

Richard Wyer (d)

One of Carmarthen Harriers long serving coaches was Richard Wyer

He was originally from Pembrokeshire but spent a long time teaching PE in London where he had successful schools' athletics teams. Richard helped coach in the evenings with Thames Valley Harriers and Cambridge Harriers . He was instrumental in coaching the Hoyte brothers to gain international vests in the 100m and long jump

I first met Richard in 1960 when we were on the Athletics Weekly trip to the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. It was a long rail journey out to Rome, and we stayed at a Roman Catholic convent in Via Merulano. Richard was an athletics enthusiast and would talk for hours on the minor details of the sport

I never imagined that I would meet up with Richard forty years later when he came to live with his twin brother in Boncath Pembrokeshire

Boncath is 30 miles from Carmarthen but this did not stop Richard traveling to Carmarthen every Tuesday and Thursday evenings every week of the year (in all sorts of weather) to help coach the Carmarthen Harriers young athletes at the Carmarthen Athletics Track

Richard was an exceptionally good coach and his main areas were long jump, triple jump, shot and discus. He also helped as an official in the field events. He was still coaching at the age of 80

In the period of 15 or so years with Carmarthen Harriers he coached very many young Carmarthen Harriers athletes win Welsh championships and/ or represent Wales in international matches

The following includes some of the athletes he coached to win Welsh championship medals or compete for Wales

His outstanding athlete was Matthew Evans who won many gold medals in the shot putt in Welsh championships from under 13 upwards, He still holds the Welsh under 15 boys shott putt record. Matthew won the under 15 boys indoor shot putt championship

Sam Bleach
Jac Edwards
Tomos Edwards
Tomos Edwards
Connor Evans
Kallum Lee Evans
Matthew Evans
Jonathan Gardiner
Amy Humble
Elliw James
Rheon James
Michael John
Danielle Jones
Owen Jones

Bethan Lewis (current Welsh women's' rugby international and former British surfing champion)
Bronwen Lewis
Jon Llewellyn
Charlie Randall
Awen Rosser
Lee Taylor
Nia Williams

Richard was a successful coach and respected by all his athletes

He received awards from the following organizations

Welsh Athletics, Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Harriers

He was a very humble man and did not want to have his name put forward for any award.

Richard was so happy when his athletes did well in major competitions