



Welcome to the April edition of the Club's newsletter. Unfortunately this month I must take this opportunity to make a special plea for someone to take on the role of Minutes Secretary. We are now in a desperate situation.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill all the essential roles so that Solihull & Small Heath AC can provide & fulfil all that is expected from an athletic club. We are all volunteers who give time & commitment for free. It is unfair when some people have to take on more & more responsibilities to ensure we can continue to compete in the various competitions & with sufficient expertise.

In addition there are various administrative positions to be filled. We are obliged to have a committee meeting once a month & for minutes to be recorded. Sue Owen has been Minutes Secretary & Honorary Secretary for many years but did not stand for re-election at the AGM in March where unfortunately there was a poor turnout & not for the first time.

We don't have an option, we have to fill these positions for us to continue. At present, minutes are being taken by Annette Brown but she is not prepared to carry on which is fully understandable bearing in mind all the other jobs she has willingly taken on. She also has much to contribute at the meeting without also taking notes.

We appreciate lives are very busy for many & taking on more may not be easy. However the meetings are only once a month usually the third Thursday in the month at 8.00 pm for about 2 hours & held in the meeting room at the track. It is easy to ignore this plea & expect somebody else will do it. However that is not happening so please give this consideration to enable the Club to continue in its present format. It can be male or female.

Let's hope we don't have to repeat this plea next month but instead are looking at other openings for interested volunteers. However we are extremely grateful to all those who do so much to ensure the success of this club.

Yours in athletics,

Rob Pinton, Club Chairman

Club Kit Available to Buy Direct from Suppliers

Club kit is still available to buy online direct from the suppliers. The stockists are Sportology (<http://sportologyonline.com/index.php/club-shops/other-clubs/solihull-and-small-heath-athletics-club>) where t-shirts, hoodies and high visibility tops are available from just £7 and Kukri Sports which also stocks club kit including hoodies, t-shirts and shorts (<https://www.kukrisports.co.uk/teamshop/solihullandsmallheathac/productNavList.action>). Sportology are based in Sutton Coldfield so we may be able to arrange for orders to be collected to avoid delivery costs. Please contact Andy Webber (awbookkeeping@hotmail.com) with any queries.

Roll of Honour 2018

Congratulations to Maddy Whapples, Elliot Harris, Kaili Woodward & Mary Takwoingi who were all awarded a place on the 'Roll of Honour 2018' by the Sports and Physical Education Federation for their contribution to athletics.





SOLIHULL & SMALL HEATH A.C.
Fixture List Summer 2018

April

29 Sun YDL U17/20 Stourport

May

5 Sat HOE Telford
6 Sun Midland L Stourport
12-13 Sat-Sun Warwickshire County Champs Nuneaton
19 Sat YDL U13/15 Solihull
27 Sun YDL U17/20 Stourport

June

2 Sat Midland L Burton
9 Sat County Schools Champs Various
10 Sun Midland Senior/U20 Champs Nuneaton
16 Sat Schools Mason Trophy
16-17 Sat-Sun England U20/23 Champs Bedford
17 Sun YDL U13/15 Stourport
24 Sun HOE Rugby
30-1 Sat-Sun British Senior Champs Alexander Stadium

July

1 Sun YDL U17/20 Solihull (hosted by B&R)
7 Sat Midland L Newport
8 Sun HOE Tilsley Park Radley
13-14 Fri-Sat English Schools Champs Alexander Stadium
21 Sat YDL U13/15 Promotion Match
28-29 Sat-Sun England & CAU Senior Champs Manchester
29 Sun YDL U17/20 Promotion Match

Aug

5 Sun Midland L Solihull (hosted by B&R)
11-12 Sat-Sun Midland U17/U15/U13 Champs Nuneaton
25-26 Sat-Sun England U17/15 Champs Bedford

Sept

8-9 Sat & Sun YDL National Finals
15-16 Sat-Sun English Schools Combined Events Final Boston
22 Sat Midland Road Relays Sutton Park



Training Courses

The following courses are available locally:

Officials Level 1

13th – 27th June * **Field, Timekeeper** Nuneaton booking deadline 4th June

* **Please note: this course runs over 3 evenings (Field) or 2 evenings (Timekeeper)**

Details [here](#)

Coaching Assistant

2nd & 3rd June Alexander Stadium booking deadline 21st May

Details [here](#).

Leadership in Running Fitness

21st July Alexander Stadium booking deadline 9th July

Other dates are available throughout the year, a little further afield. A full list of courses can be found on the England Athletics website [here](#).

Coach in Running Fitness

12th & 13th May, 1st July, 16th September Burton on Trent booking deadline 30th April

Details [here](#).

If you are interested in attending any of these courses, or would like further information, please contact Annette Brown (sshactraining@gmail.com). Although online booking is now available for some courses, you will need to obtain authorisation for attendance/reimbursement of fees **before** booking.