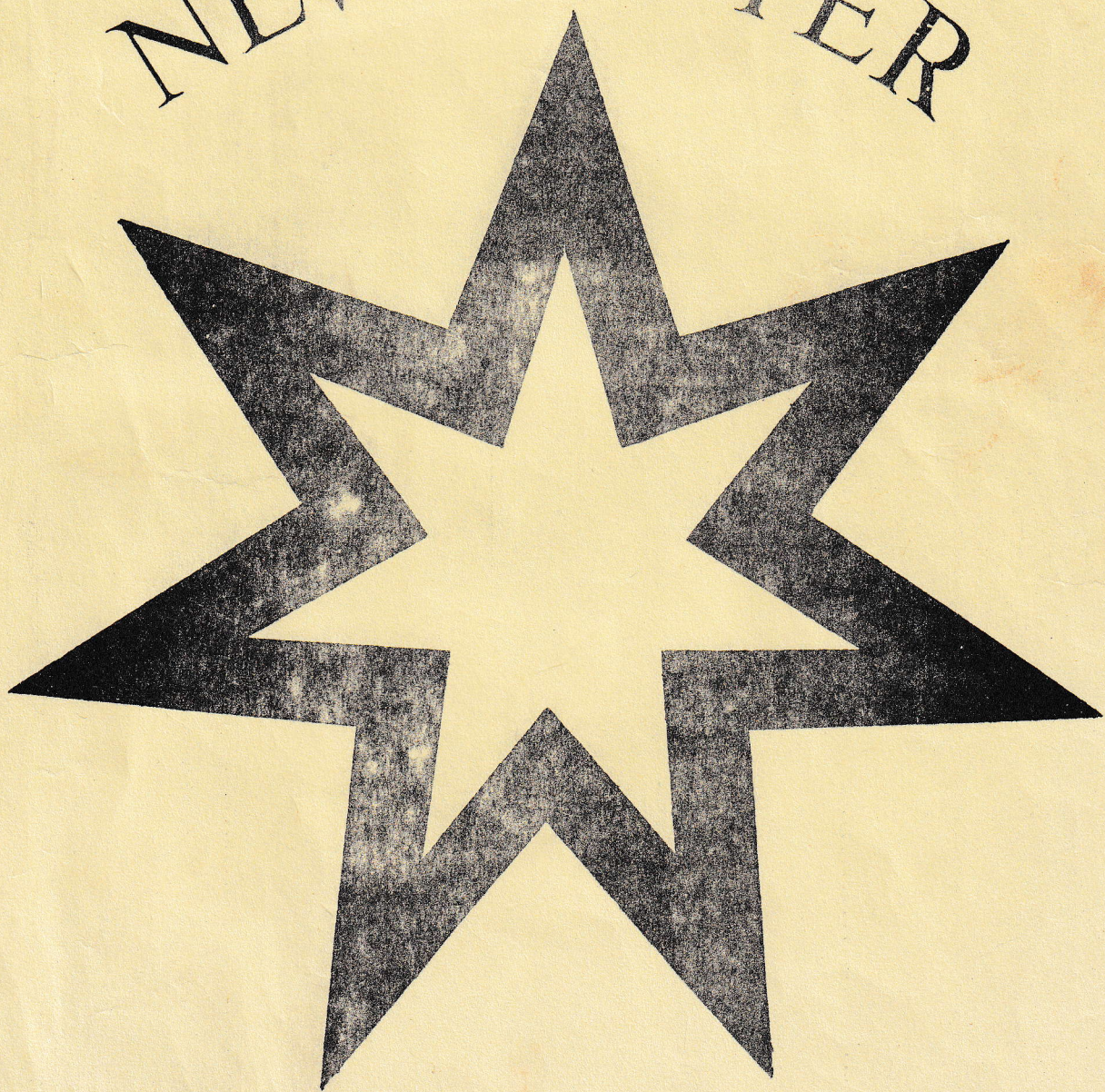


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NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR

Well, here we go again, despite allegations from the Hon. Sec. to the contrary the Newsletter is not dead yet, its suffering a bit, but not dead. The truth is I've been too busy at work and at home to put the Newsletter together and although dozens of people have said how much they miss the Mag. no-one has offered to take it over for a while.

I am convinced more than ever that a Newsletter is a valuable asset to our club and will do my best to keep it going. MAYBE it was too ambitious to publish it Monthly, so from now on I will bash out an edition whenever time and material allows. But don't forget, I need contributions from EVERYONE not just about running either,

I make no apologies for printing old material and results this time, some of it makes interesting reading even now. I hope you are all immersed in the Arthur Etches story, it makes fascinating reading, he should bring out a book. One Month I will try and publish a photo of Arthur cos a lot of members are still not sure who he is, some think Brian Gent....

Its been very hectic this summer on the running scene, races here there, everywhere we're spoilt for choice these days, so its even more of a pity that we haven't got more race reports in the Newsletter. We shall all have to make a bigger effort next year and write a little report on the races we do.

Personally one of the highlights for me this year was the Wold's Way run that we did in September, there can't be many clubs around who can turn out 20 runners to run 80 miles in two days and provide the cabaret in the pub at night. A great good weekend, we might have a report on it for the next issue. On a miserable note I made 2, yes 2 attempts on Roger Baumeister's double Bob Graham record in the Lake District, both washouts literally, we got sick of the sight of rain, it seemed every time I took my body over the Pennines last year it started to rain and rain and rain and rain and rain and rain...Its no joke climbing down Broad Stand without ropes with water gushing into your face and down your neck....Wait while next Spring though..

It hasn't all been bad in the Lake District this year though, in October a party of Harriers and wives spent a weekend walking in and around and up Conistone, plenty of food plenty of booze and plenty of laughter. A highly recommended trip for next Autumn...

That's it from me for the time being, but don't forget, I need your help to keep the Newsletter going, please send me race reports, articles, adverts, anything. WE PRINT OWT.

CHEERS

BRIAN HARNEY.



## RACE REPORT - THE JERSEY COCA-COLA MARATHON - MAY 5th 1985

A long way to go for a Coca-Cola, you may think, let alone a marathon, but for Vicki and I the week was a holiday basking in the sunshine while you ffoze. Brian Ratcliffe and I ran in the event last year, and my 2:58:57 was a second P.B.

The Jersey Coca-Cola, of similar vintage to Rotherham, is a serious event despite the relatively low turn-out (320 finished). To start with I can not recall an Official Referee, this time in the shape of Brian Elkerton - who refereed the recent Batersea 10 k race. He assured me that the course length and mile markers were spot on. He made me unfold the rather large race number, and also cover up the word "Esso" on my vest. The event is truly International, and I was able to practice my French and Portugese en route. Yorkshire was represented by Sheffield's Striders, Leeds City, East Hull and Holmfirth.

Jersey is only 9x6 miles, but there are plenty of roads, and hills. The course, which is marked with blue lines, New York- style, starts off through St. Helier town centre, along the Prom., and then up for 2 miles rather like Herringthorpe Valley Road, but winding. On Sunday, it rained and the wind blew more or less head on till the top of the hill though fortunately the steepest part is wooded. The highest part of the Island at around 10 miles is the most exposed - and I felt somewhat tired at 63½ minutes. From there the course winds gently undulating through delightful countryside (Jersey cows have such lovely faces). With a favourable wind and the appearance of the sun I zipped to halfway at 1:23:30 (only a minute up on last year) and with the aid of a strong and talkative group of Jersey lads (including 2 Mike's) reached 20 miles at 2:09:30 - 4 minutes up on last year. Cramp struck at the 21 mile feeding station, but it went and I remember feeling especially strong for the next 2 - 3 miles. The sun was great and so was the elation of anticipating a good time. That wretched cramp returned about 25 miles, but I spurned the temptation to stretch out on the final flat-to-downhill final mile to finish 25th in 2:51:57. Mike Ingham of Striders was 17th in 2:46:56.

The reason for the unlikely performance - possibly carbo-loading, but more likely as Don would say, "It's because you've become a Vet!"

In conclusion, I had to feel sorry for 2 people. First, last year's winner in 2:18, Nick Jobson of Blaydon who was invited back again this year only to be beaten in the same time by an unknown Paul Kenney from Blackpool and a local Portugese waiter. Second, for Rosmary Lyons from Nottingham, the Ladies' Race favourite who developed shin splints on the Friday before the race. She bravely told me on the plane coming home that she had enjoyed the holiday, which of course we did, save for the appalling Hydrofoil trip to France, but that is another story.

