

Friday 10th June 2016

KENT ROADRUNNER MARATHON is now the KENT CIRCUIT MARATHON

Starting with the **2017** event, the annual KENT **ROADRUNNER** MARATHON will be managed by **Inspire Races** and renamed to be the KENT **CIRCUIT** MARATHON. The event was created by **tzruns** and they will create the medal/shirt designs for 2017 as well as assisting the new team.

The **2016** KENT **COYOTE** MARATHON will continue unaffected and will be the final event organised exclusively by **tzruns**. Entries are still available, so please come and join us for our big end-of-school party on Sunday 18th September: <http://www.kentcoyote.com>

tzruns statement:

Six years ago Sandra and Ian (commonly known as “tzruns”) set out to organise an event which brought something genuinely new to the marathon scene. Together we invented the KENT **ROADRUNNER** MARATHON. The traffic free, lapped course gave us the perfect stage on which to allow our creative minds to soar. We were the first marathon in the UK to offer “huge” finishers’ medals, the first to offer prizes for mucking about (“showboating”), one of the only small events to offer free professional photography as well as free beer and a drone video. All of the lunacy set on top of an event which always remained true to the principles of being a gold-label UKA-standard road race. There is no question the 2016 KENT **ROADRUNNER** MARATHON exceeded all our expectations and was our crowning glory. The event on the day was awesome and the glowing feedback almost embarrassingly kind. Unfortunately we must confess that the two of us simply cannot continue to deliver an event of this magnitude as an “evenings and weekends” hobby. The 2016 event took over 2,000 man-hours to deliver.

The event has been so successful it has outgrown our ability for us to continue to manage it alone. We negotiated with several event promoters before we chose **Inspire Events**. The folks at Inspire have provided chip-timing for every KENT **ROADRUNNER** MARATHON as well as timing the unforgettable British record for Steve Way at our National 100K ultra. They know and understand our events and what it takes to deliver them. We have not “sold out” to Inspire - we have simply given them the event so that it can continue and so it can prosper with new energy and a bigger, more experienced, team. Ian will move from Race Director to the event’s Artistic Director, still responsible for the medals, shirt/vests, etc.

Ian and Sandra cannot possibly thank you all enough for embracing our event with your hearts and we hope you’ll continue to support us as we transition to our new role in future events.

Inspire Races statement:

Firstly we would like to thank Ian for the opportunity to continue on the great work that he has put in place. **ChiptimingUK** has timed the KRR for the last 5 years we have seen the work that Ian and Sandra have put into the KRR to create a fantastic event which seems to be enjoyed by all that take part. We are determined to deliver an event for you with the same quality and enjoyment that you have had over the previous years. **Inspire Races** will not be looking to change a great deal for 2017, we still intend to deliver a great medal (designed by a certain Ian J Berry), loads of free stuff and a great atmosphere. We do however feel a new name is required as this is a new era in this great lap marathon. From **2017** the event will be named the KENT **CIRCUIT** MARATHON.

The 2017 race will, of course, still be hosted at Cyclopark and will utilise the same 21-lap course as the 2016 KENT **ROADRUNNER** MARATHON. The race will be held on Saturday 27th May 2017.

Through our events company Inspire Races, previously called Mucky Races, we have organised road runs, fun runs, triathlons and obstacle course races for various organisations and always received excellent feedback on our events. We intend to carry this into the KENT **CIRCUIT** MARATHON in 2017. However please bear with us over the next month as we develop our communication with you through social media, Facebook and Twitter - @inspireraces and our website www.inspireraces.co.uk

We are very excited about this new challenge and hope you will join us on it.

If you have already signed up for the **2017 KENT ROADRUNNER** MARATHON your ticket has automatically been transferred onto the **2017 KENT CIRCUIT** MARATHON. If you have purchased an optional vest these will still be available and designed, of course, by our new designer Ian J Berry.

Any questions please direct them to info@inspireraces.co.uk

We look forward to working with you.

Entries are now open via:

<http://www.inspireraces.co.uk/kent-circuit-marathon>

Ian and Toby and the team at Inspire Races/ChiptimingUK