

## Report from YDL Upper Age Group – Mile End - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015

With a substantially depleted team, due to holidays, injury, and three other competitions taking place in the same weekend, Chelmsford's U20 and U17 team visited Mile End on Sunday for the third fixture in their YDL season – and were understandably unable to maintain their 100% winning record, eventually finishing the day in fourth position.

The commitment shown by those athletes who did turn out was superb, however, with U17's stepping up to U20 events throughout, and many team members taking on unfamiliar disciplines. Most of the team ended up hitting their limits in terms of maximum events – and although not rewarded on the day in terms of individual wins or team position, every point gained could prove vital at the end of the season, as we are now level on league points with Havering at the top of the table, but still ahead of them on aggregate event points.

Individual wins were understandably few, but the following athletes did score maximum A String points:

- Rhys Collings – U20 400mH
- James Allway – U20 Pole Vault
- Andrew Hill – U17 200m
- Alex Reynolds – U17 Hammer (with a massive PB of 58.39m)
- Thomas Hewes – U17 High Jump
- Jade Harding – U20 400mH (with Rebecca Wade winning the B race for a rare event double)
- Rachel Broome – U17 1500m (and second in the Steeplechase)

The photograph below, of Rachel Broome negotiating an over-filled Steeplechase water jump, typified the commitment of the whole team!



Let's hope we can be back to full strength for the final match of the season on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and clinch promotion back to the Premier division!