Eileen Kear MBE

We are sad to announce that Eileen Kear MBE and President of Oxfordshire AA has died, following a short illness.

Eileen Kear started in Athletics in 1947, when she joined Oxford Ladies AC as a sprinter and long jumper. From 1963-1972, she was a team manager and coach for Oxford Ladies AC.

At the end of 1972, she was a founder member of a new club, Radley Ladies AC, along with her late husband Charles. She was a team manager and coach for the club for the next 40 years. In 2001 she was made joint President of the Club.

She was a qualified official for 56 years and was very active in this role at both club and county level. She was also a very effective team manager for Oxfordshire Girls' and Women's County teams for some 40 years.

Eileen was an active member of the County's Executive Committee for many years and was elected President in 2009.

She was awarded the MBE for services to athletics in 2004.