



BINGLEY HARRIERS - NEWS 2002

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(11/12/02) CALDERDALE SUCCESS

Both the men's and women's teams dominated the Calderdale Way relay on Saturday. The men finished 15 minutes ahead of Pudsey and Bramley and the women 11 minutes ahead of Holmfirth having overhauled leaders Clayton during leg two.

(20/11/02) HITS OF THE SIXTIES

A successful raid was made by two Bingley teams when visiting the British Masters Athletic Federation Cross-Country Relay Championships at Lloyd Park, Croydon on Sunday 10th November. Our over 50's team finished a very creditable 6th in what was a highly competitive race involving some high-class teams. This is a particularly good result in view of the age spread of the teams' four members, Mike Smith, Dave Watkinson, Peter Probin and Gerry Bell. The over 60's team, which now includes a youthful Les Haynes, retained their championship title won last year at Darlington. An added bonus which made the long day's driving to and from Croydon easier to endure, was the silver and bronze awards for Les and Fred achieving 2nd and 3rd fastest M60 times of the day. Saturday 16th November saw three Bingley Vets representing England and one representing Northern Ireland in the British and Irish Masters Home Countries International Cross Country Championships this year held at Ballymena Northern Ireland. Those selected were for England M40 newcomer, John Convery and M60 colleagues Les Haynes and Fred Gibbs and for Northern Ireland Gerry Bell at M50.

(20/11/02) SHORT STRAW RACE?

Bingley Harriers are to send a team to the European Clubs Cross Country Championships to be held in Spain on 2nd February 2003. In the past 4 teams were sent as the winners of the English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Cross Country Championships however last year, as only one British team was allowed, names were pulled out of the hat as to who the country's representatives should be a far from satisfactory solution. This year a 'run off' was arranged at Sefton Park Liverpool with Bingley winning the selection race square. Bingley runners were Chris Cariss (10th), Mark Croasdale (36th), Andy Peace (41st) and Ian Holmes (45th). The team was ably supported by John Convery and Stuart MacDonald. This knocked quite a hole in our team for the British Fell Relays but you can't win 'em all as they say. Incidentally Chris gained his International honours recently when he ran for England in an International Cross Country event in Ghent - well done Chris.

(17/11/02) FRA DO

The Fell Runners Association annual presentation and dinner dance was held on 9th November at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal where Bingley runners took their place amongst the other prize-winners. In the British Fell Championship Bingley won the team competition ahead of Borrowdale with Ian Holmes and Robb Jebb finishing joint second in the individual championship. Not to be outdone Bingley's women's team headed their section jointly with the Keswick club, Sharon Taylor being the highest placed athlete in 4th place. In the English Championship Ian Holmes won the men's open category ahead of Rob Hope from Pudsey & Bramley with Rob Jebb in 3rd. Sharon Taylor, once again Bingley's highest placed runner was 5th in the women's table. The women gained the upper hand in the team competition finishing in 2nd place whilst the men could only manage 4th spot.

(08/10/02) PARLETT IN SHOCKING FORM!

The final North of England Senior Men's league match took place on Saturday in Cleckheaton. Our team was depleted by the usual causes (holidays, illness and injury), however those athletes who competed had some particularly notable performances, Graham Parlett ran a season's best in the 100m to win in 11.4 seconds he backed up this good form with a second place in the 200 and won the 110m hurdles, a shock even to Graham! Graham was accompanied in the short sprint and the hurdles by Danny Crosby who also gained valuable points for the team. Joseph Burfitt earned himself a PB in the Triple Jump (10.79m) and then went on to compete in the 200 and 400m earning valuable points. Ever present members of the throwing team Ian Lindley and Mark Whiteley were supported well by James Routledge and newcomer to the team this season Sam Broadley. In the traditionally strong distance races we were well represented by Matt Raw (800 and 1500m), Will Gono (5000m) and Stephen Fry, who competed on the track in the 800 and 1500m for the first time since the late 1970's! A special thanks to Lisa Parlett for earning valuable points as a track official and to Sara Burnham for stepping in as Team manager in place of Colin Daniel who was on holiday. All in all a good day was had by all despite the torrential rain at times, the team finished 5th on the day and 4th overall for the season. Well done to all the athletes who contributed to our success, we must also thank our small group of officials who are an important part of the team. The team spirit has been great and as younger members continue to improve we can look forward to next season with confidence.

(30/09/02) AGM REMEMBERS

At the Club's 108th Annual General Meeting, held at its Beckfoot Headquarters. the proceedings started with a period of silence to remember three people; Kim MacDonald, Iain Hansen and John Taylor, whose deaths this year brought great sadness to all those who knew them.

