Sport

Hardley Runners member in charity tandem challenge

A HARDLEY Runners member living with Huntington's disease took on a special fundraising challenge alongside an advocate for people affected by ME.

Sarah Hood was the latest participant in the Tandem Tart Challenge, an initiative created by Lyndhurst's Mary Corbett to raise money for research into myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME).

Corbett, who lives with ME herself, has been inviting volunteers to join her on a tandem bicycle as part of her ongoing fundraising efforts. Hood became participant number 88 in the challenge when she joined Corbett on a tandem trike ride from Hatchet Pond to Brockenhurst.

The challenge raises funds for ME research through Corbett's 'In Tandem With ME' campaign, which has attracted support from across the local community.

For Hood, the ride carried added significance. Like her mother, aunt and grandmother before her, she has Huntington's disease, a rare inherited neurological condition that affects the central nervous system. A faulty gene causes the progressive disorder passed down through families and currently has no cure.

Despite the challenges associated with the condition, Hood completed the ride with Corbett, travelling through the New Forest before reaching the finish at Beaulieu Road car park near Brockenhurst.

Hardley Runners has chosen the Huntington's Disease Association as its nominated charity for the year in recognition of Hood's connection to the cause and the support she receives from the organisation.

The pair set off from Hatchet Pond before making their way through the Forest and arriving safely at the finish.

Anyone wishing to support the Huntington's Disease Association can find more information and donation details at hda.org.uk, while donations to Corbett's ME fundraising campaign can be made through her crowdfunding page at bit.ly/3QuPlRa



Mary Corbett (second from left) and Sarah Hood (third from left) with the support crew of (from left) Jane Hodge, Sarah Fitton and Norman Harvey at Beachern Wood carpark in Brockenhurst

Parkrun

Junior Travis steals the show with stunning PB

ADAM Corbin was in a class of his own as he stormed to victory at Brockenhurst parkrun on Saturday, while junior runner Travis Vanjara produced a stunning personal best to finish second overall.

A total of 95 people ran, jogged and walked the course in sunny but cool conditions at the 579th Brockenhurst parkrun.

Corbin, of Bournemouth AC, claimed first place for the fifth time, crossing the line in an impressive 17 minutes and 31 seconds. The M35 runner has now been first finisher on 22 occasions across his 169 parkruns and has completed 91 of those runs at Poole, where he set his remarkable 16:15 personal best.

The performance of the day, however, arguably belonged to M11 runner Vanjara. Representing New Forest Juniors AC, he smashed his Brockenhurst personal best by clocking 18:35 to finish second overall and first junior for the 10th time.

Rachel Helyar was the first female finisher for the seventh time, placing sixth overall in 20:51, while the highest age-grade score of the day belonged to W60 Anne Brindley of Hardley Runners in 23:28, and the top male age-grade score went to M70 Anthony Willis of Eastleigh RC, with a time of 22:04.

There was one official milestone celebration as W10 Leila Helyar earned her purple 25-run shirt. She marked the occasion by finishing as the first junior female home.

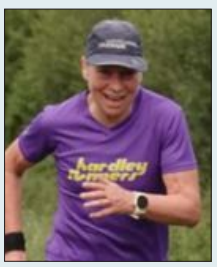
A poignant moment also came as family and friends of the late Mike Clarke gathered to remember the popular Hardley Runners member, who passed away last September at the age of 81. Clarke remains the M70 course record holder at the former Crissy Fields parkrun in San Francisco.

Brockenhurst parkrun's 579th event was made possible by 15 volunteers. They were Camilla Pearse, Paul Pearse, Peter Lay, Katrin Pritchard, Michael McCabe, Pauline Breeze, Marian Oates, Kate Lewis, Jo Murphy, Bea Murphy, Alison Moores, Barbara Walton, Alexander Sarriegui, Alun James and Mick Anglim.

Results: 1, Adam Corbin, 17:31; 2, Travis Vanjara, 18:35; 3, Simon Helyar, 19:01; 4, Ned Grant, 20:19; 5, Matt Bliss, 20:32; 6, Rachel Helyar, 20:51; 7, Pete Austin, 21:01; 8, Harry Brown, 21:43; 9, George Cullingworth, 21:50; 10, Rupert Whitehead, 21:52.



