



Coventry Godiva Harriers Newsheet



Items taken from the Committee minutes of 13 January 2009

Further to the request for assistance for Norma Pugh with coaching, Mark Powell, who has passed Level 1, has indicated his willingness to be involved. This is being processed.

As part of the Endurance Academy, a presentation was made on 3rd December, by Andrew Holbrook on athletic injuries and their prevention. The question was asked as to who this was available to as there may have been other members of the Club who would have liked to attend. The position on attendees at any future presentations is to be clarified.

A review of trophies held in the Clubhouse has been completed – 40 in all – of which 20 to 25 appear to be team trophies. Given this information a search for a suitable cabinet will continue.

Two copies of the latest England Athletics – Newsletter have been received. These will be located in the Clubhouse.

David Boughey has notified the Club that is leaving his post with England Athletics West Midlands.

Details of CAP Bursary Programme – applications need to be in by 13th February and there are criteria to be met by applicants including under 25 and in full time education. Charlie Kelly and Norma Pugh will have the details along with the ranking list summary for 2008 and they will advise the athletes who should apply.

Coventry Sports Forum is to hold a meeting on Monday 2nd February at the Excel Centre, Mitchell Ave at 1930 to discuss the re-establishment of the Coventry Schools Sports Federation. This is an open invitation to anyone with an interest.

Following acknowledgements of the National Cross Country entries for those traveling by coach or minibus a pass is required for parking. Pete Banks will try and ascertain the take up for provided transport and respond accordingly.

Colin Jacks has written to all Club officials asking for them to indicate their availability for Club fixtures for the 2009 track season.

Results:

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| 20/12 | 3 rd Bettmann Handicap | Fastest Richard Taylor 25:46; Jon White 28:25 Handicap: 1 st James Parrott 7pts. 2 nd Richard Taylor 6pts. 3 rd James Griggs 5pts. 4 th Bob Statham 4 pts. 5 th Jon White 3pts Overall after 3 races |
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| | | James Griggs 13 pts. John White 9 pts. James Parrott 8 pts. Lenny Shail, Emerson Combstock 7pts. Ben Jones, Ryan Kenny, Richard Taylor 6pts. Paul Moorcroft, Matt Almond 5pts, Tom Bark, Bob Statham 4 pts. Scott Hazel, Harvey Speed 3pts. Matt Lole, Aaron Bodycote, Tobias Gehrke 2 pts. Colin Deasy, Tom Madden, Alistair Smith 1 pt. |
| 21/12 | Reebok Manchester Indoor Open | 60m Joel Fearon 6.92 Stewart Marshall 7.21 Martin Browne 7.17 & 7.22 A Thornley 7.30 & 7.32 200m Joel Fearon 22.35 Stewart Marshall 22.46 Martin Browne 22.94 |
| 21/12 | Telford 10k | Godiva Results Men 8th Ben Jones 31:28 23rd Emerson Combstock 33:26 59 th Iwan Jones 36:52 91st Harvey Rose 39:02 Female 6th Sarah Simmons 36:36 pb 56 th overall 8th Jo Emery 37:26 pb 70th 10th Danielle Stewart 37:59 pb 76th 12th Zara Hyde Peters 38:35 87th |
| 01/01 | New Year's Day 5 | Winner 24:44 184 finishers Godiva results: 2 nd Richard Taylor 25:00 3 rd Jon White 25:13 6 th Emerson Combstock 26:00 7 th Harvey Speed 26:05 12 th Henry Hammond 26:47 15 th James Griggs 27:25 16 th Alistair Smith 27:28 20 th Tina Brown 28:09 (2 nd W) 27 th Celia Brown 29:26 (3 rd W) 34 th Helen Taranowski 30:48 (5 th W) 78 th B Boyce 35:20 116 th Mark O'Kane 38:44 179 th Martin Slevin 50:43 180 th Glyn Jones 50:45 (walker) |
| 04/01 | Midland Counties Open | Men Long Jump 1 st Jamie Blundell 7.22m |
| 10/01 | County Cross Country Champs. | Warwickshire Senior Men Team 1 st & 3rd 79 finishers 2 Matthew Lole, 31:27 3 Ryan Kenny 31:47 4 Richard Taylor, 32:17 6 Scott Hazell 32:44 8 Jon White 32:55 |

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| 14 | Chris Bannon | 34:01 |
| 15 | Noel Edwards | 34:12 |
| 21 | Harvey Speed | 34:53 |
| 25 | Alistair Smith | 35:02 |
| 32 | James Griggs | 36:19 |
| 44 | James Parrot | 38:46 |

U20 Men 9 finishers

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| 6 | Matthew Timothy | 28:15 |
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Under 17 Men 20 finishers

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| 7 | Daniel Hillman | 27:09 |
| 17 | Richard Bowman | 30:30 |

Under 15 Boys Team 1st 39 finishers

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| 1 | Matthew Rose | 16:27 |
| 2 | Michael McKeown | 17:03 |
| 10 | Joe Shail | 18:11 |
| 15 | Jack Vilette | 18:38 |
| 18 | Jack Peglar | 19:05 |

Under 13 Boys Team 1st 31 finishers

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| 1 | Nathan Udall, | 14:19 |
| 5 | Daniel McKeown | 14:39 |
| 9 | Tom Ridding | 15:20 |
| 11 | Jeremy Barnes | 15:31 |
| 21 | Daniel Vilette | 16:12 |

