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(31/12/99) IT'S HOLMES AGAIN

Ian Holmes chalked up yet another victory in the 5th Auld Lang Syne Fell Race from a hole Penistone Hill quarry today. Looking at the times I suspect he had quite a tussle with Matt Whitfield but they were just out of my line of sight! The start of the race was delayed for 15 minutes so that the organisers could register the huge number of athletes keen to squeeze in their last race of the 999th year of the current millennium. There was ice on the Stairs so the loop was done the opposite way round and it was a merry little band who tumbled, wallowed and were bespattered in the muddy mire as they descended from the summit.

(29/12/99) RUSHTON SHIELD DECIDED

The Rushton Shield Championship for 1999 was decided at the Christmas Handicap with Gavin Terry running out a convincing winner ahead of Bob Dover. First lady was Helen Morrell in 4th place overall and first junior was Sharon Taylor. There is no award for the first vet.

(12/12/99) THANKS DAD!

Handicapper Jebb senior was obviously too engrossed with the form of those who had feigned injury (or who had had a stormer) a week earlier in the Calderdale Way to see what was happening under his nose as Jebb junior sneaked a win the Annual Club Christmas Handicap today. Jebb the younger was presented with a watercolour of the route painted by John Smithurst (John's paintings are selling for silly money at the moment so this could be a worthwhile investment for the future) and some beer. As an additional handicap young Rob has to carry the painting round with him next year, frame and all. Gavin Terry and Helen Morrell filled second and third places and a consolation bottle of Sanatogen went to Gerry Spink who seems to have a knack of picking up prizes wherever he performs.

(12/12/99) DEFEAT SNATCHED FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY

Bingley's 'A' team finished 4 minutes adrift of rivals Pudsey & Bramley in this year's popular Calderdale Way Relay in conditions which were 'damp underfoot'. Team changes due to illness, injury and other sundry excuses coupled with an uncharacteristic hiccup at one of the change-overs left the Bingley team struggling at the end of the 50-mile event.

Bingley's women's team finished in a creditable 3rd place.

'A' team manager Steve Fry needed accident and emergency treatment in the early hours of Sunday to have his telephone handset surgically removed from his ear having spent over five hours reorganising the team.

Highlight of today, however, was the comeback of Mick Watson in the 'D' (or was it 'E') team whose solid performance alongside partner Dave Weatherhead sent out a message that his 12 months in exile have finally come to an end.

(27/11/99) FRANK'S FAREWELL

The Club bade farewell to Frank Wheeler last night as many of Frank's friends turned up for a tippie at the Esholt Sports Club (just a few hundred yards from where Frank was born). Recently retired Frank is off to start a new life in Cornwall with his wife Diane on Friday. President Green made a speech and presented Frank with a collection of dials mounted on a piece of wood and Vice President Carney gave Diane a bunch of flowers. Frank, who has been in the Club since 1958, has fulfilled many duties during his time including President, Membership Secretary, Handicapper and pathfinder - he will be missed. We all wish Frank and Diane all the best in their new home.

(21/11/99) VETS IN ESHOLT

It was Bingley's turn to host this month's Yorkshire vets race with a new course from Esholt. Race winner was Bingley's John Cordingley (34:26) followed by B Hilton, Leeds City (35:34) and Ken Robinson, Bingley (36:24). 1st Lady was Julie Hustwick from Horsforth who was 50th overall

(20/11/99) ROB'S RECORD

Young Rob Jebb stormed round the Tour of Pendle today to successfully defend his title smashing Dave Cartridge's 11-year old record by over 2 minutes into the bargain. Rob finished in 2hrs 11mins 52secs, 4 minutes ahead of Borrowdale's Andy Davis with Andy Schofield also from Borrowdale filling 3rd spot.

(16/11/99) FLYING FRED

Fred Gibbs was in action in a Home International in Bideford, Devon in a 10,000m cross-country event at the weekend. He produced a superb run to win the over-60 category.

