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Smashed it! The lads taking the team win at the Bath Half.

What a Bath Half! The Club turned out in force to enjoy perfect conditions, many rewarded with super-fast times and PBs galore. So we dedicate this issue to the race, with a couple of additional cracking performances by Tom and Ilana to wrap things up.

Simon Brace.

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## Bath Half

By Paul King

Excellent day at the Bath HM. Near perfect weather conditions and a great atmosphere. TBAC had around 80 athletes competing this year which bodes well for the future of the Club.

There were superb TBAC performances all round with many PBs achieved. TBAC's top 4 men all finished under 70 mins led by an impressive Alex Carter (10<sup>th</sup> 66:21), closely followed by Leon Chevalier (13<sup>th</sup> 66:27), who only 5 weeks earlier finished 5th at the Ironman Worlds! With youngster Dylan Stoneman again impressing (20<sup>th</sup> 69:04; 1st U21)

and Chris Pickering (23<sup>rd</sup> 69:45) establishing TBAC as the top men's team. Main photo above.

Not to be outdone, the TBAC women also performed brilliantly with Anna Domville (photo above) completing her first official HM in 5<sup>th</sup> place in a superb time of 77:09. Experienced Amber Gascoigne was close behind having a great race finishing 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> F40) in a PB time of 80:27, and Bethan Francis, who has been in great form of late, finishing 14<sup>th</sup> in 81:34 smashing her previous PB time by nearly 6 minutes. These results ensured that TBAC took the women's team prize as well.

Veteran Jo Thompson finished 1<sup>st</sup> FV60 in an excellent time of 1:35:28 - photo above. While Guy Landon finished 2<sup>nd</sup> MV50 in 1:16:31 - photo above. And a special mention for Pat Rodgers who has completed all the Bath HM races and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> MV75 in a superb time of 1:55:53 - photo above.

What's more, in the vet (40+) team prizes our gents took 2<sup>nd</sup>, while our ladies took 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Andy Fooks + Guy Landon + Ian Dunning + Martin Archbold) (Amber Gascoigne + Jenny Carter + Jo Thompson).

So, a great day with too many individual stories and PBs to list them all. Even the Coach had a good day!





































## In other news...

By Paul King

Away from the Bath HM Tom Hutchison was competing in the **England Masters XC Team selection race** at Derby. He managed to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MV70 category and has therefore been selected for England to compete in the British & Irish Masters XC International scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow.

Also, on the hunt for an England vest was Ilana Langdon who finished the **York Marathon** in a fine time of 3:37:10 managing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the FV55 age category. The marathon was one of the England qualifying Masters Age Group races and we remain hopeful that Ilana will therefore achieve her ambition of England Masters team selection. Photo below.





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