The, in recognition of 50 years service to the Club and to athletics, "Mr Bingley Harrier" Geoff Garnett was given a memento in the shape of a cut glass whiskey decanter (empty!) and glasses wrapped up in a rather fetching golden carrier bag - cheers Geoff!

The meeting progressed with some light relief being brought to the proceedings when Treasurer Mike Smith explained the intricacies of the Club's accounts.

The proceeding finished with the presentation of the Sydney Glover Trophy for athletic achievement which this year was awarded by outgoing President Graham Smith, posthumously, to John Taylor.

(30/09/02) PAM'S WORTH HER WEIGHT IN CRYSTAL

Pam Sanderson the Beckfoot Schools Administrator retired last week and has signed up to help with the Children on Tuesday evenings. She has applied to go on a coaching course. We welcome Pam as a valuable volunteer and in recognition of all her help to Bingley Harriers in helping us set up our Club Headquarters we presented her with a Crystal paper weight.

(29/09/02) FOUR STAGE BRONZE

Bingley's women won bronze medals this weekend at the Northern 4-stage Road Relays held at Sefton Park, Liverpool.

The day had an auspicious start, besides being a beautiful day - it was the first time ever, in a championship event, the team Captain Sue Cariss, had not had a 'Friday night panic' trying to fill team places after last minute withdrawals. In fact, with 11 athletes available for 8 places she had entered two teams (filling two is normally a feat in itself). The only difficulty was allocating A & B team places as there were fell runners with only 12 months old road times and athletes returning from injury or lay-off with few recent results.

In an event with a record entry of ladies teams (71 which was actually 26 up on the previous best), we won bronze medal AND our 'B' team finished in the top 10 (9th) too. Naturally, being Bingley, we had to make it hard for ourselves but that was just a bit of a test of character for our doughty ladies. The race itself went like this:

A team - Sharon Taylor lead off amongst very stiff competition on the, typically, competitive first leg finishing in 24th position (15.47) which was a very creditable time though not quite the 'flyer' she had the previous week at Sheffield (something to do with fell-runners preferring hills to the dead flat Sefton Park, Liverpool). Next went Meryl Dodd, in her first race of the summer, who pulled us up to 14th place with her run of 15.42. An inspired Lisa Mawer then pulled out the 7th fastest time of the day (14.29) to bring us in a sniff of a medal with a 4th place finish. Finally Pauline (I'm not sure I'm fit enough for the A team) Munro ran her socks off (14.31) - almost making 2nd place - with the 'help' of encouraging team-mates frantically driving her to near-exhaustion. Naturally, again being Bingley, she still had breath for a few choice words.

B team - They had an excellent start from Helen Johnson who, with a determined look on her face, pulled a 15.22 rabbit from the hat; finishing in 17th place. She was followed by Ruth Whitehead who progressed well finishing in 15th with 16.13. Next came Louise Geldart who continued the steady progress also with 16.13 which brought us up to 13th place. Finally Sue Cariss (who, unfortunately, missed all the excitement at the end of Pauline's leg; "OK OK I'll just have to go faster next time") got a bit beside herself chasing someone who had beaten her too often recently and improved 4 places with her 15.41 which brought us up to 9th.

This was a good example of team effort with everyone supporting each other and demonstrating a true team spirit. Well done indeed to both teams!

(22/09/02) EUROPEAN VICTORY FOR ALISTAIR

Alistair Brownlee was selected for the British Triathlon Team (Youth 14 and 15yrs) and is national champion again this year. He also competed for GB in the European Youth relay championships in Graz in Austria in July running the first leg with Gavin Stokes on the second leg and Adam Hickey on the last leg. Competing against 15 other European teams they managed to win the event!

(11/09/02) TIP TOP QUALITY FROM TIPTON

At the Bradford 10k on Sunday numbers were down as a direct consequence of three major televised events which attracted many southern, Welsh and Scottish athletes who otherwise would have been representing their counties. Despite this there was some top performances, notably from Tipton Harriers who, had the first two leading men in Julius Kimtai in 29.32 followed by Julius Kibet in 29.34. They clinched the team title with support from Matt Smith in 4th and Sean Fenwick in 12th. Similarly Tipton had the first lady in Mirium Wangari with a very fast 33.48. Unlike in the men's race there was no support for Wangari and the first team place went to Headington. In the Open/Vets race Tony Duffy V45 won the race in 33.11 and Bingley's Mick Hawkins was placed 2nd. With support from John Convery in 4th and Dave Watkins on 14th Bingley took the Vets team. Sue Cariss was placed 2nd overall but did not have any other ladies to support her. In all a good day with great support from the very many helpers from Bingley Harriers. The many hours of preparation by the organising committee ensured a smooth and efficiently run event.