(16/11/99) AARON WIN

Even without Fred (see above) the Bingley vets team won the veteran's race in the Aaron memorial relays in Leeds on Saturday. The winning team consisted of Ken Robinson, Gavin Terry, Neil Jennings and Peter Probin.

(14/11/99) FELL CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDED

The Club Fell Championship was decided today at Kellbrook. Robert Jebb finished a stride behind Ian Holmes to claim the title and keep Holmes in 2nd place. Jayne Smith has won the ladies title and, having been neck & neck for most of the season, Phil Helliwell claimed the vets trophy ahead of Mike Smith neither of whom contested today's event.

(14/11/99) ANOTHER TITLE

Disappointed that none of the National Cross-Country Relay Teams at Mass Field yesterday won the 1000m finished 20 seconds

Bingley retained their grip on the National Cross Country Relay title at Mansfield yesterday when the 'A' team finished 20 seconds ahead of 2nd placed Salford Harriers. Mick Hawkins led off on the first leg handing over to Colin Moore in 11th place. Colin ran his usual 110% and pulled back to 4th with the 10th fastest time of the day which was matched by 3rd leg runner Steve Green who pulled back the leaders to hand over in 1st place to John Convery who held on to top spot for the glory leg. The senior men's 'B' team were 25th. Bingley sent a strong contingent to the Championships - the senior women's team of Lisa Mawer, Meryl Dodd and Charlotte Sanderson finished in 17th place, whilst the under-17 women, Rebecca Smith, Naomi Johnson and Grace Bendle were 9th. In the other categories the under-13 boys were 15th, under-15 boys 38th and the under-17 men 45th.

(25/10/99) MARK IS SCOTTISH CHAMP

Mark McGlincy has just become the first Englishman to win the Scottish Hill Race Championship. Mark secured his title by winning the Helmsdale Highland Games race in the north of Scotland thus putting the seal on a highly successful season north of the border.

(19/10/99) VETS KEEP IT UP

The Bingley over-50 veterans squad have regained the National 5k Road Championship Title they previously held in 1990 and 1994. The squad of Les Haynes, Bob Dover, Neil Robson and Terry Lonergan were successful in the recent Championships in Annan, Dumfrireshire where Fred Gibbs collected a gold medal in the over-60 race.

(10/10/99) PB IN GREAT NORTH RUN

Steve Green set a PB in of 63.55 Sunday's Great North run where he finished in 10th place ahead of clubmate Richard Nerurkar. In knocking nearly a minute off his previous best time he was 4th Briton home and along with Richard and Mark Croasdale the Bingley squad were 'best club' on the day.

(10/10/99) RUTH BREAKS RECORD

Club Women's Marathon Record was smashed today when Ruth Whitehead eclipsed her previous mark of 3.06 to complete the Manchester Marathon in 3.04.59. "I didn't think I was in the running for the prizes until the later stages of the race" she quoted "but I just kept passing women until I realised the second woman was just in front. I passed her and that was it." Ruth won £300 for the second place and her final quote was "If I hadn't had to stop for a b. pitstop who knows!"

(03/10/99) IAN HODGSON RELAY

Bingley's fell squad finished 2nd behind a strong Borrowdale team in the Ian Hodgson Relay today in Patterdale. Bingley's 4th leg runners Steve Hawkins and Ian Holmes overhauled local rivals Pudsey & Bramley in the finish field and set the fastest time of the day on the last leg. On the 1st leg Rob Jebb and Mark Croasdale ran 3rd, a position maintained by Andy Peace and Mick Hawkins on leg 2. Colin Moore, who the day before had helped Bingley gain a set of Bronze medals in the Northern 6 Stage Road Relays, partnered Matt Whitfield over leg 3 and maintained 3rd spot. The Borrowdale team broke their own 1997 course record and also set record times on legs 2 and 3.

