



Will cease operations on March 3rd 2019

So it's with a lot of sadness that today (27/7/18) I have to bite the bullet and accept defeat. The last 3 years have been pretty amazing but after 2019's Cousin Jack Classic event, [Bys Vyken Events](#) will be closing its doors. Whether this will be temporary or permanent I am not yet sure.

For not only financial reasons but also personal reasons I have to say goodbye to Bys Vyken for a little while.

There are so many things in my own life going on that I would no longer have the time to invest properly into planning these races. Something in my life has to give and unfortunately for the time being it has to be this.

We've tried to make it work and the numbers just aren't there. It's easier to have a sellout event at 100 than at 250+ . Through the hard work, effort and dedication that I have had for this business and for all of you doesn't match the lack of revenue the business has made. Some events breakeven and some don't. Admittedly the problem lies with me. Perhaps charging too little for the events because I'm not in the business of charging silly amounts where the runner cannot afford it is a big reason.

All of this has been through my own passion and putting on races that that I would want to do myself. I love it all. I love all of you. I really truly do. My passion unfortunately puts a huge strain on my personal life and also my own mental health, of which most that know me know. This isn't to say I'm mentally incapable of actually putting an event on nor in need of a padded cell but I have these incredibly mind blowing post race come downs that last for weeks and are getting more difficult to combat.

The pressure I place upon myself to give you the best of what I can give you is indescribable. I'd like to think that each and every runner had taken something positive away with the best from running my races. All I ever wanted to do was make you all smile and give you a few hours on a Saturday morning where you didn't have to worry about all those things that are bothering you because you were out on the trails running my race. I've given all of me and all of my heart and creativity.

All current live events and Cousin Jack WILL still go ahead. I will still throw everything that I can give 100% into all of the remaining races. I just need to take a step back and self preserve. I will continue to happily work alongside PENTA as they are an amazing charity. And if it's the success that I believe it will be then I see no reason why we can't keep working together in the future for an annual event.

I thank ALL of our followers, friends, runners, business support (Triathlon Store and SAS removals you've both kept me going so much), the landowners, National Trust and our wonderful and dedicated team of marshals. Rest assured you'll get the best of me up until the end so please keep entering these events.

Events that WILL still take place are:

Madness of King George (25th and 26th Aug)
To Prussia With Love (Penta Health run being supported by us) (6th Oct)
Fordh Sen Mighal (8th Dec)
Cousin Jack (2nd March)

I will contact all of those who have deferred to other events and will hopefully come to something for them all. I don't want to let them down.

There was a reason that Fawley Towers only lasted 12 episodes. It deliberately went out on a high.

Here's what we've accomplished in less than 3 years :

An approved status granted by Surfers Against Sewage as a plastic free business,

10 events so far that have online reviews that range between 4.7 and 4.9/5 for the individual events.

2nd best road and 2nd best off road in the UK races from racecheck.com in 2017

Various media outlets have published some wonderful literature about Bys Vyken,

A race team with over 20 members attached to the Association of Running Clubs (of which I'd like to continue as they are the best people),

Stand out and unique races that I'm personally extremely proud of. I've only been running for 4 years and I got to do all of this. Pretty cool.

Thank you all

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