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Jenny (right, with daughter Beth, left) blooming in Battersea

Still a relatively quiet time for racing as we enter the new year, interrupted by a lot of noise around Bath Half entries for good/best for age athletes. Having got the attention of Hugh Brasher (CEO at London Marathon Events Ltd), here's hoping all those that merit entry on last year's qualification times still manage to get a spot.

Once you've got past this edition's race results, I draw your attention to this year's Run For Tash 10k scheduled 7th September. And to wrap-up, an opportunity for funding for talented athletes.

Simon Brace.

The Plug Editor - email me [here](#).

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Racing this month

January

By the Editor

South West Cross-country Championships, 4th January (photo above)

Individual podiums:

Sophie Maxwell: 2nd FU15

Joshua Maxwell: 2nd MU20

Simon Brace: 3rd MV50 (photo below)

Team podiums:

TBAC FU15: 1st

(Sophie Maxwell + Olivia Paul + Sophie Phelps + Polly Pennicott)

TBAC MU17: 2nd

(Tobi Loughlin + Archie Enstone + Daniel Phelps + Ryan Johnstone)

COMPLETE RESULTS

By Mark Thomas

[Senior Men \(7.13km\)](#)

Joshua Maxwell 11th 24:22 (2nd MU20)

Aidan Daniel 31st 25:24

Elliott Avis 39th 25:47

Daniel Jones 47th 26:08

Peter Grist 64th 27:01

James Donald 71st 28:07

Simon Brace 72nd 28:11 (3rd MV50)

Pete Miles 78th 29:30

Alex Coping 94th 31:25

Tim Hill 95th 31:32

MU17 (5.4km)

Tobi-Lee Loughlin 6th 19:17

Archie Enstone 14th 19:51

Daniel Phelps 17th 20:18

Ryan Johnstone 21st 20:28

Samuel Davies 28th 21:13

Will Smith 31st 21:21

Kyle Williams 41st 22:28

Joshua Davies 43rd 22:33

MU13 (2.79km)

Finn Macpherson 43rd 12:32

Rory Macpherson 45th 12:40

Mixed U11 (1.9km)

Elise Williams 32nd 8:58 (11th FU11)

Charlotte Osborn 42nd 9:24 (16th FU11)

Senior Women (7.13km)

Victoria Ratcliffe 26th 31:22 (4th V45)

FU15 (3.2km)

Sophie Maxwell 2nd 12:45

Olivia Paul 11th 13:22

Sophie Phelps 32nd 14:27

Polly Pennicott 39th 15:18

FU13 (2.79km)

Katherine Osborn 32nd 12:48



**Battersea Half Marathon, 4th January**

Jenny Carter: 1:26:38 (1st FV50; 6th Woman) (cover photo)

Exeter First Chance 10k, 5th January

[\[By Marianne Carpenter\]](#)

I ran 40:58 at the Exeter First Chance 10k and finished 1st V50. A few bottleneck areas, but otherwise a fast and flat course. It was the one mild day sandwiched between the bitterly cold ones, thank goodness! (photo above)

International de Catalunya: 800m, 10th January

Justin Davies: 1:46:94 (3rd) (photo below)

Valencia 10k, 12th January

Anna Domville: 33:59 (66th Woman) (photo below)







Run for Tash 10k

By Kimberley Barfoot-Brace

TBAC is taking on the organisation of Run For Tash 10k, and it will take place at Odd Down track **Sunday 7th September 2025**.

Natasha Lewis was an awesome athlete who represented the club from a very early age and excelled at everything she focused her steely determination on. She was also the best 'teammate'...she would build you up and make you feel like anything was possible.

She died tragically in 2021 aged just 28 following a collision with car whilst on a training run. She was working towards a GB vest in marathon.

[The foundation in her name](#) has provided a great deal of investment in our Club, creating a lasting legacy and helping athletes fulfil their dreams... from coaching qualifications, to equipment, and supporting rising stars reach their potential.

All proceeds from the race will continue to be invested into the Club in this way.

Please save the date; more details will follow soon. It would be fantastic to get a huge

TBAC turnout in support, whether that be racers, or spectators and helpers. PBs and good vibes guaranteed 🤍🧡☀️

Volunteers for helping make the race happen are also needed... please contact me, the Race Director [here](#).



Summer Track & Field Meetings

By [Mark Thomas](#)

The YDL UAG is for those in the U20 and U17 age groups. The YDL LAG is for those in the U15 and U13 age groups. In addition to the meetings listed below, there will be meetings at Yeovil, but details are not yet available.

Sunday 13th April, Sprints & Hurdles Meeting, Yate

Sunday 27th April, YDL UAG, Yate

Saturday 3rd May, YDL LAG, Aberdare

Monday 5th May, Open Meeting, Gloucester

Friday 9th May, Wiltshire Championships, Swindon

Saturday 10th May, Wiltshire Championships, Swindon

Sunday 11th May, Avon Championships, Yate

The Somerset and Gloucestershire County Championships will be on the weekend of 10th-11th May at Yeovil and Gloucester, respectively, but the details are not yet available.

Saturday 18th May, Avon League (Venue TBC)

Sunday 25th May, YDL UAG, Swansea

Sunday 1st June, YDL LAG, Hereford

Saturday 7th June, Avon Schools Championships, Yate

Sunday 8th June, Masters' Open, Yate (Date TBC – may be 27th July)

Saturday 14th June, English Schools County Championships, Birmingham (Venue TBC)

Saturday 21st June, YDL LAG, Aberdare

Sunday 22nd June, Avon League (Venue and date TBC)

Wednesday 2nd July, Open Meeting, Gloucester

Sunday 6th July, YDL UAG, (Venue TBC – possibly Cardiff)

Wednesday 9th July, Open Meeting, Gloucester

Friday 11th July, English Schools Championships, Birmingham
Saturday 12th July, English Schools Championships, Birmingham
Wednesday 16th July, Open Meeting, Gloucester
Sunday 20th July, South-West Championships, Exeter
Wednesday 23rd July, Open Meeting, Gloucester
Friday 25th July, England U20 & Senior Championships, Birmingham
Saturday 26th July, England U20 & Senior Championships, Birmingham
Sunday 27th July, England U20 & Senior Championships, Birmingham
Sunday 27th July, Masters' Open, Yate (Date TBC – may be 8th June)
Friday 8th August, England U17 & U15 Championships, Birmingham
Saturday 9th August, England U17 & U15 Championships, Birmingham
Sunday 10th August, England U17 & U15 Championships, Birmingham
Sunday 17th August, Avon League (Venue TBC)
Sunday 7th September, YDL UAG Final Manchester (Venue TBC)
Sunday 14th September, Avon League (Venue TBC)



Funding opportunity

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENTED ATHLETES IN BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

The GLL Sport Foundation is an athlete focussed support programme providing athletes across the UK with tangible support to aid their sports performance. Support can include free access to facilities and financial awards up to the value of £1,250. Since its inception the Foundation has provided over 17,000 athlete award bursaries totalling over £9 million worth of support. In 2024 we supported 41 athletes (from 13 different sports) from B&NES with support totalling over £26,000.

To apply athletes must either:

- Live in Bath and North East Somerset
- Be educated in Bath and North East Somerset
- Train in a GLL operated facility

To find out more and to apply please click on the links below:

Main [website](#) (applications made here through an online portal. Deadline is 20th February 2025). Information on funding criteria [here](#).

Many thanks,

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