

Chris Smith
A Tribute by John O'Shea

Chris worked at the Cabinet Office and prior to that at The Central Office of Information (COI). Chris was a versatile athlete competing on the Track, Roads, Country, Fells and Mountains where he particularly excelled as a member of the Great Britain Mountain Running Team along with his friend and fellow Civil Service National Team mate Orlando Edwards helping GB to secure team bronze at the World Mountain Running Championships in Wales in 2015. In the European Mountain Running Championships he helped GB claim Team Silver in Bulgaria in 2013 and Portugal in 2015 and Team Bronze in Italy in 2016.

As well as representing the Civil Service in the annual Sir Sefton-Brancker Cross Country match versus the RAF which he won in 2008 and 2018 Chris also liked to run for the London Civil Service Team in the annual London Business Houses Bridges Relays. Chris would run the opening leg for our "A" Team and it was a great sight to see him on the run for home, clear of his pursuers along the long straight footpath next to The Thames, to the cheers from the gallery made up of runners and spectators, lined along the top of the back wall of St. Thomas' Hospital. He helped the team to LBH Team Gold in 2019, LBH Team Silver in 2017 and 2018 and LBH Team Bronze in 2016.

Despite his fine achievement Chris was never boastful but was a mild-mannered modest man and had time for everyone. He always greeted people with a warm welcoming smile and indeed it was always a pleasure to have spent time in his company.

Chris in action at the 2018 Sir Sefton-Brancker Cross Country match which we won for the second time.



A further tribute to Chris from the World Mountain Running Association can be found using the link below.

<http://www.wmra.info/news/latest-news-from-the-wmra/845-a-tribute-to-chris-smith>