**KXCL Stanhill Farm Oct 14th 2017**

To all team managers and athletes, a few quick points about the venue being used on Oct 14th. Last year we made some alterations to the parking to try and accommodate more cars. We just about coped, but we have still created a 15 minute break in the programme this year to try and overcome the real pinch point in the car park occupancy. So please still encourage as much car sharing as possible, and certainly no parking on grass banks in front of people`s houses along the main road!

This is not a school or a park, but a working farm and business. Toby and Max who run the farm, have been fantastically positive and helpful in allowing us to use the farm, even to the extent of cutting grass along some of the tracks being used. **But** it is a business, and they stress that we must all respect the fact that it is a working farm, and keep to the tracks only.

***The Maize Maze is out of bounds, and crops must not be picked.***

***The large stack of straw bales must not be climbed on.***

***If a field is ploughed then it almost certainly has crops planted, last year people were walking on some of the ploughed areas!***

***Also the Farm Shop car park must not be used by runners, we will have marshals for parking.***

Crops from the fields are amongst the products on sale in the award winning Farm Shop. Check out their website. They will be catering for hot and colds drinks, and some snacks in the area near the HQ. There is also a stall in the main yard which sells Gourmet Sausages.

There is a sizeable car parking area on grass, and half a mile away is Summerhouse Drive estate, which has plenty of scope for street parking. There will be a £1 charge for the car parking. Club tents will have a designated area close to the start/finish. There are no changing facilities, and we will be using partaloos.

The course is the same as last year. The course is relatively flat, but the tracks can become testing if wet, and will provide plenty of alternative racing lines.

I am sure this will continue to provide us with a good venue, and hopefully will remain one of our regular fixtures. If we have wet weather in the days leading up to the fixture, please check the KCAA site in case the farmers feel the car parking area is not viable.

Paul Hills Dartford Harriers

**KXCL STANHILL FARM**

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| Event | Time | Course  | Distance - metres |
| U13 Girls | 12.00 | ABDF ABDG | 2700 metres |
| U13 Boys | 12.20 | ABDF ABCDG | 3300  |
| U15 Girls | 12.40 | ABDF ABCDG | 3300  |
| U15 Boys | 1.00 | ABEF ABEG | 4100 |
| U17/20W | 1.20 | ABD BCEG | 3600 |
| U17/20M | 1.40 | ABCEF ABCEG | 5300 |
| Sen/Vet Women/V70M | 2.15 | ABCEF ABCEG | 5300 |
| Senior Men  | 2.45 | ABEF ABCEF ABCEF ABCEG | 9800 |

Course is suitable for spikes throughout. It is a more traditional course than normal, not parkland or sports fields as we commonly use. The whole of the course is on wide farm tracks used by farm vehicles. After heavy rain the tracks can get very wet.