Mike Sumption



THE ROUGH COUNTRY CALENDAR

Date & time	Event	Closing	Fee
Fri 27 Dec 11.15	The Last Gasp (Rough country and road) Contact Ian Wainwright Sh 304187	First 7.0	Charity Donation
Sat 28 Dec	The Round Rotherham (what else?)		
Sun 29 Dec 10.30-12.30	Wombwell Open Orienteering Event Signs from Wombwell-R'way station	EOD to 12.00	£1/40p
Sun 26 Jan 10.30-12.30	Ecclesall Wood Orienteering Event Parking off Limb Lane, Dore	to 13 Jan EOD (non-competitive)	£1.80/80p £1.00/50p
Sun 2 Feb	Greno Wood Open Orienteering Event (Sheffield Univ. Details later)	EOD	£1/40p
Sun 2 Mar	Rivelin Open Orienteering Event (Sheffield Polytechnic - details later) Lodge Moor, Sheffield	EOD	
Sun ? Mar 11.00	Chew Valley Fell Race 13 miles & juniors F Sykes, Tame Ho, Delph New Rd, Dobcross, Saddleworth, Oldham	21 Feb?	£1.50?
Fri/Sat early Mar 23.00	High Peak Marathon 40 miles of Peat Bog, the classic Derwent Watershead route from Edale. We have 1 team, any more?	End Jan	£8 ea in team of 4

Winter is traditionally a quiet period in the Rough Country Calendar, not for the protection of the runners, but because of the uncertainty of getting officials in place! There are a number of events around Christmas including the Headstone headache (entries closed) and then occasional Orienteering events till March, when the pace hots up.

Recently we had about 7 Harriers out on the Marsden to Edale Trog, another classic route over Black Hill (thick black peat) Bleaklow (it is bleak, not low) and Kinder. Navigational instructions are "if in doubt, head south" That day, there was a southerly gale, and times were perhaps 20 min slow. Brian Harney was 3rd Veteran in 12th place, beating the course record holder who 'bonked' on Bleaklow - even the best can have bad runs.

The Rotherham representatives at the Karrimor Mountain Marathon in the Lake District were Ted Parkinson and myself, running the 'A' course. Day 1 offered some good route choice alternatives, and we arrived at camp in good time, found a vacant area, but woke to find ourselves surrounded by Irishmen who had been overtaken by nightfall on the fells (they were mostly doing the longer 'E' course) Day 2, in contrast, was very much a procession, since for example if you have one control to the East of Helvellyn and one to the West, there is little option but to go up and over. Helvellyn is a ridge, after all. Still, it was a memorable weekend, and we got back to Rotherham at a reasonable time. However, Ted then had to drive back to St David's, a less pleasant memory, perhaps.

Some years ago, a Rotherham team assembled at Edale for the Derwent Watershed event, but with one member struck down with 'flu we were unable to start. This year we are hoping to get a team together, and on the start line for this regular Winter event. The winning times have ranged from 10½ to 13½ hours for the 40 miles or so, and in a good year half the teams finish. It's not an event to be taken lightly. Weather conditions can have a decisive effect on the outcome. The new Kinder map, produced for last year's Karrimor, should take some of the guessing out of the navigation, but it still won't be easy in the dark.

Henry Marston



## MICKS MOB

It has been a long time since the last newsletter and there has been a good deal of activity in the intervening period. There have been ups and downs for some, but the overall development of the group is very satisfying in terms of individual performances and also the depth of ability. There is tremendous talent in the group, but success also does come over night, and another couple of seasons are required for it to really come to fruition.

Highlights of the summer were Paul Wakefield's victory in the Yorkshire Youths 1500m, the general performances of Mark and Paul Ruddleston on both the track and ground, Tony Kelsall's affinity for steeplechasing (and Ian Kennedy's), Allan Beighton's continued progress and Paul Venable's fine season in the road, culminating with his victory in the Rotherham Marathon. Well done Paul.

The swelling of the ranks with young blood has been very welcome. The form of lads like Paul Wakefield, Ian Kennedy, Gary and Alan Townsend and Simon Ellis has made of few Seniors sit up and take notice.

The Winter has started quite promisingly. Congratulations go to Paul Ruddleston and Nigel Brookes for finishing 1st and 3rd in the S.Y. League aggregates, to Paul Wakefield for winning the Youths title and to Allan Beighton for recent victories in Police matches.

One of the revelations of the winter has been Simon Ellis. His 6th placings at Carlton and Clifton Park in the Senior races looked very promising for his prospects in the Junior Championships in the New Year. Sadly, Simon was knocked down in training on the 6th December, and although his injuries could have been much worse, he will be out of action for a few weeks. I'm sure all our best wishes go to him for a speedy recovery.

Simon's accident can only be of benefit if we all now learn a lesson from it. It is not even sufficient to wear reflective or light clothing, when out training we must be alert at all times and be aware of the traffic. Please don't let's have any more accidents. The next one could be far more serious.

On a brighter note we can now look forward to the Championships where competition is going to be very hot for a place in the Senior team. For the first time for many years we could have a very useful junior team if they turn out - Simon Ellis, Ian Kennedy, Gary Townsend, Neil McRobb - and Tony Leach!?

Commercial time - apart from Monday and Wednesday evenings some of the group are doing some very useful sessions on Saturday mornings at 10.15 from Herringthorpe. They will continue in the New Year.

In the meantime very best wishes to everyone for the festive season and a successful New Year.

MORE IN THE NEXT ISSUE



WHO'S WHO? ! JEFF ASHMORE

Occupation - Chiropodist

Jeff, one of my oldest colleagues, commenced his athletic career around the same time as myself, and at the same Club, training together not only in running but also cycling, swimming and a go at most things in those days. I remember Jeff being an excellent cyclist, possibly because his cycle was fixed with cane wheels, but more likely because he was very strong and fit. Eventually National Service in the R.A.F. was compulsory and Jeff was soon spotted by the camp's P.T.I., and was promptly recruited into the running team. During his first "Station" Sports Day, Jeff beat the favorite, a sergeant who was a reputed good runner. He lapped him and many others too! The competition was to get stronger when it came to inter-station running, however, and he relished that he had to train harder in the sport. He did this with much determination and was rewarded with many wins.

The following year, Jeff not only beat the sergeant during the 3 mile event, but also won the 1 mile, 880 yards and 100 yards. The highlight of Jeff's R.A.F. athletics was becoming Bomber Command's 3 mile Champion.

Running carried on after his demob with the Hallamshire Harriers, and a highlight for him was to be included in the Manchester to Blackpool Relay Team, and a rare medal for this event is in his possession.- won on this occasion for being in the most improved team. One of the very last events I was to take part in before retiring for a long period was to compete with many others against Jeff in the 3 mile Pitsmoor Steeplechase in Sheffield. A tough run this, Jeff racing off to take first place. He was really very running fit and strong at that time. I can remember Jeff winning  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 mile events, but it seemed to me for his efforts that he would win items like damn big sideboards, book cases and large chairs, etc, and then had the problem of getting them home.

Around this time, Jeff commenced business on his own account as a Chiropodist, after having studied and passed exams during a period of 3 or 4 years. His running unfortunately took a back seat whilst building up connections. I suppose he was around 27 by now, and was not to be seen running for around 10 years, devoting time now to his marriage with Pauline and raising two sons, Ian and David.

After 10 years in the wilderness, he came out of retirement being about 37 by then. And due to persistent goading from Brian Steeple, he began to train again for Veteran events. So he has now been running for the second time around in his life, for 15 years, in fact much longer than previous.

Jeff told me some time ago that he was pleased and proud to have been associated with two of the best clubs in South Yorkshire, and besides keeping fit enjoys the comradeship, and has made many new friends over the years. One of Jeff's biggest disappointments within the Club was around 5 years ago; I remember him being in the lead during the Christmas Day Handicap and collapsing just before reaching Boswell Street with a pulled Achilles tendon; he could not reach the finishing line. He told me later that he did not think that he had ever run so hard in his life, and so the Christmas Challenge Cup eluded him. I can understand his disappointment. Not many of us get that close to winning it, do we?

Jeff is proud of his two sons, Ian and David. Ian is doing well playing Squash, and David his younger son is doing well in Football, having reached the professional ranks of Sheffield United. To complete Jeff's Club happiness, his wish is to see his sons putting in an appearance at the Harriers from time to time.

And finally, to have fulfilment in both Sport and Profession, one complementing the other; his sport leading him to better things in his working life.

All The Best, Jeff - Ray Burgon



## ROUGH COUNTRY

A 16 mile race with a record of 3¼ hours? Can you be serious? On an island off Scotland? Did someone nobble the field at the distillery? Were they still sea-sick from the ferry? The answer to all of these questions is clearer when you also know that there was 7500 feet of climb on the rugged Paps of Jura. This recently revived Fell Race is one of the toughest in the calendar, and the record holder is no mean athlete. The competitors well deserve the hospitality of the island's distillery after the event. Unfortunately, its too late to go this year; by the time you read this, the race of the month will have been held, and the Isle of Jura will have returned to normal.

Looking through the Fell Runner's Calendar, a name that stood out was the Sarn Helen Hill Race. Who or what was Sarn Helen? It turns out to be a Roman Road in mid-Wales, and features in another 16 mile race. It is held on the first Sunday in June, and I was able to call off at Lampeter, where it starts, on the way back from a visit to the Parkinson Country Estate. Ted also came along and ran, the race between us being fairly evenly matched, with me stronger up the hills and Ted stronger on the flat or downhill. I thought Ted had got away from me, but near the end I closed the gap. At the last stile, Ted turned, saw me and was off to finish one place ahead of me. The race was tough, but the winning time of just over 1½ hours indicates that it was easy compared with the Paps of Jura. The abiding memory after being out for about an hour was to look up whilst running alongside a wall and to see competitors walking or jogging up a long, raking track. Reaching the turn, a demoralising notice proclaimed 'Half Distance'.

