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Horsham MP to start both the Barns Green Half Marathon.....and 10km races!

There will be a unique double this year as Horsham MP, Jeremy Quin will start both the Barns Green Half Marathon and 10km races on the 24th September. Of course there is a twist. Jeremy will be on a podium with a claxon to act as the official starter for the Barns Green Half Marathon which starts at 10am. Then he will get into his running gear and will actually take part in the 10km event which starts a few minutes later at 10.20am.

The 2017 event will take place on Sunday 24th September and will be the 35th running of the Barns Green Half Marathon and the second year of the new 10 kilometer race which was introduced for the first time last year. The whole event is run entirely by volunteers and raises a lot of money for charity and also makes significant donations to various groups, youth and sports clubs in and around the village who help with the staging of the race. This year's official charity for the event is **St Catherine's Hospice**.

Commenting on the involvement of Jeremy Quin, Barns Green Half Marathon Race Director, Vernon Jennings said, "We are thrilled that Jeremy has agreed to be involved. It is always a great boost to us to have the support of our local MP. We are even more delighted that he is going to get doubly involved acting as the official starter for the Barns Green Half Marathon and taking part in the second running of our 10kilometer race. It's a unique double which shows what a good sport he is. I believe the race day is also his birthday so we will certainly have a cake ready for him at the finish line. I just hope he will have enough puff left to blow out all the candles!"

Jeremy Quin MP commented, "I am delighted to be able to support this truly unique local event. The Barns Green Half Marathon has made a huge contribution to the local community over the past 35 years. I will now need to get into training for the 10km race to which I am looking forward!"

Last year almost 1800 runners registered for the Half Marathon and 10k races which follow routes on closed roads through the lanes of Barns Green, Itchingfield, Christ's Hospital and close to Southwater through some of the most scenic countryside in West Sussex. This year, the magnificent Christ's Hospital School marching band will once again be playing while all the runners go through the grounds of the school during the race. What could be more uplifting for the runners?

For further details on how to take part in the race just visit the Barns Green Half Marathon website; barnsgreen-half.org.uk

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