



## Event Reports

**Report provided Mick Edwards**  
**Midland Masters track and field champs**  
**06/06/2021**

On the 6th June 2021 Gill Millicheap and myself competed in the Midland Masters track and field championships at Pingles stadium in Nuneaton . On a dull and cloudy day the championships were well supported with a few closely fought races. Anyone over the age of 35 and a member of Midland Masters either 1st or 2nd claim can enter. After not training or competing on the track since 2019 because of the pandemic, Gill had entered the 200mtrs in her age group and performed well in finishing 3rd overall and winning herself a Bronze medal, well done Gill .

As for myself, it turned out to be a long and rewarding day having entered in the 100,200 and 400mtrs, I did manage to train and compete on the track in 2020 and earlier this year and therefore came away with a Bronze for the 100 a silver for the 200 and 400mtrs.

We are both looking forward to competing in the Vets track and field league over the summer, again anyone over the age of 35 and a member of Sparkhill can compete in the league; there are 3 meetings, one in June, one in July and one in August with a cup final in September, the final is on a Sunday with the other 3 meetings on a Wednesday or Thursday evening, it would be nice to see a few more Sparkhill club members turning out and competing.

Mick Edwards

Life member (56 years)



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**England athletics masters indoor inter-area challenge**

On Sunday March 1st I competed in my first indoor competition at the Lea Valley athletics centre representing Midland Masters in the England athletics masters indoor inter-area challenge, which is an annual event with six areas competing; Welsh, Southern Counties, Eastern Vets, South West Vets, Veterans AC and Midland Masters.

Midland Masters were able to field a strong group of over 50 athletes, which resulted in obtaining a lot of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes which resulted in them winning both the mens and ladies competitions. Therefore being the overall champions and winning all three trophies for the very first time. I was selected for the M60 age group to compete in the shot, long jump and the high jump, and I played a small part in obtaining 11 points overall finishing 4th in the shot and 3rd in the long and high jump. I enjoyed a really good day of athletics with plenty of support from our group of athletes and if asked to compete again I would be pleased to do so.

There is also an inter-area challenge in the summer outdoors; anyone that is a member of Midland Masters and competes in the track and field league or the area championships would stand a chance of being selected.

***Report provided by Martin Millicheap***  
**British Masters Athletic Championships 2019**

On a blustery weekend of 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> August three Sparkhill Harriers made history. **Gill Millicheap, Mick Edwards and Graham Roberts** all became British Masters Champions.



Gill won Gold in the W70 100m in 19.67 seconds, following up with silver in the W70 200m in 40.99 seconds.

Mick Edwards ran 1500m M70 coming 5<sup>th</sup> in 7.0 minutes then winning gold in the M70 high jump clearing 1.2metres, equalling his best jump of the year.

Graham Roberts, what can you say about him?! He won gold in the M85 hammer with 17.31m and following up with gold in the M85 weight with 7.33m.

Lads and lasses over 35 yrs of age, please get involved with Vets athletic. With the success of these three we could do even better. If you are interested, please speak to Hilary Mann or Daren Riley.



***Report provided by Martin Millicheap***  
**Midland Masters Championship, Nuneaton**

On a bright and breezy Sunday 9 June, Gill Millicheap and Graham Roberts competed in the Midland Masters Championship at Nuneaton.

Gill came second in the VW70 100m sprint in a time of 18.68 seconds. This was Gill's best result for two years, which puts her 5<sup>th</sup> in the UK rankings and earned her a Silver medal.

Gill topped this with a Gold medal, winning the 200m sprint in 41.32 seconds. Gill did a time of 40.7 seconds four days previously and is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK at present.

Graham meanwhile won Gold in the VM85 Hammer with a throw of 18.32m, and in the Shot with a throw of 4.89.

Graham is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK for Shot and Hammer in VM85.

