



## LA COURSE AU CHAMPAGNE 10 SEPTEMBRE 2005

### ENTRE VIGNES & FORETS *(Ancienne course au champagne)*

Andrew Bibby is offering to coordinate a party to the Champagne region of France for a race on Sat Sep 10th. It's a "Course nature" of either 15 Km et 30 Km (by the way, this means it's off-road, not that you have to run nude) starting at 2pm. Prizes include bottles of champers for the first 3 men and women of each age category. A 'superbe T-shirt' given to all. There's also a 'repas dansant' on the Sat evening, price €18 for food and the event.

**WHERE?** The races start at Ay, just south of Reims which is north-west of Paris and 280 kms south of Calais.

**Accommodation:** camping in the municipal campsite in nearby Epernay, about 3 miles from Ay.

**Getting there:** one option is to fly to Paris CDG, and then take the direct train from Paris to Epernay – train can be pre-booked and is likely to be quite cheap and straightforward. Cheap flights to Paris CDG with Easyjet from Liverpool, and also BA from Manchester (currently offering returns including taxes for £100). The other alternative is car and ferry.

I would suggest: (a) travel on Friday (b) Friday night at campsite (c) Sat – race, followed by repas dansant (d) Sat night at campsite (e) Sun - journey back.

Booking needs to be done quite soon, to benefit from low fares etc. Say Feb 28<sup>th</sup> cut-off. Booking form below (return to Andrew).

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- Yes, please, count me in for the Course au Champagne.
  - I would prefer to fly in a Tod Harriers party from Lpool or Manchester
  - I intend to take a car
  - I would prefer to be a car passenger if possible.
  - I'd make my own arrangements

Name (s):