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(22/12/01) MALCOLM'S 50 RECOGNIZED

After today's Christmas Handicap Malcom Ebbage was presented with a memento of his 50-year association with Bingley Harriers. Amid heckling from fellow long-standing member, Geoff Garnett, Malcom faithfully recounted his personal bests over various distances "runners never forget their best times" he said. Malcom is a Vice President, having served as President from 1982 to 1984. He was also Club Secretary for three years being the first one in the Club's history not to have the surname 'Smith'.

(15/12/01) BRADFORD & HALIFAX CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Held at Northcliffe Park today, in good conditions, we were treated to a terrific battle. Steve Green and John Taylor battled on the demanding course for the above title, with Steve opening a gap of 7 seconds on the 2nd big lap, John held that gap right through the race, but Steve put on a very determined burst in the final climb to finally put pay to John's dogged determination and came home the Bradford and Halifax District Cross Country Champion. Backed up by John Taylor's 2nd, Andy Peace's 3rd (this after a very heavy morning of Christmas post), Billy Legg came in 5th and the 5th counter being veteran racing machine Cary Gray, Bingley won the team competition too. Thanks of course go to the many helpers who ensured the event was well and truly ran as well as run.

(10/12/01) DOUBLE JOY FOR RELAY TEAMS

Bingley's men's and women's relay teams scored a double success in the Calderdale Way Relay event yesterday repeating their victories of 12 months ago. The men's 'A' team got off to an 'indifferent' start on leg 1 with Jason Paker and Billy Legg handing over in 12th position to Rob Jebb and John Taylor who set the fastest time of the day on leg 2 reaching the changeover in 4th place. Captain Feeney and Colin 'Chainsaw' Moses pulled one place back on leg 3 before Ian Holmes and Andy Peace set another fastest time of the day on the next leg to Wainstalls. Embarking on leg 5 in 2nd spot Robin Lawrence, apparently suffering no ill effects from his birthday bash the night before, and Mike Scott ran splendidly maintaining 2nd spot and on the final 'glory' leg Steve Green and Chris Cariss, in overhauling local rivals Pudsey & Bramley, set another fastest time of the day to finish in 1st place with a winning margin of about 2 minutes. Also worth a mention is the performance of young Adam walker who, paired with 'Kendal' Ken Robinson set the 7th fastest time on leg 5 running for the men's 'B' team.

(25/11/01) WEST YORKSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

Louise Geldart stormed to victory in the Under 17 ladies race at Cleckheaton yesterday for the 3rd time out of 3 in this season's fixtures. This means that with 1 race left in the series, Louise has dominated to the extent that she has already clinched the League title for this winter in the age group. Well done Champ!

The senior men's race was won on fine style by Chris Cariss with the supporting cast ensuring that Bingley also won the the team event.

(12/11/01) NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS

Yesterday saw the ECCA Cross Country Relays at their now traditional home of Berry Hill Park in Mansfield. Bingley turned out a good squad of Junior Athletes who came home with some encouraging results:

Under 13 Girls: Squad comprising Eleanor Kitchen, Harriet Chrispin & Hayley Sharpe finished in 28th place. Eleanor ran very well to put the team in 15th after leg 1 whilst the other 2 less experienced girls ran their socks off for the club.

Under 13 boys: Squad of Aaron Fletcher, Sam Webster & Ralph Connolly finished 27th. Committed runs from all the lads who can only have gained from the experience.

Under 15 girls: Squad of Lucy Mayo, Alana Gill & Vicky Walker finished 34th. The consistent good runs we're now coming to expect from Lucy & Vicky were ably backed up by new girl Alana - keep training girls!

Under 15 Boys: Ben Ambler, Michael Sitti & James Wilson finished 50th. Good to see Ben back in action with the squad.

Under 17 Women: Louise Geldart was our only competitor and recorded the 8th fastest time of the day in this keenly competitive race in which the top 10 times were only spread over half a minute.

Under 17 Men: Sam Clegg, Bob Daly & Luke Johnson all had much improved runs from those in the National Road Relays a fortnight ago to take 20th place. Well done lads - keep training!

The men's A team of Steve Green, Chris Cariss, Mark Croasdale & Phil Tedd finished 4th.

(10/11/01) 2001 EASTERN REGION RANKINGS

We have several athletes who have done exceptionally well to be some of the top ranked athletes in the Eastern Region. We would like to see more names added to this list next year. More hard work and dedication brings just rewards!

(30/10/01) SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE/ ENDURANCE DAY 2001

Following on from yet another outstandingly successful Schools Cross Country in Myrtle Park in September we followed it on again with the Endurance Development Day at Beckfoot School in the October Half Term break.

Over 600 children took part from schools across the Bradford, Bingley and Keighley areas. The 10 top runners in each age group were invited to attend the Fila sponsored event and had a very informative and fun day. Guest speakers were Mick Hawkins the former Commonwealth games England representative in New Zealand and Phil Tedd our rising 1500m star of the future. Ann Jebb gave a very enlightening talk on nutrition and I know that her advice has already been taken on board. Fartlek running and circuit training were the 'hard aspects of the day. However all the athletes went home with a smile on their faces as they competed in the Steeplechase Grand Prix cheered on by Hound Dog the Bingley Harriers Junior Club Mascot.

Videos of the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney and the 1999 Worlds Cross-Country Championships in Belfast were watched intently throughout the day. T-Shirts were provided by FILA and U.K Athletics also provided T-Shirts, Pens and Key Rings for the 60 athletes and helpers. The Day finished with a question and answer time with the guests.

