



**The Spring Road Relays** and Junior Athlete 5km Challenge are being held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield on 23/03/2024.

As most of you are aware the men's 12 stage and women's 6 stage relays are open to U20 and senior club members.

Last year the men were successful in qualifying for the National Road Relays (which this year will be held on 06/04/2024, with the venue still to be confirmed).

Unfortunately, we were unable to enter a female team into last year's event. We are very keen to have female representation this year.

Please email me on [James.r.walters13@gmail.com](mailto:James.r.walters13@gmail.com) if you are interested in competing or have any questions. Please can you put SPRING ROAD RELAYS 2024 as the subject of the email.

If you do want to run please let me know by 08/03/2024.

James Walters

Gloucester AC will be hosting a **Spring Open Meeting** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Blackbridge, with track events from 60m up to 3000m plus long jump, shot put and discus. There will be electronic timing for all races, so please put the date in the diary as this meeting will be popular! If anyone is willing to help out on the day, please get in contact with Steve on [sensiblesteve@hotmail.com](mailto:sensiblesteve@hotmail.com).

From a letter delivered to residents on Laburnum Road. "Advance Notice of the **Intended Commencement of Works on the Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub** I am writing to inform you that we intend to commence work on the development of the Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub in the week beginning February 5th 2024. We anticipate the project build will be completed by December 2024 and we will continue to provide information updates through our community newsletters, the Blackbridge CCBS website [www.blackbridge.org.uk](http://www.blackbridge.org.uk) and through social media posts."

From [www.blackbridge.org.uk](http://www.blackbridge.org.uk)

"The hub will offer football, cricket and rugby, as well as walking and running routes and children's play plus facilities to support Gloucester Athletics Club which is right next door.

### **Haresfield 5k Race Director**

For the last two years I've organised in mid-August a 5k race from the Beacon Inn Haresfield. This raises about £2000 for the club.

I planning on being less active in organising so I can focus on coaching and racing myself so would love either someone to take over or to share the work as Deputy Director.

There's an extensive race manual to guide and both the pub and the village are keen to have the race. Speak to me after training or email me on [gloucestershireaaa@athletics4u.co.uk](mailto:gloucestershireaaa@athletics4u.co.uk). It is fun and satisfying organising such an event.