

27th April'16

Masters Road Championships Portarlinton was the venue for the Downey's Auto sponsored masters road championships. With 42 finishers in the ladies event over 3K and 41 finishers over 6K in the men the medals were hard won. The club had 10 ladies and 9 men participating. Colette English led our ladies home to take the team title with Caitriona McDonald 8th, Margo Dowling 10th, Mairead Moore 17th, Josceline Ayres 19th, Sharon Buggy 20th, Kate Bermingham 25th, Deirdre Brennan 26th, Carol Brennan 30th and Maura Fleming 38th. The men took the silver medals in the O.35 and the gold in the O.45 Colm Burke 2nd, John Fenlon 4th, Colin Coyne 7th, Dermot Ayres 11th, Liam Byrne 18th, Niall English 24th, Francis Fleming 28th, Anthony Brennan 39th and Dinny Whelan 41st. It was nice to see John and Anthony back among the team scorers after a lapse of close on 25 years. In the juvenile events our medallists included:- G.U.10 Rachel Ayres 1st, Tara Kavarova and Aoibhin Brennan. Audrey Byrne 2nd G.U.12, Jack Fenlon 1st B.U.12 and Seoighe English 1st G.U.14

Brian Opens Well Brian Kelly opened his track season in fine style when he came home all alone in the 800 meters in the Dublin graded meet clocking 1-55.3 in the Morton stadium. Round 2 of the Ballyroan/Abbeyleix and district league was decided over the rolling hills of Ballinakill last Wednesday. Josceline Ayres marked her return with a fine performance finishing in 23rd place and 2nd lady. Dinny Whelan was 50th, with George Brophy 69th and Sean Kelly 70th.

Downey's Track & Field It would be nice to see a good turnout for day 1 of the county T & F championships when they are decided at Monavea on Friday evening the 6th May commencing @ 6.30 Looking forward to a good turnout also anyone available to give a hand is more than welcome.