(28/10/01) VETS IN GOLD RUSH

Bingley Harriers "Golden Oldies" lived up to their name at Darlington in the National Cross Country Relays; Team Manager Geoff Garnett was well pleased with his Teams' performances. The M/60 kicked off with winning the Gold medal the team of three, Dave Barber, John Firth and Fred Gibbs winning by a comfortable margin. Fred running the fastest leg in his age group. It was a lot closer in the M50 race Bingley again winning by some 5 seconds in an exciting race. Neil Robson, Mike Smith, Gerry Bell, and Peter Probin being the team members. The M/40 saw Bingley just out of the medals finishing a close 5th.

(23/10/01) FRA RELAY WIN FOR BINGLEY

A team of Bingley Fell Runners won the Fell Runners Association Relay Championships last Sunday 22nd October. The event which is held each year at a different venue was run this year at Llanberis, North Wales. No Strangers to winning the championship, Bingley men have taken the honours four times previously in the event's 12 year history. First leg runner Chris Cariss, recent winner of the Manchester Marathon, put the team in 'pounce position' with 4th place. The second, long leg, which is run by pairs, was attacked by the duo of Rob Jebb and Andy Peace who flew round to take the lead by approximately 1 minute. The third leg, traditionally the dreaded navigation leg, again run by a pair, was secured by John Taylor and Robin Lawrence, who increased Bingley's lead again. The final solo leg was left to the British Fell Running Champion, Ian Holmes, to polish off.

Atringham were runners up, with Cumberland Fell Runners third place and local rivals Pudsey and Bramley in fourth place.

(14/10/01) BINGLEY TAKE HONOURS AT WITHINS AGAIN

Bingley men took the honours in the 7 mile Withins Skyline at Haworth once again on Saturday. The charge was led by Ian Holmes who was victorious in a time of 41.20. Second Bingley man home was Rob Jebb 43.16 and third counter Robin Lawrence in 44.14. This year the event counted as the Yorkshire Fell Championship, a well deserved title for Ian, who suffered a bad fall in last year's event resulting in hospital treatment.

(08/10/01) NORTHERN ROAD RELAYS

The Northern 6 stage and 4 stage Road Relays were held in Sunderland at the weekend and Bingley teams came away with a set of bronze medals in both events. The men's team performance was: Phillip Tedd (5) 19:49 Mick Hawkins (5) 20:38 Steve Green (2) 20:19 Ian Holmes (2) 20:32 Mark Delahunty (3) 21:03 Chris Cariss (3) 20:31. In the women's 4 stage event the results were: Lisa Mawer (5) 12:26 Meryl Dodd (2) 12:26 Pauline Munro (3) 12:57 Gill Keddie (3) 12:43.

(08/10/01) NORTH OF ENGLAND YOUNG ATHLETES ROAD RELAYS, CARLISLE

In the U13 Boys there was one Bingley athlete, Jonathan Brownlee, who came 5th on 1st stage and recorded 10th fastest time of 14:33. This followed up his victory at Skipton on Saturday. The U15 Girls team was incomplete as Vicky Walker was forced to withdraw on morning of race due to illness. Rebecca Long came in 6th on 1st leg in 8:41. Lucy Mayo moved up to 4th on 2nd leg with 8:50. Excellent runs by both girls. The race was won by Gateshead. The U15 Boys finished 19th -leg 1 Alistair Brownlee 13:38, leg 2 James Wilson 15:01, leg 3 Michael Sitti 15:30, leg 4 Philip Picken 18:16. Another excellent effort from Alistair was backed up by some solid performances from the other lads who can only gain from the experience. Race won by Liverpool H. The U17 Women were 8th - leg 1 Louise Naylor 9:13, leg 2 Rebecca Holmes 9:10, leg 3 Louise Geldart 8:41. A good, solid effort by the Bingley team. Race won by Liverpool H. The U17 Men were also 8th - leg 1 Sam Clegg 12:31, leg 2 Mark Hardman 14:01, leg 3 Bob Daly 13:33, leg 4 Luke Johnson 13:35. Another top effort from the lads with the starring role for the day coming from Sam with 2nd place on leg 1 and 7th fastest time overall. Race won by Gosforth H.

(08/10/01) WINTER SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS MINI LEAGUE 2001- MATCH 1.

On 5th October the inaugural Mini Sports Hall league was held at Beckfoot School making use of the new Sports Hall for the first time. Local Primary Schools who have had a visit by the Bingley Harriers Junior Mascot Hound Dog and have some insight into Sports Hall athletics were invited to the match. The Hall was packed with 120 noisy enthusiastic children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves having a taster of Fun in Athletics.

(08/10/01) AGM RESULTS!

The 107th Annual General Meeting of Bingley Harriers was held on Monday 1st October at Beckfoot School where President Graham Smith announced that the Sydney Glover Trophy for outstanding achievement would this year be awarded to Ian Holmes. Ian, who has an outstanding list of honours on the fells, has been involved in different races this year due to the cancellation of many fell events and has been a regular member of the Club's championship teams. He has won the British Fell Championship four times and the English Fell Championship three times. He is also something of a hero in Malaysia where he makes a regular habit of winning the Mount Kinabalu Climbathon.

(29/09/01) FUN DAY SUCCESS

The Pulton Cup / Fun Day / Grand Opening of our new headquarters at Beckfoot School was a huge success. The event got off to a business like start with Adrian's Pack run around St Ives and Harden which was endured and enjoyed by a large group of the club's senior athletes. Incidentally this was similar training territory to that covered by the very first club run in 1893. This was followed by the opening ceremony in which the President, Graham Smith, closely watched by Hound Dog, the Club mascot, cut the tape at the door to the new facilities. The afternoon then became altogether more serious with members putting all their efforts into the wellie throwing, foam rocket chucking and plastic fried egg tossing competitions. All interspersed with some fairly ordinary running events. Highlight of the day as we go to press was Neil Barrett's excellent performance in the wellington event which proves that his summer spent training at altitude was not in vain. The afternoon rounded off with an invitation mascot race in which hound dog woofed to victory over various other assorted bears and bulls.