In addition to the Senior race, there were two Junior races, for Primary School children and for under 18's. Daniel took part in the first of these being pipped on the run-in to third spot; race experience and no local knowledge went against him in the end, but still a comendable run. Neil ran in the longer Junior race, divided into under 16's and under 18's, but this division was somewhat arbitrary since the first 7 (including Neil) were all under 16's. Neil did well to stick with the leaders, who could have been 3 years older.

The race was well organised, with entries up to the Friday before the event, but a surcharge of 50% for entries on the day (we had not planned to run so without EOD would have missed the races). The results were computerised, results lists being produced, and certificated issued, while competitors were still finishing. There were medals for the first 6 boys and girls in each of the Junior age groups, whilst the leading Senior, Veteran and Lady each won a weekend trip to Paris; while there they can do a 10 km race - a working holiday! Such prizes are quite rare in Fell Running, but reflect the involvement of the whole of Lampeter in the organisation of the day. However, the weather was more suited to the sun-bathing spectators than the runners! Due to commitments elsewhere, the Marston clan are unlikely to be at Sarn Helen next year, but I expect to be sent entry details for the 1986 race in the new year; ask if you are interested.

Whilst in Wales, I heard of Ted Parkinson's efforts in the Man versus Horse race, and look forward to reading his report. On the flat, man would stand no chance, but in the hills of mid-Wales, the odds become more even.

Henry Marston



Northern mens Lge Div5 S.E.

Derby 10. Aug 85

100m	M. Utley 5th 11.6	L. Johnson 5th 12.8
200m	M. Utley 6th 24.9	J. Ryan 2nd 24.8
400m	J. Ryan 6th 54.3	D. Richards 5th 57.8
800m	J. Ryan 5th 2.05.1	D. Richards 4th 2.10.2
1500m	F. Hibbert 6th 4.24.6	S. Meherban 3rd 4.36.0
5000m	R. Ruddleston 15.40.7	A. Beighton 2nd 15.47.2
3000s. chase	G. Townsend 4th 1.12.11.9	S. Meherban 2nd 11.35.6
110 Hds	S. Notchin 3rd 18.0	C. Curzon 3rd 21.4
400 Hds	S. Notchin 2nd 59.8	C. Curzon 2nd 63.9
Long Jump	S. Meherban 6th 4.47	G. Townsend 5th 3.70
Triple Jump	P. Ruddleston 9.82	R. Sharp 5th 9.13
High Jump	M. Utley 5th 1.60	
Hammer	N. McLean 2nd 26.38	L. Johnson 2nd 16.96
Discus	N. McLean 1st 35.24	P. Ruddleston 3rd 22.60
Javelin	P. Ruddleston 27.62	J. Ryan 4th 20.58
x 100	6th 56.0	
x 400	5th 3.48.6	
Result		
East Hull	262	
Cleethorpes	258	
Rotherham	177	
Grimsby	176	
Chesterfield	150	
Lincoln Well	149	
Final Table		
Cleethorpes	17	
Rotherham B.	14	
East Hull	11	
Grimsby	10	
Lincoln Well	6	
Chesterfield	5	

runners up & Promotion to Div. 4.

Selected for South Yorkshire in the recent inter counties match at Leicester were Simon Wassell who won the youth hurdles (160) and was 2nd in the 400 hurdles, Tony Leach was 2nd in the 1500 m. Graeme Stark was 2nd in the shot, but to his new clubmate David Allen who has joined us from Worksop and was in the notts. colours. Neil McLean was 2nd in the discus, David Holland 2nd in the youth shot. Cliff Williams 2nd in the 800m but blamed himself for getting boxed badly. Steve Froggatt took 3rd in the javelin vault and ran a first class hurdles race for third. Steve Rowbotham put his best ever long jump together, 6.45, for 3rd. Paul Riley wasn't happy with his 400 Hds but he has improved tremendously this season. Gareth Bakewell ran 100, 200 & 400. 3rd in his speciality but had been suffering from tonsillitis. The upshot was that South Yorkshire were 2nd a mere 5 1/2 points behind Warwickshire who have won it for the past 12 years. Well get them next time.

CELEBRATIONS

The aim is to celebrate the track & Field successes at social events in the next few weeks but we have to cater for all the different age groups. But we have fixed the u/ 13 party. That will be at the stadium, with games instead of training followed by FOOD. and lots of it. THE DATE is MONDAY 16th of SEPTEMBER

There will be an event for the 13 to 17 age group and then the 17 plus has to be arranged soon. A presentation will also be made to our newest international Gareth Bakewell.

WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS.

Steve Rowbotham competed in his first decathlon recently and won it at Hull, and achieved a A.A.A. grade 1 standard in the bargain. With Martin Tomney recently getting a Northern placing in this this event (he is currently out with a broken wrist, sustained at Derby in the K.O. Cup) and Martin Church also a promising decathlete they are an asset to any team

the dreaded word Winter training. Old Hall Sports Hall for good Standard Athletes commences on October 7th, with Wilf Paish in charge when he returns from New Zealand. Stan Plater has obtained South Grove gymnasium on wednesdays but details have yet to be finalised. Middle distance groups of course carry on at the stadium. Hall, rain snow or blow, but at least it should be better weather than this summer.



1887-1987. The Rotherham Harriers Centenary

We aim to celebrate this event in a big way and after two meetings at the Park Hotel, a lot of ideas have been thrown in. So we have to start somewhere and below I have roughed out your suggestions into some order....

THIS PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR ADDITIONS AT YOUR REQUEST....  
To avoid further committees at this stage, any offers or suggestions you might have put to your section secretaries who we hope will have it on their agenda at every meeting and then they will update the general committee which meets alternate months. The dates have not been fixed either which may be weekends or Bank Holidays, apart from the dinner which we hope to have on the actual anniversary.

So your suggestions please and offers to organise any of the items listed.

WEEKEND 1

- Friday evening Inaugural Dance to launch the event at the Clifton Hall or Leisure Centre. ....
- Sat Morning Fun Run, Sheffield to All Sts Square, passing site of West End Hotel where the club was formed. ....
- Lunch time Coal Carrying race from all Sts Sq. to H'thorpe. ....
- At Herringthorpe Cross country. ....
- Biathlon or Triathlon. ....
- Sun Morn Road Races. ....
- Afternoon Hammer Competition National Standard. ....
- Track events. ....
- Allweekend Tour of Rotherham in Stages. ....

WEEKEND 2

Our Club to invite all Rotherham Sports clubs to stage events for 'The Rotherham Sports Festival'. Our Centenary would be the centrepiece, and in future years the festival would have been our contribution to bringing trade and publicity to our Town

- Sat Morn 24 Hour Race, With awards at 1 hour, 10 miles marathon, 12 hours, 100k, 100 miles etc. ....
- Sat evening SPORTSMANS DANCE. ....
- SUN MORN Finish of 24 hr. Race. ....
- Afternoon Track & Field. The Boro! Sports?? ....
- Mon Afternoon Harriers Festival. Fancy Dress, fun runs. ....
- The centipederuns. ....
- Many other items. ....
- THE CENTENARY OCTOBER 1st. Town Hall Dinner. ....
- Re. Union Buffet, Clifton Hall?? ....
- Also a Harriers History is on the Cards, ....
- A book of members reminiscences. ....
- Guinness book of record attempt. ....
- Tee Shirts....Mementoes... Fire works.....Tartan Track Appeal.....invite twin towns....Long distance relays. ....

Organisers are wanted for the above or any other events, contact your section secretary by all means, a special fund has been put aside we need your help and enthusiasm.

- Ralph Rowbotham Hon.Sec.....Peter Humphries Road Racing....
- Jim Broagan... Cross country.....Ian Scott Track & Field...Ray Burgon.. Social
- Keith Toyne.....under 13s.



Northern Athletics League Div 2.

Middlesbro on 10.8.85 at Clairville Stad.

100m	I. Cooley 5th 12.6	M. Church 5th 12.6
200m	C. Williams 3rd 23.4	I. Cooley 5th 25.6
400m	C. Williams 1st 49.4	P. Riley 4th 53.8
800m	C. Williams 1st 1.56.9	L. Pritchard 4th 2.06.8
1500m	A. Leach 1st 3.57.4	M. Ruddleston 3rd 4.09.5
5.000	A. Leach 1st 14.47.1	..Palfreyman 2nd 15.55.
3.000/Chase	T. Kelsall 5th 10.27.0	P. Ashworth 5th 11.27.0
110Hurdles	M. Church 2nd 15.9	S. Froggatt 1st 17.4
400Hurdles	P. Riley 3rd 58.7	S. Rowbotham 2nd 59.2
Shot	G. Stark 1st 14.46	G. Mullins 1st 10.73
Discus	G. Stark 1st 40.90	G. Mullins 1st 40.54
Javelin	G. Stark 2nd 53.70	S. Rowbotham 1st 41.68
Hammer	G. Stark 3rd 33.22	G. Mullins 3 no Throws
Long Jump	S. Rowbotham 3rd 6.33	M. Church 1st 6.25
Triple Jump	M. Church 2nd 13.20	P. Riley 5th 11.41
High Jump	S. Froggatt 5th 1.75	M. Church 3rd 1.75
Pole Vault	R. Coy 2nd 3.10	S. Froggatt 2nd 2.80
4 x 100 Relay	4th 47.1	
4 x 400 Realy	3rd 3.35.9	
	Middlesbro 264	
	Rotherham 233	
	Kendal 232	
	Sale B 203	
	Bolton 188	
	City of Hull 80.	

