

Surrey Cross Country Championships

On Sunday 9th January, the Surrey Cross Country Championships took place in Denbies Wine Estate near Dorking. The weather was glorious, but the course was challenging and after some heavy rainfall from the previous day, was extremely muddy underfoot. Twenty-six Walton AC athletes had entered the event with many taking part in the various age groups.

In the U13 Boys race Walton AC finished in 9th position in the Team rankings with **Joshua Cheyne (U13)** being the first WAC athlete across the line in 45th position. The U15 Boys team managed 10th place and **Christian Boyd (U15)** lead the team home in 51st place over the 4.2km course.

Hannah Giblin (U17) was Walton AC's highest placed female of the day when she finished 27th in the U17 girls race over 5.4km. The U17 boys' race was combined with the U20 men's event over a distance of 6.1km. **Stephen Smith (U17)** closed strongly with a superb sprint finish to take 8th place in the U17 race. In U20 men's race, **Alex Kilby (U20)** finished just outside the medals in 4th place but picked up a deserved bronze medal in the Team event along with Walton AC's **Joe Daws-Twilley (U20)** 13th and **Thomas Giblin (U20)** 22nd who both finished in good positions to collectively secure the **U20 Team Bronze medal**

In the Senior Men's Race the field was the largest of the day with well over 200 finishers completing the gruelling 12km course. **Duncan Woolmer (M40)** ran superbly to finish 19th which was his highest ever position in these championships, and a very good result for the **Surrey Masters XC Champion**.

The Surrey XC Championships is one of the more competitive County Champs and everyone who competed should be very proud of themselves.



Chris Coppellotti, Duncan, Alex, Joe, Stephen & Jon Ladley all in action during their races.



U20 Team Bronze Medallists Joe, Alex & Thomas