(08/09/02) POSTMAN PEACE DELIVERS AT THE BEN

Keighley postman Andy Peace of Bingley Harriers secured his first ever victory at Saturday's Ben Nevis race from Claggan Park, Fort William. Taking maximum advantage of the absence of Rob Jebb, who has been selected to represent England in next weekend's World Championship in Austria, he reached the top ahead of the chasing pair of clubmate Ian Holmes and Simon Booth of the Borrowdale club. Bingley's Sharon Taylor dipped just inside the 2 hour mark to finish 3rd woman (4th Bingley runner). Also worthy of note was the performance of Frank Dobson who keeps going back for more and notched up his 22nd finish in the race.

(05/09/02) BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Bingley are now British Champions (albeit jointly with Borrowdale!) having placed 5 in the first 10 at Y Garn. Both teams finished with 3 wins and a second in the series. Rob Jebb won at Y Garn and therefore finished joint silver in the individual with Ian Holmes.

In the English Championship we are still on track for a top 3 finish after Sedbergh - despite the Fell Captain, Jason Feeny, getting lost for 15 minutes and then 'bonking' badly 2 miles out from the finish!

(15/08/02) JOHN TAYLOR

The news of John Taylor's death came as a complete shock on 5th August. John had competed 2 days previously in an FRA British Championship race in Snowdonia where he finished in 4th place helping Bingley to become British Champions. John was devoted to his outdoor life, choosing green-keeping as his job, and spending as much time as possible in the countryside and particularly in the mountains. His athletic achievements were considerable from his early days with the Holmfirth club and more recently at Bingley where he was known as a staunch team supporter. He was the original 'Mr Nice Guy' and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. John and Kirstin had recently become engaged and were planning their wedding next year. It was fitting that they were together at the end.

(03/08/02) NORTHERN MEN'S LEAGUE - CLECKHEATON

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Final result: Doncaster and Stainforth 390; Skyrac 352; Chesterfield 233; Rotherham 'B' 203; Bingley 198; Scarborough 190; Kingston upon Hull 'B' 122.

North of England Men's Track and Field League 2002: Final league table.

Doncaster and Stainbridge 27

Skyrac 24.5

Chesterfield 19.5

BINGLEY 17

Rotherham 12

Scarborough 9

Kingston upon Hull 'B' 4

BINGLEY was placed in 4th position, well done to all the athletes who contributed to our success, we must also thank our small group of officials who are an important part of the team. The team spirit has been great and as the younger members continue to improve we can look forward to next season with confidence.

(30/06/02) GOOD PERFORMANCE FOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

The 3rd Northern Men's League match of the season took place on Saturday at Rotherham on a pleasant warm day with a gentle breeze. We were fortunate to have a good turn out of athletes and managed to fill all the events apart from the pole vault, although most of the field eventers were doubling up outside their preferred event. We welcomed for the first time this season Mark Whiteley – throws, Phillip Tedd – 400/800, Andrew Johnson – high jump, Stephen Fry – 3000 s/c, Billy Legg and John Taylor – 5000 m, all performed well and made a valuable contribution. Mathew Watson continues to improve in the 1500 m with another PB. It is a good sight to see a Bingley vest leading in so many events; we had 9 A stream firsts and 6 B stream firsts. The most impressive sight was the 4 x 400 relay which our team one with a 100 m lead, perhaps the time of 3.32.4 should be entered as a club record. All members of the team should feel proud to have produced the highest points total so far this season which put us in 2nd position with only 6 points behind the winners.

(30/06/02) TEAM SUCCESS FOR BINGLEY AT HAREWOOD CHASE

Both the men and women's team were victorious in today's Harewood Chase 10k. Chris Gibbins, Carey Gray and Sam Clegg secured the men's team whilst Pauline Munroe, Alison Marks and Gill Whalley did the honours in the women's event.

Pauline Munroe won convincingly in a time of 35.22 followed by Pattie Cranton, Holme Pierrepont 40.50 and Alison Marks, Bingley in 41.15

In the mens race 1st was David Driver, Barnsley, 32.23 2nd Mick Pearson, Longwood, 33.04 3rd Michael Siddal, Pocklington 33.06.

Bingleys Les Haynes was 1st over 50.

(22/06/02) JEBB 2ND AT BUCKDEN

Rob Jebb received an unexpected consolation prize for finishing 2nd at Buckden.

