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Newsletter

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GET READY FOR THE SEASON

FOR the first time for many years MADJA will have a Wessex League match at OXFORD.

The visit to the city of spires on April 22nd kicks off the T&F season for the club.

Summer training will begin at the Marlborough College Track on Sunday March 25th (9.15am for U9s/U11s and 10.30am for U13s and older) . Wednesday evening training for U13s and older will begin April 4th (6.30 - 8pm).

 More details about team managers will be emailed out to you shortly.

Membership OPENS MARCH 1st!

We've been receiving a handful of membership forms already, but hold your horses as we are about to revise the membership form with some more information, in line with England Athletics suggestions. So, the new membership for the season will open on March 1st. Go to the website www.madja.co.uk to locate the new form under 'Membership'. This year the fees reflect the fact that older athlete's membership includes automatic membership of England Athletics which accounts for £15.

2018 Season Fees

Athletes age group under 9s & under 11s = £45

Athletics age groups under 13s and older = £55

MADJA is a junior athletics club and our youngest joining age is 7 years, or children in school year 2 and the oldest is U20 or Year 13.

Join the Team

All MADJA coaches have a great commitment to the club and experience across a wide range of athletics specialities. The majority began with MADJA because their own children were members. They got involved as volunteers and then went on to undertake specialist England Athletics training. Many are also qualified in First Aid and double up as England Athletics Officials – vital for MADJA to remain in regional competitions.

If you would like help out in any way — raking the long jump pit, or setting up equipment, is incredibly helpful — speak to any of the team or email us on enquiries@madja.co.uk



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your name here!

We also have MADJA Hoodies — also with name on the back available for £20. To request an order form for Hoodies or new Fleecy Jackets email Secretary Vanya Body on enquiries@madja.co.uk



WESSEX LEAGUE LOW DOWN

For those who haven't competed before, the Wessex League is a team event with clubs from across the region. Each event is split into A and B streams with athletes competing in three events plus a relay (if called on). These can be track or field or, more commonly, a mixture of the two. Every point counts. Even if you don't achieve a podium place, your efforts will help the team! It is a fun day out so contact your team manager to get involved and support your MADJA team mates. For 'away' matches there will normally be a team bus leaving from the Waitrose carpark which can be used by athletes and parents if you prefer not to drive. Places can be reserved and more details via the team managers who will communicate directly with their squads prior to the events.

Mark Cawte Memorial event — Swindon

Swindon Harriers Club is holding its annual Mark Cawte Memorial Open Meeting on the 17th March. Entry fee will be £10.00 for Adults & £5.00 for u17/u15/u13 for as many events as they wish within the UK Athletics Age Restrictions.

Timetable and entry forms will be available closer to the event on the Swindon Harriers website. It's a good early T&F competition opportunity.

Congratulations to Thomas Holmes — nominated as Young Male Athlete of the year at the annual Wiltshire County Athletics Association Awards to be held in Trowbridge on March 3rd.

Thomas is pictured during a recent coaching day with 2016 Olympic Champion Thomas Röhler (PB 93.90m!)



Protecting your personal details

New data protection laws take effect in May designed to ensure that personal information is totally protected from unauthorised use.

At Madja we never share your details, collected from the membership forms, with any external company for marketing purposes .

We do, however, share your personal details with England Athletics (EA) as all our members are automatically members for EA. Each member is assigned a Unique Reference Number (URN) by England Athletics and can then use this to create a log in to the EA system where you can create a personal profile and edit your own security and personal preferences as you wish. EA has negotiated special deals for athletics equipment providers and also sends out regular newsletters to those who have indicated that they want to be kept 'in the loop' on national athletics developments. However, the EA 'default' security setting is that it will not share your personal details with external organisations without your expressed permission.

Within Madja contact details are used by coaches and team managers so that they can get in touch and co-ordinate their age group teams and training groups. Otherwise they are kept secure within our own membership system.

For further information, contact club secretary Vanya Body on enquiries@madja.co.uk



Please remember that only coaches and officials are allowed to park by the track!!



Cross Country Stars brave the elements

The endurance group has had a good cross country season with six selected to run for Wiltshire Schools in the South West Schools inter counties held at Newton Abbott on Saturday 3rd February.

Dan Davies (SB) ran in 23rd and was the first Wiltshire runner home in the Senior Boys, and **Catriona Edington (SG)** was also 23rd in the senior Girls race; while 2nd claim members **Maddie George (IG)** ran in a creditable 46th place and **Will Morris (IB)** also had a good run to come 39th in the Intermediate Boys event.

It was good to see so many MADJA athletes running for their schools at the area trials and at then at the county schools event, held at Sheldon School, Chippenham — perhaps next year even more will make the county schools inter-counties team. Full results can be found on the Wiltshire School Athletics Association website (<http://wiltsschoolsathletics.org/Blog>)

Meanwhile, we had some equally fabulous runs in the tri-counties cross county before Christmas, held at Bath, where the team ran in the snow! Results: **Ben Jones 2nd, U13B**; **Ben Dare 33rd, U13 boys**; **Ali Edington 7th, U15B**;

Ben J, Ben D, Will, Maddie, Catriona and Dan have all been selected for the Nationals at Loughborough on 10th March - we have yet to confirm who will run but good luck to all athletes when they compete.

Maddie George 4th, U17G; **Catriona Edington 5th U17G**; with **Dan Davies 2nd, U17B**. (results on the Wiltshire Athletics Association website).

They all went on to earn their Wiltshire Vests and run for and club and county at Yeovil in the SW Inter Counties -- and all ran very well. These results reflect the fantastic effort the whole team has put into the winter training and the group has been now been joined by **Ed Tabor** — who is recovering from injury, so we hope the basis for a good endurance summer season has been set.

Well done all and thanks for the enthusiasm.
Fiona Edington and Louise George



Dan, Catriona and Will are confirmed for the Wiltshire team to compete at the English Schools XC at Leeds on 17th March, with Maddie reserve.



SUMMER SEASON DATES FOR DIARIES

Wessex Leagues dates

- 🏆 22nd April, Oxford;
- 🏆 3rd June Bournemouth;
- 🏆 1st July Swindon (our host);
- 🏆 15th July Swindon (Swindon Harriers host)

MADJA hosts Inter-club QuadKids 29th April at the Marlborough Track;

- Wiltshire County Track & Field championships 13th May 2018 Tidworth Oval
- Wiltshire County **Schools** Track & Field championships 9th June 2018 Swindon Track
- South West **Schools** Championships 16th June, Exeter (by selection)
- SW Schools Combined Events June 23rd /24th June, Exeter (by Selection)
- English Schools 13th/14th July, Birmingham (by selection)
- SW **Inter-county** championships 22nd July 2018 Exeter (on results of May 13th event)
- **MADJA club championships 2nd September**
- **MADJA Club Presentations 7th September Marlborough Rugby Club**
- 15th/16th September English Schools National Combined Events, Bedford (By selection)

And, finally -
guess who?

