

Hi John,

Once again, thanks for setting this up. For me the half was a great race, somewhat poignant for me as my Dad died the night before and I was racing to honour his memory. To win was above my expectations under the circumstances, but somehow the stars aligned and I got the job done.

Having raced the inaugural event, I have to say the bike course is much better- a tighter turn at the junction, but no bumps which makes for a much more enjoyable ride. The run course is also fun, although that is only a small change from 2012.

The aid station placing was good too, allowing for safe pick up and drop off.

The event has grown from strength to strength, and I hope it does continue from there. This is a great race and affords a special experience (sun setting on a bike leg and the lights shining makes things very unique), especially to those on a budget.

Enjoy the plaudits and hope you get some time off to reflect on the good you have done.

Well done,

Tim Male.  
2015 Half Distance winner.  
2012 Full distance winner.

Hi,

Just wanted to say a huge thanks to you and the other volunteers for putting on a cracking race at the Midnight Man Half. The organisation, course and support was flawless and it was a truly unique race.

By the skin of my teeth I managed to come 2nd in the half distance, unfortunately I couldn't stay for the prize giving as had to get home for family commitments. I was wondering if the trophy could be posted on to me. I'm more than happy to pay for postage if necessary.

Thanks again and I'll definitely see you next year!

John Stoddert  
Race #176

John,

Thanks for the Midnight Man, the three of us all really enjoyed our first 70.3.  
A lovely lake, as you said a very fast bike course and the run course was well paved!

All superbly marshalled and very friendly.

Thank You, hopefully we'll be back next year once the memories have aged!

Paul

Just a note to congratulate you and the team of helpers and volunteers on a fantastic event, well organised and delivered with the minimum of fuss, I especially enjoyed the closed road bike section such a rare treat these days, as a competitor in numerous full and half ironman events this ranks alongside in novelty factor, fun and organisation, well done all.

Kind regards  
Paul Marlow race number 159 from Corby Northants

This is a very enjoyable race, I love the 6pm start.

The whole thing has improved from my previous Midnight Man race (2012) and I would recommend it to anyone.

Jeff Grimes, number 79

Hi john,

I hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as I did! I just wanted to say what a massive pleaser it was to come and race on Saturday, it was my first half but I am certainly hungry for more!

I have recommended the midnight wo/man to anyone I know who does triathlon.

Many thanks

Seb Symington

Hi John

Thanks a lot for organising the Midnight Man triathlon in Dartford. I was pleasantly surprised by the organisation and the friendly and encouraging atmosphere.

The signposting and road closures were effective and meant one could concentrate entirely on the sporting challenge.

I do hope you will be able to host this event again and I already look forward to the next edition..

Thank you very much for all the efforts you have deployed planning and successfully putting in place this event.

Kind regards

Christelle

WOW!! What a triathlon!!

Thank you so much for a well organised event, everything was run so smoothly!

I had some trepidation as the weekend before, I had completed London Olympic, but the quarter midnight man was a stunner to finish my big triathlons off this summer with only a couple of sprints left!

The marshals were well spread and very encouraging, thank you to the guy who called me Sparkly and held my bike when I forgot my race number!

I only have compliments for the triathlon and will be back next year for sure as its a great way to bring in my birthday which is the 16th!

Thank you again and see you next year!

Jess

Thank you, John and the whole crew for a great race this weekend!

My wife and I both had a great experience at the 2015 Midnight Man, due to the perfect organizing and the very fine swim, bike and run course.

Hope to be back!

Yours,

Lars Ursin  
Trondheim triatlonklubb  
Norway

Dear Team

Please could I thank you all for organising such an incredible event.

Swim was well organised and spaced out.

Bike was fast and great to have the locals out cheering us on.

Run was well organised and quick.

I look forward to next year.

Regards

Rich  
Hi John

I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you and the team for the highly enjoyable and excellently planned race on the weekend. Every part of the experience was great, from the pre-race buzz, the nice and warm lake, fast closed roads (with great marshalling), the bus stop based support and the warm welcome at the finish line. If you could just order a few more degrees warmer just before dawn then that would be great!

So thanks again, you put on a great show.

Cheers

Gareth  
(#45)

Many thanks to you and everyone involved in organising and supporting the Midnight Man. It was my first Iron-distance race and I can't say I especially 'enjoyed' the marathon, but the location is great and the multi-lap closed road bike route is brilliant. The support from local people along the bike route was great.

All the best in the future.  
Steve Jacques

Thanks, John, for hosting the Midnight Man Triathlon this past weekend. The course and assistance was top notch. I enjoyed the event and hope it continues every year.

Thanks,

**Mike Dougherty, CPA, CGMA**  
Hello John

Hope you're recovering from your Midnightman exertions. Just a note to say well done mate, it seemed to all go smoothly and from my point of view and I hope yours as well. It is important to all the age groups that you recognise the achievement. To be honest, I wouldn't mind if I was 2nd, 3rd or 4th, but just knowing I can compete within my own age range gives me something to aim at and that's probably true for all ages.

as we really know our time has passed for winning races, anyway I enjoyed it and long may you be successful in your endeavours to organise events

Kind Regards

Bob

Hi John

Thank you so much for another brilliant event! the midnight man is just a fantastic event! The weather last night was perfect! (At last!!!) I have to say how supportive the local people were..... They just kept me pushing that bit faster by calling out my name as well as cheering Lady P on! Even your friendly and super supportive marshals were glad to see her back!

I will be back as a marshal for your marathon next year and then racing my favourite triathlon!... The midnight man!

Once again a huge thank you, rest up now and take care, Sandie J

Sent from my iPad

John

I just wanted to say thank you to you and all the team for everything on Saturday evening. I thought it was a fantastic event, superbly run and completely unique. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

And thanks again for letting me join last minute.

See you next year.

Best regards

Ian

From Facebook

Congratulations to all the athletes who took part last night and thank you to John for the party packs. As usual we spent the night cheering you all in from the bus stop - same time next year 'pink bike'?



John, another fantastic event. Marshals, supporters, crews have all been great. Even the Sainsbury's trucks always gave me right of way when crossing the estate. That's a lot of respect shown to us athletes. YOU make that happen! Thanks and congratulations.

Thanks to [John Setford](#) and his team for a great night swimming , cycling and "running" around Dartford. Another fantastic event and so much fun....Well most of it ;- ) The Marshalls were top class as ever.

The bus-stop crowd were fantastic! All that cheering really helped me get through it. Thank you!

Made me smile every time I went past, thanks

We will stay out longer next year! Thank you it's nice to know we help!

Helen - you're going to have to pull an all nighter next year! We were up at 6.30am to see Bart over the finish line, that was hard enough!

It's was fantastic to see you all cheering and supporting us all!! As I think someone else commented you really notice the difference when you all go home... Might need to do a bbq early breakfast at the Running Man next year???