(30/09/99) SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

The 4th Annual Schools Cross Country Challenge took place yesterday in Myrtle Park, Bingley. School pupils from all over the district enjoyed a welcome break in the weather to compete over distances from 1 to 2 miles in length. Four years ago the event attracted 100 young athletes and yesterday there were almost 500 - not bad for an event that was refused financial support from the English Cross Country Association because "it hasn't moved forward!"

(29/09/99) KINABALU

Ian Holmes won the Mt Kinabalu Climbathon for the third successive year despite suffering from a sore throat and being 7 minutes behind the leader at the summit. Ian pulled back on the descent finishing ahead of British runners Simon Booth (2nd), Rob Jebb (6th) and Gavin Bland (8th)

(19/09/99) SIX STAGE WIN

At the Yorkshire Road Relay Championships at Thorns Park, Wakefield, yesterday Bingley retained their six-stage title in the senior men's event. The Bingley team notched up their 10th win in the event ahead of Hallamshire with Leeds City being awarded the bronze medals having finished in 4th spot behind the Bingley 'B' team. The winning Bingley team in running order were: John Convery, Ian Holmes, Andrew Pearson, Steve Green and Colin Moore. In the under-15 event Bingley finished in 4th place in both the boys and girls events.

(14/09/99) SYDNEY GLOVER TROPHY AWARDED

At the AGM of the Club held yesterday at the Bradford & Bingley Sports Club Peter Moon was awarded the Sydney Glover trophy by the Club's President Derek Green. This trophy is awarded annually to the person in recognition of athletic performance in absolute terms. Peter's performance in the World Veteran's Games at Gateshead earlier in the year where he won a gold medal in the 3,000m

steeplechase earned him the recognition. Previous winners of the trophy include Steve Binns, Colin Moore, Jimmy Ashworth and Derek Lawson. Peter was also elected Vice President of the Club.

(12/09/99) MORGAN 1ST IN 1ST BRADFORD 10K

Warm sunny conditions greeted almost 1,000 runners in the first ever Fila sponsored Bradford 10k which got under way from the Richard Dunn Sports Centre. The winner of the veterans race was John Rye of Thames Hare & Hounds in 31:31, just 9 seconds ahead of second placed Tony Duffy of Bolton Harriers. Third placed runner was Mike Girvan of Warrington AC in 31:46. 1st Lady was Heather Robinson of Chester-le-Street in 37:38. In the senior race a strong field saw Mark Morgan of Swansea Harriers victorious clocking up 29:13 ahead of Ian Hudspith, Morpeth Harriers, 29:18 and Richard Nerurkar, Bingley Harriers, 29:27.

(05/09/99) BEN ONE TWO

Bingley runners filled the first two positions at Ben Nevis on Saturday when Ian Holmes took advantage of Robert Jebb who struggled with a dislocated shoulder. Jebb had led as far as the Red Burn on the descent before he was caught by his team mate who then went on to finish about 40 seconds ahead. Mark Kinch was the 3rd team counter in 9th position which most of the time would have been good enough to secure a comfortable team victory. A strong performance from the Borrowdale outfit, however, gave them first team on count back.

(31/08/99) BURNSALL WIN FOR HOLMES

Despite having to stop and get dressed halfway round the course Ian Holmes chalked up his second victory at the Burnsall Classic Fell Race. The officials insisted that runners must wear a vest (but not a club vest apparently) or be disqualified, so our Ian took time out of his run to seek out a club vest and still managed to finish 40-odd seconds in front of team mate Steve Hawkins in a time of 13m 14s. Bingley finished 2nd team behind rivals Pudsey & Bramley.

(30/08/99) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

Peter Moon travelled to the World Championships at Gateshead on 8th August and came away with a Gold Medal in the Over-50s 3000m Steeplechase. His time of 10m 15.33secs gave him an 18 second lead over the silver medal position.

(27/02/99) SPORTSHALL RECORDS BROKEN

14 records were broken today at the West Yorkshire Sportshall Athletics Trials held at Bingley Grammar School. 180 young athletes from all over West Yorkshire took part in the trials to select athletes to represent West Yorkshire in the North Eastern finals.

