Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018. The group resumed after the winter break in mid-March and so far we have had good weather – long may that continue. We are pleased to see our RaceRunners back on the track and to also welcome new faces, both RaceRunners and Volunteers.

**Important - New Privacy Regulations**

On May 25th 2018, new privacy regulations are being introduced and from that time, we need to make sure that we have your consent to send you this newsletter. If we do not have your consent then this will be the last newsletter that you receive.

For those of you who attend the group, we will be able to ask you directly for your consent.

If you do not fall into this category but would like to continue to receive news from us then please reply to our return email request.

Thank you.

*Ayr St Columba Church*

From the inception of A.C.E., we have enjoyed great support from individuals and organisations connected to Ayr St Columba Church. This is continuing once more this year and we are delighted to have been chosen by the Ladies Fellowship as one of their supported charities from their annual fundraising concert. We are also to be the beneficiary from the annual “20’s in the pew collection”. Our heartfelt thanks for this ongoing encouragement.

**RaceRunning becomes a recognised World Para Athletics event**

On January 1st 2018, the international disability event of RaceRunning became a recognised World Para Athletics (WPA) event. This means that it can be included in IPC competitions though not yet including the Paralympics. This is a very exciting step forward and a result of a lot of hard work by a number of people.