



	<p><b>4. Summer Socials:</b> Given lack of success in obtaining Olympic tickets, JW suggested a group trip to the trials, and volunteered to research this.</p> <p><b>5. Olympic Torch.</b> Discussion about nominations for carrying the torch. However, it subsequently emerged that the deadline had passed.</p>	JW
4	<p><b>Developing the Club.</b></p> <p>i) <b>Coaching:</b> PW had spoken to K&amp;C about the UKA level 1 course, and they did not feel it appropriate. PS offered to speak to Leeds' Sports Development team and report back.</p>	PS
AOB	<p>i) AGM likely to be 27<sup>th</sup> September. PS to book room and discuss timing of next newsletter with RR. New Road captains will be required.</p> <p>ii) Annual Meeting with ILTSC due soon. Anybody interested in attending, please let PW know.</p> <p>iii) Sporting Celebration planned at Manor House for summer 2012. Opportunity for IH to promote the club. Volunteer to co-ordinate to be sought via facebook/forums.</p>	PS PW PW
TDP	August 2nd 8.40pm ILTSC (apols PW/CM/JW)	

## **REPORTS**

### **Chairman**

Since our last Committee meeting we have hosted two races – the Badger Stone Relays (44 teams) and the Ilkley Trail Race (over 270 runners, plus 70 juniors, over £1800 raised for the Matugga charity), and Ilkley Harrier Graham Arthur organised the Jura fell race.

On the social front, we have had two of Andy Wolfenden's Away Runs (2 more to come), and 47 Harriers enjoyed the annual Mob Match against Bingley where we beat Bingley once again.

The John Carr series enjoyed some large turnouts, the Harrogate Race League less so (until the most local race at Otley) - let's hope this was just a quirk of venues and timing as we should not under-value this League.

A number of newer members are popping up in race results, which is very encouraging, and even playing a part in relay teams. With Vic's enthusiastic rallying we fielded three teams at the Bradford Millenium Way Relays – the most in a few years (2008). It was good to get a team out at the Bristish Masters Road Relays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, but it would be good to get a men's team out too.

Three Harriers (Tom Adams, Sally Morley, and Helene Whitaker) were selected to run for Yorkshire in the fell Inter Regional Championships, and did so with distinction, figuring in the teams for men's Silver and ladies Bronze.

On the very near horizon we have the Addingham Gala fell race. I will need lots of marshals for this, but also hope to see a lot more Harriers running than last year. Then we need to set dates for the Lido Relays, Ben's Run, and Sue Ryder events in the Autumn. We can also anticipate taking our turn at organising a PECO XC race this Autumn/Winter.

Some news: the new Roundhay ParkRun is under way, and the Chevin ParkRun should start soon – both may be popular with Harriers. The athletics track in Keighley has opened and offers some open sessions that might be of interest to Harriers. And the Calderdale Way Relay has permanently moved from December to May.

### **Mens Fell**

Since the last meeting we've had a bucketful of Harriers out competing at the Badgerstone Relays which were a great success. Tom Adams has represented Yorkshire at the Inter Counties and came away with a team medal. He was also offered an England vest for the Snowdon International race but had to decline due to being on honeymoon, no commitment these young lads!!

We had very poor turnouts to both the Duddon & Loughrigg Silver Howe championship races. I've been posting details of all the races on the forum, plus sending round emails to all the regular racers with entry details etc, but it's not having much of an impact. It seems really strange to me that we have a good number of ladies who are regular championship runners, but a majority of men who prefer to race elsewhere when there's a key race on. I haven't yet had time to start canvassing for the Autumn relays, but we definitely need a much improved response from last year.

We won the mob match again against Bingley, great club result is that, especially as we're still unbeaten! I failed to make it due to being a

crook for these past few weeks but hope to contribute next time to what must be a great club atmosphere.

Graham Arthur's 1st stint at race organisation went extremely well with the Jura race attracting close to a capacity field. Terrible weather in the week before fortunately cleared in time for the full course to be run. I think Graham is still recovering from the exertions though.

