

## President's News 21<sup>st</sup> January 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

- Congratulations to **Niamh Bridson Hubbard** on her selection to represent England at the Hannut Cross Cup in Belgium this Sunday. Niamh's selection follows a string of excellent performances, highlighted by a fantastic 11th-place finish at the Liverpool Cross Challenge in November.

### Membership Subs

Another reminder that subs were due on 1 January. Around 200 members have already done so – have you? Please go to your joinin account and the Club Shop to select your 2026 memberships. Contact Paul Shaw for family and 2<sup>nd</sup> claim.

### Club Records

- **Ethan Hunstone** – U13m 1k Racewalk (indoors) – 5:19.71
- **Piers Spencer Simms** – U16m 60m – 6.89

### Power of 10

Po10 remains offline pending the relaunch of a new system. I read that this may be available on 26 January.

### Results

**Dina Asher-Smith** opened her indoor season with a 7.18 in the women's 60m in the Corky Classic in Texas (AW)

**England Athletics Combined Event and Walking Championships, Incorporating the Indoor Para Championships.** – Report from Shaun Lightman.

**Ethan Hunstone** competed in the U13 1k National Walks Championship at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield. He led from start to finish, being challenged by H. Richards all the way except for the last lap and a half, completing 1k. In a PB and club indoor record of 5m 19.71. **Florence Watson** in the U17 3k had a race-long battle with an Irish girl, getting the better of her in the last 1k. In the English championship, she finished first in 16m 59.67, 2 secs outside her PB.

**Nehemiah Dick** also competed in the Para Ambulant Shot Put final, winning Bronze despite still being a junior, with a season's best throw of 8.84m.

### **Kent Schools Cross Country Champs** – report from Paul Austridge

Report on the event can be seen @ [Kentononline](#)

The English schools cross country championships is the highlight of the schools winter races and very tough selection to qualify.

Kent, one of the strongest counties in the country, select eight from each age group, junior, inter and senior, boys and girls. The Kent schools at Dartford was the first selection race with the top 4 auto qualifying. The top 20 were also invited to represent Kent in the upcoming schools intercounties, where a further two will be selected, leaving two places at the discretion of the selectors! The year sevens have their own race and reward for their successes is a year seven intercounties race later in March.

Our senior boys were impressive with three qualifying automatically, with Joe placing 1st, Jed 2nd and Joseph 3rd. Ben was way up the field but took a fall but still managed to finish a strong 8th with Nathan just behind in 9th. Good to see Ryan AS back racing.

In the senior girls Luciana auto qualified with her fine 3rd. A strong run from Kyla in 5th backed up by good runs from Niamh and Lily B.

Big turnout in the inter boys with Kian gaining auto selection in 4th, Madalitso placing a fine 5th and Johnny, a year young just behind in 6th. Great strength in depth and good runs from James S, Ricardo, Patrick, Benj, JP ,Teddy and Matthew.

Good numbers in the inter girls saw Evie have a great run and earn selection for the English schools in a fine 3rd. More strength in depth from the squad with good runs by Aoife, Freya P, Rowan, Charlotte and Ariana.

In the junior girl Jazzy secured a place in the English school team with a fine 3rd. Great runs from Holly AS in 9th and Stella in 14th and more squad members running well in Alice, Imogen, Leela and good to see Freya D racing again.

The junior boys race was an exciting race and saw Zach finish a super 3rd, with Dexter a great 4th, both gaining auto selection with Tiago finishing a strong 5th. Loads of the squad backing up well with Akul, Billy, Oscar, Edward, Josh, Haydn and Victor.

In the year seven girls race Louisa had a great run placing a high 10th.

Great to see our year 7 boys packing out the front end with a fantastic victory for Luc in 1st, Jacob having a superb run in 3rd, George a strong 4th and Anthony just behind in a great 5th. Good to see Fletcher running well and Alex D racing.

Well done to all and best of luck to those earning their Kent vest and racing in the upcoming intercounties races.

### **Mob Match vs Ranelagh**

Blackheath & Bromley Harriers travelled to Richmond to take on Ranelagh Harriers in the latest Mob Match between the clubs – a history going back over 100 years! Success was achieved by Kevin Fini and David Adams finishing 1st and 2nd in the race. However, while our turnout of 20 was encouraging, with Ranelagh fielding more than double that strength in depth told and they were comfortable winners of the Mob Match by 187 points to 343 (lowest wins).

