



TEAM DEVIZES - MOONRAKERS ATHLETICS CLUB

News Letter

June 2013

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 3rd June -
Team Bath Evening Open
Tuesday 18th June -
Filton Open Meeting

For up-to-date information on events check out our website

ATHLETICS 365

The following athletes have recently gained awards.

Red Awards; Alice, Archie, Curtis, Daisy, Eden, Ella, Joseph, Marcie, Nathan, Talia, Tamzin. Yellow awards; Alice, Archie, Curtis, Daisy, Joseph, Marcie, Nathan, Talia, Tamzin. Well done everyone



Wiltshire Championships - Tidworth

We had a number of athletes represent the club at the Wiltshire Championships this year. In the quad kid events were; Talia and Tamzin. Both who did really well, Talia earned

pb's on all her events. Also at the event was: Oliver Mountford (high jump), Mollie Bennett (100m and 200m), Lewis Harnett (100m and 200m). Ollie came 2nd in his high jump category (see his report below). Mollie ran 14.78 for 100m and 30.8 for 200m. Lewis had a fantastic day coming first in both the 100m and 200m breaking the championships records in both events. (Please read below Lewis's account of his day). We would like to say well done to all the athletes who competed and helped make it an enjoyable day.



My experiences at Tidworth

This was my first proper event with Devizes and I was a bit scared but I thought I would give it a try, so I did and had an amazing day coming 2ND in high jump and 9th in my long jump. Also at the end of it all we scratched a relay team together to come 4th place, it was a great day and I would definitely do it again next year.

Ollie mountford

Age:12

Devizes athletics club



Wiltshire Championships - Tidworth

On Saturday 24th May, I was entered to compete at the Wiltshire Championships in the U13 100m and 200m sprint. The sun was shining and I arrived with my family around 10.00 am. I went and registered with my brother and got my numbers.

It was then just a case of waiting until it was time to warm up. I was really nervous as I had never ran in a competition like this before, but there were lots of people there to help me, including Michelle, Sammie and my mum and dad.

We had to all gather at the start of the 200m track and we were put into lanes and heats. There were two



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heats in my race and I was in the first one.

On your marks, set and I was off. My heart was pumping and I was running as fast as I could. I then crossed the line. I had won my heat. I was so happy and everyone was congratulating me. I had made it through to the final.

It was then about an hour and a half before the final, and I had to do it all again. I couldn't wait; I was so excited and nervous at the same time.

I ran and won the final and got my first gold medal. I was so happy. I just had the 100m to go.

I won my heat in the 100m also and also won the final, so gold medal number 2. Although I was really nervous, this was a great day and I really enjoyed myself. Everyone was there to help, and there were some other Team Devizes athletes there as well (Ollie, Molly). In fact we all sat together in a big group so that we could keep

each other company and cheer one another on.



Chippenham v Devizes Match

The weather was finally on our side and we got our postponed match against Chippenham. A number of Devizes athletes turned out for this event. We arrived at Sheldon School registered in their dome and made our way to the track. Chippenham had arranged the evening so that everyone competed in one event and were hoping to do a relay for all age groups (unfortunately time meant that we only did a relay for U11). The youngest athletes competed in 100m, while the middle age did 800m and the oldest did 1500m. Competing was: Arthur, Guy, Archie, Reece, Curtis, Will, Joseph, Daisy, Charlotte, Leigh, Lottie, Marcie, Talia, Tamzin, Simon. All the athletes did really well in events that they would not normally choose to run. Medals were won by: Simon (in a fantastic 1500m

race), Charlotte and Lottie (for 100m). Thanks must go to Chippenham Harriers for organising the event and for giving all the athletes a new water bottle. Special thanks also go to; Mel, Lottie, Guy and Becky for being part of the team of judges at the finish line, also for making fantastic bells and being an enthusiastic support team for the running athletes.



Polly has had a busy couple of weekends this month. Firstly at Bedford for the England Athletics Championships, where on the Saturday she ran 100m, in 14.22. Sunday brought 200m, Polly ran this in 29.85. The following weekend Polly was closer to home for the Wiltshire schools Championships in Salisbury. Polly ran in the hurdles, coming 3rd in her heat then 6th in the final in a time of 13.9. Polly also competed in the long jump, jumping 4.52m to come 2nd. Polly is now ranked no 1 in the country for both long jump and 100m. Go Polly!!



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South West Schools Championships

We would like to take this opportunity also to say a well done to all the athletes that train with Colin on a Wednesday at Devizes for their superb success at the recent South West Schools Championships. Sophie is now the 100m hurdle champion for U20W, running it in 14.66. Will is the 100m champion running in 11.00. Owen ran a new pb of 11.23 for 100m and George ran a new pb of 11.33 for 100m. Well done to them all, and special congratulations to Colin for coaching all his athletes to develop and achieve so much in their sport.

Ollie was awarded the shield for his improvement in training. He has shown great improvement, consistently trying his best and has gained a great attitude towards training.



Athlete of the Month

This month's athlete of the month is Ollie Mortimer.