1985 Div 2 Final Table N Mens Lge

Rotherham H. ac.	17
Blackburn H	16
Middlesbro	15
Bolton	10
Longwood	8
Sale B	8
Kendal	7
City of Hull	3

Champions & Promoted to Div 1

South Yorkshire Track & Field League  
All Age Groups, Male & Female.

Rotherham Harriers	538
Doncaster Palnt	426
Rockingham a.c.	306
D. Hyman Track Club	306
Wombwell A.S.A.	277
Stainforth & District	240
Chesterfield A.C.	122
Hickleton Main	116
Hallamshire H.	108
Sheffield A.C.	92
Totley A.C.	86
Barnsley Road R.	56
Steel City Striders	4
Askern A.C.	3

CHAMPIONS AGAIN.

The 1986 Div 1 Line up is

- Iiverpool Pembroke
- Hull Spartan
- Stretford
- Gateshead
- Rotherham
- Blackburn

Its not going to be easy.

Northern Womens Lge

August 30 at ~~Huddersfield~~

	Spensborough
Rotherham	543
Morpeth	516
Spensboro	487
Longwood	480
Blackburn	446
Frodsham	427

Northern Womens Lge

Final Table

Morpeth	17
Rotherham	15
Longwood	11
Spensboro	9
Frodsham	8
Blackburn	3

Runners up & Promotion to Div2 in 1986

The committee & members offer congratulations to athletes and team managers who produced these fine results. Three teams have gained promotion and the S.Y. League team are champions again.



CAREER No. 1 - Arthur Etches, Contd. (2)

For the rest of 1952 I didn't have any more important races and was well satisfied with my first three marathons.

I started 1953 very well by travelling up to Newcastle with Eddie to run in the famous Morpeth to Newcastle race. My time wasn't too bad having done 1 hr 15m 52s for the 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile course. Jim Peters won the race in record time 1 hr 07m 06s.

By now I had stepped up my mileage to 45 miles per week and was doing a few fast intervals on the grass verge with the aid of the street lights on Woolley Wood Bottom near Wincobank.

I was also enjoying some fast training runs with some of the country's best runners at that time namely, Derek Walker, Ken Wood, Johnny Nichols, Alan Bargh, Peter Hedley, Harry Charles, Ken Whattam, Albert Barden, Tony Corker and several more good class men

The next race was the Sheffield District Cross Country Championships on January 24th. I was in 16th position and 7th counter. In the Yorkshire Championships on February 7th I was 6th counter and gained my first cross country medal, a bronze for 3rd team.

On the 21st February in the Northern Championships I had a good run and came in 35th position. Fred Norriz won the race, Derek Walker 3rd, Arthur Charlton of Doncaste Plant Works 4th and Foster of Rotherham 6th and Rotherham won 2nd team.

The National was at Reading on 7th March and I made 99th position, one place behind Ernest Harper Junr of Hallamshire. Gordon Pirie won the race and Foster was 8th and Derek Walker was 10th.

Foster was a revelation from the Rotherham Club having shot right to the top, and eclipsing the famous Rotherham pair Maurice Jackson and Peter Wood, and also the up and coming Eddie Kirkup. I believe he was picked for the International, but unfortunately disappeared from the scene after a few months with the rumour that his wife had burnt all his running gear.

My weekly mileage now was 55 and I was running 18 miles regularly from Graves Park with Eddie, the marathon squad having been reduced to two, owing to Walt Cousins retiring from the scene.

In the Doncaster to Sheffield Marathon on 6th April, I was in 17th position and got my time down to 2 hrs. 49m and finished in good shape. Bill McMinnis of the R.A.F. won in a record time of 2 hrs. 33m.

On the 2nd May I ran again in the Radcliffe 21 and made amends for the disastrous first attempt by winning the 2nd sealed handicap and coming 5th place in 2 hrs. 9m. Bill McMinnis won in 2 hrs. 1m 34s.

In the Blackpool Relay on 9th May I ran the tough 4th leg and ran moderately and so did the team in 4hrs. 54 m in 5th position.

I continued to train every Saturday from Graves Park with Eddie doing at least 18 miles; the favourite course being out to Fox House and back via Dore and Abbey Lane.



CAREER No.1 - Arthur Et  
CONT...

On Monday 8th June I again ran in the Hallam Chase but this time I was off 1.00min and came in 3rd position in the actual time of 22m 16s. Andy Hazell of Hallamshire won the race.

Five days later on the 13th June I travelled to Windsor with Eddie for the Polytechnic Marathon and this time I did a personal best time of 2hrs 43m 25s in 24 position. Jim Peters won the race in a world best time of 2hr 18m 42s.

I must pay a tribute to my friend Eddie for the support he gave me. He never missed a training spin with me on Saturdays and accompanied me to all the races I went to up and down the country, and continued to do this over 6 years.

For a change on one Monday evening on 6th July I competed in the Belper 15 miles road race. I came in 4th position in a time of 1hr 21m 02s and won 3rd sealed handicap.

On Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August I took the family by bus to Sutton in Ashfield and ran in a 10 miles road race on a very hot day. I recorded my first and only win in a 10 miles race and won a fire-side chair, which I still use to this day.

By now I was averaging over 60 miles per week and feeling much fitter. I competed in the Liverpool Marathon on August 15th. I made 9th position in a personal best time of 2hrs 43m 12s. Bill McMinnis won the race and Bill Killy from the Isle of Man was second and Eric Smith of Leeds was 3rd.

I steadily increased my weekly mileage right up to the cross country season and I was definitely feeling the benefit. I must at this stage explain how primitive the conditions were we trained in during the winter in the early days. We were like Nomads and stripped in Clubs and pubs all over the City, and when we couldn't book one of these places we had to make do with a small cricket hut in Graves Park. A good many of us would pile inside, get changed, put our gear in bags and get out to let the others in.

The ladies poor dears, had to wait outside, sometimes in the snow, to get in the hut and do their thing when the men had gone. Things did improve though, for the club purchased a Nissen type hut and we were allowed to install it in the Park Keepers yard in the Park.

All the lads did a share of the painting and cleaning and long trestle tables and benches were acquired. One part of the hut was partitioned off for the ladies and we all enjoyed comfortable accommodation for several years until the Council built the modern football and cricket pavillion which we used thereafter....

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"Manvern"  
Manvers Road,  
Swallownest,  
Sheffield.

16th May, 1985.

To:  
The Editor,  
News Letter.

Many thanks for the last Newsletter and I note that it is maintaining much interest.

There can be few members who are unaware that the Club is fast approaching its Centenary year - 1987 and it being the oldest Harriers club in South Yorkshire, something is going to be done about it.

Joining the Club in 1920 and of course knowing and fraternising with several of the founder members - yes, this is quite true-plus the fact that I have already had published a history of the club 1887/1979, I should have some idea and the nature of the celebrations for which meetings are now being held.

Oh, and not so much of the "Old Eddie", I'm not 82 till August so, as ideas come forth to celebrate (the Centenary - not my birthday) there will be published a more comprehensive issue of the Club's 100 years for which I already have much manuscript.

I hope to let readers know more about this as the months pass by but having already made several appeals through the press for old photographs etc. to no avail, I make this appeal for these in the hope that a Newsletter will reach a hidden source as I am sure there must be material lying about in various homes in the town that could be of use. Contact can be made through these columns or ringing Sheffield 874058.

Sincerely,

Eddie de Roeck

12 Orchard Flatts  
Crescent,  
Wingfield,  
Rotherham.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the road racing committee for allowing me to achieve my ambition of running the London Marathon. I was rejected by the London Marathon computer but was lucky enough to be drawn out of the Rotherham Harriers computer (Don Creamer's woolly hat) for one of the club entries. Thank you to Steve Elvidge for arranging the trip and the rest of the Lads and Lasses for a great weekend.

Yours in Sport,

Alan G. Pogmore.

