

# WORCESTER ATHLETIC CLUB

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

2015 has been a reasonable year for the club, with many good individual performances and some not so good ones from teams.

In the county sportshall league we won the U11 Girls and Boys sections for the fourth year running and provided many members of the County team in the regional competition.

Many club members competed in the County Cross Country Championships and we provided four individual and two team champions, which was slightly down on last year. We also received six individual and two team silver and four individual and two team bronze medals. Overall this was a similar total number of medals.

Twelve club members represented Worcestershire in the Inter-Counties championships. Jenny Nesbitt's 12<sup>th</sup> place in the Senior Women's race was the highest club performance and she went on to finish eleventh in the National championships.

The men's team finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the Birmingham League and were relegated back to the second division. However, on a better note, Declan McManus won the Under-20 championship.

In the Gloucester Cross Country League our U11 boy's team won the team prize with James Vaughan being the individual winner.

From the indoor T&F season we produced gold, silver and bronze medals at the Midland, Scottish and Welsh National Championships and the British and European Masters Championships.

During the outdoor track & field season we hosted the County Championships at Nunnery Wood and came out of them with 35 County Champions plus 24 silver and 22 bronze medals and saw two club records.

Seven members competed in the National Under-17 Championships where Joel Khan won the High Jump Gold medal with a new club overall record of 2.02m.

Ben Clarke won a gold medal in the Midland Schools Combined Events Under-17 age group and went on to a bronze in the National Championships.

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Nine members went to the World Masters Championships in France and came home with two Gold, three Silver and one Bronze medal. Richard White winning the M55 400m Hurdles title and Lawrence Oldfield was part of the GB team that won the 4 x 100m relay.

As usual we hosted matches in the Midland, Heart of England and UKYDL(LAG) Leagues and we also hosted the Vet's Cup Final. We put on three Open Meetings and this year we introduced photo finish and electronic measuring which proved to be very popular.

Unfortunately we were relegated in the Midland and in the Heart of England Leagues but fared better in the UKYDL where we finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both the men and women won their Vets League division and went one better at the Cup Final where the men won and the women were second which meant that they won the combined competition to take the Central TV Gold Cup for the second year running.

Another notable performance was by Alice Wright who was selected for the GB U23 team for the European Championships where she came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 10000m.

I apologise if I have missed any other notable performances.

Away from the track we promoted our usual road races - the Bulmer's Bash, the Malvern Half Marathon (as part of the Acorns Triple run), the Pitchcroft 10K and Fun Run and the Beacon Race and again we need to thank Dave Hibbitt, Chris Crosswell, Geoff Aston and Dave Waldron for the work they put into organising these races, along with their many helpers.

This has been a very busy year for the club, and as I do every year, I would like to thank all those who contributed - the athletes, the coaches and their helpers, the event organisers, the officials and all those other members who helped out by marshalling and helping in many other ways.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their time and effort over the past year.

Finally I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great 2016.

Derek Cowdrey  
Chairman

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