(11/06/02) NORTHERN MEN'S LEAGUE - HULL

The second match of the season took place at Hull on Saturday on a windy but warm day. With some of the key members of the previous meeting missing we were fortunate to welcome 4 new club members to the team, Mathew Raw (400m, 800m) Abdul Kamara (100m, 200m.) Willard Gono, (5000m, 4x400m), James Brown, (4x400m)

Stand out performances from

Mathew Watson 1500m-3.59.2 800m-1.59.5

Abdul Kamarah 100m-11.6 200m-23.0

Stuart Mc Donald 5000m-15.42

and 5 PBs from Danny Crosby took the team to a credible 4th position against far higher competition than the first match.

The result was a credit to the team whose spirit and enthusiasm made the day all the more enjoyable. A blend of youth and experience within the team suggest a promising future

(23/05/02) FELL TEAM TOPS

The men's fell running team ran out winners in the English Championship race at Saddleworth at the weekend with good packing from Rob Jebb (3rd), Ian Holmes (4th), John Taylor (5th) and Andy Peace (6th). Bingley currently lead both the English and British Championship tables. Photo courtesy of Jeff Kiveal

(15/05/02) IAIN HANSEN DIES IN NZ

The sad news has come through from New Zealand of the death of Iain Hansen in a tragic mountaineering accident. Details are brief but his body was found in the Aoraki-Mount Cook National Park on Sunday after he had failed to return to a visitor centre on Saturday after venturing onto Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. It is understood that he fell whilst ascending a ridge on the mountain and his death will be the subject of an inquest over there. Iain was well trained and was doing something he had dreamt about for many years and he died doing one of the things he loved most. He was aware of all the dangers, hazards and safety measures needed to undertake what he was doing and he had taken all these on board and on this occasion his luck just ran out.

Iain was known to many members having joined the club in 1987 as an 11 year old competing both as a junior and a senior in many events on fell, road and cross country until his untimely death at the age of 26. Whilst in New Zealand he had been training hard for his running and was really getting back into the "swing" of things and had encouraged his house mate into getting his running shoes on once again. He had done a couple of small competitive runs and had felt good about them and was planning on a half marathon and contemplating a full marathon in the near future. The most recent race he did was to take part in the Ben Lomand race and he finished 4th.

Condolences have been sent on the club's behalf to Iain's family

conferences have been both on the club's behalf to raise funds.

(09/05/02) NORTHERN MEN'S LEAGUE TRACK SUCCESS

The senior team made a promising start to the Track and Field season at Derby last Saturday. A small team, which was further reduced with injuries on the day to the field event athletes, achieved a significant amount of success on the track (Count the no of first places), 1st year senior Oliver Brewer won the 3000 metres steeple chase in a personal best time and also won the 'B' string 1500 metres, and John Convery now running as a Vet was first over the line in the 5000 metres. Mathew Watson returned to the track from winter training and was impressive in winning both the 800 and 1500 metres Ever-green Graham Parlett maintained his usual form winning the 100 and 200 metres and Dave Marshall gave a strong performance to win the 400 metres.

Mathew Savage strong contender with a javelin (3rd) injured his elbow and was unable to continue in to the final round, but still managed to compete in both relays.

Multi-event athlete Steven Jack picked up a ham-string injury in the long jump but insisted in registering minimum height in the high jump to register valuable points, which was typical of the team spirit through-out the day, with athletes competing in more than their normal events.

We are hoping to enlarge the team especially in the field events; this should allow more athletes to concentrate on their specific event.

(02/05/02) BINGLEY HARRIERS NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Track & Field season got off to a good start for the Bingley teams in Pennine Division 1 at the Princess Mary Playing Fields at Cleckheaton. The Boys Team consisting of 15 to 20 year olds came a magnificent 2nd with 211 points behind a Bolton team who scored 240. In joint 3rd place were Spenborough and Rotherham scoring 170 and in 5th place were Leeds City with 85 and Oldham in 6th place with 85. The Girls Team finished 3rd with 158 points behind Rotherham with 250 points and Spenborough with 193 points.

Oldham came in 4th with 51 points. Athletes achievements included :-

1st places: Rhys Bartle 400m (B) 55.7; Oliver Brewer 400mH (B) 61.5; Mark Hardman 2000m SC (B) 7.30.1; Stephen Jack Shot Put (B) 8.73m, Discus (A) 24.27m; James Routledge Discus (B) 18.04m, Hammer 20.17m; Ben Ambler High Jump 1.60m; Mathew Savage Javelin 45.55m; Joe Burfitt Long Jump (B) 5.30m.

2nd places: Ben Manchester 400mH (A) 62.3; Oliver Brewer 2000mSC (A) 6.21.9.

