



# Gloucester Athletic Club

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## **Newsletter – April 2015**

A busy Newsletter, so please take the time to read and digest before you discard!

### Gloucester 20-mile Road Race

This year's event was a huge success, with many messages of praise and compliments received from the entrants. On behalf of the organising committee, may I thank each and every one of our members who took time out to help in the staging of the event. The spirit and camaraderie shown by those who contributed in one way or another was absolutely magnificent and was another shining example of what the Club can do when its members and the many parents of the youngsters puts its mind to it. Thanks to you – and the countless hours put in by our wonderful organising committee – the Club is over £4,500 better off and has kept the necessary increase in your annual subscriptions to a minimum.

### Annual Subscriptions

Your annual subscriptions are now due! You should have received an e-mail giving details on how to re-new your membership on-line but if you did not, you can obtain a membership form from the Club or visit <http://www.gloucesterac.co.uk/join/> where you will find all of the relevant details. Our Membership Secretary, Alison George, will be only too happy to answer any questions that you may have.

### **Please note:**

1. If you do not plan to renew your membership, you must inform Alison or respond to this e-mail and we shall pass the information on.
2. You must be a fully paid-up member to compete for the Club and to enjoy the lower rates when entering road races.
3. If you have not paid your subscription by 1<sup>st</sup> May, you will be charged the non-Club fee to use the track which is now £3.00 per session (still much cheaper than other local tracks!)

### Track & Field season, 2015

April sees the start of a busy track & field season for many of our younger athletes. The team managers will be on your backs for you to compete during the season – please do your best to make yourselves available for as many fixtures as you can. The fixtures are on the website, at

<http://www.gloucesterac.co.uk/competition> so ignore the bits that say 2014(!) and put the dates on your calendars!

To remind you, team managers are:

Youth Development League (Lower, U13-15) - Bob Purcell  
Youth Development League (Higher, U17-20) - Garry Hunter  
Avon League - Russell Kirby  
Midland League - Richard Blackwell

**Please note:**

We encourage all of our athletes to compete, not only in the leagues detailed above, but also regional and national championships which you must enter these as individuals. Make sure you sit down with your coaches and plan a proper competitive season that takes in league and championship events.

**And let's see more Gloucester vests competing at the County Championships! We're fed up of seeing more Cheltenham, FoD and Stroud vests than our own! Medals are there for the taking!!**

That's about it for now, I'm off to Portugal for a few days. There will be another note about a proposed change in age groups that I'll share with you later today, but in the meantime, I wish you a happy Easter!