*Alan G. Pogmore*



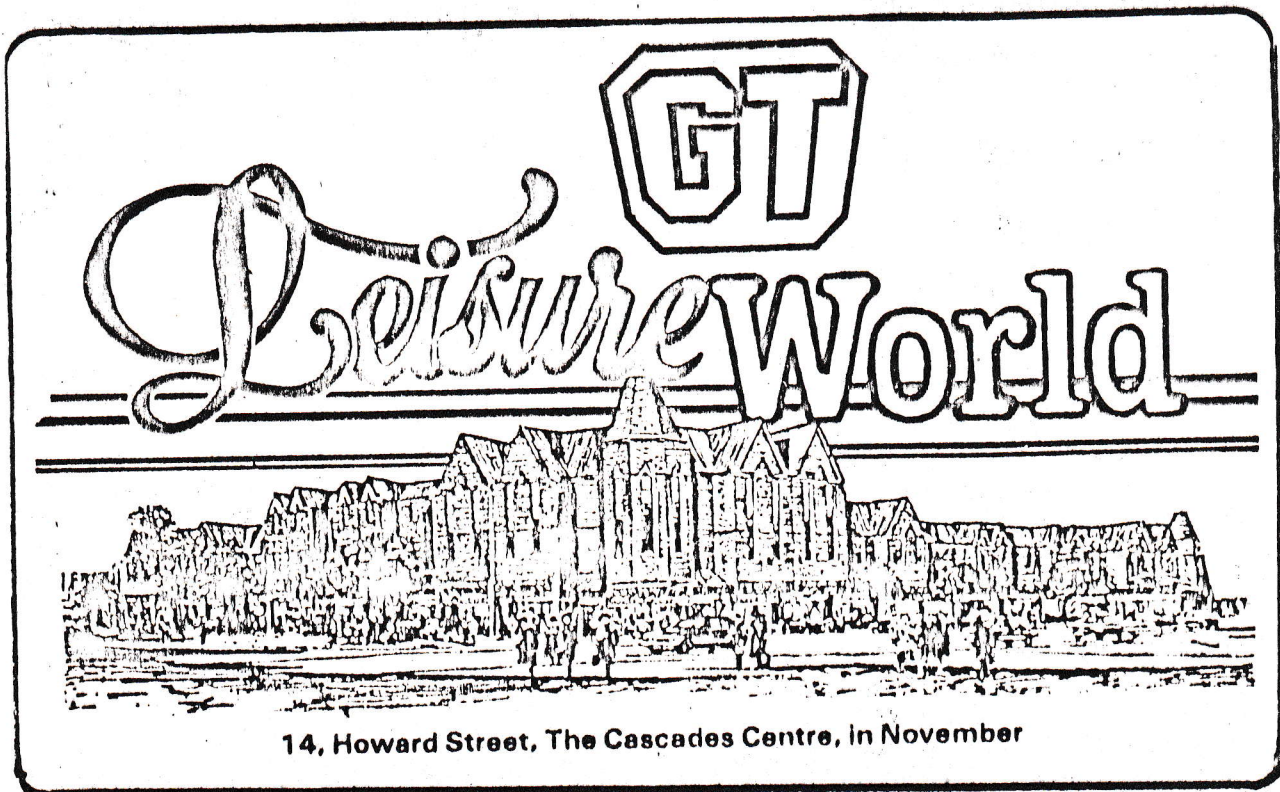
Letter to the Editor

Join the Rotherham Harriers 'they' said, you'll enjoy it, 'they' said. So I did, and I did enjoy it. After a few weeks, I decided it was time to push myself a bit. So I moved up to a faster group. From that moment all I saw was bobbing heads, disappearing over the horizon, and I was the back-marker. I had no idea where we were going, how far, how fast and if there were any shorter escape route that people would be taking. Instead, small groups split off at various stages, giving me seconds to make a decision whether to follow or not.

As it happens, someone has usually stuck with me, but that's not the point. My idea of running with a Club was to be able to stay with the pack, or most of it, not struggle along miles behind.

I must state that everyone in the Club is always very friendly and helpful, but the organisation leaves something to be desired. It could be enough to put some newcomers off. I still intend to run with the Club, but I believe that, with a bit more planning, I could gain much more from it. Forewarned is forearmed.

Backmarker





## CROSS-COUNTRY SECTION - SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1984/85

Season 1984/85 proved to be a successful one for cross-country running at Rotherham Harriers. You might well ask, how do we measure this success? Did we win county, area or national championships? Did we sweep all before us, running the opposition into the ground? My report will show that, yes, we had some notable successes in terms of medals gained and, no, we did not exactly run all the opposition into the ground. But if success is measured in terms of enthusiasm, commitment, and level of participation, then it seems fair to say that 1984/85 was a resounding success. And now, to the highlights...

### South Yorkshire League

In terms of team awards, Rotherham achieved overall second place to Hallamshire Harriers. However, the men showed their overall strength and triumphed in the men's section. Rotherham also achieved individual section winners through Kevin Jenkins and Rina Woodward in the Junior Men's and Intermediate Ladies respectively. We were also well represented in the individual awards with second placings going to Gary Townsend (Youths), Paul Venables (Senior Men) and Gordon Duff (Veteran Men), while third place medals were earned by the other Townsend (Alan) in the Boys 13 - 15 Section and Mick Hague (Veteran Men). It is also worth pointing out that no less than 135 athletes from Rotherham Harriers took part in the South Yorkshire League fixtures.

### South Yorkshire Championships.

These took place at Hillsborough Park, Sheffield, on 24th February 1985. Our single individual winner was Collette Sykes (Junior Girls) with second places being achieved by Gary Townsend (Youths) and Darren Walder (Colts). The strength in depth of the Senior Men was demonstrated with first team place, repeating the success of the previous year. The scorers on this occasion were Paul Venables, Nigel Brookes, Steve Elvidge and Paul Ruddlestone.

### Yorkshire Championships.

These were held as follows:-

- Ladies - 17th November 1984 at Heslington, York
- Men's Individual - 5th January 1985 at Hillsborough Park
- Men's Team - 26th January 1985 at York
- Veterans - 20th January 1985 at Batley.

Ian Kennedy earned selection for the Yorkshire Team for the Inter-Counties Championships (Youths) by placing 4th at Hillsborough. The youths also produced the performance of the season by winning the team championship at York through Paul Wakefield (6th), Ian Kennedy (8th), Neil McRobb (13th), and Simon Ellis (15th). The over 50's Veteran Men achieved the first of a series of team triumphs by placing second at Batley, thanks to the efforts of Eddie Kirkup (3rd), Maurice Cook (4th) and Arther Davies (9th). The younger veterans (over 40) proved their worth by taking third team place at the same championship.



### Northern Championships

Ladies - 27th January 1985 at Whitley Bay  
Men's - 9th February 1985 at Thirsk  
Veterans - 17th February 1985 at St. Helens.

Highlights from the Northern Championships again came from team rather than individual performances, with the over 50 veterans repeating their Yorkshire success with second place, and the Youths achieving fourth team place in a field of exceptional quality.

### National Championships.

Ladies - 16th February at Birkenhead  
Men's - 2nd March at Milton Keynes  
Veterans - 10th March at Cardiff.

Once again the performance of the over 50's veterans were the highlight, this time obtaining third team place, again with Eddie Kirkup (3rd), Maurice Cook (16th) and Arthur Davies (28th). The Men's championship at Milton Keynes was notable for two things, firstly the thick mud (the worst I have ever seen) and the infortunate disqualification of the Youths Team (originally placed 10th), due to the C.C. Sec's mental aberration. However, the C.C. Sec. appears to have been forgiven, since he's still C.C. Sec!!

Well, those were the highlights of last year, in condensed form. On a personal note I would like to say that I found being Cross-Country secretary very enjoyable and, at times, hard work. However, thanks to the other members of the committee, the task was made much easier. So what of season 1985/86? Will we be more successful than last year? If the indications from the South Yorkshire fixtures are anything to go by then the answer is likely to be yes. As a parting comment, I would like to remind all readers that they can play a very important part in the success of the cross-country section by:-

- a) turning out in the various fixtures, or if you can't manage that, then by coming along to support the runners and
- b) letting us know your views, comments ~~and~~ ideas. Feel free to contact any of your committee members, who are

Jim Brogan - Secretary  
Mick Hague  
Nigel Brookes  
Pat Rowbotham  
Dave Houghton  
plus  
Peter Neal (Men's Captain)  
June Harney (Ladies Captain)

Jim Brogan  
Cross-Country Secretary.



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## WORLD VETS 10Km AND 25Km CHAMPIONSHIPS - LYTHAM ST. ANNES

The championships have come and gone. Shakespeare would have enjoyed it, as the organisation was a "Comedy of Errors." Maybe the races should have been run in Stratford-on-Avon. My impression was that a serious attempt had been made to show how not to organise an event. Where was Jeremy Beadle and his "Game for a Laugh" team?

Main problems were 'mile' markers in both kilometre races; no finishing clock in the 10Km event; disastrous funnelling arrangements causing queues to form before the finishing line; a running start to the 10Km event (I clocked a P.B. at 1 mile of 5:15, previous best 5:58 on the track); a completely disorganised prize giving ceremony on Saturday evening and the 'piece de resistance' a long 10Km course after the race winner had stated his intentions of going for a World Best Performance. I understand Jack Haslam the race organiser has been offered the top comedy spot at the North Pier Blackpool during the Summer season.

On the plus side the club was well represented in all categories in both races, except where were our top M1 men? Our three Supervets, D. Rufus (well ran), W. Burns and B. Steeple supported by Hilda Allsop (12th in her category), set the example for our younger Vets.

Socially the weekend was a great success and for this many thanks to Jeff Ashmore and Don Creamer for the smooth organisation of both parties

The next major events for Vets on the road are:-

EVAF 10M Road Race 11th August - Oswestry.  
European 10Km and 25Km Road Race Champs. 29th/30th September - Granada, Spain.  
Masters Marathon 6th October - Stone - Staffs.  
BVAF Road Relays 27th October - D.T.F.