1st places: Louise Geldart 3000m (A) 10.40.1 PB; Frances Noble 100mH; Sarah Milner 100m; Rebecca Long 400mH (B) 68.4 High Jump 1.50m.

2nd places: Rebecca Holmes 400mH (A) 74.1, 4x400m Relay, 4x100m Relay.

The Teams are looking forward to the next fixture to try and improve on there performances and league position and travel to Leverholme Park, Bolton on 16th June.

(29/04/02) NATIONAL RELAYS

Bingley Harriers sent teams to the Nation 12 stage and 6 stage relays at the weekend. The men's team finished 6th in the 12 stage event With Phil Tedd being the team's fastest on the long leg (26:32) and Stuart MacDonald fastest on the short leg (15:30). In the women's 6 stage event the team were 15th, Lisa Mawer being quickest in 16:29.

(26/04/02) LATE NEWS!

In the 2nd race of the British Fell Championship at Spelga Skyline in Northern Ireland the men's team finished 1st and the women 2nd behind Keswick. The men's team were led home by Rob Jebb (2nd) followed by Ian Holmes (9th), Colin (Chainsaw) Moses (18th), Jason Feeney (36th) and Bob Whitfield (38th). The women's team consisted of Sharon Taylor (8th), Pauline Munroe (11th) and Captain Kirstin Bailey (13th).

(16/04/02) MARATHON RECORD BROKEN

Sue Cariss broke her own Club Marathon record by over a minute in the Flora sponsored London Marathon on Sunday where she finished in 3:03.06. Her disappointment in failing to achieve her target of a sub-three hour run was somewhat tempered by the extensive TV coverage she received. Son Chris continues to impress finishing the event as the 5th British runner in 2:20.45 in 20th position overall.

(09/04/02) NORTHERN 4 X 4

Both men's 12 stage and ladies 6 stage teams finished 4th in their respective races. Unusually, for a championship event, the weather held up reasonably and was it pleasant in the sun although there was a stiff, cold wind.

In the men's, Chris Cariss ran the fastest leg for Bingley in 20:56 whilst Steve Green ran 21:08. It was good to see that 2 of the club's youngsters Adam Walker & Aidan Johnson made their debuts for the senior team with a couple of fine performances. The race was won by Morpeth.

In the ladies race a medal would have made a well-deserved happy ending to the day but, in the event, we finished 4th which, although medal-less, represented an excellent achievement given the quality of athletics on display. "We were, in my estimation, serious gold or silver medal contenders prior to the event" said Team Captain Sue Cariss "but due to a combination of injury, sickness and conflicting events on the day we were not able to field our strongest team. I deliberately did not describe the team as weakened as this would have seriously undervalued the efforts of our all ladies who ran their socks off in the quest for our first 6 stage medal. Particularly Kirstin, who stood in with 12 hours notice, Ruth, who ran with a painful back injury, and Sharon, who also ran at short notice in an event that is not her first discipline." Lisa Mawer gave us the perfect start finishing in 2nd place with a time of 13.50 (the 5th fastest of the day) and was followed by Pauline Munro who maintained 2nd place with a time of 14.39. Next was Kirstin Bailey who ran a fine leg, under pressure, to finish 3rd in 15.45 and was followed by Ruth Whitehead whose brave effort amongst a star-studded cast on leg 4 (15.28) finished in 4th place. This position was maintained by Sharon Taylor (15.22) and Sue Cariss (15.10) who just could not close the gap quickly enough. - Nuff said - well done ladies!

And just to round of the weekend Robin Lawrence won the gruelling Baildon Boundary Way.

(06/04/02) EASTER HOLIDAY ATHLETICS CAMP

The Easter holiday break saw a fun time for local Bingley youngsters who took part in a 3 day eggtravaganza of athletics. Bradford Council and John Woodcock the Bradford Athletics Development Officer in conjunction with the Community Cohesion Scheme made it possible for over 40 youngsters to attend the course free of charge. Enthusiastic coaches led by Deborah McCartney, Phil Manchester, David & Sam Broadley were ably assisted by Deborah's elder daughter Bernie.

Hound dog the Bingley Harriers club junior mascot made a guest appearance and helped give the young athletes there awards and goody bag to take home. Athletes were introduced to many athletic events including High Jumping, Hurdling and Javelin Throwing.

