

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1969/70.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
	£		£
1968/9			
Numbers and Pins	15.	29 Clubs 1969/70	60.
Duplicating Paper	3. 10. 0	Donations: Mr. G. McKenzie	18. 0
Stencils	2. 5. 0	Mr. G.E. Boot	1. 2. 0
6.8.5			1. 0. 0
29.1.9		Extra Awards purchased by Clubs	22. 3. 0
Purchase of Awards	27. 14. 8		
Extra Awards Purchased for Clubs	22. 3. 0	Excess Income over Expenditure	85. 3. 0
Room Hire	1. 1. 0		
M.C.C.C.A. Affiliation Fee	2. 2. 0		
Postage	4. 2. 0		
10.10.0 (2 years) Honorarium	5. 12. 6		
Bank Charges			
	£84. 14. 8		£ 84. 14. 8

<u>MEDAL ACCOUNT</u>		<u>AWARDED:</u>	
	£		£
In stock, Sept. 1969:-			
1 Bronze Medal	9 0 0	18 Winners Shields	14. 8. 0
1 Die	5. 0. 0	18 Runners-up shields	9. 18. 0
		3 Individual Shields	2. 5. 9
Purchases:-		1 Presidents Shield	1. 2. 11
18 Winners Shields	14. 8. 0	Extra Awards	22. 3. 0
18 Runners-up Shields	9. 18. 0		
3 Individual Shields	2. 5. 9		
1 Presidents Shield	1. 2. 11		
Extra Awards	22. 3. 0		
	£55. 6. 8		£ 55. 6. 8

<u>Balance Sheet as at 7th August, 1970</u>		<u>CASH AT BANK 7th AUGUST, 1970</u>	
	£		£
CASH AT BANK 14th AUGUST, 1969	75. 1. 7		75. 9. 11.
Excess of Income over Expenditure, 1969/70	8. 4		
	£75. 9. 11.		£75. 9. 11.

Audited and found correct: E.W. Lindsey  
Hon. Auditor Aug. 7th 1970



BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting held at the  
Central Hall, Corporation Street, Birmingham on Wednesday,  
9th September, 1970.

PRESENT: K. Banks, N.R.W.England, A.J.Morgan (Rugby), A. Hey, R.W.D.Hier(Halesowen)  
M. Keene, W. Aston (Lozells), E. Horwill, A. Ross, R. Newey (Dudley &  
Stourbridge), T. Haines (Gloucester), D. Hobby (Cheltenham), A. Wheeler,  
K. Dara, T. O'Reilly (Small Heath), D. Faulconbridge (Coventry)  
E. Nicholls, D. Sturman (Bromsgrove and Redditch), P. Worrall  
E. Hutchins (Harborne), W.A.Evans (West Bromwich), E. Hanson (Nuneaton)  
A.Price (Birmingham City Police), J.Mills and E.Hubbladay (Sparkhill)  
R. Capewell (Warley), P. Lisseman (Wolverhampton and Bilston)  
W. Carr (Tipton), G. Oliver (Junior Leaders).

OBITUARY: Members were informed of the deaths of Carl Lisseman(Wolverhampton and  
Bilston), and Frank Froggatt (Small Heath.  
Members stood in silence as a tribute.

APOLOGIES: E.W.Lindsey, R. Reid, T. Clifford, G. Phipps, J. Bedford  
E. Johnson, R. Slinn, D. Cowley, G. Boot, J. Sandbrook, J. Gripton  
B. Heatley, H. Lapworth, E. Shuck, A. Phillips, F. Cull, F. Davies  
J. McKenna.

Confirmation of Minutes of the 44th A.G.M. Wednesday, 10th September, 1969.

The Minutes which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising.

Although not in the Minutes, R.A.F.Cosford and The West Midlands College  
of Education, Walsall, were accepted to run in the 3rd Division of the  
League.  
Also "New Rule" which is on this year's Agenda.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The League made a small profit of 8/4d but some members felt that with the  
forthcoming rise in postal charges and other items being increased, the Club's  
affiliation fee should be increased. A vote took place and it was agreed to increase  
the affiliation fee to £2. 10. 0.

A vote of thanks to Mr. E.W.Lindsey (Auditor).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President visited and saw races in all three Divisions, which gave  
him great pleasure. He commented on the keen enthusiasm of the Athletes and that  
the League was as important as Championships. He also felt that we should keep  
the League as it is.

The President felt that more Clubs should try to organise races by  
looking around for facilities near a cross country course.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported another good season with some excellent racing;  
in the Opening League Races some 530 athletes finished.

The Secretary saw races in all Divisions along with the President.

The 1st Division was won by Stoke A.S. 300 pts. with Tipton 2nd with  
326 Pts. Birmingham University 588 Pts. were 3rd; Halesowen and G.E.C/  
A.E.I. Rugby were relegated.

The individual winner was Alan Dean, Stoke A.C. 15 pts.

2nd Division.

Small Heath were the winners with 327 Pts; Coventry Godiva were 2nd 422 Pts;  
Leamington were 3rd.

Cheltenham and Northampton were relegated.

The individual winner was A. Rowling of Leamington with 37 Pts.

3rd Division.

Sparkhill were the winners, 250 Pts; Newcomers; Gloucester D.C. 2nd 316Pts  
Dudley and Stourbridge 3rd with 464 Pts. The individual winner was  
Patrick Butcher, Dudley & Stourbridge with 4 Pts. He is unbeaten in his  
last 7 League Races.



I would like to thank all the Clubs who staged the League Races and all the officials who helped, sometimes standing out in rain and snow, to make the races a success.

Our President Ken Banks, has volunteered his services as Race Secretary for the 2nd Division. This will give Roy Capewell a break who has plenty to do at the moment.

My special thanks to the Race Secretaries: Bob Reid, Roy Capewell and Bill Aston for the splendid job which they have done. Bill Aston again for providing the recording sheets. George Boot and Jack McKenna for their donations. Jack attended the very first A.G.M. 45 years ago and was elected Treasurer; he was made President back in 1938 to 1940. Well done Jack. We all hope that you are still with us for a long time to come.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary to be recorded.