Senior Women Team 1st 33 finishers

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| 1 | Celia Brown | 27:35 |
| 3 | Danielle Stewart | 27:50 |
| 4 | Joanna Emery | 28:04 |
| 6 | Rachel Buxton | 28:14 |
| 30 | Zarinda Batstone | 36:54 |

Masters Women 25 finishers

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| 9 | Jayne Mumford | 32:57 |
| 21 | Ann Kirkham | 39:19 |

Under 17 Women 12 finishers

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| 2 | Rowena Cole | 25:08 |
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Under 15 Girls 21 finishers

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| 4 | Naomi Richardson | 20:07 |
| 14 | Zoe Bryden | 23:24 |

Under 13 Girls 43 finishers

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| 1 | Sian Rainsley | 15:35 |
| 18 | Penny Oliver | 17:53 |

Northamptonshire - Senior Men

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| 1 st | Matt Almond | |
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| | | Oxfordshire - Senior Women 1 st Frances Briscoe |
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Chris Hazell is to contact the Coventry Evening Telegraph to try and establish to whom reports and results of athletics events should be sent. There has been an inconsistent publication of results since the athletics correspondent has retired.

A report on the finances of the New Year's day 5 was tabled by Colin Kirkham. A very successful event once again and thanks were given to Colin, in particular, the Kirkham family and all those who assisted on the day.

8. Fixtures

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| 17/01 | 3 rd Birmingham League and 3 rd Midland Women's C C League | Coundon Hall Park |
| 24/01 | Midland Cross Country Championships | Mansfield |
| 24/01 | Midland Second Open Meeting | Alexander Stadium |
| 24/01 | WMYACCL | |
| 31-01/02 | The Birmingham Games | NIA, Birmingham |
| 7-8/02 | Midland Indoor Champs. | NIA, Birmingham |

For the future there is a need to consider the way forward for the continuation of the Road Running events promoted by Colin Kirkham, on behalf of the Club, given Colin's stated intention not to continue after the May Day 5. A working party will be set up to consider this.

Following the letter from Colin Jacks to officials and the listing of league fixtures for the coming season, clashes of fixtures have been highlighted. Concern has been expressed as to how all of the fixtures, in terms of athletes and officials, are to be covered. It was agreed that a meeting should be held of coaches and team managers to try and establish the priorities. This will be arranged for February/March, date to be decided. Discussion with Dick Taylor has highlighted that there will be problems of team management for the season for the Junior and Senior men's leagues. Assistance will be required and more volunteers are to be sought.

Chris Martin has indicated that he will not be available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for coaching due to a change in his circumstances. It is hoped that he will continue with his Sunday morning and Wednesday evening sessions. He is supplying to Ray Lumley schedules for the squad and Ray is being assisted by Steve Ledington.

Roger Medwell has reported that the provision for Godiva Kids at Lyng Hall School is to be given one more try. Radford Primary School have indicated their interest with possible others in the Radford area. Bussing will be arranged by NP Aerospace. The coaching provision still needs to be resolved.

Dinner/Dance and Awards Evening –

The Senior and Under 20 Awards list has now completed so plaques for the Track & Field Awards can now be ordered.

Club and Athletics guests – in addition to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Roger Medwell and his wife Pat be invited to be guests of the Club in appreciation of the ongoing support that Roger's company NP Aerospace has given, and continues to give to the Club.

The Club athletics guests will be Rowena Cole and Jamie Blundell in recognition of their performances during the 2008 season.

Fred Gardner Award - in recognition of non-athletic service to the Club - This award be made to Nick Winch for his valuable input in redesigning and continuing updating the Club website.

As last year all award winners will receive a complementary ticket to the function and letters will be sent out in early February.

Delegates Reports: MCAA Cross Country Committee – AGM and General meeting 12th January –

There were reports on the events organised this season. The Relays, held at Halesowen, were well organised on a good course but not well supported. The 7 & 5 held at Leicester in December were better supported this year but still needs more Clubs to be involved. Cross Country created a surplus in its finances in the 2007/08 year once again and this is necessary to help support the MCAA whose only reason for existing is to provide competition.

The General meeting reported on the successes of the four under 17 athletes who represented the Midlands at the Antrim Cross Country event on 3rd January and the arrangements for the forthcoming Midland Championships.

Dates for the 2009/10 season were considered. Wolverhampton & Bilston A C have asked to put on the relays. These will be on 3rd October at Aldersley Stadium. Halesowen will be asked to promote the 5 & 7 on 28th November and the Championships will be at Stafford Common on 30th January. The County Champs will be on 9th January.

New Members

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WA expressed concern at the problems relating to the production of track access cards by the University. Representation will be made to Terry Monnington on this.

A letter will be sent to all members who have paid subscription in 2008 concerning the renewal of subscriptions for 2009/10. A note on the search for additional volunteers will also be included in this mail out.

Other Business

1. An update on the condition of Ann Smith - She is now out of hospital and has been living at her daughter's, Karen. It is hoped that she will return home in the next few weeks. She still, however, is not in full health.
2. Denis Flude has recently undergone a hip replacement operation and is progressing well.
3. It has been suggested that there was a need for succession planning with respect to the major administration posts within the Club. Possible shadowing of the holders of these posts may be an initial way forward. Ideas on the way forward are being sought.

Date of next Meeting : Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 8.p.m