New Forest Juniors AC's Travis Vanjara was the second finisher



Hardley Runners' Anne Brindley set the top age grade score



Bournemouth AC's Adam Corbin sped around in 17:50

Sailing

All aboard for Lymington sailing club's open day

LYMINGTON Town Sailing Club (LTSC) is inviting people of all ages to discover what it has to offer when it opens its doors for a special open day next weekend.

The club, based on the banks of the Lymington River, will host the event on Saturday, 27th June, giving visitors the chance to learn more about sailing, training opportunities and the wide range of social activities available throughout the year.

LTSC commodore Heather Chipperfield said: "We're inviting everyone to come and see what Lymington Town Sailing Club has to offer. We are keen to show all the activities that we run from our historic clubhouse.

"LTSC is a friendly, inclusive and family-oriented club."

Whether people are completely new to the sport or looking to return to the water, organisers say the open day will provide the perfect opportunity to get involved.

LTSC has planned a full programme of training, sailing and water sports activities for the 2026 season, catering for all ages and abilities, from beginners to experienced racers.

As an RYA training centre, the club offers recognised sailing and powerboat courses for adults and juniors alike, making it an ideal place to begin or develop their sailing journey.

The open day will begin at 10am and will feature a host of activities throughout the day. The clubhouse bar will be open, while the galley team will also be serving a range of food and refreshments.

Organisers say one of the attractions of sailing is that it can be as energetic or as relaxing as people want it to be. Members can sail with others and make new friends, enjoy time on the water alone, compete in races or simply enjoy a leisurely sail around the Solent.

However, the club is about much more than sailing. Alongside its water-based activities, LTSC offers a varied social calendar that includes yoga, cycling and walking groups, as well as book and bridge clubs.

There are also themed suppers, winter talks, quiz nights, Band 'n' BBQ events, black-tie balls and children's parties, while the clubhouse is available for private hire by members and boasts one of the best waterfront views in Lymington.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the open day or upcoming training and sailing opportunities can visit the club's website or follow Lymington Town Sailing Club on social media.



Lymington Town Sailing Club will open its doors to the public

Table tennis



Mixed doubles winners Gaynor Fisher (left) and Andrew Stainton

New Milton Table Tennis Club celebrate memorable finals night

NEW Milton Table Tennis Club (NMTTC) enjoyed a successful Bournemouth & District Table Tennis Association finals night, with Andrew Stainton claiming both the singles and mixed doubles titles.

The evening began with the veterans over-60s final, where New Milton's new chairman, Brian Vibert, faced Winton YMCA's Ian Johnstone. Despite their similar premier division records, Vibert made a flying start, taking the opening two sets 11-2 and 11-4. Johnstone responded to claim the third set 11-8, but Vibert regained control and closed out the match by the same scoreline in the fourth to secure the title.

Stainton was then in action in the mixed doubles final alongside Merton's Gaynor Fisher, who plays in division three. They faced former NMTTC player Helena Holland and Bournemouth Sports' Simon Fox.

After losing the first set 11-7, Stainton and Fisher fought back strongly. Stainton's powerful forehand attacks and deceptive serves helped the pair edge the next two sets 11-9, before Fisher played her part superbly in an emphatic 11-5 fourth-set success to seal the title.

The prestigious Bournemouth & District closed singles final then produced an all-New Milton affair, with Stainton taking on team-mate Max Bannon.

Stainton arrived full of confidence following his doubles triumph and quickly imposed himself on the contest. His aggressive forehand play and difficult serves proved too much for Bannon, who struggled to find a way into the match despite some excellent rallies. Stainton completed a dominant performance, winning 11-4, 11-4, 11-4 to secure his second trophy of the evening.

The success capped an encouraging period for NMTCC, which has recently returned to the town after relocating its practice sessions to the New Milton Memorial Centre. League matches are currently still being played at Mudeford Wood Community Centre.

The club welcomes players of all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced competitors. Anyone interested should visit newmiltonttc.com or contact NMTCC chairman Brian Vibert on 07952 974657 or club secretary Bev Scott-Johns on 01425 619552.