(14/02/99) ROSSENDALE WAY VICTORY

Bingley Harriers won the 6 stage Rossendale Way Relay today finishing 5 minutes ahead of second placed Pudsey & Bramley. Andy Peace and Matt Whitfield were fastest on leg 1 as were Colin Moore and Rob Jebb on leg 2. They handed over to Colin Moses and Ian Ferguson with a 6 minute lead. Paul Mitchell and Dave Horsefall maintained the margin before handing over to Ian Holmes and Mark Kinch who extended the lead to about 9 minutes on leg 5 with another fastest leg for the team. Robin Lawrence and Jason Feeny secured victory on leg 6.

The Bingley mixed team finished in 25th position to pick up the 2nd mixed team prize 4 minutes behind Pudsey and Bramley.

(13/02/99) THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

The Club's under 15 girls' team became overall winners of the West Yorkshire Cross Country League today. They made sure of their gold medals by winning the 4th event at Woodside with Louise Traynor 3rd; Niomi Johnson 5th and Vicky Stainburn 7th. The under 13 boys won silver medals finishing 3rd on the day with Sam Clegg 3rd; Luke Johnson 11th and Matt Dickerson 16th being supported by Ben Amber in 17th place.

(01/02/99) THE GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF LISBON

The European Clubs Cross Country Championships were held in Lisbon, Portugal, this weekend in temperatures of 70 - 80 degrees. Team Captain Colin Moore said "It was supposed to be a cross-country event but most runners wore road shoes and the organisers were out with brushes painting the course green before the start!" The Bingley team, who were representing England after winning the National last year, finished in 8th place overall and were the first British team. Colin lead the team home in 25th place, other scorers were: Andy Peace, 42nd; Steve Green, 47th; Steve Hawkins, 60th; Mick Hawkins, 61st and Matthew Whitfield 70th. The event was won by the Portuguese with the Spanish 2nd and Italians 3rd.

(25/01/99) LOCAL RIVALRY IN STANBURY SPLASH

Bingley Harriers Ian Ferguson and Colin Moses featured in the battle for first local in the 16th Sreen Stanbury Splash on Sunday. The 7 mile event, organised by Dave Woodhead, saw the two locked almost shoulder to shoulder for most of the distance. Ahead at the trig point Colin became disoriented which presented Ian with the chance he had been waiting for and he romped home to take the First Local award. For those interested in the minor placings Ian Holmes won the event for the 4th consecutive year.

(11/01/99) YORKSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP WINS

Bingley Harriers & A.C. became Yorkshire Cross Country Champions for the 10th time at Rotherham placing 6 scorers in the top 20 positions. Colin Moore, in bronze medal position, was the team's first counter being followed home by Andy Peace, 5th; Matthew Whitfield, 6th; Ian Holmes, 7th; Robert Jebb, 18th and Phillip Tedd 19th. The Club's under 15 girls team also came home with a gold medal the winning team consisting of Grace Bendle, 5th; Rebecca Smith, 7th and Victoria Stainburn 18th. Carol Greenwood won the Senior Women's Title.

(06/01/99) SAD LOSS OF KEITH FIRM

Keith Firm, the 65 year old Club Coach, has died in Leeds General Infirmary following an operation.

Keith has been a major influence on countless track & field athletes over the years and has always been a keen supporter of Club events. His particular forte being in the catering field where many Harriers have enjoyed the taste of Keith's butties.

His wife, Judith, died eight years ago, suddenly, from a brain haemorrhage the Judith Firm Memorial Race being named in her memory.

(20/12/98) ENDURANCE TEST

Stuart Thompson became only the 11th athlete to successfully complete the daunting test of endurance set by the legendary fell runner Joss Naylor in 1990.

Stuart, 50, completed the 48 mile run from Pooley Bridge, which includes 30 peaks and a total ascent of 16,000ft, in 11 hours 25 minutes. His time was 5 minutes faster than the time Joss set in creating this challenge for any athlete over 50 to complete the course in under 12 hours.