(27/09/01) TEMPLE NEWSHAM 5 MILE

The above race took place on Sunday 23rd September around the grounds of Temple Newsham Park on a mainly track & trail course

with two long climbs. First Bingley man home in 5th place with a time of 27.10 was Steve Robinson V40 and second Bingley man home was Adrian Netherwood in 26th place with a time of 30.58 and 264 runners took place. Other notable finishes from Bingley were Oliver Downing 5th M50 and Derek Gill who was second man over 70!

(24/09/01) MANCHESTER SUCCESS FOR CHRIS

Chris Cariss repeated Jimmy Ashworth's success of 1985 by winning the Manchester Marathon on Sunday in a time of 2hrs 25mins. Mum Sue finished 6th in 3hrs 4mins 40secs just a minute or so outside her own club record. Meanwhile on Saturday at the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield the Bingley team of Steve Robinson, Billy Legg, Phil Tedd, Mick Hawkins, Steve Green and Stuart MacDonald secured victory the Yorkshire Road Relay Championships whilst the women's team finished 2nd behind Wakefield.

(03/09/01) 21UP FOR FRANK

A convincing team win was the order of the day for Bingley Harriers athletes in this years Ben Nevis race on Saturday. In wet misty conditions Andy Peace was first to reach the summit, but faded on the descent leaving the way open for local man Danny Rogers Lochaber AC to take the honours. Ian Holmes followed in second place backed up by Rob Jebb and Andy Peace in 3rd and 4th places respectively to clinch the team award. Frank Dobson completed the course to achieve his twenty first Ben Nevis race certificate.

1. Danny Rogers 1.29.24 (Lochaber AC)
 2. Ian Holmes 1.29.43
 3. Rob Jebb 1.31.39
 4. Andy Peace 1.32.20 1st to summit
- Sharon Taylor 2.06.00 5th Lady

(29/08/01) BINGLEY HARRIERS ATHLETES OF THE MATCH

In the McDonald's National Young Athletes League the Bingley Boys Team finished in eleventh place to keep their Premier Division status. They were helped by Ben Manchester with his grade 2 performance in winning the 400m Hurdles in 59.3 and being awarded the McDonald's Athlete of the match at Middlesborough.

The Girls Team in their first year in the Premier Division struggled to find consistency and are relegated to Division one for next season. The team had its star performances, which included Megan Routledge who earned the McDonald's Athlete of the Match at Wakefield with her win in the under 13 Girls Shot put with a grade 2 performance of 7.91 metres.

(29/07/01) THIRD TIME LUCKY

It was Bingley Harriers' day at Oldham on Sunday as their junior men notched up their first victory in the third match of the National Junior League Pennine division. Narrowly beaten on the two previous occasions by strong Spenborough AC squads, it was more than appropriate that determination and effort in the Bingley camp should be rewarded this time round. The last event of the day, the 4 × 400m relay, typified the day's success. This is an event in which it is more usual to see the blue and white stripes of Bingley struggling to stay within a good half lap behind the winner. However on this occasion Dave Stoker, Matthew Allen, Rhys Bartle and Dave Marshall produced the type of winning performance that made it hard for any of the other seven Pennine teams to get even close to. Further individual successes came in the 400m hurdles for Northern U17 champion Ben Manchester, and for Mark Hardman in the 'B' string steeplechase. Dave Stoker and Andrew Johnson recorded long jump personal bests of 5.86 and 5.34 respectively, while the club as a whole never finished outside the top 2 positions in any of the 'B' string disciplines. On one of the hottest days of the summer there was neither a disappointed face nor a pair of unburned shoulders on the return journey.

(20/07/01) BRONZE DOWN UNDER

At the World Veterans Championships held in Brisbane Australian Mike Smith in the 0/55 category grabbed a Bronze Medal in the final of the 1500 metres in a time of 4.34.1 which is the fastest by an 0/55 this season so far. Earlier in the week Mike was 11th and the third counter in the Gt. Britain team which took Gold in the Cross Country race held at Queensland University.

(10/07/01) ENGLISH SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bingley Harriers had 6 representatives at the English Schools, Championships in Exeter last weekend. This event is classed as being the kids Olympics. More than 1800 young athletes from 44 Counties took part in this 71st event. To reach these championships almost one million Secondary school children have competed in trials at school and district level. The county championships have seen more than 44,000 athletes competing and it is therefore incredible that our athletes not only reached the championships but also achieved creditable positions in their chosen events. The results are as follows:-

- North Yorks Oliver Brewer Ermystead 200m Steeplechase 12th 6.17.96
- West Yorks Ben Manchester BGS 400mH 4th in final 57.34
- West Yorks Rebecca Smith BGS 800m 6th in heat 2.18.45
- West Yorks Frances Noble St Josephs Triple Jump 11th 10.79m
- West Yorks Emily Noble St Josephs 75m H 6th in heat 12.07
- West Yorks Jessica Forbes BGS 200m 5th in heat 26.86

(03/07/01) MCDONALD'S GIRLS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION, WAKEFIELD, 1/7/01

Bingley Harriers finished in seventh place on 194 points, eight points behind Rotherham, in the latest McDonald's Girls League Premier Division fixture at Wakefield. The winners were Sale with 397 points and local rivals Spenborough finished in eighth place with 163 points. In the under 13 A Shot Putt, Megan Routledge produced a grade two performance with 7.91 and was selected as the 'Athlete of the Match'. There was a double success in the Shot as Liddy Bears won the B string event with 6.24. The next match is at Jarrow on July 22nd and Bingley will have to work hard in order to retain their Premier League status against leading Northern clubs such as Sale, Gateshead, Hull and Wakefield.

