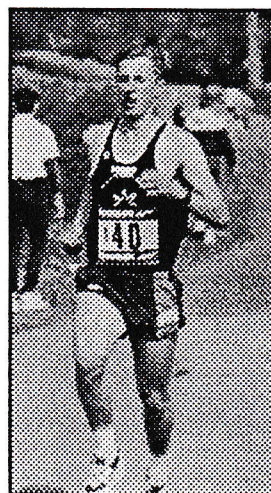


# Tune and Team Excel Themselves

## Dave Tune North of England Champion - Team hold last year's ninth.

Another first for Rotherham, this time and not for the first time courtesy of Dave Tune, a spectacular comprehensive victory in the North of England Cross-country at Heaton Park against the region's finest. Though there have been many honours for RH runners we think this is a first-ever. To back this up, on an occasion when absences and injuries reduced us to a bare team of six, the runners excelled themselves by holding on to last year's ninth spot which we picked up at Durham.

Darren Hale is running strongly and scored 56th in 40:45 but he was just 9 hours in advance of being a team scorer, qualifying 1/1/98, which meant that the team comprised Dave together with Richard Harris (74th in 41:18), Paul Venables (98th in 42:16), John Comrie (114th in 42:44), Martin Connolly (150th in 43:31) and Peter Neal (195th in 44:23). This is a truly superb result in difficult circumstances, and notably from runners who have supported RHAC strongly this year.



North of England Cross-country Champion Dave Tune seen here with his road vest on

# Vets Fly Despite Team Miss

Paul Venables had a tremendous run at the Yorkshire Vets Cross-country, held in private parkland at South Cave with plenty of difficult soggy going and hilly into the bargain. Paul knew well enough that Bingley's Eddie Irving had to be beaten and soundly did so, but Holmfirth's Alan Buckley turned out and was too strong on the day. But Paul is running really strongly since his return from injury. So too is Malcolm Palfreyman; he saw off some class opposition to take third place in the over-50 category, so that both had improved over last year's position.

But irritatingly, all three of our teams placed one lower, so it was bronze medals for the ladies, near miss for the over-50 and silver this year for the over-40 team, just turned over by Holmfirth who couldn't believe they had won it.

Best performance from the ladies on the day was from Gill Bunker in 7th spot. She has had a very powerful cross-country season and at Cantley subsequently added the South Yorkshire vets title. First vet in the championship on the day (5th overall) and first vet in the series; you can't get more comprehensive than that.

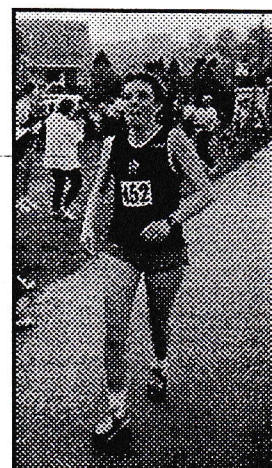
Black was well to the fore at Cantley in fact, and it was a pity that a dreadful day sidelined the awards a bit. No matter, we had Julie O'Mara second and Katie Storey (junior lady) third, behind Barnsley's Jill Ingman who is also a junior, so one of them is gold the other silver. Alan Chell wrapped up the series in the men vets with some very consistent running but on the day there was no denying Paul Venables the championship, seeing off Don Wiegel by some 22 seconds.

Darren Hale shot off to a win on the day to take the South

Yorkshire title but again it was Andy Aked's strong consistent running which won the series, nursing an ankle problem in third place he was easily good enough.

Other RH successes included a fine 1-2 from Teresa McNaney and Lindsay Muscroft which was also the series result, what a strong outfit this under-13 girls team is, and James Dixon taking a series win at junior men from Richard Chapman.

With numerous seconds and thirds, RHAC has had a brilliant local season off the roads, and we even won the senior and vet teams which frankly surprised me after earlier calculations. But there we are, well done. The results speak for themselves, both under 15 teams second, both under 13 teams first and Rotherham first overall.



