



The Idle Web – May 2008

As if nobody had noticed ! – There was a major website update last month. The old website had got a bit long in the tooth & the growing number of files behind the scenes had reached over 2000. In addition to the redesigned layout, I've implemented stricter controls of the site's structure so that it remains more manageable. For now you still have a link on the homepage that will take you to the old homepage, & in time the old content will be removed.

All the gossips are available dating back to the club's inception way back in 2002. The results need a bit of work (well a lot really), as I currently only have 2008 published in the new format. However 2008 is bang up to date. Also the search of "Your Race" is also up to date to the end of April 2008. However if you've lost it – It has moved & earned a new title – it's now called "Personalised Results" & it is available on the main results page, at the bottom of the "Related Links" section .

One of the additions I'm hoping you will find very useful is the new "Running Diary" (Find your next race), located on the home page. This enables you to search directly for races of any distance or terrain you like. You can even search by distance from your location. You can if you like setup alerts to notify you of up & coming events of your choice. I have been in contact with the site's owners & they have linked our website to theirs too, so it should be of mutual benefit for all. We can also advertise our flagship trail Race on their site which will very much widen it's audience & make it easier for people to find on the net.

My current focus (in addition to updating the old content where needed), is to make the search button on the top of the home page work in conjunction with Google's search engine, only restricting it to a search of the Idle AC website. The benefit of this will be to enable you to search our website for any key words, like "race", or your own "name", "Christmas party" etc. & a "Google like" results page will be returned with every reference to your search words highlighted.

I have removed the "Forum" from the website for now, (but left it functional in case we wish to resurrect it). This was something that has been pushed on many occasions but never really took off.

If anyone has any further suggestions or ideas for the website, (positive or otherwise). I'm always happy to listen. You can speak to me at the club as I'm usually at most of the training sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays or alternatively, you can email me at: martin@idleac.co.uk
Keep on Browsing - **Martin**.