Golf



New Forest and Osborne golf club's seniors sides

New Forest GC seniors continue strong start

NEW Forest Golf Club Seniors maintained their excellent early form with a commanding 6-0 victory over Osborne, extending a winning run that already includes victories over Ampfield and Ryde.

Played in typically unpredictable conditions, the match saw all four seasons arrive across the space of just four hours, with players contending with everything from sunshine to rain and wind throughout the afternoon.

Despite the conditions, the Seniors produced a dominant display across the board in a matchplay format that swung sharply in momentum at various points. Several ties were described as 'yo-yo golf' as leads changed hands, but the home side gradually took control.

Two particularly decisive performances set the tone, with one pairing securing a 7&6 victory followed by another win at 5&4 shortly after. Those early emphatic results helped build momentum across the rest of the team, with the remaining matches following suit as New Forest pressed home their advantage.

The result caps off a perfect start to the season for the Seniors, although a tougher test now awaits with an away fixture against Paultons GC.

Tennis



Happy faces at Milford Tennis & Squash Club

Sponsor served up: Innovus backs Milford tennis club

MILFORD Tennis & Squash Club has announced Innovus as a new sponsor for the 2026 season, with the company set to support two of the club's flagship events this summer.

Innovus will sponsor both the club's Open Tournament in August and the annual Club Championships, which begin on 1st June before culminating in a finals day on 19th September.

The partnership will help support the delivery of competitive events for players of all ages and abilities, while also strengthening the community atmosphere that surrounds the tournaments each year.

Innovus joins an established group of sponsors backing the club, alongside organisations including Moore Barlow, Solent Dental, and Hayward Fox.

Rachel Lewis, management committee member at Milford Tennis & Squash Club, welcomed the new partnership.

She said: "We're really pleased to welcome Innovus as a sponsor for the coming season.

"Their support allows us to continue delivering events that bring the whole club together, from competitive tournament play to finals day, which is always a highlight of the year."

The Club Championships remain one of the biggest events on Milford's sporting calendar, attracting a mixture of experienced competitors and first-time entrants, alongside strong support from spectators and members throughout the summer.

Innovus is a property partner specialising in areas including building safety and compliance, surveying, business services and asset management.

Racketball

Jersey joy as Milford retain crown

MILFORD Tennis & Squash Club successfully defended their Division Four title at the annual Jersey Racketball Festival after an impressive unbeaten week of competition.

Seven players travelled to Jersey for the event, with the Milford side winning all of their group matches 5-0 before edging out a strong Jersey team 3-2 in a closely fought final.

Speaking after the victory, coach and player Mel Hagenau praised the team's efforts throughout the week.

"To retain the title was a fantastic achievement for the team," said Hagenau.

"Everyone played their part, and the spirit throughout the week was brilliant.

"Winning all of our group matches 5-0 gave us great momentum, but the final was incredibly close and could easily have gone either way.

"It was a great event and a proud moment for the club."

Representing the club were Quinton, Wayne, Russell, Hugh, Tom, James and Hagenau.

The annual festival brought together teams from across the region and combined competitive racketball with the social side of the sport, a hallmark of the event over the years.

Milford carried momentum into the knockout stages after dominating the group phase, but were pushed all the way in the final before successfully retaining the title they won last year.



Milford Tennis & Squash Club's racketball team that retained their Jersey Racketball Festival title (from left) are Hugh Dathan, Tom Sexton, Quinton Hurdidge, Melanie Hagenau, Wayne Hood, Russell May, and James Morris

Fishing

Watson hooks summer win

LYMINGTON & District Sea Fishing Club held its sixth Shallow Boat Competition, with former Arnewood School pupil Paul Watson taking the top spot.

After the original date earlier in the month was postponed, competitors were greeted by hot sunshine, light winds, and a gentle swell, providing ideal conditions on the water.

All nine members enjoyed success, catching a variety of species including bass, black bream, bull huss, conger eel, dogfish, garfish, smooth-hound, wrasse and tope before all fish were measured, weighed and returned to the sea as quickly as possible.