

"Where in the World"

Just a short note to explain the attached photos.

Our son, David Gillies (known to some of the older members of the Club) lives in the UK - now aged 31 years but started at Twin Towns Triathlon Club when his father started (20 something years ago). David used to come down to tri (aged about 10) with Rob on a Saturday morning with his mountain bike and ride around annoying anybody he could - there were about 4 or 5 kids back then who came down each week with their parents. He whinged and complained to his father that he wanted to do the tri - that he could do it.

Well, after enough whinging and co-ercing, Rob spoke to Douggie and Peter Fitzgerald (President at the time) and this was the start of the Twin Towns Juniors - it was very very basic back then - about 5 kids (this also included our daughter Carolyn who also now lives in UK but does NOT do triathlons anymore). The rest is history - the Juniors at Twinnies are now huge and it all started way back then.

David hasn't continued with Triathlon but has taken up running and of course, his father has kept him appropriately dressed each year in Cannibal Triathlon clothing for his running. The first photograph shows the type of clothes that they run in in the UK in March (supposed to be spring). It was taken in March last year (2010) at Silverstone half marathon (yes - Silverstone Formula 1 International Racing track). About 5,000 crazy white legged Poms run around the track and do the half - it is so cold, they start out with gloves and hats and under shirts - you've got to be keen - and you lot complain when it hits 15 degrees at Twinnies!!

The second photo is "the hand in the crowd". This is David waving to his wonderful girlfriend who caught the train down with him at some ungodly hour to London so he could do the race - David is in amongst the 10,000 odd who did the Royal Parks Charity Half Marathon in London 2 weeks ago - it starts and finishes in Hyde Park and runs down past Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey and across the river and back and down the Embankment and back through Green Park and back through the heart and around the edges of Hyde Park - and you thought it was crowded in the run at Twinnies!

David was a member of the original group of kids who did the first Juniors at Twinnies and still holds strong ties to the Club and Australia - by flying the Aussie flag everywhere he goes and reminding everyone that even though he doesn't live in Aus anymore - he is still proud to be a former junior and member of the great Club we call Twin Towns Triathlon Club.



Rob & Sue Gillies