

PRESENTATIONS for 2025

Well that it Another year done and dusted

Club members contested some 4000 positions in races and parkruns over the year

We do hope that the awards cover the range of activities participated in by our club members weather it be running racing or in the background helping to make the club work. Things Race directors, Run Leaders, Club Admin looking after all the Club equipment. We should especially thank the Club Committee mainly as its them who do most of the work. If anyone would like to get more involved as there are several positions need filling We are especially looking for a race director for our 5K series

Just have a chat with any committee member their names are on the website

BEST NEWCOMER

Best Newcomer – Member who in the opinion of the Awards sub Committee has in their first eighteen months from joining the Club shown the most improvement either in running development or race performances

We usually attract some 40 plus new members every year, Very quickly some of them quickly become known to everyone, and this year is no exception and the three that came to the top of the pile so to speak were

Chris Holt

Felicity Came

Alan Hutchins

Two of these came in quietly made exceptional progress but unfortunately they were outdone

FELICITY CAME Best newcomer 2025

MOST IMPROVED

Most Improved – Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has shown significant improvement in performance has been the most notable, based upon running development and, or race performances. All Races must have been run whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

One could say that every newcomer to the club improves However it would seem that some improve more than others. This award is not about becoming the fastest in the category but improving your original expectations

Most Improved Female

Deanna Coles

Rachael Logdon

Amanda Travers

This year after much deliberation and sustained effort it was deemed that

DEANNA COLES was the most improved lady

Most Improved Male

Gareth Davies

Paul Gilbie

Andy Lambert

Yet again after a long discussion about the various merits of the three nominees who have enhanced the reputation of the club all over the country and even in Wales In the end it was deemed that

PAUL GILBIE had it

MALE VETERAN

Male Veteran — The male 40+ Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has over the past year, has shown the most consistent performance, whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

Nominations are welcome from all Club Members

Male Veteran

The three nominations are

Richard Clayton

Richard Hooper

Adrian Lax

This was a particularly hard selection because as the years pass more members become veterans and some of them even improve like a good bottle of wine If you want to know more about wine have a chat with Denise) I digress

These three have overcome all the trials & tribulations to come to the top of the greasy pole However one in particular has been not only a great supporter of the club but probably its most travelled This Years Winner

RICHARD CLAYTON

LADY VETERAN

Lady Veteran – The female 35+ Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has over the past year, has shown the most consistent performance, whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

This has probably been then hardest selection for this years awards as there were so many to pick from. Our Senior ladies have been competing all over the country and have brought credit both to the club and themselves After much debating we came up with the following three Lady Veterans

Ann Grace

Gill Pearson

Lindsay Saunders

As you can see all three have been all over the country where they have quietly without too much shouting from the rooftops excelled in all they have done. Podium finishes coaching and run leading have just swung it for

GILL PEARSON as LADY VET of the YEAR

PERFORMANCE of the YEAR

Performance of the Year – Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** through a running event(s) has shown the most outstanding achievement(s), whilst representing the club & wearing club colours

This years three nominations have been selected for different reasons but the common factor their performances Ultra long distances combined with podium finishes The three names that surfaced from among many were

Ann Grace

Gareth Davies

Claire French

After a long Ultra debate

And this years Performance of the Year is **ANN GRACE**

CAKE PLATE

Cake Plate Winner of the Year – Will be awarded on the recommendations of the Catering team

Taste is a very individual thing but never the less judging by the contributions to the table at our events there is considerable baking talent in the club. I'm sure that some people only turn up for the food especially Mel's sausage rolls

This is the time to not only thank all our contributors too many to name but also our brilliant Catering Team

Mel, Denise, June, Dave & Brian

After much deliberation we asked our *fabulous & really now quite famous* Tea Ladies and they gave us, No Nomination just one clear winner

CLAIRE CHURCH

Once again we must mention Dave Mears wife Ann who would have been in the running but unfortunately she is not a member However Thank you for your contributions for all our races

– **UNSUNG CLUB HERO**

A member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** made contributions which for the most part may be largely unseen or unsung but benefits the Club to a high degree

Nominations are welcome from all Club Members

As with any organisation It is only as good as the work that goes on in the background. I'm very happy to say that in this club there are a lot of members who give up their free time to help make this club what it is to day. It true that the more mundane the work the less publicity it gets ie no stories on public media To that extent it was extremely difficult to even cut this list down to just three nominations. However the nominations are this year are

Andy Holloway

Mel Dodge

Mark Copping

Unsung Club Hero this year **ANDY HOLLOWAY**

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR – Member who in the opinion of the **Awards sub Committee** has shown, the endeavour, hard work and support to the Club or Club members and has made a significant contribution to the club throughout the year.

Nominations are welcome from all Club Members

This is the biggie and the three nominations for

All three have been there all year supporting the club

Behind the scenes at races and various events and the nominations are

Club Member of the Year

Tim Willis

Linda Membury

Matt Copping

However looking through the records one name kept cropping up

Most in the club will have no idea of the input this individual makes to the success of this club

Run Leader extradentaire

All round good egg

Race Director

& dog lover I give you **Tim Willis**

CHAIRMANS AWARDS

Chairman's Award – Male & Female – Chairman's opportunity to recognise significant contribution or achievement to a club member and this year

Personally selected by our Chairman

Chairman's Female Award

LINDA MEMBURY

Chairman's Male Award

ADAM HAWKINS

POINTS KING & QUEEN

Points King & Queen – (NOT VOTED FOR), Will be determined by totalling the scores from **all** the pre-determined races over the racing year.

Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt

Points King

GARETH DAVIES

Points Queen

JOANNA SAMUEL

CLUB CHAMPIONS MALE & FEMALE

Male & Ladies Club Champions – (NOT VOTED FOR), will be determined by totalling the highest **ten** scoring races from the total of pre-determined races over the racing year. Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt

Male Club Champions

LUKE BETTERIDGE

Ladies Club Champions

ANN GRACE

DAVE RICHARDSON AWARDS

For those that don't know David Richardson was a club member the partner of Denise Byrde (Your host this evening) who suddenly passed in 2015. As you can imagine the funeral was well attended all smartly turned out in club attire. The family then decided that the plate collection would be donated to the club and thus the award was born. Dave was predominantly a track runner so it was decided on the 3K handicap on the track.

Dave Richardson Awards – will be awarded by not lying about your predicted 3k track times thus a naked 3K

Run under a new format this year the winners were adjudged to be

CHRIS HOLT

RACHAEL JONES

RUN LEADERS

I must mention our Run Leaders

Without the dedicated work of our run leaders we would not be a running club but just a very large uncontrolled mob running around the streets of Yeovil So you can see they are one of our greatest assets and our best ambassadors As an example these few members have led

Tim Willis (87) **Ali Griffiths** (75) Amanda Travers (71)
Gill Pearson (61) Helen Nesbitt (68) **Graham Still** (43)

There are also some thirty other club members who have led over 840 club runs some at very short notices Many run leaders have put aside their own evenings anticipated run to help out and lead others

So One and all I thank you

Distance Award (Shoe trophies) – (NOT VOTED FOR), will be awarded to member who complete 10 pre-determined races during the racing year.
Compiled by Lesley Nesbitt.

Everyone who completes 10 races wins a small but significant prize

Rachael Logsdon

Dariusz Broniszewski

Luke Betteridge

Margarita Moore

Andy Lambert

Rachael Jones

Matt Bambury

Paul Gilbie

Chris Holt

Ann Grace

Jo Samuel

Linda Membury

Adam Underdown

Katie Stokes

Taryn Monks

Lesley Nesbitt

Gareth Davies

Chris Homewood

Alan Hutchins

Joe Keen

HAT WINNERS

Every year the club well Lesley Nesbitt (and thank you Lesley for all the work that goes into compiling the list)

Probably the most successful in club event

I remember many years ago some of our ladies travelled to Kent to complete a race for their hats

This years winners are

Micro Slam		Mini Slam		Grand Slam		Ultra Slam
Ally Griffiths				Adrian Lax		Andy Farrant
Donna Reeves		Adam Underdown		Debbie Rennard		Andy Hale
Karyl Gill		Andrew Brown		Ellie Damon		Andy Lambert
Mel Dodge		Anita Garrett		Felicity Came		Ann Grace
Sandra Levett	6	Chris Holt		Kirsty Norman		Chris Greengrow
Terry Gill		Dave Moore		Nikki Rowbottom		Dan McFarlane
		Dom Berry		Rachael Jones		Deanna Coles
		Emily Briggs		Richard Clayton		Dom Rowe
		Helen Nesbitt		Rob Adams		Elie Morgan
		Jo Samuel		Steve Lye		Gemma Murley
		Lesley Nesbitt		Stuart Strelley	11	Gill Pearson
		Linda Membury				Guy Williams
		Louise Ward				Kate Gowers
		Mark Yarde				Kelly Rowsell
		Sara Hawkins				Lindsay Saunders
		Sarah Farrant	16			Margarita Moore
		Trevor Strelley				Matt Bambury
						Matt Driver
						Mel Cox
						Paul Gilbie
						Rachael Logsdon
						Richard Hooper
						Sharon Hardy
						Simon Rowbottom
						Taryn Monks
						Tim Willis

New this Year Endurance Race finishers

Finishers	50k	100k	50 miles	100 miles
Alan Hutchings	Ö			
Amelia Grace	Ö			
Andy Hale	Ö			
Andy Farrant			Ö	
Andy Lambert	Ö			
Andy Pritchard	Ö			
Ann Grace	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö
Chris Parker	Ö			
Chris Greengrow	Ö			
Chrissy Smith	Ö			
Clair French	Ö			
Dan MacFarlane	Ö			
Deanna Coles	Ö			
Dom Rowe			Ö	
Elie Morgan		Ö		
Gareth Davies	Ö			
Gemma Murley		Ö		
Gill Pearson	Ö			
Graham Still	Ö			
Guy Williams	Ö			
John Curtis	Ö			
Kate Gowers	Ö			
Katie Stokes	Ö			
Kelly Rowsell	Ö			
Lawrie Morris	Ö			
Lill Holland	Ö		Ö	
Lindsay Saunders	Ö			
Margarita Moore	Ö			
Matt Driver	Ö			
Matt Bambury	Ö		Ö	
Mel Cox	Ö			
Paul Card	Ö			
Paul Gilbie	Ö			
Rach Logsdon	Ö			
Richard Hooper	Ö			
Sarah Brooks	Ö			
Sharon Hardy	Ö			
Simon Rowbottom	Ö			
Steve Warren	Ö			
Sue Mallison	Ö			

Taryn Monks	Ö
Tim Willis	Ö
Tris Clark	Ö

London Marathon Draw

Name were drawn in the following order

1. Christine Greengrow
2. Paul Cable
3. Ellie Damon
4. Tim Willis
5. Richard Greengrow
6. Katie Stokes
7. Debbie Rennard
8. Deanna Coles
9. Jack Lax
10. Adrian Lax
11. Amanda Travers