



Minors Newsletter

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

Hi everyone and firstly a happy New Year from all the coaches we hope you had a great Christmas and Santa brought you all you wanted!!

The next Sportshall event is on the 29th January at the Dawlish Leisure Centre. After our fantastic County Championship performance (18 Gold, 17 Silver and 11 Bronze) I am pleased to inform you that 11 of our athletes have been selected to represent Devon in the Under 11 Fun in Athletics event sponsored by Aviva at the Torbay Leisure Centre on the 28th January.....yes the day before the next Dawlish! So congratulations go to Jess, Emily S, Chloe, Emily B, Sean, Hannah B, Max, Jack T, Lauren N, Jack S and Luke. Good luck and enjoy but save some energy for Sunday. Also congratulations and good luck to Jon, Izzy and Tia (along with 11 other PAC athletes) for being selected to represent Plymouth Schools at the Devon Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 21st January.

As for the next Sportshall it would be fantastic if we could keep up the momentum and get as many, if not more, athletes than the last time. A special mention should be made to all the parents and supporters of the club at the last event who created the best atmosphere I can ever remember at a sporthall event. I truly believe we would not be in such an excellent position if it were not for the noise and buzz they created. It was superb. Thank you. As always if anyone wants to compete and has difficulty in getting to Dawlish then please let Paul know and we'll see if we can try arrange some transport. We have a great opportunity to win this competition in Olympic year.

On a more serious note I need to remind you all that Gary Samson and Chris Carpenter will be resigning as Chairman and Secretary of the club at the next AGM and Presentation Evening. This has now been provisionally booked for the evening of Friday 30th March at the Plymouth Argyle Pyramid Suite and more details will be published nearer the time. Gary and Chris have done an enormous amount of work for the club for some considerable time after their children have moved on. Nobody has come forward to volunteer for these positions and if they are not filled then we run the very real risk that the club will not be able to function and we may have to consider closing. This would be an absolute travesty after all the hard work the kids and coaches have put in and the great achievements we are now beginning to see over the past few years. The club is moving forward and we need some help to take us to the next step. Remember all of the positions in the club are voluntary from the Panthers through to the Seniors. We are already stretched with the number of coaches we have and Paul had to 'raise his voice' to a number of boys who wanted to practice with the soft javelins last week but couldn't due to the number of coaches available! It's as frustrating for the coaches as much as the athletes.

So a plea once again that if anyone reading this feels they can support the club in any way please make yourselves known and we will give you all the help and support we can to come and join our happy band. It really would be a shame to let all the hard work we have done go to waste.

Wishing you all a prosperous New Year, The Coaches

Dates to remember:

- Saturday 28th January 2012
Regional U11 Sportshall Festival (entry by selection only) at Torbay Leisure Centre
- Sunday 29th January 2012
Devon Sportshall League Meeting 3, Dawlish Leisure Centre
- Sunday 12th February 2012
Brooks Westward League Cross Country Meeting 5 at Bovey Tracey
- Saturday 21st January 2012
Devon Schools Cross Country Championships, Exeter (entry by selection only)
- Sunday 26th February 2012
Devon Sportshall League Meeting 4, Dawlish Leisure Centre



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