Current Vet Flyers Paul Venables and Gill Bunker



**Yorkshire Vets Cross-country  
11/1/98**

Ladies			
1	L.Ball	Valley	41:36
7	G.Bunker	RHAC	43:36
19	S.Burton	RHAC	49:25
26	P.Fisher	RHAC	50:26

42 runners

1	Bingley	29
2	Valley Str	51
3	Rotherham	52

Men 50+

1	N.Scruton	Team Plaxton	37:8
2	N.Robson	Bingley	37:18
3	M.Palfreyman	Rotherham	37:28
23	T.Hawley	Rotherham	40:54
40	B.Harney	Rotherham	43:06
58	P.Humphries	Rotherham	46:32

64 runners

1	Bingley	13
2	Holmfirth	42
3	Longwood	45
4	Rotherham	66

Men 60+

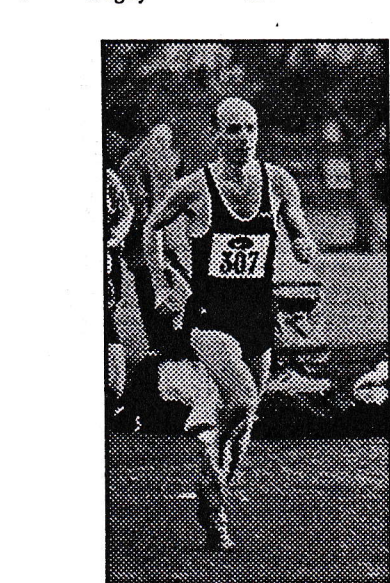
1	G.Spink	Bingley	42:06
2	J.Smithhurst	Bingley	43:29
7	D.Clarke	Rotherham	48:14
9	J.Lynch	Rotherham	51:49
13	D.Creamer	Rotherham	61:37

15 runners  
(unofficial teams)

1	Bingley	9
2	Rotherham	29

Men 40+

1	A.Buckley	Holmfirth	34:13
2	P.Venables	Rotherham	34:51
3	E.Irving	Bingley	35:12
14	A.Chell	Rotherham	36:42
20	P.Neal	Rotherham	37:17
21	P.Morris	Rotherham	37:20
23	S.Gaines	Rotherham	37:40
26	D.Ritchie	Rotherham	37:59
36	J.Brogan	Rotherham	39:13



Adding to a superb RHAC series of results locally, Alan Chell ran a very consistent series- and also placed well at South Cave

**S.Yorks Championship,  
Cantley Park**

Senior/Vet Men

1	D.Hale	35:27
3	A.Aked	36:04
7	P.Venables V	36:40
11	P.Roberts	37:07
14	J.Comrie	38:06
15	A.Chell V	38:09
18	P.Neal V	38:15
20	L.Field	38:30
21	P.Morris V	38:47
28	J.Dixon J	40:01
32	R.Chapman J	40:21
44	K.O'Mara	42:03
54	J.Beckett	42:42
67	T.Birks V5	44:01
85	P.Humphries V5	45:32
98	K.Thomas V	47:32
102	D.Russell V	48:03
104	M.Whitaker V5	48:14
120	M.Padfield V	51:05
132	J.Gallacher V	56:12

U17 Men

1	M.Bailey BAC	22:55
4	R.Lomas	24:20
5	S.Bates	24:40
9	I.Whitaker	28:47
10	C.Green	28:47
11	J.Siolk	29:06

Women

1	J.Ingman JBAC	25:45
2	J.O'Mara	27:14
3	K.Storey J	27:30
5	G.Bunker V	28:15
14	S.Marshall	31:09
17	C.Dauris	32:23
21	J.Chapman	32:45
23	V.Haigh	33:03
31	L.Padfield V	34:34
44	M.Rhodes V	42:25

U 17 Women

1	K.Ford SRWC	19:35
2	L.Whitaker	19:46
8	R.Hart	25:57

U11 Boys

1	K.Cooke HH	5:54
10	M.Bates	6:42
11	L.Johnson	6:44

U11 Girls

1	C.Horn BAC	6:20
4	E.Challinor	7:15
14	L.Phillips	8:05

U13 Girls

1	T.McNaney	12:40
2	L.Muscroft	12:46
5	L.Bloor	14:17
10	F.Dobson	14:52
12	H.Garrison	15:16

U15 Girls

1	L.Quinn D&S	12:14
4	L.Carnell	12:50
6	N.Chell	12:58
14	R.Kelly	14:27
15	K.Allinson	14:32
16	C.Birch	14:34
21	E.Thomas	16:44