(03/07/01) INTER CLUB KNOCK -OUT, ROUND 1, CLECKHEATON, 24/6/01

Bingley came fifth with 109 points and were edged out of fourth place by Spenborough who finished four points better than Bingley in the annual Club Knock-Out at Cleckheaton. Wakefield won the match with 161.5 points followed by Hull and Rotherham. Joanne Oates

added to her recent victories in winning the 400m hurdles in 61.9.

(27/06/01) BRITISH VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the British Veteran's Championships at Eton on 23rd and 24th June, the Bingley contingent maintained their proud record of collecting medals. In Temperatures of 88 degrees the longer distance runners suffered, but still produced to goods. O/45 Ian Lindley Silver Medal in the Shot at 13.37m.

- O/50 Neil Robson Gold Medal in the 10000 metres - in 36.21
- O/55 Mike Smith Silver Medal in the 1500metres- in 4-37.7 and again 2nd in the 800 metres in 2-17.2
- O/60 Fred Gibbs Bronze Medal in the 1500metres in 5.09 and Silver in the 10,000 metres in 39.00

All travelled home to a slightly cooler climate, discussing how to turn Silver into Gold..

(21/06/01) TEAMWORK ENSURES SECOND PLACE AT CLECKHEATON

In the second match of the National Junior League's Pennine Division on Sunday, Bingley Harriers junior men recorded another creditable 2nd place, but as in the first match at Blackpool in April, the team were once more denied victory in a two-horse tussle for top of the podium with neighbours and hosts of this particular match, Spenborough and District.

Right up to the very last event, the 4 x 400m relay, the Harriers were in contention for maximum league points that would have secured first place - league points that would have been vital if Bingley were to be promoted to the Northern Premier Division next summer. But the race is far from over. With two matches remaining, two wins under the Bingley belt would mean a promotion could well be on the cards.

What characterised the excellent second place was a real sense of teamwork, with every team member playing a significant role in obtaining match points for the cumulative total, added up from individual points scores from the individual track and field disciplines, which are split into B string and a more competitive A string competition. Rhys Bartle recorded an impressive track double in the 'B' string 200m and 400m, with times of 24.0 and 54.1 respectively while Matthew Allan (B string 400m hurdles), Oliver Brewer (A string steeplechase) and Mark Hardman (B string steeplechase) also recorded track wins. On the field Steven Jack in the high jump, Chris Heaton in the discus and Danny Crosby in the triple jump all recorded B string victories. Perhaps symbolising the nature of Bingley's teamwork though was young Bob Daley, who, despite never sprint hurdling in his life before was willing to gain an extra match point or two by gallantly tackling the 3'3" hurdles in the 110m hurdles.

In the women's events Bingley underlined their strength in distance events with Rebecca Smith achieving a double in the A 800m and 1500m races and Louise Geldart and Louise Naylor won their respective races in the 3,000m.

(20/06/01) NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS, WAVERTREE, 17/6/01

There was a double success for Phil Tedd and Joanne Oates of Bingley Harriers at the Northern Championships at Wavertree. The athletes had to contend with a strong wind which affected finishing times. Phil Tedd won the 1500m in 3:53.90 whilst the bronze medal went to Brett Stocks of Sheffield. Joanne Oates added to her recent successes in the Northern Women's League and gave a good performance to finish second in the 400m hurdles in 62.53. Both athletes have been selected to represent the North of England in the Senior Inter Territorial match at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on 30th June. Where they will compete against other athletes from the Midlands and the South.

(13/06/01) THE KEITH FIRM INDOOR YOUNG ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Keith who was one of our coaches sadly died in 1999 and Bingley Harriers decided that they would like a permanent reminder of all the hard work and dedication that Keith gave to our club. We decided to donate a plate that will be presented at the end of the indoor season each year to the most outstanding indoor performance by a young athlete. This year we have decided to present it to two sisters Emily and Frances Noble who have achieved the following:

Emily Noble's achievements:

- 8th in the AAA's national indoor U15 pentathlon.
- 2nd in the West Yorkshire Sports Hall U13 standing triple jump.
- 1st in the North East Sports Hall U13 standing triple jump and helped the team to 1st place in the circuit relay and 1st overall whilst representing West Yorkshire.
- 13th in the North of England indoor U15 pentathlon.
- 6th in the National Sports Hall U13 standing triple jump and helped the team to 3rd place in the circuit relay and 2nd overall whilst representing West Yorkshire.

Frances Noble's achievements:

- 13th in the AAA's national indoor U17 pentathlon.
- 1st in the West Yorkshire sports hall U15 2 lap sprint, 2nd in the vertical jump and 3rd in the shot.
1st in the north east sports hall u15 2 lap, 2nd in the vertical jump, 3rd in the shot and 2nd overall in the all rounder competition whilst representing West Yorkshire
- 6th in the North of England indoor U17 pentathlon

It was a very difficult decision to make because they have both equally achieved excellent results, so we have decided that the plate should be shared equally between them.

(05/06/01) MCDONALD'S YOUNG ATHLETES LEAGUE, 3/6/01

Bingley Harriers finished third in the McDonald's Young Athletes Northern Premier Division match on the Wirral, Merseyside. Southport Waterloo were the overall winners with 198 points, followed by Bingley (3rd) on 162 and Spenborough (4th) on 86 points. Pride of place goes to James Routledge, who achieved a treble with wins in the 'A' Shot Putt, Discus and Hammer. Brothers, Alistair and Jonathan Brownlee scored a double success in the under 15-3000m 'A' in 10.18 and in the under 13 'A' 1500m in 5.11.

