#### Bruce Tasker (born )

#### **Personal Bests**

60m 7.13i (2007); 100m 10.87 (2009); 150m 16.19 (2009); 200m 21.39 (2008); 400m 47.69 (2007)

#### Lead Coach Steve Perks

## Bruce Tasker was a guest speaker at the Carmarthen and District Harriers Athletics Club 2019 Annual Dinner at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel Spilman Street Carmarthen

Bruce was a member of the GB 4 man bob sleigh team that won a bronze medal in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi Russia

In fact, the team with Bruce as the brakeman finished 5<sup>th</sup> but later the two Russian teams who finished first and second were disqualified

In Sochi, the GB team started poorly, they were 10<sup>th</sup> after the first round, but got better in the next three rounds to finish in 5tth place on the day

Bruce whilst living in Bath during his University days was recruited into the GB bobsleigh team and competed for the GB team in many worldwide bob sleigh competitions

After Sochi he was promoted to be the driver of the GB 4 man bob sleigh team and was selected to compete in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyongyang South Korea

However due a medical problem he was unable to take part

Bruce is from Manorbier in Pembrokeshire and attended Greenhill secondary school in Tenby Pembrokeshire

He joined Carmarthen and District Harriers Athletics Club as a thirteen year old and was a faithful member throughout his junior athletics career. He was coached at the Carmarthen Athletics Track by the club coach Steve Perks who was the Coach of the GB gold medal winning team at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens

# Bruce was an incredibly talented junior athlete and in 2020 still holds the following Carmarthen Harriers records

| U15 | 400m | 52.51 | 2002 |
|-----|------|-------|------|
| U17 | 400m | 47.85 | 2004 |
| U20 | 400m | 47.85 | 2004 |

#### He won two AAA of England indoor 400m championships

| 400 | 1 | 48.85i Birmingham | AAA U17 indoor championships | 29 Feb 2004 |
|-----|---|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 400 | 1 | 47.74i Birmingham | AAA U20 indoor championships | 5 Mar 2006  |

He won many Welsh championships and competed abroad with GB teams on two occasions

Bruce is a particularly good cook as he showed on Celebrity Master Chef

#### Bruce Tasker's milestones

#### 2002 U15 Carmarthen Harriers (1 recorded performance)

| 400 2 | 52.98i | Birmingham | AAA U15 Championships | 23 Feb 2002 |
|-------|--------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|-------|--------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|

#### 2004 U17 Carmarthen Harriers (2 recorded performances)

| 400 | 2 | 47.85 Birmingham  | AAA U17 Championships        | 15 Aug 2004 |
|-----|---|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 400 | 1 | 48.85i Birmingham | AAA U17 Indoor Championships | 29 Feb 2004 |

#### 2005 U20 Carmarthen Harriers (12 recorded performances)

| 200 | 1  | 22.76  | Carmarthen   | Welsh Inter Regional Championships    | 27 Aug 2005 |
|-----|----|--------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 400 | 3h | 48.12  | Bedford      | CAU Inter Counties Championships      | 29 May 2005 |
| 400 | 5  | 48.37  | Loughborough | Loughborough International match      | 22 May 2005 |
| 400 | 6  | 48.70  | Bedford      | CAU Inter Counties Championships      | 29 May 2005 |
| 400 | ht | 49.09  | Cardiff      | Welsh Senior Championships            | 29 Aug 2005 |
| 400 | 4  | 49.35  | Abingdon     | SEAA Inter Regional match             | 4 Sep 2005  |
| 400 | 1  | 49.47i | Cardiff      | Jeff White Motors international match | 22 Jan 2005 |
| 400 | 1  | 49.69i | Cardiff      | Welsh U20 Indoor Championships        | 9 Jan 2005  |
| 400 | 7  | 49.92  | Cardiff      | Welsh Senior Championships            | 29 Aug 2005 |
|     |    |        |              |                                       |             |