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(06/04/02) COMBINED EVENTS

At the AAA Indoor combined Events at Cardiff on 9th and 10th March, Frances Noble was 5th in the U17 Pentathlon with 2895 pts. Emily Noble was 6th in the U15 Pentathlon with 2624pts. 4 pb's and a pb points total!
In the North of England AA indoor Pentathlon at Gateshead on 23rd March the Senior Women's winner was Ruth Calvert.
In the U17 Pentathlon, the winner was Frances Noble with 3186pts and in the U15 Pentathlon 3rd place went to Emily Noble with 2945pts.

(20/03/02) JUNIOR PRESENTATION EVENING

Bingley Harriers held their inaugural Junior Spring Presentation Evening at Beckfoot School on Tuesday 19 March. Ray Keeley the schools IT Technician had assisted with big screen technology that had the packed audience captivated with Bingley Harriers athletic and social diary of the winter season. Hound Dog made a guest appearance with some young athletes who opened the proceedings with a dance routine to 'Who let the dogs out?' This was followed by Cross Country and Sports Hall Athletics awards.

(24/02/02) JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

The winter has seen some keen competition from the club's Junior Athletes over the country. The championship has been decided on performance in the West Yorkshire League, Bradford & Halifax & District, Yorkshire Champs, North of England Champs and National Championships on a best score basis. The winners in each age group are:

Under 13 Boys - Aaron Fletcher
Under 13 Girls - Eleanor Kitchen
Under 15 Boys - Ben Ambler
Under 15 Girls - Lucy Mayho
Under 17 Men - Sam Clegg
Under 17 Ladies - Louise Geldart
Under 20 Men - James Mason
Under 20 Ladies - Rebecca Smith

On the best score basis, the overall champions are James Mason and Louise Geldart. Well done to all the athletes who have given their best in the club vest this winter. Presentations will be made on Tuesday 19th March.

(24/02/02) BINGLEY RETAIN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Bingley's senior men's team retained the National Cross Country Championship at Bristol yesterday, achieving their 7th win in the event ahead of the Shaftsbury and Barnet club. Over a stiff hilly course with the weather unrelenting, 1220 athletes braved the conditions in the Men's Championships with Bingley Men out to retain their Team Championship from 2001 in Durham and show the powers that be that Bingley should have been allowed to compete in the European Clubs Championships earlier this month. The scorers in the team were Mark Croasdale 15th, Steve Green 17th, Chris Cariss 19th, Steve Brook 22nd, John Taylor 44th and Phil Tedd 67th. Other Bingley runners were Ian Holmes 74th, Colin Moore 119th and John Convery 150th. Shaftsbury Barnet AC were second, Salford 3rd and Leeds 4th.

The Bingley Ladies Team were somewhat depleted but still managed a very good 9th out of 39 teams, with Lisa Mawer running her socks off into 17th place, with Sue Cariss 94th, Kirsten Bailey 125th and Ruth Whitehead 149th.

In the Junior Under 20 Men The Bingley Team finished in 6th place with James Mason finishing an outstanding 9th place backed up by Oliver Brewer in 43rd, Aiden Johnson 95th and Adam Walker 115th. Louise Geldart running in the Under 17 Girls race finished a very competent 23rd place.

(24/02/02) NE REGIONAL SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS FINALS

Four teams representing West Yorkshire travelled in the snow to Thornaby on Tees last Saturday to compete for places in the National Finals to be held at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham on 24th March. The performances on the day were outstanding with three out of the four teams winning and qualifying for the National Finals.

In this years 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 beat the nearest rivals Tees Valley by 42 points. Ashley Little jumped 1.55m in the high jump and just failed to jump the record of 1.60m. The U13 girl's team came home with a tally of 15 medals. They now look forward to the trip to the National Indoor Arena.

In the Girls under 15 Individual All-Rounder competition West Yorkshire members Kirsty Parr (Wetherby High) was first and Bethany Staniland (Bradford Girls GS) was placed third overall. The West Yorkshire Under 15 Girls team came first beating Tees Valley into second and Humberside third and came down the A1 with a haul of 14 medals.

The Under 15 Boys team also beat Tyne & Wear into second place and Tees Valley into third place. In the Under 15 Individual All-Rounder competition Andrew Staniland was second and Sam Walker was third. The team had a medal haul of 16 medals and look forward to the National trip.

The under 13 Boys team depleted by one athlete with a broken arm and others with travel problems due to the adverse weather still came in third place behind a strong Northumberland team and just pipped by Tyne & Wear in second place.