(05/06/01) CLUB LONG JUMP RECORD BROKEN

In the second round of the North of England Women's League Division 1 match at Blackpool, Bingley Harriers were edged out of third place by just one point by Rotherham who finished with 366 points. Sale were the overall winners with 446 points. By winning the under 17 'A' Long Jump Frances Noble achieved a personal best of 5.48m and also broke a club record, which was set in 1992 by former junior international Leone Dickinson. Frances' younger sister Emily won the under 15 'A' 75m hurdles in 12.3 and also finished second in the 'B' 100m in 13.7. Jessica Forbes recorded a win in the under 15 'A' 100m in 12.9 which was a personal best and a second in the 'A' 200m in 26.9. The next round is at Rotherham in early August.

(27/05/01) GREAT NORTH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING, CUDWORTH

Ben Manchester of Bingley Harriers gave an outstanding performance to win the under 17 400m hurdles in 56.55 at the Great North Junior Championships at Cudworth at the weekend. In second place was Adam Fell of Holmfirth, who earlier this month finished in front of Ben to win the Yorkshire Championships 400m hurdles title. In the under 17 women Frances Noble was (3rd) in the Triple Jump in 10.61. In the junior men and women, Oliver Brewer (4th) in the 2000m Steeplechase and Georgina Roberts (4th) in the 400m hurdles in 65.09 just finished outside the leading places.

(24/05/01) UNDER 13'S TAKE THE HONOURS AT MCDONALD'S YOUNG ATHLETES LEAGUE

An under strength Bingley Harriers girls team finished seventh with 215 points at the first McDonald's Young Athletes Premier Division 2 meeting of the season at Rotherham. A strong Sale team were the overall winners with 385 points with Mansfield (2nd) on 313 and Wakefield (3rd) on 311 points. Double wins were recorded in the under 13 girls 70m H 'A' and 'B' races by Stephanie McCartney in 12.7 and Rachel Stokes in 13.6. There was another double success in the under 13 girls Shot 'A' and 'B' events with Megan Routledge winning in 7.61 and Liddy Blears in 6.04. The next round is at Wakefield in early July.

(19/05/01) YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bingley Harriers had several winners at the Yorkshire Championships at Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield. Phil Tedd won the senior 1500m in 3.56 and finished third to Jon Stewart of Halifax, a former junior championship record holder in the 800m. Wakefield's domination of the women's events was broken by Joanne Oates and Lisa Mawer, both recent winners in the Northern Women's League, who followed up with victories in the 400m and 3000m. Both achieved personal bests with 61.89 and 9.53 respectively. Victories were also achieved by Matthew Cottam - boys U13 Long jump, Frances Noble - girls U17 triple jump, Megan Routledge - girls U13 Shot and Oliver Brewer in the men's U20 2000m Steeplechase.

(10/05/01) NORTHERN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Bingley Harriers sent a team to the first Northern Women's League meeting of the season at Longford Park, Stretford on Sunday. Bingley are hoping to at least maintain their Premiership status or improve on last season's final position of fourth. Sale sent a formidable squad to the meeting and were the overall winners with 518 points. An under strength Bingley team finished in sixth position on 327 points and will be hoping for a return of some key squad members for the next round at Blackpool in early June. Notable performances came from Joanne Oates who won the senior 200m 'A' race with a personal best of 25.69. Lisa Mawer led from the front in the senior 3000m 'A' with a personal best of 10.00. In the under 15 girls 'A' 800m Rebecca Long gave a grade two performance finishing in second place in 2.24.

(30/04/01) BINGLEY ENCOURAGED BY SECOND POSITION IN NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE "COMEBACK"

A mixed bag of Blackpudlian weather wasn't going to stop Bingley Harriers' junior men's team from notching up a fine second place in the first match of the National Junior League Pennine Division on Sunday. The newcomers to the league, after several years of not forwarding a team, did themselves proud with a consistent performance across the range of disciplines and dedication from every team member. "I was chuffed to bits," stated Elaine Robinson, team manager "We had no idea how we were going to do". The league, which contains men's and women's matches at the same venue, consists of four matches held across the summer. In each match seven teams including the likes of Carlisle Aspartia in the North to Leeds City in the South jostle for points across the individual track and field disciplines, which are totalled to give a team winner at the end of the day. On this occasion it was another West Yorkshire Club, Spenborough, who just pipped Bingley at the post by a margin of just 6 of the 300-plus available match points. Individual victories included David Stoker in the 'B - string' 400m with 54.2 seconds, and Oliver Brewer and Matthew Allan in the 'A' and 'B string' 400m hurdles respectively. In some of the more competitive events first places were that little bit harder to come by, but Matthew Savage in the javelin and 200m, Steven Jack in the discus and Dave Marshall did particularly well in getting points on the board. Marshall, a 400m sprinter by trade, took one step upwards in Blackpool to race over 800m. With a promising time of 2.05.5 minutes, in below par weather conditions, the Lorraine Crosby coached athlete added a new string to his bow and must surely have an eye on the distance for future matches. Particular praise should go to the large amount of youngsters involved on the weekend. With a 9.53.7 minutes 3000m and a 4.36 1500m and competing against athletes up to four years older, Sam Clegg showed he is a force to be reckoned with in his own age group this summer. Valuable support came from David Todd, James Routledge, Bob Daley, Andrew Johnson and Danny Crosby, who smashed the 5-metre barrier in the long jump for the first time with 5m36cm. On the whole an excellent start to the track and field season for the team, who must be brimming with confidence for the next match of the Junior League at Cleckheaton on the 17th June, where everyone hopes the weather our side of the Pennines won't mimic that of Blackpool's.