#### COMPOSITION OF LEAGUE 1970 - 71.

1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Stoke A.C.	G.E.C./A.E.I. Rugby	Cheltenham County A.C.
Tipton Harriers	Halesowen A.C.	Northampton " A.C.
Birmingham University	Leamington A.C.	Dudley + Stourbridge Harriers
Worcester(Y.M.C.A.)Harriers	Bromsgrove and Redditch A.C.	Stafford A.C.
Birchfield Harriers	Warley A.C.	Lozells Harriers
W'ton + Bilston A.C.	Nuneaton Harriers	B'ham City Police A.C.
Small Heath Harriers	Shrewsbury A.C.	Solihull A.C.
Coventry Godiva	Sparkhill Harriers	West Bromwich Harriers
	Gloucester A.C.	Harborne Harriers
		Burton A.C.
		West Mid. Coll. of Education
		Jun. Leaders Regt. R.A.F.
		R.A.F. Cosford.

#### FIXTURES AND VENUES.

	1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.
November 7th	Birchfield	Sparkhill	Cheltenham
November 28th	Coventry	Gloucester	Lozells
January 9th	Birchfield	Leamington	West Bromwich
February 20th	Stoke	Bromsgrove and Redditch	Dudley and Stourbridge

**NOTE:** Secretaries of Clubs organising each League Race MUST advise all Clubs in his Division, also the Race Secretary and Timekeeper, League Secretary and our President, as to the VENUE, type of course and distance, and TRAVEL details, at least 8 to 10 days before the race.

YOUTHS RACE TO START 2.30 p.m.

SENIORS 3.00 p.m.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President:	R.W.D.Hier (Halesowen)
Hon. Secretary:	E.J.Skidmore
Auditor:	E.W.Lindsey
Referees:	H. Lapworth 1st Division
	F. Cull 2nd Division
	J.Freeman 3rd Division
Race Secretaries:	R. Reid 1st Div. K. Banks 2nd Div. W. Aston 3rd Div.
Timekeepers:	F.E.Allecoat 1st Div. E. Clifford 2nd Div. W.A.Evans 3rd Div.
Delegates to M.C.C.C.A.	J. Freeman, W.A.Evans, E.J.Skidmore.

#### NEW RULE AND REVISION OF RULES.

This rule already exists and covered by Rule 5.

RULE 4 to read: That the Headquarters be a suitable venue in Birmingham, where meetings may be held.

RULE 8: Affiliation fee to be £2. 10. 0 or £2.50 in new Decimal Currency.

RULE 13. Race 3 to read: 14 days BEFORE THE MIDLAND COUNTIES CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

#### HONORARIUM:

Hon. Secretary to receive usual honorarium.



R U L E S. (Revised 1970)

1. That the name of the League be the "BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE".
2. That the objects of the League be the promotion of combined races, allowing any number of runners to compete.
3. That the management of the League be vested in a President, Vice Presidents, (one from each Club with power to add); three delegates from each club, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Asst. Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year with the Past Presidents.
4. That the Headquarters be a suitable venue in Birmingham where Meetings may be held.
5. Races to be confined to First Claim Members, and the rules of the M.C.A.C.C.A. and the M.C.A.A.A. to apply.
6. That the League be divided into three Divisions containing Clubs of equal strength, the two Clubs finishing first and second in the 2nd and 3rd Divisions to move into higher Divisions, and the two Clubs finishing at the bottom of the tables in Divisions 1 and 2 to move into lower Divisions. Winners and Runners-up in each Division to receive Silver-Gilt and Bronze Medals respectively, also the individual winner, on Points, in each Division to receive a League Plaque.
7. That the distance of races be from 5 to 7 miles, and races to be decided on Championship lines.
8. Affiliation Fee to be £2. 10. 0. per Club, per annum. Numbers and result sheets to be supplied by the League.
9. Any Club which fails to pay its Affiliation Fee within TWELVE MONTHS from the date of the Annual General Meeting shall have their invitation withdrawn from the League.
10. Each race shall be in charge of an appointed referee whose decision shall be final, and to be started by an appointed starter.
11. The Hon. Secretary of the promoting Club shall arrange Judges and Officials for each race, and disc system of scoring shall be used. Each Club will provide its own disc steward.
12. Any Club failing to complete a team in all fixtures shall automatically finish at the bottom of the table in the final League Placings.
13. All Clubs shall promote a race automatically alternate seasons, or if necessary by ballot. The dates of the races EACH SEASON will be:-
  1. First Saturday in November.
  2. Last Saturday in November.
  3. 14 days before MIDLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS. (Affect in 1972) JAN 29TH
  4. 14 days before the ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS. 19TH FEB

Any Other Business:

Ken Dare proposed that all Club Secretaries, or a responsible Club Member, who are, or can be contacted by telephone, to let the League Secretary have these phone numbers as they can be very useful in an emergency.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday 8th September, 1971 at 7.30 p.m.  
at the Central Hall, Corporation St, Birmingham.



# NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LEAGUE OFFICIALS AND CLUB SECRETARIES.

## President:

PRESIDENT: R.W.D.Hier, Flat 4, Hampton Court, George Street, Edgbaston.

Hon.Sec: E.J.Skidmore, 49, Maidstone Drive, Wordsley, Nr. Stourbridge, Worcs.

## DIVISION 1.

REFEREE: H. Lapworth, 78, Hartland Ave., Wyken, Coventry.

RACE SEC: R.Reid, 22, Crome Road, Great Barr, Birmingham 22A.

TIMEKEEPER: F.E.Allocoat, 51, Alfriston Rd., Pinham, Coventry.

## CLUB SECRETARIES:

City of Stoke A.C. B.M.Johnson, 191, Middlewich St., Crewe, Cheshire.  
Tipton Harriers J. Bedford, 53, Elm Terrace, Tividale, Warley.  
B'ham University M. Holden, Sports Centre, B'ham University, Edgbaston.  
Worcester Y.M.C.A. Harriers R.W.E.Hines, 3, Farley Street, Worcester.  
Birchfield Harriers R.Reid (as above) ?  
Wolverhampton + Bilston A.C. K.Evans, 17, Edward Street, Wolverhampton.  
Small Heath Harriers K. Dare, 106, Bryn Arden Rd., Birmingham 26.  
Coventry Godiva B. Heatley, 17, Edward Tiller Road, Nr. Nuneaton.

## DIVISION 2.

REFEREE: F. Cull, 47, Dibble Road, Smethwick, Warley.

RACE SEC: K. Banks, 69, Fleet Crescent, Rugby, Warks.

TIMEKEEPER: E.G.Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa.

