



Warwickshire County Athletics Association
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ASSOCIATION MATTERS

- There are no General Meetings scheduled for 2011
- The County AGM will be on 23rd November 2011
- The next Officers' meeting is on 23rd February 2011.

1. NORMA BLAINE M.B.E.

Norma Blaine, who joined Birchfield Harriers in 1961, was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to athletics.

She competed as a race walker, but will be remembered for her lifetime service to Athletics as coach, mentor, a member of numerous committees and as a volunteer for whatever needed doing. She is a stickler for rules and protocol, whilst ensuring that meetings are organised correctly and athletes are given the opportunity to train and to compete at all levels, with a smile on her face.

She is a Past President of WCAA and a Life Member. Thank you Norma for your long and telling contribution to club, county, region and country. Long may it continue.

2. THE ELLIS TROPHY.

The Ellis Trophy is awarded for the best performance by a Warwickshire athlete during 2010. The award for 2010 was presented to Sue Harrison of Leamington C and A C at the County Cross-Country Championships at Cofton Park.

3. COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011.

BRAT staged the first Warwickshire Championships of 2011, on the testing arena of Cofton Park. For the first time Worcestershire joined us and it proved a successful venture for both Counties.

Jordan Kinney (RSC) won her first Womens' title which means she has completed a clean sweep of all age group titles open to her from U13 to Senior Women.

James Walsh made the journey down from Leeds to claim his fourth Men's title by almost a minute. The other age group winners were: Dean Parker Masters, Jack Mee U20, Matt Rose U17, Daniel McKeown U15, Shaun Evans U13, Katie Wright Masters, Rowena Cole U20, Rebecca Robinson U17, Sian Rainsley U15 and Ellie Saunders U13.

Team titles went to Coventry Godiva: Senior and U17 Men, U15 and U13 Boys, Senior Women. Royal Sutton Coldfield: U20 and U17 Women, Solihull and Small Heath U15 Girls, Birchfield U13 Girls, Bournville Masters Men and Leamington Masters Women.

4. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011.

The 2011 Men's 10k & Women's 5k Road Walks will be held on 12th February, in Perry Park, Birmingham. The Younger Age Group races will be held at Abbey Park, Leicester on 27th March.

The 2011 Track and Field Championships will be held at the Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton on May 14th and 15th, once again in conjunction with Leicestershire County A A.

There will be a Relays meeting at Leamington on Wednesday 24th August. Details to follow. The 3k track Championships will be hosted by the BRAT Club – details to follow.

5. COACHING COURSES.

19th /20th February: Coaching Assistant Loughborough University £175.
9th to 10th April: Coach Alexander Stadium £365/325.
10th April: Athletics Leader Solihull School £130.
10th April: Leadership in Athletic Fitness Running £90.
See England Athletics web site for more details.

6. OFFICIALS.

Barry Parker has been installed as the Officials' Education Coordinator for the Midlands Region working for England Athletics.

13th February: Level 2 Course, Generic plus Timekeeper/ Starter/Marksman, Charnwood A C Loughborough University track.

Marjorie Ewington has issued availability lists for the County T&F Championships, would all who want to officiate please advise Margery

We would like to thank Margery for organising the County Officials get together in December. We had a very enjoyable evening and the Nuneaton winning run at skittles came to an end.

7. 2011 WCAA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES.

12th June Two Castles 10k Warwick to Kenilworth. **Note** entries have closed but affiliated club members may add their names to a waiting list which the County Association will review nearer the date. The limit of 4000 overall and the reserve number of 400 for our club athletes (this figure is double that of last year) was reached two weeks after entries opened.

14th July BRAT 5k Rowheath 24th August Godiva Autumnal 5 miles

2nd October Kenilworth Half-Marathon 31st October (tbc) Rugby 10 miles.

8. LOCAL FIXTURES.

Warwickshire Road Running League: All County Championship races are included in the WRRL. Additional fixtures are:

10th April Regency 10k Leamington, Spa Striders. 2nd July Stratford 6 miles

15th May Northbrook A C 10k 29th June Sphinx 5 miles Coventry Memorial Park.

9. WELCOME TO WARWICKSHIRE.

Knowle and Dorridge A C have become Members of the County Association. We extend a warm welcome to the Club and its members.

10. BOB STATHAM.

Bob, a popular and successful Vets runner for Godiva, and the only Grade 1 Course Measurer in the County has been in hospital and is recovering from a pulmonary embolism. We wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

11. WEB SITE.

Richard Carney has updated the County web site to include a "Roll of Honour" which goes back to the Association's foundation. Have a look at it in the governance pages.

Keep an eye on web site for some new pages supporting the Warwickshire Road Race League. Thanks to Richard for his work on the site.

We have a wide distribution but we cannot reach everybody.
So, please copy, distribute and display in your Club.

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