### Early Warning

The National Vets Cross Country Champs. are scheduled for Sheffield in March 1986. We should have a good turn out from Rotherham. For those with little cross country running experience the season starts in October with the South Yorkshire Cross Country League. Lets see a big turn out from the Vets in these events. If there are sufficient Vets running we may be given our own race instead of running with the Seniors.

Finally congratulations to Brian and June, our two 'young' Vets, on their recent marriage. We wish them both miles of success and happiness Their success has already been seen after cleaning up the awards in the Club 10, well done. Also another great run from Brian from Liverpool to Lincoln as part of the GBFR. 120 miles and 5th place - great stuff.

### FOUND

One medal left in minibus - claimants contact writer A. Bryden (telephone Rotherham 541007).



WORLD VETS 10Km - 8TH JUNE 1985

POSITION	NAME	TIME	CATEGORY	CATEGORY POSITION
1	T. Davies	30 - 24	M2	1
2	A. Rushmer	30 - 27	M1	1
23	E. Friedli	32 - 33	M3	1
43	D. Turnbull	33 - 22	M4	1
103	T. Simcock	35 - 01	M5	1
112	D. Powell	35 - 11	M1	63
215	C. Curthoys	36 - 41	W2	1
226	M. Nalty	36 - 51	M2	62
246	J. Gilmoor	37 - 08	M6	1
283	D. Walker	37 - 33	M4	14
293	J. Lochhead	37 - 38	W1	1
322	M. Hollowood	38 - 03	M1	157
360	V. Bigelow	38 - 23	W3	1
378	D. Creamer	38 - 31	M4	22
389	E. Kirkup	38 - 37	M4	23
435	D. Carrat	39 - 12	M1	202
459	B. Townsend	39 - 24	M1	212
462	B. Chambers	39 - 25	M1	213
554	J. Ashmore	40 - 10	M4	29
560	L. Smal	40 10	W4	1
637	A. Bryden	41 - 17	M2	174
719	D. Morrison	42 - 31	M7	1
738	G. Garside	42 - 46	M1	290
746	V. De Schoenmaeker	42 - 53	W5	1
757	L. Stone	43 - 04	M1	297
847	P. Burke	44 - 24	M3	157
889	R. Burgon	45 - 03	M4	60
922	R. Jones	45 - 33	M4	64
943	J. Farrell	45 - 53	M8	1
946	P. Gurtner	46 - 00	W6	1
969	R. Allsopp	46 - 20	M4	68
982	D. Butler	46 - 30	M1	351
1166	K. Worrall	49 - 17	M3	226
1175	D. Rufus	49 - 29	M7	11
1200	F. O'Neill	49 - 57	M1	400
1263	K. Brown	50 - 58	M2	310
1305	J. Phipps	51 - 49	M6	30
1346	J. Boyes	53 - 48	W1	38
1373	H. Allsopp	55 - 52	W4	12
1381	H. Kevchel	56 - 16	W8	1
1394	W. Burns	56 - 50	M7	18
1409	L. Charbonneau	57 - 39	M9	1
1416	W. Marshall	58 - 24	M4	108
1432	B. Steeple	59 - 57	M7	19



## Round Rotherham Ramblings

Hey up! Rotherham, what date is the Rotherham Marathon this year, Hey up Rotherham, what happened to eddy Kirkup, Hey up! Rotherham, Im Dave Godfrees wifes' uncle, Hey up Rotherham you've got a good team out today, what was the reason for the popularity at the Blackpool World vets Race?? It was because I was wearing a club vest printed back and front! You will have to get one....

.....It was good to see 3 Rotherham vests at the 14 miles mark not going too well, I was tired but I made the effort and sailed past Alan Brydson, Roy Tinker and Paddy Burke with hardly a glance.....But what about the Track & Field teams? The mens team won Handsomely with the likes of Peter Elliott, and Tony Leach back from U.S.A. in the team. But for various reasons three selected athletes did not appear, it cant happen again if we are to win the league..... But such is our strength in depth we are still winning these matches, despite many injured athletes..... The youngsters have got the idea they are cleaning up the South Yorkshire League also.....Have you ever been to an international meeting?? If not see details elsewhere for the trip to Birmingham, you cant beat it.....Yet another World Record 100m disallowed at Herringthorpe, same reason, took a short cut!.....The news letter has missed some months because Brian Harney is a busy man, help him by asking for a stencil and getting your contribution typed, an easy job for the Editor then to duplicate.....Does any Mum or Dad like to cater for food, we need tasty sandwiches etc for about 20 officials at every home track match, the club will pay for materials, its the only way we keep the officials coming, let Roy know in the kiosk if you can help..... Yet another 100m World Record, according to Ken Ridgeway, and wearing boots!! It seems it only took 3 seconds straight down Silverwood pit shaft.....And tales about transporting vaulting poles are legion, but according to Tony Leach when he was at Oklahoma University their star vaulter had to send his poles on another plane when the team was off to a match because they were too long to go on board, but when the poles changed planes they had difficulty again but the poles eventually arrived they having been neatly SAWN UP to get them on board.....At risk of the Editor, Brian Harney, asking me not to interfere, I am sure we can all help him more with the news letter by obtaining stencils from him and having your articles typed ready to be printed, we all want a Monthly edition and thats how we can help him.....we have a lot of athletic coaches at Herringthorpe but we still havnt got one for the HAMMER. I can assure you that coaching can be quite satisfying, its like having a string of racehorses, and no knowledge of the event is necessary it can easily be acquired, and as the coaching is now nil any successes would be from your efforts. If you are unemployed or retired you should have the time, leave word in the kiosk if you have the slightest interest .....

:.....Just got the results in from the Northern Leagues, the mens' 1st team won again at Hull, and took set for Div.1, the girls and Ladies made the long trip to Newcastle and either won or were 2nd, not got the final score, either way they are due for Div 2 next year, the mens 2nd team were 2nd at herringthorpe and they are sure to move up a div but it makes it harder still next year but that what competition is all about, the Boys & Youths though have found it tough this season and some better performances with bigger teams are required.....I wonder if we shall have many track & Field articles in the newsletter this Month? It is the track and field season, lets prove it..... Have you read about Sports & Social on Wed 10th July £1,000 in Prizes in Real Rotherham Harriers money and you will be able to increase this with the gambling, Brian Gent is one of the the Bookies, but you will need the cash as a Hamburger will be £20.0, a hot Dog £25.0 and a club vest £400.0 !!.....The big track and field meeting of course though is the English Schools at Hull with about 2,000 athletes. A dozen or so from the Harriers and well worth the short trip over.....



## LONDON MARATHON - 1985

Paul Venables	2.25.58	P.B.
Allan Beighton	2.31.39	P.B.
Chris Ledwidge	2.33.20	P.B.
Dave Richards	2.39.59	P.B.
Nick Kennedy	2.40.16	P.B.
Alan Peters	2.42.08	P.B.
Steve Elvidge	2.43.00	
Jamie Ollivent	2.47.00	P.B.
Dave Godfrey	2.47.00	
Steve Heslop	2.51.00	First Marathon
Mick Rick	2.54.11	P.B.
Dave Baum	2.56.30	P.B.
Arthur Davies	2.57.00	P.B.
Pat Rooney	3.00.27	
Derek Powell	3.01.00	
Martin Clohessey	3.02.00	First Marathon
Ted Parkinson	3.03.00	
John Davies	3.03.31	P.B.
John Elvidge	3.	First Marathon
Eddie Bywater	3.09.17	P.B.
Alan Pogmore	3.10.00	P.B.
Lol Ellis	3.26.00	
Mick Concannon	3.29.30	First Marathon
Phil Allen	3.40.00	
Brian Gent	3.41.06	P.B.

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## THE FLYING SCOTSMAN

A man who most of the year is following the sun around the world by sea - it is, of course, Frank Taylor. FRANK WHO ?????

Well, the guy's on the other side of the world most of the year, but is still a hardened Rotherham harrier of many years, and proud of it. Most of his training is done on the decks of the Canberra passenger liner. This type of training must do him some good as his recent trip to Napier, New Zealand shows. Here's what he had to say:

"Had a great time and done much better than I thought I would. The standard of the competition wasn't very high (modest chap our Frank) so I managed to win all the races, but you can see by the times, not too fast.

3,000	9min. 17sec.	First
400	58sec.	First
800	2min. 05sec.	Fastest time
5 mile cross country	29min. 02sec.	First
4 x 4 mile Relay	21 min.30sec.	Fastest time

Then back to Auckland for the big one - Nike Shore to Shore 10<sup>K</sup> - where my streak ended. I'm not sure of my overall position - about 20th in 32mins. 54secs, the most important race and I struggled the whole way.

The next day a mate took me to his club. We ran 10<sup>K</sup> easy then he heard there was a 3,000m. track race and entered me - first in 8min.57sec. on all weather track - Napier was grass. (If that wasn't enough athletics, our Frank, being pretty flexible, had a go in a few field events).