## CLUB SECRETARIES:

G.E.C./A.E.I. RUGBY N.R.W.England, 98, Main Street, Long Lawford, Nr. Rugby  
Halesowen A.C. A. Hey, 81, Stevens Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge.  
Gloucester A.C. T. Haines, 48, The Triangle, Gloucester.  
Sparkhill Harriers J. Mills, 49, Acheson Road, Hall Green, B'ham 28.  
Shrewsbury A.C. R.C.Arden, 75, London Road, Shrewsbury.  
Leamington A.C. G. Phipps, 164, Millbank, Warwick.  
Warley A.C. R. Capewell, 68, Breckview, Stanhope Road, Smethwick.  
Nuneaton Harriers E. Hanson, 43, Kingsley Crescent, Bulkington, Nuneaton Warks.

Bromsgrove and Redditch E.C.Nicholls, 13, Chaucer Rd., Aston Fields, Bromsgrove, Worcs.

## DIVISION 3

REFEREE: J. Freeman, 21, Paradise, Dudley, Worcs.

RACE SEC: W. Aston, 8, Lodge Crescent, West Hagley, Stourbridge, Worcs.

TIMEKEEPER: W.A.Evans, 121, Ruskin Street, West Bromwich, Staffs.

## CLUB SECRETARIES:

Burton A.C. M. Thompson, 37, Foston Avenue, Burton on Trent.  
Stafford A.C. D.J.Cowley, 6, Rivorway, Stafford.  
Dudley and Stourbridge E. Horwill, "Pevensoy" Enville Rd., Wall Heath, Brierley Hill Staffs.  
West Bromwich J. Duckby, 26, Hall Green Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich.  
Lozells Harriers T. Barnes, 2, Hurst Green Road, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield.  
Solihull A.C. R. Slinn, 54, Knightsbridge Road, Solihull.  
Harborne Harriers H. P. Hall, 14, Woodwin Avenue, Edgbury, Warley.  
B'ham City Police A. Price, 87, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23.  
Cheltenham A.C. D. Hobby, 8, Cleve Rise, Newent, Glos.  
Northampton A.C. C.J.Ridge, 310, Wellingborough Rd., Northampton.  
West Mid.Coll of Ed. J. Moore, West Mid.College of Education, Gorway, Walsall.  
Jun.Leader Regt. R.A. G.J.Oliver, Education Div., Jun.Leaders Regt., Bramcote Nuneaton.  
R.A.F.Cosford Flt/Lt. M.C.Wright, 1/c Athletics, R.A.F. Cosford, Nr. W'ton.

PLEASE NOTIFY ANY CHANGE FROM THE ABOVE ADDRESSES.



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The third division fixture at Milford saw Stafford take a 14-point lead over Nuneaton, with Warley in third place. Details:

### DIVISION 1

Individual: 1. D. Black (Small Heath) 30mins. 1sec.; 2. J. King (S. H.) 30.1; 3. A. Birks (Stoke) 30.05; 4. D. Lem (Birefield) 30.06; 5. K. Boyden (Tipton) 30.08; 6. R. Smedley (Birmingham Uni.) 30.27.

Team: 1. Tipton 71 points; 2. Stoke 78; 3. Small Heath 94; 4. Birmingham University 134; 5. Worcester 211; 6. Birefield 217; 7. Leamington 325; 8. Rugby 376.

Tipton placings: 5. K. Boyden 30.08; 10. M. Orton 30.35; 12. K. Rollason 30.41; 13. D. Fowkes 30.42; 15. A. Richards 30.45; 16. J. Wright 30.46.

### DIVISION 2

Individual: 1. J. Cadman (Coventry) 31mins. 14secs.; 2. K. Bartlett (Coventry) 31.26; 3. P. Eales (Coventry) 31.34; 4. S. Coomer (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 31.44; 5. H. Elder (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 31.47; 6. R. Cytlay (Gloucester) 31.50.

Team: 1. Coventry 30 points; 2. Wolverhampton and Bilston 89; 3. Gloucester 118; 4. Snarkhill 233; 5. Shrewsbury 242; 6. Halesowen 253; 7. Dudley and Stourbridge 299; 8. Bromsgrove and Redditch 303; 9. Cheltenham 353.

### DIVISION 3

Individual: 1. R. Harris (Stafford) 32mins. 50secs.; 2. J. Kinsella (Birmingham Police) 34.09; 3. R. Brown (Nuneaton) 34.21.

Team: 1. Stafford 94 points; 2. Nuneaton 108; 3. Warley 151; 4. Solihull 156; 5. Loxley 190; 6. Birmingham Police 236; 7. Cannock 237; 8. St. Peter's College 357; 9. West Bromwich 384; 10. Harborne 473.

# Black is upset at first place

David Black, the Small Heath international junior, won the Birmingham and District Cross-Country League first division race at Keele, Staffs, on Saturday. But his first reaction was disappointment that he had not been judged equal first with his clubmate, John King.

King was leading with half a mile to go but slowed up to let Black share first place. The judges disagreed — and split the two runners in Black's favour. But both were given the same time of 30min. 1sec. for the six-mile course.

Last year's champions, Tipton Harriers, weakened by the absence of international Alan Rushmer, still managed to hold off their rivals, beating Stoke by 71 points to 78, with Small Heath third with 94 points.

In the second division at Shirley, Coventry Godiva Harriers supplied the first three runners home in John Cadman, Ken Bartlett and Paul Eales to show that their demotion last season will only be temporary.

Their team score of 30 points beat Wolverhampton and Bilston by the massive margin of 59 points.

**First Division, Seniors:** D. Black (Small Heath) 30min. 1sec.; J. King (Small Heath) 30min. 1sec.; A. Birks (City of Stoke) 30min. 5 sec.

**Teams:** Tipton 71pts; City of Stoke 78; Small Heath 94; Birmingham Univ. 134; Worcester 206; Birchfield 212; Leamington 335; Rugby 376.

**Youths:** N. Jinks (Worcester) 17min. 4sec.

**Teams:** Birchfield 13; Small Heath 23; City of Stoke 25; Tipton 47; Leamington 52.

**Second Division, Seniors:** J. Cadman (Coventry Godiva) 31min. 14sec.; K. Bartlett (Coventry Godiva) 31min. 26sec.; P. Eales (Coventry Godiva) 31min. 34sec.

**Teams:** Coventry Godiva 30pts.; Wolverhampton and Bilston 89; Gloucester 118; Sparkhill 233; Shrewsbury 242; Halesowen 253; Dudley and Stourbridge 290; Bromsgrove and Redditch 303; Cheltenham 353.