There was some good news for the President – he finished first in the Bennett Cup, ahead of first home Kevin Fini and Dave Leal in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. David Adams extended his lead in the overall season long competition, but with two events to go – the Double Mob Match and Closing 5 – there is still time for others to catch him.

There is also a report on the [Ranelagh website](#).

### **Results – BBHAC**

Ranelagh Mob - A	Kevin Fini	00:44:42
Ranelagh Mob - A	David Adams	00:45:23
Ranelagh Mob - A	William Reedman-White	00:47:29
Ranelagh Mob - A	Jonathan Pairman	00:51:55
Ranelagh Mob - A	Ian Scott	00:53:09
Ranelagh Mob - A	Gregory Firth	00:53:44
Ranelagh Mob - A	Roger Beswick	00:53:58
Ranelagh Mob - A	Paul Sharpe	00:55:02
Ranelagh Mob - A	Martin Parkinson	00:56:59
Ranelagh Mob - A	Steven Pairman	00:59:26
Ranelagh Mob - A	David Beadle	00:59:30
Ranelagh Mob - A	Chris Fishlock	01:01:00
Ranelagh Mob - A	Andrew Lawes	01:02:47
Ranelagh Mob - A	Katy Sugden	01:03:10
Ranelagh Mob - A	Robert Whyte	01:06:07
Ranelagh Mob - A	Mark Ellison	01:09:10
Ranelagh Mob - A	David Leal	01:11:23

## And the Bennet Cup

1	Bennett Cup 2025/26 - Event 5, Ranelagh Mob Match, 17 Jan 2026					
2		Gross Time	handicap	Net Time	Bnt Cup Position	Bnt Cup Points
3	Steven Pairman	00:59:26	-00:18:54	00:40:32	1	40
4	Kevin Fini	00:44:42	-00:03:24	00:41:18	2	39
5	David Leal	01:11:23	-00:29:24	00:41:59	3	38
6	David Adams	00:45:23	-00:03:10	00:42:13	4	37
7	Jonathan Pairman	00:51:55	-00:09:30	00:42:25	5	36
8	Ian Scott	00:53:09	-00:10:30	00:42:39	6	35
9	William Reedman-White	00:47:29	-00:04:26	00:43:03	7	34
10	Andrew Lawes	01:02:47	-00:18:54	00:43:53	8	33
11	Gregory Firth	00:53:44	-00:08:58	00:44:46	9	32
12	<a href="#">Katy Sugden</a>	<a href="#">01:03:10</a>	-00:17:30	00:45:40	10	31
13	Mark Ellison	01:09:10	-00:22:24	00:46:46	11	30
14	Paul Sharpe	00:55:02	-00:08:16	00:46:46	12	29
15	Chris Fishlock	01:01:00	-00:14:03	00:46:57	13	28
16	Martin Parkinson	00:56:59	-00:09:48	00:47:11	14	27
17	Roger Beswick	00:53:58	-00:06:18	00:47:40	15	26
18	Robert Whyte	01:06:07	-00:18:12	00:47:55	16	25
19	David Beadle	00:59:30	#N/A	#N/A	17	24
20			#N/A	#N/A	18	23

## Bennett Cup Leading Positions

Runner	Total	scoring events
David ADAMS	158	5
Gregory FIRTH	148	5
Jonathan PAIRMAN	132	4
William REEDMAN-WHITE	131	4
<a href="#">Angelina STEPHENS</a>	116	4
Paul SHARPE	103	4
Douglas VARNEY	100	3
Mark ELLISON	98	4
<a href="#">Jennie BUTLER</a>	94	3

## Parkrun 17 January 2026

50 runners at 24 events

Furthest from the clubhouse were Jess and Mick Keene, who ran at the Silskworth Parkrun in Sunderland!

## Podiums

Katie Murray	1stF	Bromley	19:18
Jennie Butler	1stF	Bethlem Royal Hospital	21:24
Jess Keene	2 <sup>nd</sup> F	Silskworth	24:02

## Fixtures

- 24<sup>th</sup> January – South of England Cross Country Champs – Beckenham Place Park – first race at 11:00 am. Details on the sea.org.uk website. Rain is forecast for the next few days, so good luck to everyone braving the tricky conditions!
- Dina Asher-Smith runs the 60m at the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix on 24<sup>th</sup> January

Bonus Ball – Heath (Dick) Griffin (no 4)

## **Steve Pairman**

President  
21 January 2026