

## President's News 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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### **Results**

Please let me know of any results that need correcting or adding. Please also share with me any news or results you wish to publish in the News.

### Key News

- The club has learned the sad news that long standing member of over 70 years, Brian Pearce passed away last weekend, aged 90. Brian ran a 2.48 marathon in 1963!
- The dates for both the Upper and Lower age group YDL fixtures have been confirmed.
  - UAG:
    - Match 1: Sun 19 April - Reading
    - Match 2: Sun 24 May – Eton
    - Match 3: Sun 12 July – Home
  - LAG:
    - Match 1: Sun 3 May – Woodford Green
    - Match 2: Sun 31 May – Home
    - Match 3: Sat 18 July – Reading
    - Match 4: Sat 1 August - Tonbridge
- Tonbridge AC are hosting two 1-mile XC races for U11s (year 6 and below), on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.
  - Ages 7-11 (year 2-6)
  - Arrive at 9:00 am – Race at 9:30 am
  - £5 entry fee – cash or card (on the day entry)
  - Every finisher will receive a medal
  - Tonbridge School Centre, London Road, Tonbridge TN10 3AD
- Bingo Night – another very successful Bingo Night on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January with over 80 attendees raising £988 for the club. Many thanks to Alice and team for organising - next on scheduled for 27 March.

## Results

**Bucs XC Champs** - Well done to **Ailbhe Barnes** and **Hannah Clark**, who finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in the female long course, as well as **Miles Brown**, who finished 79<sup>th</sup> in the men's short course and **Alex Middleton**, who placed 129<sup>th</sup> in the men's long course.

A number of our members represented Kent at the South East Inter County Schools champs in Essex:

Senior girls **Kyla Dervish** (2nd Kent athlete) auto qualifying for English schools.

Inter girls - **Alba Homans Yau** (1st Kent athlete) auto Q for ESAA as well.

Junior boys - **Dexter Mein** (2nd Kent) and **Zach Evans** (4th Kent) both already qualified.

Strong runs from

Junior girls - **Ella Rea** (3rd Kent),

**Johnny Lee** inter boy (4th Kent),

**Ben O Grady** Senior (4th Kent) all in with a great chance of selection.

**Oliver Ward** came 3rd Leicestershire schools getting him a place at the English Schools Cross.

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**Charlie Platt** won PV gold at the SEAA Indoor Championship!!! 4.10 off his short run

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New member **Bradley Amphlett** is already benefiting from Club membership, running a strong 1.22.57 at Victoria Park half marathon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb!

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Additional report from **SEAA Champs at Beckenham Place Park (31<sup>st</sup> January)** – thanks to Paul Austridge!

**Under 13 boys** - Our under 13 boys excelled, winning team gold, having won bronze last year and were led home by Zach winning a superb bronze. Backed up well by Emery in ninth, young Luc in 35th and completing the scoring four, Akul in 41st. Strength in depth, saw great runs also from Anthony, George, Fletcher and Haydn..

**Under 13 girls** - The under 13 girls team placed fifth, one place better than last year, with a strong 17th place for Jazzy. Strong back up by Lucy J, Lucy B, Lena and Alice from the squad.

**Under 15 boys** team were 14th, led home by Johnny placing 28th, backed up well with a big squad showing of Ricardo, Billy, Edward, Teddy, Oscar, Juan and Matthew.

The **under 15 girls** team were 10th, with Evie leading the charge in 37th. Another strong squad showing with Stella completing our scoring four. Melody, Leela and Nancy completing the squad.

**Under 17 boys** - The under 17 boys put on a great show with Joe leading the field home, winning gold and Joseph just behind, winning silver. Ben and Nathan completed the scoring four, that were just two points off winning team gold, but still securing a strong silver, one place higher than last years bronze! Great strength in debt seeing Kian, Daniel, James S, Aniket and Madalitso completing the BB numbers.

Our **under 17 girls** team were 12th helped out by a good run from Lily B.

Only three under 20 BB boys raced, so no team score but a strong 13th place finished from Jed and great runs from Harry and Mark.

This race is also used by Kent County as a selection race for the up coming National Intercounties XC champs in March. So some performances could have secured county selection!!

### **Parkrun 31 January 2026**

58 runners at 20 events

Furthest from the clubhouse was once again Anthony Pontifex at the Harkerville Parkrun in South Africa!

Podiums – 5 this week!

<b>Harriet Hughes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> F	Bethlem Royal Hospital	21:01
<b>Jennie Butler</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> F	Lloyd Park	22:22
<b>Leonardus De Bruyn</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> M	Bromley	16:34
<b>Evie De Bruyn</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> F	Bromley	19:38
<b>Katy Sugden</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> F	Bethlem Royal Hospital	24:16

### Fixtures

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

- BBHAC trip to Zuiderpark!
- London Cross Country Challenge
- England U20, U17 and U15 open indoor championships @Sheffield – over 20 members competing!

Bonus Ball – Mike Gasson (no 11)

Steven Pairman (President) / Tom Brash (Press Officer)