**Youths:** P. Robinson (Halesowen) 13min. 21sec.

**Team:** Dudley and Stourbridge 20pts.; Gloucester 27; Sparkhill 32.



## ATHLETICS. SOCCER

# GODIVA BEGIN WITH A FINE DIV. II WIN

**C**OVENTRY Godiva Harriers, relegated twice in the last four years, began the Birmingham and District Cross-Country League Second Division campaign in the way that made them English senior team champions a few years ago.

They had the first three runners home at Shirley and all their scoring team of six finished in the first nine.

## Stafford storm to double

**S**TAFFORD powered their way to a double success in the Birmingham and District cross country league for the Sunday Mercury Shield at Milford.

Stafford won the senior six-mile race with 94 points to Nuneaton's 108. In the youths three-mile event they won with plenty in hand from Junior Leaders.

**Youths (3 miles):** 1. D. Carey (Stafford) 22min. 4sec.; 2. M. Downes (Stafford) 22min. 42s.; 3. A. Sims (Solihull) 22-52. **Team:** 1. Stafford 18pts; 2. Junior Leaders 25pts; 3. Warley 31pts; 4. Burton 31pts; 5. Solihull 50pts; 6. Cannock 52pts.

**Senior (6 miles):** 1. R. Harris (Barton A.C.) 32min. 50sec.; 2. J. Kinsella (Birmingham City Police) 34-9; 3. R. Brown (Nuneaton) 34-21; 4. J. Aiger (Warley) 34-25; 5. G. Rhodes (Stafford) 34-31; 6. C. Lees (Solihull) 34-49; 7. A. Freer (Cannock) 44-57; 8. T. Whitbread (Warley) 35-20; 9. A. Lee (Stafford) 35-30; 10. J. Willoughby (Solihull) 35-49.

**Team:** 1. Stafford 94pts; 2. Nuneaton 108; 3. Warley 151; 4. Solihull 156; 5. Lezells 190; 6. Birmingham City Police 236; 7. Cannock 237; 8. St. Peter's College 357; 9. West Bromwich 384; 10. Harborne 473.

● Bob Dobson (Export Credits Guarantee Dept. & Basildon A.C.) scored a second successive win in the Civil Service seven miles road-walking championship in 52 mins. 8 secs. at East Molesey, Surrey.

● Ron Laird, 33-year-old American Olympic walker, made a surprise appearance in an inter-club seven mile event at Imber Club, East Molesey, Surrey. He won the event in 50 mins. 40 secs., beating Britain's European championship walker, Carl Lawton, of Belgrave Harriers.

Laird is planning to spend three months in Britain training and racing as part of his preparation for next year's Olympic games at Munich.

● The Birmingham Walking Club six-mile handicap was won by T. Unwin in a time of 47.01 (handicap 10.30).

**Result:** 1. T. Unwin, 47.01 (10.30); 2. J. Fenton, 47.15 (11.00); 3. D. Mac, 47.32 (4.00); 4. J. Mitchell, 47.33 (7.00); 5. A. Parker, 48.22 (scr.); 6. R. Posner, 48.29 (20).

John Cadman held off team mates Ken Bartlett and junior Paul Eales to win the 5½-mile race over woodland, road and park by 12 seconds.

Godiva's points tally of 30 made them favourites for the team title.

Wolverhampton and Bilston, who went down with Godiva last season, showed their determination to make a quick return to the senior section by finishing second.

**Seniors:** 1. J. Cadman (Godiva), 31min. 14sec.; 2. K. Bartlett (Godiva), 31-25; 3. P. Eales (Godiva), 31-34; 4. S. Coomer (W'ton & Bilston), 31-44; 5. H. Elder (W'ton & Bilston), 31-47; 6. R. Cytiau (Gloucester), 31-50; 7. M. Jones (Godiva), 32-07; 8. C. Kirkham (Godiva), 32-11; 9. D. Moorcroft (Godiva), 32-13; 10. E. Williams (Shrewsbury), 32-14.

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**Teams:** 1. Dudley & Stourbridge 20 pts.; 2. Gloucester 27; 3. Sparkhill 32.

It was an all-Staffordshire battle in the opening fixture of the First Division at Keel University. Tipton gained victory by seven points from the national 25-mile road-relay champions City of Stoke with Small Heath in third place.

John King, of Small Heath, broke away from the leading bunch and looked to have the race won with half a mile of the six miles circuit left, but he waited for club-mate David Black and they ran in together. Ironically, the judges gave the verdict to Black who is the European junior 5,000 metres champion.

**Result:** 1. D. Black (Small Heath) 30-01; 2. J. King (Small Heath) 30-01; 3. A. Antony-Birks (City of Stoke) 30-05; 4. D. Lemm (Birchfield) 30-06; 5. R. K. Roden (Tipton) 30-08; 6. R. Smedley (Small Heath) 30-10.

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International Ron Grove led more than 200 other competitors from start to finish to win the North Midlands Cross-Country League meeting over Leicester's Western Park course.

Grove (Leicester Coritanian A.C.) covered the six-mile course in 26 minutes 55 seconds.

Kevin Hinton (Derby and County A.C.) finished second in 27 minutes 2 seconds with Phil Romaine, of South Holland Harriers, third three seconds behind.

Derby (75 points) won the team event with Notts. A.C. (76 points) runners-up, and Sheffield United Harriers (77) third.



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### DIVISION 1

Individual: 1. D. Black (Small Heath) 30mins. 1sec.; 2. J. King (S. H.) 30:1; 3. A. Birks (Stoke) 30:05; 4. D. Lem (Birmingham) 30:06; 5. K. Boyden (Tipton) 30:08; 6. R. Smedley (Birmingham) 30:27.

Team: 1. Tipton 71 points; 2. Stoke 78; 3. Small Heath 94; 4. Birmingham University 134; 5. Worcester 211; 6. Birmingham 217; 7. Leamington 325; 8. Rugby 376.

Tipton placings: 5. K. Boyden 30:08; 10. M. Orton 30:35; 12. K. Reilason 30:41; 13. D. Fowles 30:42; 15. A. Richards 30:45; 16. J. Wright 30:46.

### DIVISION 2

Individual: 1. J. Cadman (Coventry) 31mins. 14secs.; 2. K. Bartlett (Coventry) 31:26; 3. P. Eales (Coventry) 31:34; 4. S. Coomer (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 31:44; 5. H. Elder (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 31:47; 6. R. Cytlay (Gloucester) 31:50.

