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## Gone for a Burton Record blasted as Eddie takes Southern title

NORTH Harrow athlete Eddie Burton produced his best ever performance to win the Southern Counties Junior (under-20) 2000 metres steeplechase title at Cophthall on Monday.

He set a new Old Gaytonians AC junior record of 5:55.6 to win the event by 20 metres from the favourite, Robert Hough of Medway.

Burton has raced infrequently over the barriers but this victory at Cophthall suggests an exciting future at the event.

His next major target will be the British League fixture at Crystal Palace on June 10 when he will attempt to achieve the qualifying time for the World Junior Championships.

Chris Iles finished fourth in the 100 metres hurdles at Cophthall in 15.2 but he was disappointed that his medal hopes were dashed by a poor start.

Gavin Crowe narrowly failed to reach the final of the 1500 metres. His time of 4:03.5, his second best ever, was over 0.6 seconds away from the qualifying time.

Mark Collins finished seventh in the 100 metres final in 11.2 after running 11.1 in the heats. Steve Jones placed 10th in the boys' (under-15) 1500 metres in a personal best of 4:41.2.

Hatch End thrower Malcolm Croad placed 10th in the hammer in the schools international in Belgium last week. His distance of 57.88 was a little below his best but he had two marginal fouls over 60 metres.

Gayts senior B team conti-

nued his quest for Southern League Division One survival by taking fourth place in the second round match at Bourne-mouth on Saturday.

There was an excellent personal best for 31 year old Chris Finill. He clocked 9:28.2 for second in the steeplechase while Andy Hoiles sliced 16 seconds off his best in placing third in the B event.

South Harrow's John Keppel set two personal bests in the hurdle events, clocking 16.3 in the sprint hurdles and 59.4 in the one lap event.

Gayts C team placed fourth in their Division Four fixture at Bannister. 16 year old Terry Mackin sliced three seconds off his 1500 metres best with a time of 4:09.8 while Matthew Bateson and Steve Hartley also set new figures.

Gayts are fielding a D team this year, one of only two clubs in the country to do so, and they finished fifth in their Division Seven match at Bannister.

Two of the club's stalwarts of the 1970s and 1980s, David Stevens and Bruce Davidson, returned to competition after two years and showed that they had lost little of their old sparkle, both finishing in second place.

In a busy weekend of athletics, Mark Cursons took third place in the 2000 metres steeplechase in a Southern Counties representative match at Southampton, clocking 6:01.1.

Nigel Flint took fourth in the 800 metres in the good early season time of 1:55.2.

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# Blewitt is new Lane chairman

LOCAL businessman Dave Blewitt has accepted an invitation to take over as the new chairman of Rayners Lane FC, following the decision of the long serving Tom Lynn to retire.

In accepting the invitation at the club's recent agn, the normally outspoken Mr Blewitt, a painter and decorator who runs the local painting and decorating shop, Eastwoods, admitted to being "a little nervous" at the prospect but at the same time "chuffed" at the offer.

He said that he realised that Tom Lynn would be a hard act to follow and, in the circumstances, he hoped he would have

the continued support of the present club committee, especially that of secretary Tony Pratt, treasurer Danny Maher and Sunday secretary Alan Coster, together with Lane's parent club, the Tithe Farm Social Club.

He also hoped that the present management team structure of Don Durkin (1st team), Richard Mitchell (reserves) and Darren Nugent (3rd team) would continue for next season.

Having been closely involved in youth football for many years, Dave expressed his personal desire to forge much closer links with local youth sides to help provide a natural stepping stone from youth to senior football, hopefully to a mutual benefit.

In welcoming the new chairman, the

agn also gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Tom Lynn who in his 12 years as chairman turned his hand to all manner of tasks from tea boy to more official duties in welcoming and entertaining visiting dignitaries.

Practical help in carrying out ground improvements has been coupled with his untiring efforts in fund raising, a vital aspect of all football clubs today.

On record as saying that his efforts would not have been possible without the support of his wife, Olive, Tom will continue to be actively involved with the club, which is all the more surprising as over the years his Saturday football viewing has been severely restricted owing to his business commitments as a partner in local DIY firm, Tate and Lynn.

## Kingsbury v Lions in Senior Cup derby

THE draw for next season's Middlesex Senior Cup has thrown up a derby clash with Kingsbury at home to Wembley in a third preliminary round tie.

Edgware start at home to either Hampton, Welwyn GC or Haringey, while Rayners Lane begin in the first preliminary round away to Waltham Abbey.

Harrow Boro' and Wealdstone start with first round ties against Enfield and Hounslow respectively.

Neither Boro' nor Stones are in the Middlesex Charity Cup which sees Edgware face FA Vase holders Yeading at home in the second round. Rayners Lane are at home to either Hillingdon Boro' or Welwyn GC and Kingsbury visit either Ashford Town or Northwood.

In the third round Wembley are at home to either Hounslow, Harefield or Haringey.

### League trio

WEMBLEY captain Peter Waterman, clubmate Pavin Malik and Stanmore's Peter Edwards have been selected for the Middlesex County League side to play the Essex League on Wednesday at Southend in the Schweppes Inter-League Knockout.

### Knockout win

MIDDLESEX won their Bain Clarkson 2nd XI Knockout Cup match at Harrow's Paynes Folly ground on Tuesday by 35 runs. Middlesex made 245 and then dismissed Essex for 210.

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## Harrow young swimmers come out on top



● Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club's triumphant young swimmers with their trophy.

HARROW and Wealdstone's young swimmers swam magnificently to finish in top place from 25 competing clubs in the popular Barnet Cophthall Novices Open Meet.

In a close and thrilling finish, they beat one of the top clubs in the south in Portsmouth Northsea Swimming Club, who were holders of this trophy, as well as nearby neighbours Amersham, in an

event which was held over three successive Sundays.

Such was Harrow's fine performance that they won three golds, six silvers and four bronze medals. In addition they had 23 main finalists and 38 consolation finalists.

Golds were won by: Alison Taylor, '78 50m breast; Claire Marie Payne, '79 50m breast; Sand-

ra Coghlan, '76 50m back.

Silver winners were: Jonathan Nunn, '79 50m fly; Emma Shearby, '78 50m fly; John Friend, '78 50m breast; Richard Sunn, '80 50m breast; Andrew Bennett, '80 50m back and 25m fly.

Bronze medals went to: Minnie Patel, '79 50m fly; Andrew Bennett, '80 50m free; Emma Shearby, '78 50m free; Alison Taylor, '78 50m fly.

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