(22/04/01) SPORTSHALL SILVER

The National Finals of the Sportshall Athletics was held at the Birmingham National Indoor Arena on Saturday 21st April. The team of 12 Under 13 Girls representing the West Yorkshire after winning the Regional final in March finished in the silver medal position the best ever team position for a West Yorkshire Team. The individuals came home with a tally of eight National Medals with Yorkshire Martyrs and Bradford Airedale star Lauren Evans achieving a gold medal in the 2 lap sprint and the Standing Long Jump. Bethany Stainland of Bradford Girls Grammar came away with gold in the 6 Lap Final. Ashley Little of Garforth Community College gained bronze in the High Jump and in the Circuit Relay Final, Emily Noble (St Joseph's), Ana Gonzalez (Beckfoot School), Laura Teasdale (Osset HS) and Hannah Francis Smithson (Birchfield Primary, Leeds) won bronze medals. The other Team Members who all scored well to help the team to Silver were Vicky Walker, Leanne Newiss (Bingley Grammar), Nicola Hamilton (West End Middle School), Kirsty Parr (Wetherby High) and Hayley Briscoe (Castleford).

(08/04/01) MCDONALD'S ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bingley Harriers sent junior teams to the McDonald's Road Relay Championships at Sutton Park, Birmingham on Sunday. The under 13 girls team finished in 33rd position from a field of 51 teams. They had a combined time of 30.10. Aldershot and Farnham were the winners in 25.16.

Against strong opposition the under 15 boys team finished 12th in a field of 46 teams. They clocked a time of 54.57 with final leg runner Sam Clegg (12th) leading the team home in 13.10. Halesowen won the team race in 52.20. The under 15 girls finished in 17th position in a field of 43 teams. They recorded a time of 28.16 with Aldershot and Farnham once again the winners in 25.34.

(08/04/01) NORTHERN 12 STAGE MEDALS

The senior men's team came home with a set of bronze medals from the Northern 12 stage road relays at Leeds yesterday. Ian Holmes was the team's quickest member over the final short leg to overhaul a place to ensure 3rd spot behind Morpeth and Salford. The ladies 6-stage team missed out on a podium spot finishing 4th, just 19 seconds behind 3rd placed Liverpool with Sale and Salford taking 1st and 2nd respectively.

(25/03/01) MCDONALD'S MULTI-TERRAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

1K race at Greenhead Track, Keighley and Overall Champions

The 1K Track Race on 18th March was the last in a series of 3 races to make up the Multi-Terrain Championship 2001. The weather was a little kinder to us this time although the token snowfall came before and after the competition! Over 50 children have taken part from Bingley Harriers, Bradford Airedale and Keighley and Craven Athletics Clubs and have really enjoyed their taste of endurance running. We hope to continue the event next year with the inclusion of Leeds City AC and we must thank the Shipley McDonald's for providing the medals and trophies

(17/03/01) FINE VINTAGE IN BORDEAUX

Bingley's Fred Gibbs and Mike Smith travelled to Bordeaux last weekend to compete in the European Veterans Indoor Championships.

Fred finished 2nd in the 3000m in 10:19, just .3 of a second behind the winner, and also finished 4th in the 1500m in 4:54. Mike was 4th in the 800m in 2:25 and 6th in the 1500m in 5:00.

(17/03/01) NORTH EAST REGIONAL SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS FINALS

Four teams representing West Yorkshire travelled to Thornaby on Tees last Sunday to compete for places in the National Finals to be held at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham next month.

In this year's competition it was the strong Under 13 Girls team that showed the records that they broke in the West Yorkshire Trials were no fluke when they romped home 92 points clear of their nearest rivals from Tyne & Wear. Every member of the 12 Girl team came home with at least one medal. They now look forward to the trip to the National Indoor Arena on 21st April.

In the Under 15 Individual All-Rounder competition West Yorkshire members Nicole Welsh (Wakefield Harriers) was first and Frances Noble (Bingley Harriers) was placed second overall. A lapse in the passing of the relay batten in the 2 Lap relay race when the relay team lost their lead to finish in second place proved to be very costly. The West Yorkshire Under 15 Girls team came second by just 5 points to Tees Valley to miss out on the trip to Birmingham.

Nicole Welsh will qualify as an individual to compete in the National Final at Birmingham.

The Under 15 Boys team finished third behind Tees Valley and Tyne & Wear and the Under 13 Boys team finished in second place behind Tyne & Wear.

(11/03/01) ADIDAS MINI LONDON MARATHON, 22 APRIL 2001

Nine runners from the Bradford district have been chosen to represent West Yorkshire Schools Athletic Association at the Adidas Mini London Marathon on 22nd April. Altogether West Yorkshire schools are sending a team of thirty-six runners to the event.

Besides Bradford schools, runners were selected from Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield. This year the organisers have invited ten county teams and two regional teams to join the thirty-three existing borough teams at the finals in London. The race route is via Victoria Embankment, Birdcage Walk and finishes on The Mall. Included in the squad is Louise Geldart of Beckfoot who finished twelfth overall in the under 17 girls race at last month's National Cross Country Championships at Durham.

SUCCESSFUL BRADFORD SCHOOLS ATHLETES ARE:

Under 13 Girls

Jill Harrison - Woodhouse Grove

Bethany Stainland - Bradford Girls Grammar

Under 13 Boys

Alistair Brownlee - Bradford Grammar School

Jamie Chambers - Oakbank

Under 15 Girls

Louise Naylor - Thornton Grammar School

Under 15 Boys

Dean Cunningham - Oakbank

Nick Howard - Bradford Grammar School

Under 17 Girls

Loiuse Geldart - Beckfoot

Grace Bendle - Bingley Grammar School

(03/03/01) MCDONALD'S MULTI-TERRAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