Team: 1. Coventry 30 points; 2. Wolverhampton and Bilston 89; 3. Gloucester 118; 4. Sparkhill 233; 5. Shrewsbury 242; 6. Halesowen 253; 7. Dudley and Stourbridge 290; 8. Bromsgrove and Redditch 303; 9. Cheltenham 353.

### DIVISION 3

Individual: 1. R. Harris (Stafford) 32mins. 50secs.; 2. J. Kinella (Birmingham City Police) 34:09; 3. R. Brown (Nuneaton) 34:21.

Team: 1. Stafford 94 points; 2. Nuneaton 108; 3. Warley 151; 4. Solihull 156; 5. Loxley 190; 6. Birmingham City Police 236; 7. Cannock 237; 8. St. Peter's College 357; 9. West Bromwich 384; 10. Harborne 473.

## Black is upset at first place

David Black, the Small Heath international junior, won the Birmingham and District Cross-Country League first division race at Keele, Staffs, on Saturday. But his first reaction was disappointment that he had not been judged equal first with his clubmate, John King.

King was leading with half a mile to go but slowed up to let Black share first place. The judges disagreed — and split the two runners in Black's favour. But both were given the same time of 30min. 1sec. for the six-mile course.

Last year's champions, Tipton Harriers, weakened by the absence of international Alan Rushmer, still managed to hold off their rivals, beating Stoke by 71 points to 78, with Small Heath third with 94 points.

In the second division at Shirley, Coventry Godiva Harriers supplied the first three runners home in John Cadman, Ken Bartlett and Paul Eales to show that their demotion last season will only be temporary.

Their team score of 30 points beat Wolverhampton and Bilston by the massive margin of 59 points.

First Division, Seniors: D. Black (Small Heath) 30min. 1sec.; J. King (Small Heath) 30min. 1sec.; A. Birks (City of Stoke) 30min. 5 sec.

Teams: Tipton 71pts; City of Stoke 78; Small Heath 94; Birmingham Univ. 134; Worcester 206; Birmingham 212; Leamington 335; Rugby 376.

Youths: N. Jinks (Worcester) 17min. 4sec.

Teams: Birmingham 13; Small Heath 23; City of Stoke 25; Tipton 47; Leamington 52.

Second Division, Seniors: J. Cadman (Coventry Godiva) 31min. 14sec.; K. Bartlett (Coventry Godiva) 31min. 26sec.; P. Eales (Coventry Godiva) 31min. 34sec.

Teams: Coventry Godiva 30pts; Wolverhampton and Bilston 89; Gloucester 118; Sparkhill 233; Shrewsbury 242; Halesowen 253; Dudley and Stourbridge 290; Bromsgrove and Redditch 303; Cheltenham 353.

Youths: P. Robinson (Halesowen) 13min. 21sec.

Teams: Dudley and Stourbridge 20pts; Gloucester 27; Sparkhill 32.

## ATHLETICS, SOCCER

# GODIVA BEGIN WITH A FINE DIV. II WIN

COVENTRY Godiva Harriers, relegated twice in the last four years, began the Birmingham and District Cross-Country League Second Division campaign in the way that made them English senior team champions a few years ago.

They had the first three runners home at Shirley and all their scoring team of six finished in the first nine.

## Stafford storm to double

STAFFORD powered their way to a double success in the Birmingham and District cross country league for the Sunday Mercury Shield at Milford.

Stafford won the senior six-mile race with 94 points to Nuneaton's 108. In the youths three-mile event they won with plenty in hand from Junior Leaders.

Youths (3 miles): 1. D. Carey (Stafford) 22min. 4sec.; 2. M. Bowyer (Stafford) 22min. 42; 3. A. Sims (Solihull) 22:52. Team: 1. Stafford 18pts; 2. Junior Leaders 26pts; 3. Warley 31pts; 4. Burton 31pts; 5. Solihull 50pts; 6. Cannock 52pts.

Senior (6 miles): 1. R. Harris (Barton A.C.) 32min. 50sec.; 2. J. Kinella (Birmingham City Police) 34:9; 3. R. Brown (Nuneaton) 34:21; 4. J. Alger (Warley) 34:25; 5. G. Rhodes (Stafford) 34:51; 6. C. Lees (Solihull) 34:49; 7. A. Freer (Cannock) 44:37; 8. T. Whitbread (Warley) 35:20; 9. A. Lee (Stafford) 35:50; 10. J. Willmott (Solihull) 35:49.

Teams: 1. Stafford 94pts; 2. Nuneaton 108; 3. Warley 151; 4. Solihull 156; 5. Loxley 190; 6. Birmingham City Police 236; 7. Cannock 237; 8. St. Peter's College 357; 9. West Bromwich 384; 10. Harborne 473.

Bob Dobson (Export Credits Guarantee Dept. & Basilidon A.C.) scored a second successive win in the Civil Service seven miles road-walking championship in 32 mins. 8 secs. at East Molesey, Surrey.

Ron Laird, 33-year-old American Olympic walker, made a surprise appearance in an inter-club seven mile event at Imber Court, East Molesey, Surrey. He won the event in 50 mins. 40 secs., beating Britain's European championship walker, Carl Lawton, of Belgrave Harriers.

Laird is planning to spend three months in Britain training and racing as part of his preparation for next year's Olympic games at Munich.

The Birmingham Walking Club six-mile handicap was won by T. Unwin in a time of 47.01 (handicap 19.30).

Result: 1. T. Unwin, 47.01 (10.30); 2. J. Fenton, 47.15 (11.00); 3. D. Mace, 47.32 (4.00); 4. J. Ditchell, 47.33 (7.00); 5. A. Parker, 48.22 (sec.); 6. R. Foster, 48.29 (20).

John Cadman held off team mates Ken Bartlett and junior Paul Eales to win the 5½-mile race over woodland, road and park by 12 seconds.

Godiva's points tally of 30 made them favourites for the team title.

Wolverhampton and Bilston, who went down with Godiva last season, showed their determination to make a quick return to the senior section by finishing second.

Seniors: 1. J. Cadman (Godiva), 31min. 14sec.; 2. K. Bartlett (Godiva), 31:26; 3. P. Eales (Godiva), 31:34; 4. S. Coomer (Wotton & Bilston), 31:44; 5. H. Elder (Wotton & Bilston), 31:47; 6. R. Cytlay (Gloucester), 31:50; 7. M. Jones (Godiva), 32:07; 8. C. Kirkham (Godiva), 32:11; 9. D. Moorcroft (Godiva), 32:13; 10. E. Williams (Shrewsbury), 32:14.

