co.uk/club-zone/elmbridge-running-club/>. You can see sample items (all mediums) on a club night at the Canoe Club. Orders above £25 are delivered free, so if you only want one item then try to order together and avoid a postage charge.

Social events

We hold a number of social events during the year, including impromptu pub meals, post Elmbridge 10k barbecue, curry evenings and the Christmas dinner (which includes our annual quiz and trophy presentations). We also have a soft spot for tea & cakes after our weekend runs. **We hope to see you at our next event!!**

Team events

- During the *winter* we participate in the Surrey Cross Country League.
- During the *summer* we participate in the Surrey Road League and various local team relay races.

In house competitions

The **Trophy Series** is our main club competition that is designed to encourage members to compete together in local races. To qualify for the competition results you need to turn up in at least 5 of the 11 nominated races (on weekends spread throughout the year) and try to beat all of the other Elmbridge runners. There are separate prizes for

- the *fastest man and woman*,
- an *age graded* trophy which enables runners of all ages and genders to compete on an even footing, and
- the *most improved* trophy.

The **Handicap Series** consists of several races (on Tuesday evenings during May to August) over a 5.5 mile course along the Thames river towpath. Each race has a staggered start, reflecting the participants' previous performances in the series. The winner of the competition is the runner with the best *progressive improvement* over the summer.

Club 10k

We stage our own 10k race in July each year. Our race has a good reputation, is part of the Surrey Road League and is our main fund-raising event of the year. We ask members not to run but instead volunteer with the organisation and marshalling of the event. Although we do select a handful of our runners to represent us in the Surrey Road League.

London Marathon Ballot

We are usually allocated one entry for club member to run the London Marathon. All qualifying members can choose to enter a ballot for this place. The ballot is open until 31st October each year and is usually drawn one week later. To qualify to enter the ballot you must:

- be a paid up member of the Club on the 31st October
- have taken part in at least five Club races in the previous calendar year (trophy series, Cross country or relays)
- have helped at the Club as a volunteer on at least one occasion in the previous calendar year (such as marshalling for the Club 10Km or cross country or timing the handicap)
- you did not win the Club ballot the previous year

Benefits of membership

Alongside joining our organised training sessions, your annual membership payment enables you to:

- Use Elmbridge Canoe Club and Xcel Sports Hub on relevant club nights;
- Free entry to various team events, such as local team relays in the summer and the Surrey Cross Country League in the winter; and
- Affiliation with England Athletics, which enables you to enter running events at the discounted affiliated rates (min £2). Other benefits and offers are available, see <http://www.englandathletics.org/england-athletics/athlete-registration#Benefits>.

Our AGM & our Committee

Please join us at our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which happens every May. All members will be notified of the date in advance and we hope to see you there for the reports from the committee and for you to play your part helping us to make important decisions for our club.

During the AGM we elect the committee for the upcoming year, our current committee members are:

Position	Who	Email
Chair	Phil Sumner	chair@err.club
Men's Captain	Oren Paynton	menscaptain@err.club
Ladies' Captain	Hayley Davidson	ladiescaptain@err.club
Secretary	Jackie Butler	secretary@err.club
Treasurer	Clare Boynton	treasurer@err.club
Membership	Marina Hipple	membership@err.club
Social	vacant	social@err.club
Marketing & Communications	Kelsey Offord	marketing@err.club
Kit & Safeguarding Officer	Marisa Billet	kit@err.club
General	Mike Bruce	mike@err.club
General	Anne-Lise Christmas	anne-lise@err.club
General	Carla Gilbey	carla@err.club
General	Barbara Molony-Oates	barbara@err.club

Social media

Join us on:



We find Facebook a great place for our runners to find out what's on and share their comments and pictures.
Our main Facebook group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7060391875/>
Our couch of 5k group is: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/WeybridgeCouch/>



Our twitter feed is @ElmbridgeRR, where we tweet about our club



You can join our 'Elmbridge Road Runners' club on Strava (www.strava.com) where many of our runners upload their runs.