As the Bingley Harriers Men's Team became National Cross Country Champions the Bingley junior section were joined by Bradford Airedale and Keighley & Craven athletes for the second in the three race series. Yet again the weather has a big say in our event for school years 4,5,6&7 children. The second race was scheduled for Sunday and should have been run on a tarmac surface around Harold Park. A snowfall and freezing conditions left the park in a dangerous condition and not safe for athletes to run on. We did not want to disappoint the 50 children and their parents who had travelled from the Keighley and Bingley areas so we decided to hold the race on grass again around the football pitches at Horsfall Playing fields. We look forward to the last race in the series at Greenhead on 18th March and hope that the weather will be kind to us. The medallist's for the Horsfall races are: -

Year 4 Boys: 4th Sam Leach (Bingley) 2nd Steven Durrant (Bingley) 3rd Tom Williams (BA)

Year 4 Boys 1st Sam Jacob (Bingley) 2nd Steven Dunn (Bingley) 3rd Tom Wilkinson (BA)

Year 4 Girls 1st Amber Taylor (Bingley) 2nd Sophie Marsden (BA) 3rd Laura Costello (BA)

Year 5 Boys 1st Henry Crossley 2nd Thomas Crowley 3rd Lewis Reilly (All Bingley)

Year 5 Girls 1st Hannah Yates (Bingley)

Year 6 Boys 1st Jonathan Brownlee (Bingley) 2nd Elliot Dawson (BH) 3rd Jamie Emblon (BA)

Year 6 Girls 1st Leah Stubbington (K&C) 2nd Harriet Chrispen (BH) 3rd Hayley Sharpe (BH)

Year 7 Boys 1st Ben Tattersfield (Bfd Airedale) 2nd Joe Fawcett (BH) 3rd David Brewster (BH)

Year 7 Girls 1st Stephanie McCartney (K&C) 2nd Rebecca McCartney (K&C) 3rd Kim Robinson (B H)

The overall leaders after 2 events who are in contention for the McDonald's Trophies if they complete all 3 races are:-

Year 4 Boys 1st Sam Jacob (Bingley H)

Year 4 Girls 1st Amber Taylor (Bingley H)

Year 5 Boys 1st Henry Crossley (Bingley H)

Year 5 Girls 1st Hannah Yates (Bingley H)

Year 6 Boys 1st Jonathan Brownlee (Bingley H)

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Year 7 Boys 1st Ben Tattersfield (Bfd Airedale)

Year 7 Girls 1st Kim Robinson (Bingley H)

(25/02/01) NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Bingley Harriers confirmed their reputation as one of the leading clubs at the English Cross Championships held at Durham on Saturday. They won the senior men's team race for the 5th time in their history with Mark Croasdale (11th) leading the way and excellent packing came from Colin Moore (19th) John Taylor (21st) and former National junior champion Steve Brooks (22nd) and the much improved Chris Cariss (34th) and Steve Green (63rd). Bingley markers totalled 162 points, with defending champions Tipton (2nd) on 175 points and Morpeth (3rd) on 233 points. Mark Openshaw of Birchfield Harriers was the individual winner in 36.52 in a field of over 1,000.

Bingley women's team finished seventh overall with Meryl Dodd (19th) Lisa Mawer (21st) Sue Cariss (81st) and Kirsten Bailey (119th). Laura Yelling of Bedford was the individual winner in 28.08. An outstanding effort by Louise Geldart (12th) led the way in the under 17 women's race with good support coming from markers Rebecca Smith (35th) Grace Bendle (44th) and Naomi Johnson (101st). Fiona Fullerton of Havering Mayesbrook was the individual winner in 18.46. Royal Sutton Coldfield (3rd) edged out Bingley (4th) with 359 points, while Bingley markers totalled 371 points. Sale Harriers won the team race.

(24/02/01) VETS DO IT INDOORS

Bingley vets travelled to the National Indoor Track & Field Championships in Cardiff last weekend and came away with a couple of National Titles. Fred Gibbs won the over-60s 3000m event in 10:16 and was runner-up in the 1500m in 5:03. Ian Lindley struck gold in the Shot Putt with a record breaking throw of 13.81m. Fred and Mike Smith are gearing up for a trip to Bordeaux on 4th March to compete in the European Indoor Vets Track & Field Championships

(20/02/01) BRADFORD & HALIFAX CROSS COUNTRY

Because of the clash with the Sportshall Athletics only a few Bingley youngsters competed in the Bradford & Halifax Cross Country Championships at the weekend. There were a couple of successes, however, as junior hound dog of the month for January, Alistair Brownlee, won the under 13 race. Sam Clegg finished 1st and lead the under 15 boys team to victory being supported by Luke Johnson (4th), Bob Daley (8th) and Sean Mitchell (10th).

(20/02/01) WEST YORKSHIRE SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS OPEN AND SELECTION MEETING

On Saturday with an entry of 123 our West Yorkshire youngsters were breaking Sportshall Athletics records at Bingley Grammar School. The competition standard was exceptionally high with many club athletes taking part which accounted for a number of records falling. The number of entries was down on last year as the event clashed with the start of the Half Term Holidays and also the organisers felt that the Upper Schools in the Bradford Area have not yet got to grips with Athletics in the Schools. The Middle schools, last year, brought coach loads hence the record number of 220 entries in 2000.

The high standard in the competition makes possible the selection of strong teams of all round athletes to represent West Yorkshire in the North East Regional finals at Thornaby on Tees on Sunday 4th March. In the year 2000 we had two out of the four teams winning at Thornaby on Tees and gaining entry into the National Finals in Birmingham. We have selected 38 good all round athletes who I am sure will do even better this year on 21st April 2001 at the National Indoor Arena.

(18/02/01) TROGLODYTES

Ian Ferguson and Sharon Taylor both won at Wadsworth Trog. Ian broke his own record over the 20-mile course which had survived since 1993. Sharon notched up her first win of the year.