Teams: 1. Coventry Godiva 30 pts; 2. Wotton & Bilston 89; 3. Gloucester 118; 4. Sparkhill 233; 5. Shrewsbury 242; 6. Halesowen 253; 7. Dudley & Stourbridge 290; 8. Bromsgrove & Redditch 303; 9. Cheltenham 353.

Youths: 1. P. Robinson (Halesowen), 13min. 21sec.; 2. P. Irvine (Gloucester), 13:47; 3. J. Brewer (Dudley & Stourbridge), 13:51.

Team: 1. Dudley & Stourbridge 20 pts; 2. Gloucester 27; 3. Sparkhill 32.

It was an all-Staffordshire battle in the opening fixture of the First Division at Keele University. Tipton gained victory by seven points from the national 25-mile road-relay champions City of Stoke with Small Heath in third place.

John King, of Small Heath, broke away from the leading bunch and looked to have the race won with half a mile of the six miles circuit left, but he waited for club-mate David Black and they ran in together. Ironically, the judges gave the verdict to Black, who is the European junior 5,000 metres champion.

Result: 1. D. Black (Small Heath) 30:01; 2. J. King (Small Heath) 30:01; 3. A. Antony-Birks (City of Stoke) 30:05; 4. D. Lemm (Birmingham) 30:06; 5. R. K. Baden (Tipton) 30:08; 6. R. Smedley (Small Heath) 30:10.

Teams: 1. Tipton 71 points; 2. City of Stoke 78; 3. Small Heath 94; 4. Birmingham University 134; 5. Worcester 206; 6. Birmingham 212; 7. Leamington 335; 8. Rugby 376.

Youths: 1. N. Jinks (Worcester) 17:04; 2. K. Iliffe (Birmingham) 17:08; 3. A. Mountford (City of Stoke) 17:14.

Team: 1. Birmingham 13 points; 2. Small Heath 23; 3. City of Stoke 25; 4. Tipton 47; 5. Leamington 52.

International Ron Grove led more than 200 other competitors from start to finish to win the North Midlands Cross-Country League meeting over Leicester's Western Park course.

Grove (Leicester Coritanian A.C.) covered the six-mile course in 28 minutes 56 seconds.

Kevin Hinton (Derby and County A.C.) finished second in 27 minutes 2 seconds with Phil Romaine, of South Holland Harriers, third three seconds behind.

Derby (75 points) won the team event with Notts. A.C. (76 points) runners-up, and Sheffield United Harriers (77) third.



# BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

President:  
R.W.D.Hier, (Halesowen)  
139, Tennal Rd,  
Birmingham 32.

Affiliated to M.C.C.C.A.

Hon Secretary/Treasurer  
E.J.Skidmore  
49, Maidstone Drive  
Wordsley,  
Nr Stourbridge  
Wores.

Tel. Kingswinford 4751

Dear Sir,

The 46th Annual General Meeting will beheld on Wednesday 8th September 1971, at 7.30p.m. in the Lounge at the Central Hall Corporation St, Birmingham.

I trust that you willfind it convenient to attend,

Yours faithfully

E.J.Skidmore.

## AGENDA.

1. Apologies.
2. Confirm minutes of the 45th A G M, Held Wednesday 9th Sept 1970.
3. Matters arising.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Presidents Report.
6. Hon Secretaries Report.
7. Resignations.
8. Applications for Membership.
9. Composition of the League.

### 10. Fixtures and Venues:

		1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.
Nov 6th 1971,	1st Race	.....	.....	.....
" 27th "	2nd "	.....	.....	.....
Jan 29th 1972	3rd "	.....	.....	.....
Feb 19th "	4th "	.....	.....	.....

### 11. Election of Officers:

(a) President,	(b) Hon Secretary/Treasurer,	(c) Auditor,
(d) Referees,	1st Div	2nd Div
(e) Race Secretaries	1st Div	2nd Div
(f) Time Keepers	1st Div	2nd Div
(g) Delegates to the M.c.c.c.a.		

### 12. Honorarium.

### 13. Any other Business.

### 14. Date and Place of the next Annual General Meeting.

### Final Results 1970/71.

1st Div			
1 Tipton 274.	1. Leamington 316.	1. Dudley & Stour 286	
2 University 595.	2. GEC/AEI 353.	2. Cheltenham 314	
3 Small Heath 597.	3. Gloucester 470.	3. Stafford 334	
4 Stoke 704.	4. Sparkhill 604.	4. Solihull 691	
5 Birchfield 798.	5. Halesowen 833.	5. Lozells 725	
6 Worcester 879.	6. Shrewsbury 841.	6. B'ham Pol 1067	
7 Coventry 901.	7. Brom & Red 908.	7. West Brom 1343	
8 Wol & Bil 998.	8. Warley 1098.	8. Harborne 1382	
	9. Nuneaton 1180	Burton	
		West Mid Col	



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

1969/70

## EXPENDITURES

	S.	s.	d.	Decimal
28 Clubs @ \$2. 10. 0.	70.	0.	0.	70.00
1 Club paid in advance	2.	2.	0.	2.10
1 " overpaid (Donation)	4.	0.		.20
\$ A. Wright	10.	0.		.50
" "				
\$ A. Boot	1.	0.	0.	1.00
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Advance Payment	73.	16.	0.	73.80
Excess Income	2.	2.	0.	
	7.	13.	4.	9.77

## MEDAL ACCOUNT

Awarded:

18	Winners Shields	14.	8.	0	14.20
18	Runners - Up Shields	9.	18.	0	9.90
3	Individual Shields	2.	5.	6.	2.32
1	Presidents Snield	1.	3.	2.	1.16
In Hand Sept 1974:					
1	Bronze Medal	9.	0.	0.	.45
1	Die	5.	0.	0.	5.00

Balance Sheet as at 29th July 1971.

Cash in Hand 6th Aug

85.27



# NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LEAGUE OFFICIALS AND CLUB SECRETARIES.

PRESIDENT H Lapworth 78, Hartland Ave, Wyken, Coventry, Warks.  
 SECRETARY E J Skidmore 3, Grosvenor Villas, Lawnswood Rd, Wordsley, Nr Stourbridge

## DIVISION 1.

REFEREE A Wheeler 7, Parkway, Alum Rock, Birmingham  
 RACE SECRETARY R Reid 22, Grome Rd, Great Barr, Birmingham 22a.  
 TIMEKEEPER E G Clifford 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warks.

