

## 2025 AGM Chairman's Report

Hello all and welcome to the 2025 AGM. This will be my last Chairman's Report because I am stepping down as Chairman and am running for Membership Secretary instead. I have enjoyed being the Chairman and travelling around to different EMAC venues including Corby last year as organiser of the EMAA Inter-Area Outdoors Track & Field Challenge. I've been very honoured to be the Chairman for the last 4 years and hopefully someone will take on the role because it was vacant for a long time before I took it on in 2021. I have enjoyed being a committee member since February 2017 and plan on continuing my EMAC journey in a different capacity. I also am really passionate about organising athletics events, so will continue to help in future EMAC Championships and continue being the T&F League Southern Division leader.

2024 was a good year for EMAC. We ended the year with our highest ever membership of around 740 members and had 17 teams in our Track and Field League and had a good turn out at the finals with 8 men's teams and 7 women's teams. This coming year we have 15 teams and an equal amount of 5 teams in each division. Also, last summer the EMAA Inter-Area was a success and we held it in our area for the first time in many years at Corby and we swept all the categories and brought home all the trophies. This year for the indoors Inter-Area we came in second in all categories at Lee Valley. Thanks again goes out to Graeme and Claire Smith for being Team Managers for both events. For cross country we sent quite a few members to the International Cross Country Championships in Belfast Northern Ireland last November. Thanks goes out to Yuko for her work again last year.

We had our first road racing series and championship races last year with Trevor Bunch leading the way. These were the races which were included in the series

- 10th Mar – Mike Groves 10K
- 14th Apr – Flitwick 10K
- 21st June – Bury Pacers Friday 5\*
- 7th July – Ware 10
- 15th Sept – Pleshey HM\*
- 6th Oct – Town and Gown 10K Cambridge\*
- 27th Oct – Fenland 10

\*Championship event with medals awarded.

Jane Ashby was the winner of the series where she took part in the 3 races needed to win and she had a WAVA of 91.9%. Well done to Jane. Trevor is trialling a new

format for this year's Road Racing series, so please take a look at the [emac.org.uk](http://emac.org.uk) website for details and instructions on how to take part.

Finally, after 5 years of not having an outdoors championships this year we found a host willing to take it on in Biggleswade AC and we are having the EMAC Championships at Sandy on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Even though there are three different competitions going on that day we have found a good amount of officials already and it will be able to take place. Information will be up soon on BMAF opentrack and our website.

Thanks again for your continued support of the club and I look forward to seeing as many of you at different competitions during the summer. Take care.

Carey Hollick, EMAC Chairman