#### 2006 U20 Carmarthen Harriers / Bath University/ Swansea Harriers (36 recorded performances)

| 100 | 1 | 10.9   | Brecon         | Welsh Junior League Cup Final      | 20 Aug 2006  |
|-----|---|--------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 200 | 3 | 21.60  | Abingdon       | Inter Territorial Match            | 3 Sep 2006   |
| 200 | 1 | 22.0   | Brecon         | Welsh Junior League Cup Final      | 20 Aug 2006  |
| 400 | 1 | 47.74i | Birmingham     | AAA U20 Indoor Championships       | 5 Mar 2006   |
| 400 | 2 | 48.14  | Cardiff        | Welsh Championships                | 9 Jul 2006   |
| 400 | 4 | 48.43  | Cardiff        | Welsh Championships                | 18 June 2006 |
| 400 | 2 | 48.44  | Birmingham     | BUSA Championships (s3)            | 30 Apr 2006  |
| 400 | 1 | 48.87  | Bratislava SVK | Bratislava SLO                     | 13 Jun 2006  |
| 400 | 6 | 49.01  | Birmingham     | BUSA Championships                 | 1 May 2006   |
| 400 | 5 | 49.05  | Bedford        | CAU Inter Counties Championships   | 28 May 2006  |
| 400 | 1 | 49.0   | Brecon         | Welsh junior League Cup Final      | 12 Aug 2006  |
| 400 | 1 | 49.13  | Cardiff        | Welsh Inter Regional Championships | 27 Aug 2006  |
| 400 | 5 | 49.17  | Loughborough   | Loughborough International         | 21 May 2006  |
| 400 | 1 | 49.74i | Cardiff        | Welsh Indoor Championships         | 29 Jan 2006  |
| 400 | 2 | 49.74  | Abingdon       | Inter Territorial Match            | 3 Sep 2006   |

| 400 | 3 | 47.77 | Bedford        | BUCA Championships         | 7 May 2007  |
|-----|---|-------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 400 | 3 | 47.73 | Loughborough   | Loughborough International | 20 May 2007 |
| 400 | 3 | 47.91 | La Lugana ESP  | La Lugana ESP              | 16 Jan 2007 |
| 400 | 2 | 48.0  | St PeterPort   | Fortis Golden Series       | 30 May 2007 |
| 400 | 4 | 48.01 | Cwmbran        | Welsh Senior Championships | 14 Jul 2007 |
| 400 | 6 | 48.08 | Bedford        | AAA U23 Championships      | 24 Jun 2007 |
| 400 | 4 | 48.51 | Derby          | U23 Territorial Match      | 19 Aug 2007 |
| 400 | 7 | 48.13 | Crystal Palace | UK Challenge Final         | 25 Aug 2007 |
| 400 | 2 | 49.7i | Cardiff        | Celtic Indoor Cup          | 3 Feb 2007  |
| 400 | 4 | 50.5i | Cardiff        | Welsh Indoor Championships | 13 Jan 2007 |

### 2007 U23 Carmarthen H/ Bath University/ Swansea Harriers (26 recorded performances)

### 2008 Carmarthen H/ Bath University/ Swansea Harriers (22 recorded performances

| 200 | 4 | 21.44  | Bedford      | BUSA Championships                  | 3 May 2008  |
|-----|---|--------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 200 | 2 | 21.54i | Sheffield    | BUSA Indoor Championships           | 15 Mar 2008 |
| 200 | 3 | 21.64  | Loughborough | Loughborough International          | 18 May 2008 |
| 200 | 3 | 21.67  | Bedford      | England Athletics U23 Championships | 22 Jun 2008 |
| 200 | 1 | 21.85  | Swansea      | Welsh Senior Championships          | 15 Jun 2008 |

## 2009 Carmarthen H/ Swansea Harriers (11 recorded performances)

| 150 | 5 | 16.19 | Loughborough  | McCain Loughborough International | 17 May 2009 |
|-----|---|-------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 200 | 5 | 21.8  | Cardiff       | Welsh Open Championships          | 13 Jun 2009 |
| 200 | 2 | 21.67 | St Peter Port | MeesPerson Golden Series Meeting  | 23 May 2009 |