



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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- 1 U13/U15 Inter Counties Match
The match has been switched to the King George V Stadium, Grimsby (still promoted by Humberside AA) on Saturday 13th September.
Good wishes to John Nash, Becky Freeman, Teams, Officials and Supporters.
May Warwickshire enjoy another successful day.
- 2 Notice is given of the following:
 - a) The Warwickshire CAA financial year ends on 30th September 2008.
All persons intending to submit claims to the Treasurer should do so by that date.
Stewart Barnes, 01926 512810, 80 School Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2GR
 - b) The Association's Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at Coventry Godiva's Headquarters, 7.30 p.m.
Those intending to nominate persons for positions or propose Constitution changes should do so to the Secretary by the end of October.
Alison Mills, 02476 396366, 49 Merlin Avenue, Nuneaton, CV10 9JY
 - c) A reminder to clubs that affiliation fees are due on 1st October and invoices will be sent out within the next couple of weeks (Single discipline £5 All disciplines £20). Clubs who have not paid by 31st December will not be eligible to enter teams in the Cross Country Championships.
- 3 "The Bear"
The Bear has NOT had an EDITOR for several months. A compiler, who has stood in, is prepared to continue for two more issues covering the rest of this calendar year before retiring into the sunset! Do you want any Bears in 2009?
- 4 England Athletics, West Midlands Region.
How do you feel the "new set up" is functioning? What are the benefits?
Stewart Barnes (01926 512810) and Alan Edwards (01926 492287) are familiar faces and West Midlands Region Council Members. They would be very interested to gather reactions and feedback from individuals and/or Clubs.
- 5 Development
Wednesday 1st October: Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Forum meets in Stratford.
Wednesday 15th October: Birmingham Forum meets at Royal Sutton Coldfield.
Sphinx and Stratford successfully promoted the final U11 League meetings and this innovation has got off to a very promising start. Congratulations to the first season's winners Leamington (M40 Divison) and Rugby (M6 Division).

6 Track Season 2008.

Most competition has been completed and whilst Beijing still plays host to the Paralympics there is a tendency to reflect.

Hopefully a large percentage of our Athletes and Clubs have achieved their objectives. For those "Warwickshire Athletes" competing in the Olympics we trust this proved, as a minimum, a rich experience. Setting aside that tremendous competition we should acknowledge Meghan Beasley's bronze medal (400m hurdles), and the silver medals of Jordan McGrath and Robert Davis (4x400m relay) at the "World Juniors" in Poland. Congratulations also to Graham Gristwood (Kenilworth Runners) for his World Orienteering Relay Gold Medal in the Czech Republic and praise to Rugby and Northampton AC's young athletes who, after a big input into our Track and Field Champs, qualified for the National Auxiliary Final for the first time.

So, to look forward, how many readers will now go on to represent Team GB in London 2012?

7 Warwickshire 5 mile Road Championships.

The Championships were incorporated in the Coventry Autumnal 5 held on Friday 29th August in the Memorial Park.

The medallists are as follows:-

U20	Clare Hodgson RSC	Chris Bannon Coventry Godiva
Overall men	1st Ryan Kenny, 2nd Matt Lole 3rd Richard Taylor - all Godiva	
Overall Women	1st Joanne Emery Rugby and Northampton,	
	2nd Myshola Kirkham 3rd Ann-Marie Smith both Coventry Godiva	
O35	Jenny Jeeves Leamington C&AC	Paul Thompson Sparkhill
O45	Sarah McAnaney Northbrook	Eammon O'Neil Midland Masters
O55	Marilyn Maidment Centurion	Paul Kelly Northbrook
O65	John Turner Stratford	

Well done and many thanks to Colin Kirham, his family and Coventry Godiva for promoting an excellent event. The final Road Championship of 2008 (10 miles) will be held within the Rugby Ten at Draycote Water on Sunday 9th November.

8 2009 Cross Country Championships

The 2009 Cross Country Championships will be held on Saturday January 10th at Cofton Park. Many thanks to Birmingham Rowheath AC who are hosting the event. More details and entry forms to follow soon.

9 Mike Sanderson.

We are sad to report the sudden death of Mike Sanderson. Mike will be sorely missed by his family and friends, our colleagues and all at Tamworth AC. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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

Keep following 'THE BEAR'.

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