(12/02/01) ROSSENDALE WAY

Bingley once again stamped their authority on the fell running relay scene by pulling off both men and women's victories in the Rosendale Way Relay on Sunday. Also, it has now been confirmed that Bingley ladies won the 2000 Calderdale Relay - on the day they came second but Dark Peak have now been disqualified for fielding an incomplete team of first claim runners.

(10/02/01) MORE SUCCESS FOR WOMEN

in the WYCC League series Helen Livingstone was 3rd woman overall. In the Dewsbury 10K, Sue Cariss was 2nd O50, and together with Sue Robinson and Ruth Whitehead were 2nd women's team. Colin Moore was 1st O40.

(03/02/01) OGDEN SUCCESS FOR WOMEN

Bingley's women had a successful day at Allan Greenwood's Ogden race today where Kirsten Bailey, Helen Jackson and Sharon Taylor won the women's team prize.

(29/01/01) STANBURY WIN FOR IAN

Having enjoyed an easy training run the day before Ian Holmes was able to record a convincing victory at the Stanbury Solash ahead of

Rob Hope of Pudsey and Bramley.

(28/01/01) NORTHERN SUCCESS

Bingley enjoyed a successful day at the Northern Cross Country Championships at Witton Park, Blackburn yesterday with the senior men claiming the title they last won in 1997. The team's scorers were: John Taylor 5th, Mark Croasdale 11th, Ian Holmes 14th, Mick Hawkins 16th, Colin Moore 20th and Matthew Watson 26th. The senior women took silver medals in their event with Meryl Dodd 8th, Lisa Mawer 12th, Helen Jackson 24th and Ruth Whitehead 27th.

AND.....

The Under 17 Ladies (Girls) did O.K. last Saturday. Only 2nd in the Team event!! So lets hear it for the U/17s . Team:- Rebecca Smith 8th, Louise Geldart 12th, Grace Bendle 17th, and Naomi Johnson 50th. Great day for the Club.

(22/01/01) 2001 MCDONALD'S MULTI-TERRAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

RACE ONE - MYRTLE PARK, BINGLEY GRASS SURFACE (1K)

Despite the appalling weather conditions nearly forty young athletes competed in this the first of 3 races of 1K for school years 4,5,6, &7. The snow did not suit everyone and there were some very cold athletes out there. I hope these youngsters will not be put off endurance running! "Character Building" was one over heard comment. The first three in each race were as follows:

Year 4 Boys 1st Sam Jacomb 2nd Steven Dunn 3rd Craig Hughes (All Bingley Harriers)

Year 4 Girls 1st Amber Taylor (Bingley H)

Year 5 Boys 1st Henry Crossley 2nd Thomas Crowley 3rd Bradley Fletcher (All Bingley H)

Year 5 Girls 1st Hannah York 2nd Natalie Bates 3rd Emma Thompson (All Bingley H)

Year 6 Boys 1st Jonathan Brownlee 2nd Robert Duckworth 3rd Jonathan Picken (All Bingley H)

Year 6 Girls 1st Hayley Sharpe 2nd Harriet Chrispen 3rd Kathryn Sutcliffe (All Bingley H)

Year 7 Boys 1st Ben Tattersfield (Bfd Airedale) 2nd Joe Fawcett & 3rd Aaron Fletcher (BingleyH)

Year 7 Girls 1st Annie Hicks 2nd Kim Robinson (Bingley H) 3rd Hannah Wilkinson (Bfd Aire)

Many thanks to athletes, parents and helpers for coming out in such extreme weather conditions. We look forward to the next race on tarmac in the series at Harold Park on February 25th, 10am and hopefully for better weather.

(17/01/01) WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE SUCCESS FOR BINGLEY'S WOMEN

The fourth and final leg of the West Yorkshire Cross Country League took place at Otley. There were several outstanding individual and team performances by local athletes. Bingley Harriers won the senior women's race and overall team competition with Ruth Whitehead (7th) Helen Livingstone (11th) Ruth Dorrington (12th) and Kirsten Bailey (13th). Overall, Ruth Whitehead won the ladies championship with Kirsten Bailey finishing in sixth place. Ian Fisher of Otley won the senior men's race in 30-03, with John Taylor of Bingley in second place. Bingley fielded a weakened team in the men's race which was won by Keighley & Craven.

Bingley won the under 17 women's race and the team competition with Louise Geldart (5th) Grace Bendle (8th) and Naomi Johnson (18th). Alistair Brownlee of Bradford GS came second in the under 13 boys race and overall finished second to Roy Pickering of Bridlington. Bradford GS came second on the day and finished in the same position in the team event. In the under 13 girls Lucy Mayo of Bingley finished in second place and came third position in the overall standings. In the under 15 boys Sam Clegg came third and finished in the same position in the overall standings. Bradford GS were the overall team winners while Bingley finished in second place.

(17/01/01) LATE NEWS

Sorry we're late with these snippets but a quick round up of what I've missed over the past few weeks....

ONE, TWO, THREE....

Victories at the Yorkshire Cross-Country Championships in a mud bath at Boddington Hall, Leeds. The senior men retained the title they have won for the last 4 years and 11 times altogether with six finishers in the top 13: John Taylor 2nd; Ian Holmes 4th; Chris Cariss 9th; Phil Tedd 10th; Stewart McDonald 12th and Andy Peace 13th. For the first time in the Club's history the senior women won their event with Charlotte Sanderson gaining the individual title. She was supported by Helen Jackson 15th and Ruth Whitehead 18th. The scoring members were ably supported by Kirsten Bailey 20th; Helen Livingstone 21st; Sue Cariss 33rd and Alice Gull 40th. Victory was also secured in the under-17 women's race with Rebecca Smith 4th; Louise Geldart 5th and Grace Bendle 9th.

REMEMBER LAST YEAR?

Well the last (or next to last) race was the Auld Lang Syne race which was won once again by Ian Holmes.

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