

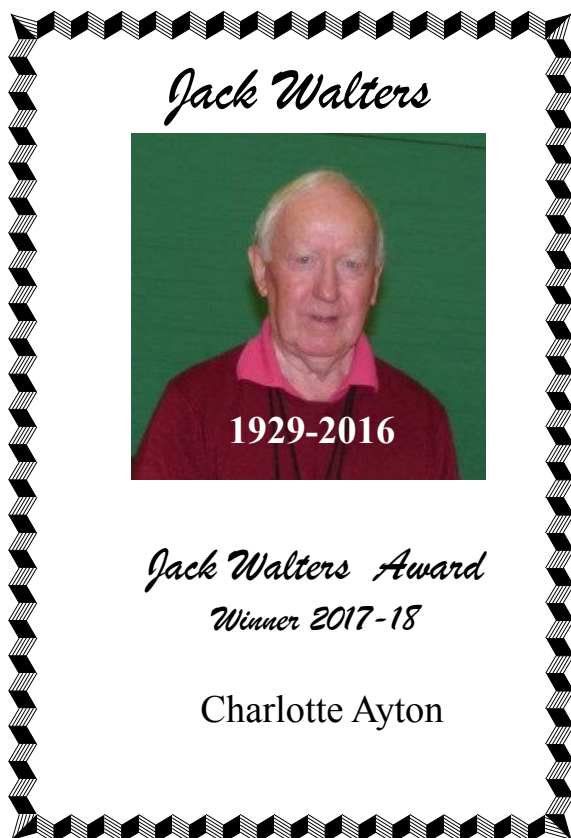
# Notts Mini league 2017-2018

## Jack Walters Award



Charlotte Ayton of Worksop Harriers won this prestigious award early this year by attending all our league events which include track and field , Sportshall, and Cross country along with being very helpful and showing an improvement during the season at her club training sessions.

# Congratulations



Well done on being the winner of this award your dedication and improvement has been noted. Your name will be remembered and will shine on the shield forever. The following notes give details of the gentleman who the award is named after, who worked long and hard in Athletics just like you have been doing.

#### JACK WALTERS

The athletics community of Nottinghamshire has lost a true gentleman and elder statesman from its ranks of officials following his sad recent death. Jack passed away in hospital on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Jack's athletic career began in 1943 when he joined Players Athletic Club in Nottingham and competed for them. Then during National Service Jack competed for the Army. Having served his country he returned to work at Players and became Secretary and then Chairman of the Club.

In 1950 he passed the Track Judge's examination and became resident Track Referee for the Nottingham City League.

Jack was an official at the White City, London in 1954, at a meeting to welcome home the team from the Empire Games, which had been held in Vancouver, Canada.

1960 saw him pass the Timekeepers examination followed by successfully passing his Practical Timekeepers

Test at RAF Cosford's indoor track. At this time Jack traveled there and to other venues by motorbike. He has been Chief Timekeeper at many prestigious track meetings including a regular Chief for the Robin Hood Marathon.

In 2012, at the age of 83, he won a place in a race around the Olympic Park finishing in the Olympic Stadium. Trust him to see the inside of it before any of us.

In his last year, at the age of 87, he still sent in his Annual Record of Experience, averaging 40 meetings including Track and Field and Endurance events, covering Indoor Sports Hall, Loughborough University, English Institute of Sport Sheffield, Mini Leagues, most County Schools meetings, County Champs, Young Athletes League, UK Women's and BAL League.

In addition he gave his full support to Cerebral Palsy meetings. This was a worksheet that many of us cannot hope to emulate. He had also the honor of being a VIP at the National Cross Country Championships.

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In addition, Jack has served on Notts AAA General Committee and Executive Committee and was proud to have been Notts Association Chairman in which role he always looked immaculate. The joke was we had to finish the event on time as Jack's suit had to go back to the shop at 6 o'clock. He also entertained us by nicknaming some of our officials after the characters in Dad's army and we called him Captain Mainwaring which, to be honest, was an insult, as he was a good and kindly man who we miss so very much -you cannot imagine.

He was Chairman of Notts Mini League for many years and he attended all our competitions in all weathers whether Track and Field, Cross Country or Sportshall. In fact he was time keeping at Sports Hall just two weeks before he died, handing out sweets and encouraging the Athletes. Jack's legacy is his encouragement of our athletes and the mentoring of new younger timekeepers even up to the last few weeks of his life.

His dedication and kindness will always be remembered by this award and we will all continue to miss him greatly.