

## **TEAM DEVIZES - MOONRAKERS ATHLETICS CLUB**

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### Dates for your Diary:

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 - Avon County AA
Open Track & Field
@ Kip Keino
Athletics Stadium,
Stoke Gifford,
Bristol

14<sup>th</sup> August 2011 - Team Bath Open Meeting @ Bath University

7<sup>th</sup> Sept - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011 (Inc.) - Training @ Devizes School 6:30 -8:00 pm

#### Membership Renewals

Please could everyone ensure that they hand in their membership renewal forms and money as soon as possible?

# <u>Letter from our parting</u> <u>Chairman</u>

Dear parents and athletes,

As we come to the end of the fourth year as a fully-fledged independent club, I can once again say it has been another very successful year both on and off the track. On the track we have had numerous athletes who have surpassed all expectations within the club, and have performed brilliantly in

various competitions throughout the region and the country.

Off the track, athlete numbers increased steadily throughout the summer months, and though they dwindled slightly during the winter, a core of dedicated athletes have remained with us throughout the year. We are also eternally grateful to the on-going work of our small band of coaches who so generously give up their time each week to train the children.

This has been a wonderful year for the club, and as such it has been my privilege to serve as chairman of this club. However, the time has come for both the club and myself to move on. Therefore, I must inform you that it is my intention to step down as chairman and in September Keri Harnett will take over the chairmanship. I would like to take this opportunity to say what an honour it has been to lead the club for a second term, and to work with such an amazing group of coaches and athletes.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very relaxing summer holiday and all the best for the future.

Matt Thomas

#### Competition Results





Owen Harnett @ Tidworth

Owen Harnett has been busy representing the club at meets. He went to Andover for their open meet, which was marred only by the weather. He had a great day, running 100m in 13.2 sec in the first heat coming 2<sup>nd</sup>. This got him into the final, where he went on to run 12.8 sec coming 4th. Owen also ran 200m in a time of 27.0 sec. Owen then went to Tidworth for the Wiltshire Championships where he ran 100m in 13.0 sec to come 3rd



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and 200m in 25.8 sec again coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then 3 days later Owen competed at the Bath Open Meet, improving his time running 100m in 12.6 sec. Well done Owen for representing the club at these meets and for your great results, keep it up. Hopefully we will have more Team Devizes athletes at the upcoming events.

#### Parents/Supporters

This is a little note from a parent who has recently got involved in helping at the club. "I never realised it was so much fun, everyone is welcoming and the children are great sports. It is great to watch your own children and help the coaches at the same time." If there are any other parents who would like to come along and help out, there are a host of things that can be done tell us your talents and we will exploit them!! It can be as simple as raking the sand pit for the long jumpers to training to become a coach. Everyone is welcome.

Also we are always looking for young athletes to join the club if anyone would like some flyers to give out at school or to people they think would be interested just let us know.

#### End of term Fun Session

At the end of the summer term our young coach Sam Cox decided to run a fun session for all the athletes. All the athletes competed in the 100m, 800m, long jump and discus throw, gaining points for their respective countries. Great fun was had by all with some of the athletes trying events they wouldn't normally have a go at. Prizes were given to all who competed. Well done Sammie for an inspirational idea.