



4	<p><b>Developing the Club</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neil asked whether the club would consider promoting a race in support of a local lad with cerebral palsy whose family was raising money for surgery in the US. The Committee agreed to support this – probably a 5m race in October.</li> </ol>	NC
5	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>ILTSC.</b> The Tennis Club has agreed that IH can have a shed for storage. It was agreed this should be solid and secure. Neil C to consider options. Paul S to review space requirements.</li> <li>2. Malcolm asked about the possibility of markings on the field for training sessions. PW indicated this was not possible.</li> <li>3. <b>Relays</b> Dave Wilby has asked about the Ian Hodgson and FRA relays. Paul W agreed to speak to Dave.</li> </ol>	NC/PS  PW
TDP	August 3rd 2010, ILTC, 8.30pm (apologies, Henry H, Malcolm P, Paul W.)	

## Reports

**Chairman's report** It's been another busy month! The Captains will be able to report on successes on the roads and fells, but I wanted to give a special mention to Vic Verecondi who ably organised a Bradford Millenium Way Relay team and is now turning his thoughts to the Leeds Country Way Relay. There's a clutch of accessible relay events coming up very soon (Danefield, Golden Acre park, Washburn) and these are ideal both for Club spirit and involving new members, so I'd like your help in promoting these. Hopefully these will build up interest for the more serious relays later in the year - LCW, YVAA road, Ian Hodgson, FRA and Calderdale Relays.

The atmosphere at the Mob Match and the two HDSRL races was wonderful, with strong Ilkley performances, lots of mutual support, and a good social mix afterwards.

Our 'Summer Social', aka Brian's Secret Birthday Party, went very well with over 70 people there, and everyone from founder members to very new members mixing together and enjoying the evening at ILT&SC.

I hope we can get some good press in the Gazette from our presentation of 'the Big Cheque' from the Trail Race - I'm working with Phil Chappell on that.

The next 'big thing' is our Addingham Gala fell race. The organisation is looking good, but at the moment I am very short of volunteer help - hopefully it will all come together with members rallying round, as it usually does.

Finally we are now 3/4 way through our term as a Committee. As you know, I strongly feel that it is not enough for us to 'manage the Club' but that we have a duty to drive it forward. There's been great progress so far this year with new races, new social events, Club kit, and a continuing excellent training program, but if there's anything else that Committee members want to achieve this year it's time to get it on the table,

**Junior report** Most of our coaching sessions end at the end of June as children are very busy with school and other activities, so although this has been an action packed coaching month the coaches and helpers can now look forward to a good break until September. In September many children are invited to change groups - traditionally our Year 6's move on to Mondays and some younger children move from Thursday session 1 to Thursday session 2. This all has to be organised this term and in doing this and looking at the projected figures over the next 3 years I was slightly horrified to discover that we cannot accommodate all the children currently doing sportshall athletics on the Monday session from September. About 8 children would be without a place in September 2010 rising to 30 for 2011. We have needed to act now so have brought in a third evening of SHA on a Wednesday at Ghyll Royd School. This will be for year 7's with some year 6's and hopefully this will accommodate our numbers over the next few years. Our new SHA programme as from September 2010 is:

Mondays: 2 x 1 hour session for Years 8 to 10.

Wednesday: 1 x 1 hour session for Year 7's (some Year 6's)

Thursday: 2 x 1 hour session for Years 3 to 6.

That will give us the capacity to coach almost 200 children each week (we're at 180 in September).

On the competition front we have had more children competing in the York Ingrams League and 14 took part in a Bradford Network Quadkids competition at Buttershaw.

**Membership** 3 new members this month, Rebecca Moore, Michelle Snow and Hilda Coulsey. Hilda Coulsey was the first unattached female at the Ilkley Trail Race and has taken up the offer of free membership. It was a disappointing response to the Trail Race mailshot, 19 letters were sent out and only Hilda has responded. I sent out 11 letters after the Fell Race and February and 2 people joined.

**Mens Road** Highlight of the month of June was Geoff Howard's bronze medal in Th BMAF 5k at Horwich. We also had a very strong M50 team which narrowly missed a medal in the race.

Two club records were set this month: Geoff Howard at 5k M60 & M65 and Henry Heavisides at 5 miles M50 & M55.

We have continued our successful run in the Harrogate League team competitions and are currently in 1st place in the men's vets & mixed supervets. We are 3rd in the main team competition (having been 1st team in 2 of the 4 races so far).

**Ladies Road** A fairly quiet month on the roads. The main events have been the HRL series and the BMAF 5k at Horwich. In the HRL series we have managed to pull back 2 places to 2nd in the ladies team event and 2 places to 2nd in the vets event. In Horwich, our only competitor was Sally Morley who came away with Silver in the V35 cat.

We have also got a new member, Sharon Williams, who is a strong V45 lady who has come to us from Abbey Runners due to Ilkley Harriers having a strong ladies team!!

**Mens Fell** A successful month on the Championship front for the men, with a fantastic turnout for the Ennerdale race. I fully expected to get 1 or 2 out to this but the men were brilliant and we had a very strong turnout of 11. No update of the standings as yet, but the team should have fared well, and individually we had at least 4 scoring points across the age groups. There was another championship race at Sedbergh on Saturday, and despite a lower turnout, we still had very strong age group performances from Nick Pearce, Geoff Howard & Norman Bush. The conditions were incredibly hot, so those performances deserve extra credit.

We also had the Millennium Way relays this month, great job by Vic in organising those. The local races have proved as popular as ever at this time of year, and Tom won in Eldwick, whilst we had large turnouts at Beamsley, Bingley (yet another mob match win!), Kettlewell & the Wharfedale Half/Full Marathon.

Participation is high and people seem keen to get out and race which is great to see. We're starting to get some newer faces at both ends of the field so things are positive. I'm hoping we can carry this on to take us strongly into the Autumn Relays.