Details of the West Yorkshire medalists are:-

Under 13 Girls

2 Lap 1st Hannah Francis-Smithson
4 Lap 1st Ashley Little
Circuit Relay 1st Megan Routledge, Jodie Furness-Howe, Rachel Holdsworth
High Jump 1st Ashley Little, 2nd Rebecca McCartney
Standing Long Jump 1st Hannah Francis-Smithson, 3rd Harriet Pickles
Shot Put 3rd Megan Routledge
Standing Triple Jump 1st Jodie Furness-Howe
8 Lap Paarlauf Relay 1st Rosemary Underwood & Ashley Little

Under 13 Boys

6 Lap 1st Joe Fawcett
Standing Long Jump 2nd David Hodgson
Standing Triple Jump 1st Joe Fawcett 3rd Tom Smithson

Standing Long Jump 1st Ben Ambler 2nd Andrew Staniland

Shot Put 2nd Matthew Wilson

Under 15 Boys

2 Lap 2nd Andrew Staniland

4 Lap 2nd Jack Wilson, 3rd Ben Ambler

Speed Bounce 1st Sam Walker 2nd Phillip Picken

Standing Long Jump 2nd Andrew Staniland 3rd Ben Ambler

Shot Put 2nd Andrew Staniland

4x2lap relay 1st Oliver Robinson, Jack Wilson, Andrew Staniland, Sam Walker

8 Lap Paarlauf Relay 1st Ben Ambler & James Wilson

Under 15 Girls.

2 Lap 2nd Kirsty Parr 3rd Jessica Forbes

4 Lap 1st Bethany Staniland 3rd Rebecca Long

Shot Put 1st Bethany Staniland 2nd Kirsty Parr

Standing Long Jump 2nd Kirsty Parr

4x2lap relay 1st Ashley Gobbi, Kirsty Parr, Amy Teasdale, Jessica Forbes

8 Lap Paarlauf Relay 1st Bethany Staniland & Rebecca Long

(04/02/02) SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

The West Yorkshire Sports Hall Athletics Championships were held in the new Beckfoot Sports Hall for the first time. Around 126 Boys and Girls from all over West Yorkshire competed to gain selection for the West Yorkshire teams to go to the North East Regional finals in Thornaby-on-Tees on 23rd February. The standard was high with Field events records falling and new track records being set in the new Sports Hall. The Under 13 Girls High Jump competition proved to be a hot competition with Rebecca McCartney breaking the previous record of 1.38m by jumping 1.39m but Ashley Little from Garforth smashed the record with a jump of 1.53m which is just short of the National Record. High Jump competition proved to be hotly contested with first Rebecca McCartney breaking the previously set record. Locally Bingley Grammar School have Jessica Forbes, Matthew Wilson, Liam Sharpe, Joseph Fawcett and Megan Routledge in the West Yorkshire Teams. Salt Grammar School have 3 athletes selected in the Under 15 Boys team with James & Jack Wilson and Phillip Picken being selected. Oakbank have Larry Abbott and Rebecca Long in the West Yorkshire Teams. If the teams can win at the North East finals then a trip to the National Finals at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham is the coveted prize.

(28/01/02) NORTHERN SUCCESS

On a quagmire of a course at a wet and windy Allestree Park in Derby, Bingley's men made light work of the opposition in defence of the title. In a race won by Caine of Tynedale, it was a magnificent sight as the blue and white hoops packed 6 counters in the 1st 16 places to take the team title by 61 points over Morpeth. The resurgent Andy Peace was 1st man home in 7th place followed by Steve Brooks (8th), Mark Croasdale (11th), Chris Cariss (12th), Steve Green (14th) and Ian Holmes (16th). Fine back up performances were provided by Phil Tedd (27th), Rob Jebb (29th), the old war horse Colin Moore (37th) and Carey Gray (137th). The lads received the Fred Ireland trophy, the 9th time the club has triumphed since 1991.

Not to be outdone, the Ladies had earlier collected silver medals finishing 24 points behind the Champions, Liverpool. In a race won by Thomas of Sale, tremendous runs from Gill Keddie (5th), Lisa Mawer (10th), Meryl Dodd (22nd) and Helen Johnson (26th) ensured that the team took 2nd place by 16 points over Sale. Excellent back up to the scorers was provided by Sharon Taylor (34th), Kirstin Bailey (40th) and Sue Cariss (53rd). A tremendous day for the club which made the thorough soaking well worthwhile!

Bingley's young athletes put in some fine performances in the mud.

Under 13 Girls - the club's sole representative, Eleanor Kitchen, recorded a fine run defying the rain and mud to take 22nd place.

Under 13 Boys - Although wearing his Bradford Grammar School vest, Jonathan Brownlee came home in a tremendous 6th place. The lads in blue and white hoops also showed great promise with Aaron Fletcher in 62nd place and Sam Webster 66th.