U13 Boys

1	C.Rawson HH	13:40
2	L.Rooney	14:08
3	R.Stephenson	14:24
4	R.Hastey	14:27
13	A.Booth	16:32
21	J.Gill	17:46

U15 Boys

1	T.Smith	16:28
2	P.Marshall	16:29
8	B.Jones	17:35
11	S.Francois	18:22
17	J.Gallacher	19:26

**Team Placings-  
Championship**

Senior

1	Rotherham HAC	23
2	Hallamshire	35

Veteran

1	Rotherham HAC	15
2	Doncaster & St	54

U17 Men

1	Barnsley	12
2	Rotherham HAC	28

Women

1	Rotherham HAC	24
2	Barnsley	43

U17 Women

1	Barnsley	23
3	Rotherham HAC	10

U11 Boys

1	Rockingham	21
5	Rotherham HAC	

U11 Girls

1	Rockingham	39
4	Rotherham HAC	

U13 Girls

1	Rotherham HAC	18
2	Barnsley	34

U15 Girls

1	Hallamshire	29
2	Rotherham HAC	39

U13 Boys

1	Rotherham HAC	22
2	Hallamshire	33

U15 Boys

1	Hallamshire	21
2	Rotherham HAC	22

**Honours Board**

U13 Girls

T.McNaney	1st
L.Muscroft	2nd

U13 Boys

R.Hastey	2nd
R.Stephenson	3rd

U15 Boys

P.Marshall	3rd
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U17 Women

L.Whitaker	2nd
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Women

S.Marshall	2nd
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Vet Women

G.Bunker	1st
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U17 Men

S.Bates	3rd
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Junior Men

J.Dixon	1s6
R.Chapman	2nd

Senior Men

A.Aked	1st
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Vet Men

A.Chell	1st
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**Final League Positions**

Men

Rotherham HAC	63
Doncaster & S	57

Vet Men

Rotherham HAC	58
Doncaster & S	58

Women

Rotherham HAC	56
Barnsley	51

U17 Women

Barnsley	18
Rotherham HAC	10



**•New Members**

Former Rotherham Harrier Peter Mirrlees rejoined RHAC this month having spent a good few years in the relative quiet of Milton Arms RC. In his younger years Peter, who is 37, found that running with a smaller club was more conducive to his running, but after we reestablished contact with him he has been eventually lured back by our continued success, and aims, in relay events. Though he will perhaps be a real force in veteran running in due course, he will hopefully be a sharp addition to our top-line strength as he has shown he still has a fine turn of speed in the local events- not least the Elsecar runs hosted by his local club. Welcome back.

Doncaster's top middle road distance man Darren Ward adds his weight to our efforts this month, also aiming to join our road-running teams. Darren, who has recently been a top performer at for example the Doncaster Half and Milton 6, perhaps feels that the D&S club will be slow to get on the regional or national scene on the road. Perhaps so, it remains to be seen, though it should be said that their veterans outfit have been making a sound showing in local road and cross-country. Darren, who is aged 31, is aiming to get some sharper training and competition.

Joining this duo is ex-Hallamshire Harrier Angus Rose who is making a return to running at RHAC after a younger career in the sport.

We extend a warm welcome to all. The qualification date will probably be October 1st, which is just before the regional 6-stage relays.

•New members arriving with some frequency, it is smart to make clear what our main aims are for the men's team and how we go about achieving them. It has to be clear to an outsider that although we perform well enough in cross-country (and many members prefer it), we are a more powerful club by a measure on the road. That said, we do not exactly neglect the northern and national cross-country, and this year's national event at Leeds gives us a unique opportunity to show some strength, being not that hard to get to.

However, we can't target everything, and the main ones in consequence are the northern and national 12 and 6-stage road relays, which we really do like to hit 100%. Selection for these events, or even squad membership, is no longer the formality it once was. We never seek to lay down 'qualifying' or 'trial' races but colleagues do understand the situation and are always careful to prove their state of race-fitness to themselves and their team-mates a little before the relays come round. Races like these nearly always demand I send the named entry up to 4 weeks before, so it is always a sound idea to give me a ring to ensure your inclusion in cases where there might be doubt- if you have been out of action for example. (The same principles apply to the vets, with their 8-stage relay).

Other events, such as the South Yorks Road series, have their importance too- many local runners do not look beyond local races and rate clubs on that basis. But our numbers are usually such that we can organise on a more informal basis.

•Yorkshire Veterans Athletics Association, of which of course we are members, holds an annual series of races exclusively for vets. We don't normally take part in these, which is a shame, but as I have pointed out to their secretary many of our vets are active in the senior arena not exclusively vets. But the main difficulty is that most events are West Yorkshire based (Bradford-Leeds-Harrogate etc). It's not that we wouldn't travel, but they arrange their fixtures to avoid clashes with big and local events- but events in West Yorks. In consequence many fixtures clash directly with such as the Norton 9. As does the first fixture, which is at St. Bede's Grammar School, Bradford, 11 am on 1st March 1998. Watch the notice board, or contact me if you want further information.

•Recognising Dave Tune's superb performance at Heaton Park, many of us reflect on last year's event where Chris Parkes ran so stormingly, and on events since. Chris has had a terrible year sport-wise, injured and with hopes repeatedly dashed, but you will be heartened to know that contrary to some

reports he has not given up the fight and is spending energy and substance to get back. We hope and pray and believe that he will succeed, and certainly we have not forgotten- how could we forget such running or such a character?

