



**RAC AGM 2022**  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022**



## **Chair Report**

It is a pleasure to report on a year which was more normal than 2020/2021, with a strong return to training and many events, which saw RushcliffeAC shine brightly again. The club has been active with a strong and committed group of volunteers, and membership continues to build. There have been a number of achievements and things to be proud of from the last year but before we get into them, I'd like to thank our incredible Coaches, Committee and other volunteers who support Rushcliffe AC.

Here are key changes to personnel for 2022/23:

- Serena Bignell, ex-Chair, Coach and Official will stop Coaching at RAC but has kindly offered to support as an Official and Mentor;
- Melissa Wyszynski will step down as joint Mini League Cross Country Team Manager, with Steve Dickens continuing in this role with volunteer support;
- Lynsey Palmer will step down as Secretary and we're currently dividing this role into a couple of new positions, and more information will follow;
- Nikki McEachran has joined Colin Wootton as Mini League Team Manager;
- Kennie-Marie Miller will join me as YDL LAG Team Manager with a view to taking over next year;
- Rachel Wright will join Harvey Sugden as Sports Hall Team Manager with a view to taking over next year;
- Pardeep Paliah will become the new Club Development Officer;
- Ruth Norfolk will step into the newly created position of Marketing Manager.

Special thanks to Serena, Melissa and Lynsey for their fantastic contributions to Rushcliffe AC.

2021/22 season was one to remember and be proud of. Here are some of the highlights:

- There has been a big focus on member welfare, building on the work done during 2020/21 season, and this has included the introduction of wristbands for all members, first aid training, ensuring coaches and volunteers at the track are familiar with how to use the defibrillator, and recent set up of Care Plans to ensure we are aware of medical requirements of people training at the track. I'd like to personally thank Lynsey Palmer and Suzanne Rathbone for championing these welfare initiatives;
- We have welcomed new volunteers to our fabulous Coaching Community – Zandie Baker, Ella Coverley and Tom Coverley;
- Events have picked up pace in the last year with a sea of blue vests across Mini League Track and Field/Cross Country/Sportshall, YDL, NOEL, County Champs, British Masters Champs, East Midlands League and the Turkey Trot, amongst other events;

- Joseph Tuffin proudly sported his blue vest in the British Champs, where he competed in the 1500m Olympic Qualifier final;
- C25K has been championed by Caitlin Sorrell and the latest group graduated to 5k at Colwick Park Run on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a fantastic initiative which often gets parents who are hanging around at the track for their children fit and supports the club's agenda to be inclusive;
- Communications developments in the last year has included an overhaul to Rushcliffe AC website (thanks to Helen and Rob Hardisty) and the setting up of a new Facebook Group to ensure communications featuring individual junior members aren't in the public domain. Bringing Ruth Norfolk into the newly created Marketing Manager position will allow us to build a stronger communications calendar across email, Facebook and website moving forward;
- Rushcliffe AC was shortlisted for Sports Team of the year at Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards 2021;
- Membership remains strong and the latest induction event is planned for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022;
- The club is in good financial order.

As we look ahead to the new season key focus areas will include further volunteer recruitment and delivering on the Club Development Plan.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the club and to the new people who join our community of volunteers. I'm proud to lead RushcliffeAC and look forward to a third year in this role, building on what has already been achieved – a thriving athletics club recognised for inclusivity, team spirit, participation and success.

**Lorraine Collier**