

Oxfordshire Cross Country Girls U11 Championship Alexandra Wins Gold!

The Oxfordshire Cross Country Championships took place at Shotover Park, Oxford on Sunday 6th January. The U11 distance was two kilometers on a wet and extremely muddy course.

Alex at Speed!

Alex ran a 'storm' of a race taking the lead from start to finish, completing the course in 9 minutes 18 seconds and winning the Championship title by a clear distance. Alex has always loved to run and seems to do everything at speed. Watching the summer Olympics gave her, as it did for many children, the inspiration to try and take something that she loves to another level. So in early September, Alex decided to join Oxford Athletics Club and



since then we have seen her go from strength to strength. Her very first race in October saw her placed 25th in a field of 70 girls in the U11 age group. She improved on this to a 14th position and then a 9th position at the start of the Christmas break.

Worth the Effort

With the Championship race looming at the end of the holiday period

Christmas was not as restful as in previous years and Alex was training with the club throughout the holiday. All of her effort and determination has paid off and she is thrilled with her win.

Liz Scrivener
proud Mum of
Alexandra Scrivener age 9 ½

Gail's Plant Sale

The plant sale will be on Shipton Village Green on **Saturday 25th May**. All proceeds in aid of the Wild Garden (see the article on Page 33).

So please think of me as you start your spring work in the garden, thinning out the borders, sowing seeds and taking cuttings.

All donations of plants, vegetables or flowers -anything that will sell - will be gratefully received.

Just bring them along to Shipton Village Green between **10am and 1pm on 25th May**, when we hope to have all manner of good things to tempt you to buy!
Gail Huntingford