Under 15 Girls - Lucy Mayho showed great strength to take 13th place in style. She received tremendous support from Rebecca Long (52nd) and Vicky Walker (56th).

Under 15 Boys - Not to be done by his brother, Alistair Brownlee donned his school vest and came home in a magnificent 5th place.

Ben Ambler's consistent season continued with 98th place.

Under 17 Women - Unfortunately, Louise Geldart had been feeling a bit under the weather in the days leading up to the race. However, her strength still showed with a magnificent 10th place.

Under 17 Men - The Bingley lads all showed great tenacity in the mud. Sam Clegg (30th), Luke Johnson (55th) and Bob Daly (66th) can all be proud of their performances.

Under 20 Men - Fine runs from all the lads in blue and white with Oliver Brewer (14th), Adam Walker (47th) and Aidan Johnson (61st) all battling hard in the quagmire.

(15/01/02) WY CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

In the final race of the series, at Newsome high school, Huddersfield on 12th January, the overall Championship was wide open. The race consisted of one small lap and 4 large laps of a very runnable course with just a few tight turns, but very firm underfoot. After the first small lap D.Watson of Holmfirth put in the boot and pushed the pace closely followed by Ian Fisher (Otley) then a pack consisting of Greg Hull (Leeds) Mick Warmby (Longwood) and our own Andy Peace, these were then being tracked by John Convery and Chris Cariss, who was recovering from a serious foot injury that had kept him out of the Yorkshire Championships. By the second lap Ian Fisher had taken the lead and put the 'boot' in to open a lead of some 50 yards. With Greg Hull, Mick Warmby and Andy Peace chasing. By lap 4 Chris Cariss had done some remarkable running to move from 11th position through to 5th, along with team mate Andy Peace and the talented Greg Hull. On the final lap, Chris had moved to demolish Fisher's 50 yard lead and then moved to the lead half way round, and put a burst of speed to open a gap of 3 yards, but Ian Fisher was not willing to give the lead up so easily and sat on Chris's shoulder for the remainder of the race until Chris put in a devastating last 600 metre burst to not only win the race but also the very respected West Yorkshire league title. Andy Peace ran a stormer to finish 4th (this after a morning of delivering post), the ever reliable John Convery finished 7th, backed up by Cary Gray running a stormer for 28th, Aidan Johnson running in the senior race came 48th and in the process clinching 3rd place in the junior mens. Paul Crabtree, one place behind new member Steve Thirkill, was 62nd, closely followed by Neil Robson in 65th, which for an old man ain't too bad. El Presidente Graham Smith beat a lot of seasoned runners to clinch 95th position, and cap possibly his best run of the season. Bingley Harriers came away with third for the series, which isn't too bad, this was done by two third places, a fifth and one first. My own feelings are that we should have walked this, but it's your team and the results are down to you. If your happy with that result, fair enough, if you want better, turn out. Nuff said, except well done to all

participants for a hard fought battle and thank you for your attendance and support. - Adrian Rushworth.

(08/01/02) YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS

Bingley Harriers continued their dominance of the Yorkshire Cross Country Championships at Rotherham on Saturday with some fine performances in the blue & white hoops over a demanding and in places tricky course. John Taylor took 3rd place to lead the team to a rousing victory in defence of the title by 33 points over Leeds. The other counters were Ian Holmes 4th, Andy Peace 5th, Steve Green 7th, Rob Jebb 14th & John Convery 20th.

In the Senior Women's event Gill Keddie took 3rd and lead Bingley 2nd place on countback in the team event. The team of Gill, Lisa Mawer 5th & Sharon Taylor 19th finished level on points with Wakefield but were awarded the title on count back to the 4th placed athlete.

There were fine performances by all Bingley athletes in the junior championships, the highlights of which were:

Junior men - James Mason in 2nd place lead the team also consisting of Oliver Brewer 10th, Aidan Johnson 11th & Adam Walker 15th to a fine 1st place.

Under 17 boys - Sam Clegg was the 1st Bingley man in 8th place.

Under 15 boys - Alistair Brownlee took 1st place representing Bradford Grammar School.

Under 13 boys - Jonathan Brownlee took 2nd, also representing the Grammar School.

Junior Ladies - Rebecca Smith took the bronze medal.

Under 17 Ladies - Louise Geldart finished just outside the medals in 4th place.

Under 15 girls - Lucy Mayho put together a fine run to take 4th place.

Under 13 girls - Eleanor Kitchen took 5th place in fine style.

In all, 8 Bingley juniors were invited to compete for Yorkshire in the Inter-Counties match on 9th February.

To cap it all, the President managed to get round in reasonable shape!

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