

Kevin Evans MBE

Kevin Evans was a fine hurdler when he was at Gwendraeth Grammar School and he took up athletics coaching when he moved to Aberaeron, Ceredigion in the mid 1980's. He was based at the Aberaeron Police Station and for eleven years he was responsible for the New Quay and Aberaeron areas

He slowly built up a squad of promising young endurance athletes and Mari Prys Jones was his first Welsh champion

Ceredigion then and still has no athletics track so all the training had to be done in and around the streets of Aberaeron

Kevin had competed for Carmarthen and District Harriers Athletics Club, so all his athletes became members of Carmarthen Harriers even though the Club was based 31 miles away

The Aberaeron athletes were all very faithful members of Carmarthen Harriers and would regularly travel to Carmarthen to meet the team coach

Under Kevin Evans' coaching and help most of his athletics squad either won Welsh championships or represented Welsh schools at cross country or track

In the 1990's Carmarthen Harriers won many Welsh cross country and road running team championships and the Aberaeron members were always key members of the teams

In 1993 Kevin Evans was awarded the MBE for services to the community in Aberaeron. A fitting award for his contribution to the life of the people of Aberaeron

Andres Jones started his athletics with Kevin in Aberaeron and he went on to represent Great Britain in the 10000m in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney

All his athletes in Aberaeron have done well after they retired from active athletics

The list below is some of the athletes he coached at Aberaeron who have either won Welsh championships or represented Welsh schools in international matches

Angela Abbott
Gwyn Bellamy
Trystan Bevan
Tom Cairnes
David Cole
Catrin Davies
Jack Davey
Gary Edwards
Yvonne Evans
Charles Harvey
Heledd Gruffydd
Angharad Howells
ALAN JONES

Andres Jones
Felipe Jones
Mari Prys Jones
Nia Meryl Jones
Sian Jones
Lee Ladd
Catrin Lewis
Darren Lewis
Davy Lewis
Rachel Marfleet
Arthur McManus
Angharad Morgan
Gemma Mounsey
Sion Meredith
Steffan Morris
Clare Peck
Heledd Richards
Eifion Robinson
Matthew Robinson
Gemma Thomas
Melanie Stapleton
Tobben Tymons
Rhiannon Williams
Catrin Vaughan
Kay Vobe

In the early 2000's Kevin moved to Burry Port Llanelli and continued to coach at the Carmarthen Athletics Track in Johnstown Carmarthen

He coached the following Carmarthen Harriers endurance athletes to great success winning many Welsh championships and representing Wales or Great Britain

Alaw Beynon-Thomas
Angharad Davies
Dewi Griffiths
Ronan Llyr

His success of coaching Dewi Griffiths in the last 14 years is well documented. Alaw Beynon-Thomas competed for Wales in the Commonwealth Half Marathon race in Cardiff

All the above athletes are still competing regularly

For 20 years Kevin was vice chairman of Carmarthen and District Harriers Athletics Club (1994-2014) and its President for the following four years

Kevin Evans has received very many well deserved awards from the following organizations

Welsh Athletics, Sports Council of Wales, Carmarthenshire County Council, Carmarthen Town Council and Carmarthen Harriers

After 35 years or so of coaching he is still a highly active coach.

All his athletes over the years have appreciated the time and effort he has put in on their behalf. They in return have achieved great success in the sport