Top national standard runners are not ten a penny, and in the case of Chris Beighton there is promise too that gloomy forecasts may be wrong. A torn calf muscle at Christmas has cost him 3 weeks training but he is back up into the 40-mile bracket this week and seems to be making progress again. We hope so Chris.

•Watch out gentlemen. Phil Roberts acquired veteran status on the 1st of February.

•Monthly numbers drawn at the Traveller's, Kimberworth on 28th January: £70 no.136 Paul Whittaker; £10 each no.29 Alan Mincher, no.39 Carl Smith, no.292 Chris Parkes. 200 numbers sold, thank you Brian.

•The fourth event of the Winter Series is to be held on Wednesday 11th February over the same course as last year, essentially Broom Valley Road out and back with a double right-hand loop round Moorgate Road, Spinneyfield and Beaconsfield. Changing etc at Rotherham Rugby Club, off at 6.45 from the other side of the roundabout on Wickersley Road.

•Oh no he isn't! Paul Bennett's exit to the USA, which we lamented from the RHAC team point of view last month, won't be taking place for a good while. Knocked off his motor-cycle in a collision with a car Paul is lucky to have only a broken arm. Whilst that is bad enough and will keep him off work it isn't keeping him off training, and he could be around on April 4th.

•The Club Awards Evening (formerly "Road Night") takes in a new venue this year, 8 o'clock onwards at the Prince of Wales, Masborough (opposite the old station between the Butcher's Arms and the Football Ground). Light entertainment, pie & peas on the night, and all the usual Club Championship and Mileage Awards. Great night out, see you there.

•Smart performance from a Rotherham 'trio' at the prestigious Alsager 5 where Rob Holladay flew our flag with a class 24:12 in 9th place. Rob is well pleased with this having been a little out of sorts at the Yorks cross-country. Star efforts from Hilary Garrison who took second vet-35 with a storming 30:08 personal best and then Jane Clarke smashing a full 45 seconds off her pb with an excellent 31:30.

•Darren Hale has been successful in his interview for a move to Lancashire Constabulary having now left the army, and has relocated to Preston. He is well aware that by this address change he could make a club switch but has said that he is very happy to be qualified for RHAC at last and is looking forward to joining our race teams, with every intention of staying with us.

•Good news from Keith Williams from the tough Woodkirk 10k where he slaughtered the vet opposition finishing 12th overall, this coming after a good run when we last saw him at Barnsley. He has the Dewsbury 10k lined up for Sunday needless to say, and I understand will be joined by among others John Comrie, Richard Harris, Andy Aked and Peter Mangles. Luke Field was going but is sensibly nursing shin splints, and of course many will be at Ferriby. Apart from Dewsbury Keith has in mind to go to Huddersfield 10k (22 Feb) then meet up with us at the Norton 9. A certain Askern vet is in his sights!

## Northern 12 Stage Relay Sat 4th April Leeds

Pictured right Andy Aked at the 6-stage. Andrew had a good series in the South Yorkshires this time finishing clear winner. He doesn't qualify as individual South Yorks, living and born in Notts- but the series is for club members!

## February Fixtures

Sun 1 Feb	Moorside 10k, Meltham 11am
Sat 7 Feb	SY Schools, Graves Park
Sun 8 Feb	Dewsbury 10k 11am
Sun 8 Feb	Ferriby 10 12 noon
Sun 15 Feb	Stamford 30k 11am
Sun 15 Feb	Liversedge Half, Roberttown noon
Sat 21 Feb	Nat XC Relays, Mansfield
Sun 22 Feb	Snake Lane 10, Pocklington
Sun 22 Feb	Doncaster Duddle 40 7.30 am
Sun 22 Feb	Huddersfield RR 10k 11.15am
Sun 1 Mar	Norton 9
Sun 8 Mar	Stafford 20
Sun 8 Mar	Chesterfield Spire 10
Sun 8 Mar	Pontefract 10k
Sat 14 Mar	National XC. Leeds
Sun 15 Mar	Wombwell 5
Sun 22 Mar	Doncaster Half
Sun 29 Mar	Sheffield 10k
Sun 29 Mar	Ackworth Half
Sun 29 Mar	East Hull 20
Sat 4 April	Coniston 14
Sat 4 April	Northern 12 Stage Relay Leeds
Sun 19 April	Wakefield 10k



## National Cross-country Relays Sat 21st Feb Mansfield Tell PH



## • Club Championship Results\*

Subject to recount and some late results which just could have a bearing, it looks like this. John Comrie 1997 Club Champion with Luke Field runner-up, Ian Lanceley in 3rd place. Both John and Luke have had a brilliant year, both for their own running and the club. Ian might have done even better had not unfortunate injury put him out of action late in the season. It looks like 12 completed 10 races, and 2 ladies, though Jen Baker perhaps did also.