## CLUB SECRETARIES.

CITY of STOKE A C. P J Kelly 243, Princes Rd, Stoke on Trent, Staffs.  
 BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS R Reid as above.  
 LEAMINGTON A C G Phipps 164, Millbank, Warwick.  
 TIPTON HARRIERS J Bedford 53, Elm Terrace, Tividale, Warley, Wores.  
 G E C/A E I RUGBY N R W England 98, Main St, Long Lawford, Nr Rugby, Warks.  
 B'HAM UNIVERSITY M Southam Sports Centre, B'ham University, Edgbaston, B'ham 15  
 SMILL HEATH HARRIERS K Dare 106, Bryn Arden Road, Birmingham 26.  
 WORCESTER YMCA HARRIERS A Jenkins, 105c Oakfield Road, Malvern Link, Wores.

## DIVISION 2.

REFEREE R W D Hier, 139, Tennal Road, Birmingham 32.  
 RACE SECRETARY K Banks 69, Fleet Crescent, Rugby, Warks.  
 TIMEKEEPER F E Allcoat 51, Alfriston Road, Finham, Coventry, Warks.

## CLUB SECRETARIES

SPARKHILL HARRIERS J Mills, 49, Acheson Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.  
 DUDLEY & STOURBRIDGE E Horwill, 'Pevensey', Enville Road, Wallheath, Brierley Hill, Staffs  
 HALESOWEN A C A Hey, 81, Stevens Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge, Wores.  
 BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH E Nicholls, 13, Chaucer Road, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove, Wores.  
 COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS B Heatley, 17, Edward Tyler Road, Bedworth, Nr Nuneaton, Warks.  
 WOLVERHAMPTON & BILSTON K Evans, 17, Edward Street, Wolverhampton. WV1 1QR  
 CHELTENHAM A C D Hobby, 8, Cleave Rise, Newent, Gloucester.  
 SHREWSBURY AC B Williams, 20, Cressage Avenue, Heath Farm, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.  
 GLOUCESTER A C T Haines, 48, The Triangle, Gloucester.

## DIVISION 3.

REFEREE F Cull, 47, Dibble Road, Smethwick, Warley, Wores.  
 RACE SECRETARY W E Aston, 8, Lodge Crescent, West Hagley, Stourbridge, Wores.  
 TIMEKEEPER W A Evans, 121, Ruskin Street, West Bromwich, Staffs.

## CLUB SECRETARIES

STAFFORD A C D J Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford, Staffs.  
 B'HAM CITY POLICE G Heeley, 19, Bibury Road, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 0 HG  
 NUNEATON HARRIERS E Hanson, 43, Kingsley Crescent, Bulkington, Nuneaton, Warks.  
 WARLEY A C R Capewell, 68, 'Brookview', Stanhope Road, Smethwick, Warley.  
 SOLIHULL A C P Milton, Solihull Athletic Club, Tudor Grange Park, Solihull.  
 LOZELLS HARRIERS B W Lake, 42, Heathside Drive, Birmingham 30.  
 WEST BROMWICH HARRIERS J Buckby, 26, Hall Green Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich, Staffs  
 HARBORNE HARRIERS H Trahearn, 25, The Oval, Smethwick, Warley, Wores.  
 BURTON A C I E Smith, 18, St Andrews Drive, Burton on Trent, Staffs.  
 WEST MIDLAND COLLEGE C Fletcher, West Midland College of Education, Gorway, Walsall.  
 Junior Leaders Regt G J Oliver, Junior Leaders Regt, Bramcote, Nuneaton, Warks.  
 CANNOCK A C C B A Reynolds, 46, Columbian Way, Walnut Hill, Cannock, Staffs.  
 ST PETER'S COLLEGE, SALTLEY. P Edwards, St Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham 8.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES.



BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held at the Central Hall, Corporation St, Birmingham, on Wednesday 8th September 1971.

APOLOGIES.

E.W Lindsey, E Nicholls, G Phipps, T Haines, G E Boot, D Hobby, E Hubbleday, F Cull, T Shuck, A Hey, F Kirby, I E Smith, J Bedford.

PRESENT.

R W D Hier, R Newey, W A Evans, K Banks, E G Clifford, J McKenna, A Wheeler, H Lapworth, B Heatley, D Faulconbridge, R Reid, W E.Aston, K Westley, E Rowland, E Hanson, J Lyne, N R W England, H W Trahearn, J Kinsella, G Heeley, J A Mills, A J Morgan, W H Fisher, K G Dare, R Capewell, D R Denton, H W Mortimer, P J Kelly, K Walklate, B W Lake.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting, held Wednesday 9th September 1970, which had been circulated were proposed K Dare, seconded W Aston, were confirmed and signed.

ACCOUNTS.

The Statement of Accounts were studied for a while, there being no questions the account were proposed by R Capewell, seconded K Westley and were duly adopted.

A vote of thanks to the Hon Sec, and E W Lindsey

(Hon Auditor).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President Mr R W D Hier (Halesowen) again thanked the members for electing him president, and that he was proud to be president of the finest cross country league in the World. He had attended races at all three divisions and had enjoyed himself enormously. He wished to see more competition for the younger members, and also he would like to see the ex athletes come back and give some help on the official side.

A vote of thanks to the president.

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Another good year with some fine and keen competition, Tipton Harriers won the 1st division with 274pts, B'ham University 595pts were 2nd beating Small Heath Harriers by 2 points. Coventry Godiva Harriers 901pts, and Wolverhampton & Bilston A C 998pts were relegated.

K Doydon Tipton Harriers Won the Individual

Division 2, Leamington A C were the winners with 316pts, G E C/A E I Rugby 353pts were second.

Relegated were Wexley A C 1098pts and Nuneaton Harriers 1180pts.

S McHale Gloucester A C won the Individual

Division 3, Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers were the winners with 286pts, Cheltenham & County A C 314pts were second

P Butcher Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers Individual winner.

I would like to thank our President, the referees, H Lapworth, F Cull, and J Freeman, the Timekeepers F E Allcoat, E G Clifford, and W A Evans, and our three race secretary's Bob Reid, Ken Banks, and Bill Aston who did a wonderful job, and any one who helped the league in any way.

RESIGNATIONS.

Northampton A C. R A F Cosford had thier Invitation Withdrawn for failing to pay thier Affiliation.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Cannock A C. and St Peters College, Saltley. on the understanding that they are affiliated to the Midland Counties Cross Country Association.

COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE 1971/72.

Division One.

Tipton Harriers  
B'ham University  
Small Heath Harriers  
City of Stoke A C  
Birchfield Harriers  
Worcester YMCA Harriers  
Leamington A C  
G E C/A E I Rugby

Division Two.