## ROAD SECTION NEWS

### Club Championship News

URGENT: If you ran in the TUC 5 or in the Sheffield Full/Half marathon can you enter your result (if known) on the club notice board, or let me know directly. The problem is that we are having a lot of trouble getting results lists for these races and cannot therefore make the club list complete. There will probably have to be some sort of deadline on this information, such as the end of September. When we re-assess the races we will support for the Club Championship 1986 I cannot see us including races which do not publish a full results list.

I am not quite sure how to comment on a series which I am myself leading! Except perhaps to comment (see list) on some points which will no doubt have occurred to you. I have turned out in as many races as possible, hence the high total. But others should be past me soon, remembering that best ten count and therefore the maximum score is 500- notably Dave Richards and Paul Ashworth should and I would be very happy to see such good club supporters in that position. If Peter Neal's injury recovery continues, he could well be the leader before long.

Quite a few faster runners are in fact well placed to catch and overtake if they have the interest- Allan Beighton, Mark Ruddleston and Richard Self for example. But I would like to take time out to mention however, the great support the club has been given by some of its less speedy runners. Alan Bryden and Gordon Bembridge are cases in point and there are numerous others who I hope will forgive me for not mentioning them by name.

### List B and C

What I am getting at here follows on from the above. There are many runners who run their best in club colours, as a club, and deserve the chance of awards in addition to fine words. It is the intention in future to select a list of runners who will qualify for section B and section C in the following year by inspecting the final championship results. Clearly that is not possible this year, so I have made an attempt (which you will see on the table) in mid-season to select qualifying groups. If all this is not clear (which would not be surprising) ask me on a club night.

### Ladies list

Mary Rhodes is well clear as you can see, and deservedly so. Although high-scoring is easy when few runners turn out, she will take some catching.

### Forthcoming Races

The third 10k series race coming up is the Pillsley 6 on July 18th, though it closes on the 11th. Then there is the Barnsley 6 which is a dual scorer- both for the Club Championship and the 10k series. What a fine evening the 2nd 10k was at the Woodman incidentally, and thanks to all concerned for their efforts, particularly perhaps Gary Roche and Dave Houghton.

You will note some problems with race clashes soon: the Wakefield Half and Doncaster 10k is one, also Rockingham 10k with Rowntrees Ten.

### Handicaps

These have been conspicuous by their absence, the problems simply being time and huge numbers of races and racers. We are therefore fixing handicaps from now on solely on Club Championship and 10k series races. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE CHRISTMAS DAY RACE (though it seems a long way off). This will mean that with no club races, there will be no handicap (or at best a very cautious one).



## RHAC 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP 1985

(16)

1	P.Mirlees	52.00	51	C.Lee	65.00
2	A.Gregory	52.14	52	D.Hing	65.17
3	P.Venables	52.21	53	J.Maling	65.25
4	S.Atkin	52.27	54	G.Garside	65.26
5	F.Taylor	54.15	55	A.Hinchliffe	65.27
6	N.Brookes	55.02	56	A.Pogmore	65.32
7	P.Neal	55.25	57	D.Baum	65.51
8	F.Hibbert	55.27	58	D.White	66.08
9	G.Simpson	55.31	59	R.Varo	66.11
10	H.O'Mara	56.33	60	D.Reed	66.29
11	B.Harney	57.02	61	B.Maughan	66.34
12	S.France	57.21	62	T.Senior	66.54
13	J.Brogan	57.22	63	J.Carrier	67.01
14	D.Godfrey	57.24	64	A.Ibberson	67.07
15	P.Humphries	57.25	65	G.Bell	67.31
16	J.Dunphy	57.45	66	D.Creamer	67.39
17	P.Lewis	58.45	67	S.Tideswell	68.31
18	M.Garet	58.50	68	D.Hague	68.48
19	D.Richards	58.53	69	P.Ruddlestone	68.54
20	D.Powell	59.03	70	P.Stephenson	69.42
21	D.Carratt	59.22	71	N.Licence	69.54
22	M.Masters	59.26	72	M.Firth	70.01
23	R.Brookes	59.47	73	C.Nixon	70.04
24	I.Pashley	60.27	74	J.Hayes	70.13
25	M.Farmer	60.50	75	P.Haynes	71.04
26	A.Smith	60.51	76	M.Allsop	71.10
27	T.Pickering	60.52	77	J.Harney	71.12
28	G.Green	61.24	78	R.Burgon	71.30
29	D.Hamilton	61.31	79	S.Newman	72.03
30	J.McDermott	61.36	80	S.Cadman	72.10
31	J.Davis	61.44	81	P.Donelan	72.51
32	T.Hawley	61.51	82	G.Drury	72.53
33	M.Sumption	61.53	83	D.Thompson	72.53
34	N.Grimley	62.06	84	M.S.Rhodes	72.58
35	E.Iliffe	62.17	85	D.Weatherburn	73.23
36	M.Hollowood	62.21	86	R.Grimley	74.28
37	J.Mahon	62.32	87	B.Gent	75.06
38	M.Gaynor	62.33	88	M.Rhodes	75.23
39	S.Clarke	62.39	89	N.Taylor	77.10
40	D.Page	62.41	90	G.Lee	78.44
41	M.Carr	62.54	91	J.Boyes	89.00
42	G.Bembridge	63.15	92	T.Ellingham	89.00
43	M.Short	63.22			
44	T.Pointer	63.28			
45	A.Davies	63.33			
46	J.Davies	63.43			
47	C.Mangham	63.57			
48	B.Chambers	64.02			
49	P.Adams	64.22			
50	J.Tunstall	64.38			



SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE REPORT

	LOXLY	BARN S	ROTHM	ROCKM	ASKRN
P. ASHWORTH	27.50	27.38	27.34	00.00	26.55
C. BEIGHTON	27.23	00.00	26.44	00.00	26.38
A. BEIGHTON	00.00	27.05	26.34	26.31	00.00
(V) A. BRYDEN	35.26	35.02	33.57	34.36	32.53
M. BURKE	30.54	29.39	29.10	29.04	28.01
N. BROOKES	00.00	00.00	27.14	26.26	26.01
(V) B. CHAMBERS	32.30	31.50	31.13	00.00	00.00
M. GAYNOR	30.53	32.15	00.00	00.00	30.10
(LV) C. GRIME	38.23	36.42	00.00	36.42	35.54
G. GREEN	00.00	29.19	30.05	29.25	28.25
(V) P. HUMPHRIES	30.00	28.44	28.32	28.02	27.17
T. HAWLEY	00.00	30.14	30.12	30.19	29.06
P. HUNTER	27.32	26.53	00.00	27.08	00.00
I. KENNEDY	27.56	26.43	26.32	00.00	00.00
C. LEDWIDGE	28.38	00.00	29.15	28.58	00.00
C. LEE	00.00	29.23	29.12	29.39	28.46
J. MAUGHAN	00.00	00.00	28.42	28.52	27.58
N. McROBB	27.56	26.51	26.46	00.00	26.02
B. MAUGHAN	00.00	00.00	31.50	33.09	31.39
P. NEAL	32.19	28.03	27.50	27.01	25.41
A. PARKIN	29.42	28.58	28.45	29.13	28.24
(V) T. PICKERING	00.00	30.18	30.05	30.13	00.00
(L) M. RHODES	36.30	35.45	36.16	36.08	34.45
M. TEATHER	00.00	00.00	29.55	29.12	28.21
G. WILLIAMS	28.52	28.03	28.11	28.12	27.37
(V) D. WEATHERBURN	35.17	34.29	34.14	34.51	33.49

This list includes all those who ran three or more (as usual, please notify any errors to me).

Congratulations to A. Bryden, M. Burke, P. Humphries, P. Neal, A. Parkin, M. Rhodes, G. Williams and D. Weatherburn who ran all five.

Well done also to Gary Townsend for his individual win in the youth's section and for taking the team award together with A. Townsend and A. Johnson. The Rotherham senior turn-out and result underlines the club's lack of competitiveness in road competition which has been all too apparent for many years. It is a ridiculous position for a club with our membership.

The sudden appearance of five races rather than the traditional three did not help.