Provisional List for your final checking: please be warned there may always be late amendments when colleagues read these notes.:

John Comrie	979	1st
Luke Field	975	2nd
Ian Lanceley	973	3rd
Andy Parkin	944	
Kerry Booth	914	1st B sect
Richard Burton	913	highest races
Roy Butterworth	906	
Alan Charnock	861	1st C sect
Graham Benton	836	1st vet 40
Malc Rhodes	828	
Alan Mirfin	813	1st vet 50
Phil Widdowson	721	
Hilary Garrison	994	1st lady
Gillian Bunker	979	2nd lady

**Winter Series 4  
Rugby Club  
Weds 11 Feb  
6.45 off  
Same as last year**

## • New Club Championship Series

Early comments would be welcome regarding the races for this year. I would aim to provide the same basic outline of races, but with a few interesting changes as usual. It is getting difficult to avoid making it a 10k series, as marathons have virtually disappeared and ten mile races are following. Maltby has now gone and appears to be a 10k if run this year, though Ferriby is in fact on.

It would be nice to include the Wombwell 5 in our list this year to pay our respects to James Dixon's former club, James having joined us this last season. Likewise, we ought to try to support Swallownest's efforts at their 10k as we did last year, but our support may be needed organisationally on the ground as well as running this year as Richard Harris' former club colleagues are feeling the strain a bit.

Though we have started off at Ferriby ever since I can remember, some colleagues were not too happy with it last year, so although it is apparently on, we thought we might begin with a change this year. Continuing our 'policy' of visiting new members on their own ground, we thought of starting off on February 8th at the Dewsbury 10k on Keith Williams' home territory- an event which has proved

Ferriby 10  
Pocklington Snake Lane 10  
Norton 9  
Wombwell 5  
Doncaster Half

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(a) there is no August publication and  
(b) sometimes publication is delayed to the following week

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## RHAC Awards Night

**Weds 18th Feb  
8.00 onwards**

**Prince of Wales  
Masborough  
(near Millmoor opposite old  
station)**

**Pie & Peas, mileage &  
championship awards, light  
entertainment**

## Winter Series 3

### Travelers 10k

1	J.Comrie	FH	31:48
2	P.Roberts	FH	32:04
3	M.Haffner	KS	32:40
4	P.Neal	FH	33:35
5	G.Durham	FH	33:44
6	S.Tompkin	FH	33:54
7	M.Gaynor	KS	34:00
8	R.Lomas	FH	34:35
9	K.Binney	BAC	34:38
10	A.Gregory	FH	34:47
11	L.Crowe	KS	34:49
12	K.O'Mara	FH	36:13
13	T.Hawley	FH	36:38
14	J.Rust	MRC	36:42
15	I.Whitaker	FH	37:03
16	D.Green	KS	37:07
17	P.Rooney	KS	37:36
18	A.Rowe	KS	37:47
19	S.Elliott	KS	38:07
20	R.Butterworth	FH	38:11
21	B.Harney	FH	38:24
22	S.Durdy	MRC	38:26
23	K.Booth	FH	38:36
24	M.Nunn	KS	38:44
25	I.Soakell	KS	38:52
26	R.Thomas	KS	39:06
27	G.Bunker	FH	39:36
28	R.Burton	FH	39:40
29	D.Buxton	MRC	39:41
30	M.Cochrane	FH	39:57
31	P.Humphries	FH	40:12
32	J.Gouly	UA	40:21
33	M.Uttley	KS	40:50
34	D.Russell	FH	41:44
35	I.Brookes	KS	41:58
36	B.Ellis	KS	42:09
37	A.Charnock	FH	42:12
38	D.Clarke	FH	42:19
39	B.Elliott	KS	42:53
40	B.Houghton	MRC	42:55
41	M.Rhodes	FH	43:11
42	C.Smith	UA	43:33
43	R.Cooke	KS	43:38
44	B.Soakell	KS	43:45
45	A.Gordon	KS	44:51
46	D.Sears	MRC	45:03
47	D.Thorpe	MRC	45:16
48	B.Lowndes	MRC	45:46
49	D.Creamer	FH	48:14
50	J.Sears	MRC	49:14
51	D.Weatherburn	FH	49:39
52	P.Widdowson	FH	52:43

**Club Fees are due!  
£10, under 18 £5  
Family £15**