As I type, Eddie Winslow & Stuart Pitches are aboard a yacht somewhere between Whitehaven & Fort William competing in the 3 Peaks Yacht Race, last I heard they were up with the leaders!!

## **Junior Report**

This report covers both May and June. We have seen a good number of children racing - at the Esholt 5km our junior girls took the first 7 places and in the junior boys we had 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th places. At the Badger Stone Relays the number of family and junior teams also increased from 2010 (see Paul's report). In the Ingrams Track & Field League in York there have been some outstanding individual performances and currently Daniel Judkowski is leading the U17's and Harry Maslen the U15's. Harry also has the honour of being our first junior to achieve an English Schools standard and will be competing in the 80m Hurdles at Gateshead this coming weekend. Three of our juniors are doing exceptionally well in the English Championship Fell League - Euan Brennan and Emily Elmes in the U10's and Georgia Malir in the U17's.

Our coaches have also been busy. Rachel and Bryan Websdale did a great job organising the junior races at the Ilkley Trail races and 7 coaches took part in a 365 coaching course at Bingley (Dwayne Heard, Ros Blackburn, Sally Malir, Sally Judkowski, Ros Blackburn, Alison Bennett and Shirley Wood). Our Volunteer Awards have been awarded to Sally Judkowski (May) for her commitment to coaching and supporting the juniors at Track & Field competitions and to Naomi Elliott (June) for all her enthusiasm and willingness to help at the junior sessions and races.

Malcolm and Sally Pickering have just set up a new speed/endurance training session for 11 years and older on a Tuesday evening 6pm to 6.45 at the Tennis Club and Rachel Websdale is taking on organising a junior circuit session starting in September on a Monday 6pm to 7pm in the IGS Gym. Ros Blackburn and Rachel Websdale are also preparing for the annual IGS Transition day in July. We are about to take a rest for the summer with all our coaching sessions finishing at the end of this month therefore there will not be another junior committee report until September.

## **Will Ramsbotham Badger Stone Relays, 25 May 2011 Report for Ilkley Harriers Committee Paul Wood**

Ilkley Harriers took on the organisation of this event in 2010 and has been able to revive its past glories: I'm pleased to say that we repeated last year's success with 44 teams, including 16 junior and family teams enjoying the evening.

Again we were helped in the promotion of the event by the Woodheads, Anne Buckley, and Mark Mon-Williams and by featuring the race in both the BOFRA and FRA fell calendars.

The courses were the now standard 2.1 miles, with the start and finish at White Wells, and the younger juniors staying in touch with the main flow of finishers by running a shorter 1 mile leg. A host of volunteers helped with marshalling and organisation, co-ordinated by Mark & Shirley. White Wells opened specially for us, and served refreshments: every competitor was again given a 50p voucher (to spend on that day only) although happily for us only just over half were redeemed. The atmosphere at the event was again very special, with a mix of Will Ramsbotham's friends, top local runners, and lots of families and junior runners. Several runners beat last year's fastest lap time with Tom Adams having the final word with 13:07

Many teams were made up on the night and there were many cross-club teams, something of a

tradition at this event.

Although the race was sponsor-free, we were able to return a small surplus as many prizes were donated: a new fastest men's trophy by Shane Green, 24 bottles of beer from Ilkley Brewery, and some wine from the Mon-Williams family.

We collected £240.20 in entry fees.

£140.74 was outgoing, comprising

£36.00 race numbers (top-up)

£10.00 printing and laminating

£48.24 prizes (sweets, chocolates)

£10.00 to IH for 2 bottles 'champagne', prizes

£36.50 50p vouchers redeemed at White Wells

leaving a small surplus of £99.46

Given that we spent £64 on brass plates and engraving for a replacement trophy and engraving a 2<sup>nd</sup> trophy (this had been neglected in earlier years), the event made in the end a very small surplus to

Club funds of £35.46