Club Championship Positions at 20/6/85

<u>pos</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>run</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>best 10</u>
1	P.Humphries	13	536	427
2	D.Richards	9	391	391
3	G.Williams	9	384	384
4	P.Ashworth	7	322	322
5	P.Neal	7	308	308
6	A.Bryden	12	285	276
7	G.Bembridge	9	273	273
8	H.O'Mara	6	267	267
9	J.Dunphy	6	249	249
10	M.Ruddleston	5	248	248
11	A.Beighton	5	242	242
12	N.Brookes	5	237	237
13	A.Parkin	7	236	236
14	J.Maughan	6	229	229
15	K.Blades	5	220	220
16	M.Burke	6	217	217
17	T.Hawley	7	213	213
18	J.Davis	7	205	205
19	C.Ledwidge	5	201	201
20	R.Self	4	199	199
21	S.Elvidge	4	195	195
22	C.Beighton	4	191	191
23	N.McRobb	4	190	190
24	P.Hunter	4	189	189
25	P.Jepson	5	189	189
26	G.Simpson	4	186	186
27	G.Green	6	182	182
28	M.Teather	5	177	177
29	M.Gaynor	6	166	166
30	G.Huckbody	4	162	162
31	B.Chambers	7	162	162
32	D.Weatherburn	8	162	162
33	C.Lee	6	160	160
34	A.Ellis	4	158	158
35	S.Heslop	4	157	157
36	M.Garet	4	149	149
37	N.Hobson	4	145	145
38	A.Shearman	4	141	141
39	M.Sumption	4	139	139
40	M.Hollowood	4	135	135
41	A.Etches	4	124	124
42	E.Iliffe	4	121	121
43	K.Baker	5	120	120
44	T.Pickering	4	112	112
45	D.Hamilton	4	106	106
46	G.Garside	6	102	102
47	P.Ruddleston S	5	91	91
48	R.Rhodes	4	90	90
49	M.Allsop	5	90	90
50	M.Carr	4	88	88
51	S.Newman	5	88	88
52	N.Grimley	4	85	85
53	J.Hayes	5	84	84
54	N.Taylor	5	83	83
55	R.Burgon	5	68	68
56	B.Maughan	4	54	54

LADIES

1	M.Rhodes	11	540	496
2	J.Boyes	5	239	239
3	S.Cadman	4	198	198
4	C.Grime	4	194	194

qualifying for this list: 4 races

DOES NOT INCLUDE

TUC5 (having problems getting the results)  
SHEFFIELD MARATHON & Half MARATHON

By committee agreement: two 'categories' for end-of-season awards have been decided. Category 'B' includes all runners who are eligible on this list not counting last Sunday's races (ie Phoenix or Sheffield) and have averaged less than 40 per race.

Category 'C' is the same except they have averaged less than 30 per race.

N.B. If anyone has been left out due to our not having the TUC5 results they will be included when we get them.

Therefore in list C are

A.Bryden	J.Davis	M.Gaynor
B.Chambers	D.Weatherburn	C.Lee
K.Baker	T.Pickering	D.Hamilton
G.Garside	M.Allsop	P.Ruddleston Sn
S.Newman	N.Grimley	J.Hayes
N.Taylor	R.Burgon	B.Maughan

In list B all those in C above PLUS

G.Bembridge	A.Parkin	J.Maughan
M.Burke	T.Hawley	P.Jepson
G.Green	M.Teather	A.Ellis
M.Garet	N.Hobson	M.Sumption
A.Eches	E.Iliffe	

PLEASE NOTIFY ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS  
Many thanks to those who have already done so.

Individual race scores will be printed later in the season.

P.H.  
Road Sec.



Footpaths

RHAC members probably use footpaths and other rights of way more often than anyone else, and in some cases we may well be responsible for keeping paths open and in working order. Perhaps we ought to look a bit more carefully and often at the law, and at the current situation in our area with regard to rights of way. Starting with some general comments.

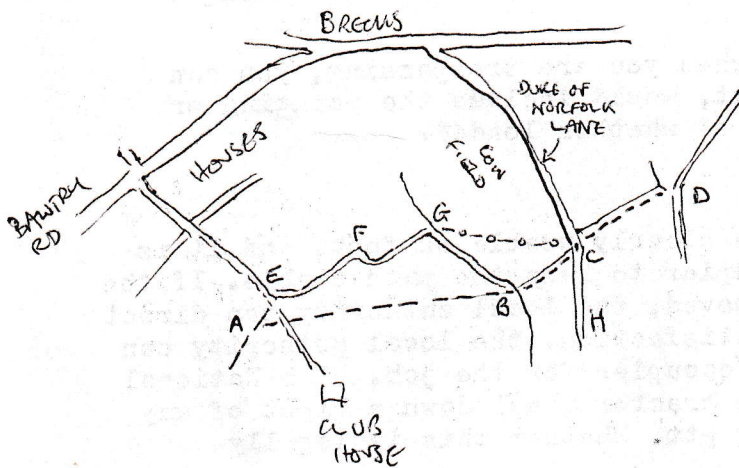
Is there a path ?

You will come across the situation where a landowner or other insists there is no right of way. The Pathfinder Series of OS maps 1:25 000 shows clearly where rights of way do and do not exist (see sheet 49/59 Rotherham). There is a limit as to detail imposed by the scale of the map but the existence of a right of way is clear. Such ways are those in existence on 1st April 1982 and do not cover the Borough of Rotherham. We do keep copies of such maps for our course planning etc.

Where is the right of way ?

We might as well face one of the big problems right away. Most footpaths were established at a time when land was meadow or grazing. Now, a good portion of it is arable i.e. used for crops. Over the years, people may well have walked around the outer edge of such fields, and that is where paths now exist. However the problem is that you have no right in law to use paths which divert round growing crops, but you have right in law to run the correct line of a path which goes straight through growing crops. What to do in this situation ?

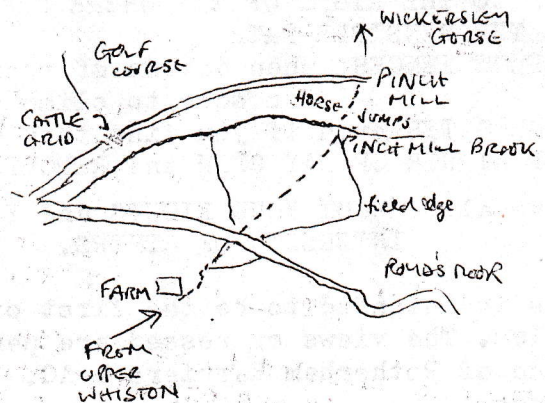
An example is the path from Sitwell Park Road (golf course road) towards Sledgate Lane in Wickersley.



We often run this route on club nights, and take the option marked A,E,F,G keeping to the path round the field. From G we either continue round the field to the gap in the hedge at B then rise up to C and on to the "white house" at D on Sledgate Lane (or sometimes turning right towards H and into Wickersley Gorse), or duck through the 'stile' at G and into the cow field, running through the rough grass up to the tree in the corner of the field at C.

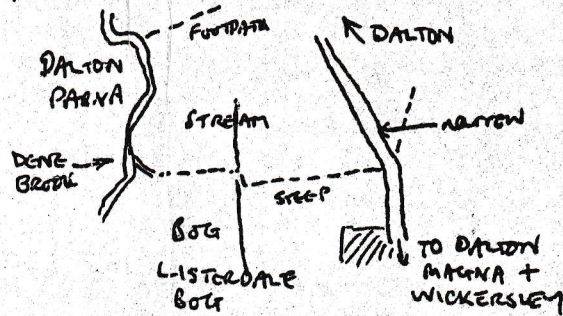
The footpath which is a right of way goes direct from A to B through the middle of the field. You might say that in this case we are doing the sensible thing using the paths we do.

What about a case like the way from Royd's Moor Farm (half-way up the hill) down into Pinch Mill, which we also use on occasion? There is no established "edge of field" path, and no marked path of any sort. We always go straight across, as required by the right of way.





Whether we run around or across, one thing we could bear in mind is that there may well be a right of way, but there is only one. It is unfair to run over a wide spread of land just for the sake of it. We recently had a run as a preview of the Listerdale 7 which included leaving Far Dalton Lane (we often refer to it as Northfield Lane though that is further up) on the left as you go downhill and running over the edge and down to the Listerdale bogs. We were later asked by the farmer to point out that there is no right of way there. Now in fact there is a right of way, and there is a signpost to indicate it.



It used to run down a field side, but the field has been enlarged and the path now goes straight across to meet (or nearly meet) the other path which continues up to Dalton Parva. (see map).

We should not be proud however of the way we crossed the land- spread out.

### Trespassers Will be Prosecuted

No they won't. Trespass is not a criminal offence for which you can be prosecuted. You can avoid the whole problem by sticking to rights of way, where you cannot trespass. But if you do, the landowner or occupier or presumably his agent can require you to leave the land by the quickest route. But you can be prosecuted for any damage you may have caused and I imagine you could get into legal trouble also if you are committing a nuisance.

Incidentally, if anyone threatens you when you are trespassing, you can prosecute him. A threat, in this context, would include the pointing or brandishing of a firearm, irrespective of whether loaded.

### The Right of Way

Where a right of way exists, it must be clearly usable on foot, and it is the responsibility of the owner or occupier to keep the path usable. If the path is unusable for any reason, or removed, the local authority can direct that it should be restored. Failing satisfaction, the local authority can do the job itself and charge the owner/occupier for the job. The National Farmer's Union indicates that running a tractor wheel down a right of way is all that is required after ploughing etc. Whether this is legally supportable I do not know.

### Some final points

KEEP TO THE RIGHT OF WAY WHERE POSSIBLE

USE THE SENSIBLE PATH

RESPECT FENCES: when dozens of runners arrive at a stile it is tempting for some to climb fences. Avoid so causing damage.

CLOSE GATES even if you find them open.

KEEP RIGHTS OF WAY OPEN and REPORT PROBLEMS TO RHAC

Above all, ENJOY YOUR RIGHTS and YOUR RUNNING WITHOUT DAMAGING THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

This is intended to be the first of a series of reports on this and related topics. The views expressed are personal to the author and not necessarily those of Rotherham Harriers & AC. Contributions are invited for future issues.



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