

Bryony's FUNd raising night

Hopefully, you will have seen the notes in the newsletter or on the minutes about the fund raising event that the club are kindly helping me put on on the 24th June. If not, here is a quick explanation about why I've asked the club for help and what I'm doing:

As part of my year off in between school and university, I'm travelling to Ecuador in September, where I will spend 3 months doing volunteer work in an elderly care centre for the homeless in the capital, Quito. Unfortunately, none of this is free, and I need to raise in the region of £1500- £2000 to cover the costs of flights, health/travel insurance, inoculations/malaria tablets, accommodation (I'm staying in a hostel) and food. Kindly, the committee have agreed to help me with this, and so plans have been made for the Thursday 24th June.

I realise that this is a club night, but since there are no major competitions the following w/e, I was hoping that most of the training groups will be able to take part and forfeit their training just for that night. However, with the planned events, there will be space on the track both for this special event and for regular training for Brian/Eddie's sprint group and possibly for the throwers at the cage end.

However, it would be great if both the athletes and the coaches would want to be involved in this event, so that the athletes take part and the coaches provide help with the various events. The events I am hoping to put on are:

1. 2 track events, consisting of an obstacle race and maybe a 3 legged race. Taking place on the long jump run ups and part of the home straight?
2. A "stylistic" jump event- hopefully using the pole vault mats or the high jump mats, where the competitors have 2/3 jumps to perform however they want and the top 3 are judged by a panel of 3 judges- maybe with score boards- Emily Clarke has volunteered to be one of these judges, but two more are needed and perhaps someone else to order the athletes before they jump? Taking place on the pole vault run up, if the pole vaulters agree.
3. A throwing event- Jill Gore has agreed to help with this, but more help is needed. This possibly will be a welly throw? This may take place on the grass areas outside the track.

I'm hoping to charge competitors £2 to take part- this covers all events, and apparently the club has lots of excess medals which can be given out.

All in all, I hope that this event will go really well, but I need help and competitors! It would be brilliant if you could let me know if you're around,

willing to help and willing to encourage your athletes to come along and have some fun!

Thankyou,

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