Coventry Godiva  
Wolverhampton & Bilston  
Gloucester A C  
Sparkhill Harriers  
Halesowen A C  
Shrewsbury A C  
Bromsgrove & Redditch  
Dudley & Stourbridge  
Cheltenham A C

Division Three

Wexley A C  
Nuneaton Harriers  
Stafford A C  
Solihull A C  
Lozells Harriers  
B'ham City Police  
West Bromwich Harriers  
Harborne Harriers  
Burton A C

Cont :



CONT:

Division Three  
West Midland College  
Junior Leaders Regt  
Cannock A C  
St Peter's College Saltley

FIXTURES AND VENUES.

	<u>Division One</u>	<u>Division Two</u>	<u>Division Three</u>
November 6th 1971,	Keele University	Sparkhill	Stafford
" 27th "	Birchfield	Wombourne	Sparkhill (B'ham Police)
January 29th 1972	Leamington	Halesowen	Nuneaton
February 19th "	Tipton or Michelin	Redditch	Warley

NOTE.

Secretaries who are organising these races must inform all clubs in his Division, also the President, Hon Secretary, Referee, and the Timekeeper and Race Secretary, as to the Venue, Travel details the type of course, and the distance, at least 8 to 10 days before the race.

YOUTHS START 2-30pm.

SENIORS START 3-00pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President H Lapworth (Coventry Godiva Harriers)  
Hon Secretary/Treasurer E J Skidmore  
Auditor E W Lindsey

	<u>Division One</u>	<u>Division Two</u>	<u>Division Three</u>
Race Secretaries	R Reid	K Banks	W Aston
Referee's	A Wheeler	R W D Hier	F Cull
Timekeeper's	E G Clifford	F E Allcoat	W A Evans

M C C C A delegates J Freeman W A Evans E J Skidmore.

HONORARIUM.

It was agreed to increase the Honorarium to £7. <sup>21/8/72</sup>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

David Denton the Midlands Counties Cross Country Secretary reminded the members that it was the Midlands turn to promote the English National Cross Country Championships, they will be held at Sutton Coldfield, Saturday 4th March 1972.

He hopes that all clubs will support the Championships by entering teams, and supplying many of the Officials which are required to organise such an event. David's address;

103, Upper Meadow Road, Quinton, Birmingham 32.  
Telephone: 021 422 7533.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Wednesday 13th September 1972.  
at the Central Hall, Corporation St, Birmingham.

*H. B. Lapworth*



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Affiliated to M.C.C.C.A.

President.

H Lapworth (Coventry Godiva)

Hon Sec / Treasurer

E.J. Skidmore

## 47th Annual General Meeting.

To be held at the Wilfred Clarke Centre, Primley Ave, Walsall,  
on Wednesday 13th September 1972, at 7.30pm.

### AGENDA.

1. Obituary.
2. Apologies.
3. Confirm minutes of the 46th A G M held Wednesday 8th September 1971.
4. Matters arising.
5. Statement of Accounts.
6. Presidents report.
7. Hon Secretary's report.
8. Applications of Membership.
9. Composition of League.
10. Fixtures and Venues.
 

	1st Div	2nd Div	3rd Div
Nov 4th 1972	1.	.....	.....
Nov 25th 1972	2.	.....	.....
Jan 27th 1973	3.	.....	.....
Feb 17th 1973	4.	.....	.....
11. Election of Officers.
 

(a) President.	(b) Hon Sec/Treasurer.	(c) Auditor.
(d) Referee.	1st Div	2nd Div.
(e) Race Sec.	"	"
(f) Timekeepers	"	"
(g) Delegates to M C C C A.		
12. Honorarium.
13. Any other business.
14. Date and Place of the next Annual General Meeting.

### Final League Placings 1971/72.

1st Division		2nd Division		3rd Division	
1. City of Stoke A C.	279	1. Coventry Godiva Harriers	174	1 Solihull A C	378
2. Tipton Harriers	282	2. Wolverhampton & Bilston	374	2 Nuneaton H	445
3. B'ham University	583	3 Gloucester A C	442	3 Stafford A C	448
4. Birchfield Harriers	622	4 Sparkhill Harriers	685	4 Warley A C	534
5. Small Heath Harriers	626	5 Halesowen A C	841	5 Lozells H	741
6. Worcester YMCA Harriers	951	6 Shrewsbury A C	933	6 B'ham Police	1092
7. Leamington A C	1166	7 Dudley & Stourbridge	1128	7 St Peter's	1372
8. Rugby & District A C	1368	8 Bromsgrove & Redditch	1278	8 West Brom H	1490
		9 Cheltenham & County	Inc.	Burton A C	
				Cannock A C	
				Harborne H	Inc
				West Mid Co	



# BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1971 / 72.

### EXPENDITURE

1970/71

16 . 00	Numbers and Pins
5 . 70	Duplicating
27 . 73	Stationery
	Awards
	Extra Awards
1 . 05	Room Hire
3 . 00	M C C A Affiliation Fee
4 . 50	Postage
5 . 25	Honorarium
75	Bank Charges

### INCOME

29 Clubs @ 2 . 50	72 . 50
1 Club @ . 40 had paid 2.10 in advance last year.	. 40
Donations;	
J McKenna	1 . 50
G E Boot	1 . 50
S A Wright	. 50
Extra Awards purchased by clubs	3 . 58
	<u>79 . 98</u>
Excess Income	. 11
	<u>£ 79 . 87</u>

### MEDAL ACCOUNT

Awarded;

In Stock September 1971

1 Bronze Medal	. 45
1 Die	5 . 00
Purchases;	
18 Winners Shields	14 . 40
18 Runners Up Shields	9 . 90
3 Individual Shields	2 . 40
1 Presidents Shield	1 . 24
Extra Awards	3 . 58
	<u>£ 36 . 97</u>

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18 Runners Up Shields	9 . 90
3 Individual Shields	2 . 40
1 Presidents Shield	1 . 24
Extra Awards	3 . 58
In Hand September 1972	
1 Bronze Medal	. 45
1 Die	5 . 00
	<u>£ 36 . 97</u>

Cash at Bank & in Hand 29 / 7 / 71

Excess Income

Cash at bank

Audited and found correct E W Lindsey 23/8/72

E J Skidmore Hon Treasurer.

£ 85 . 38

10 / 8 / 72

85 . 27

. 11

1971 / 72



BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.  
Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting, held at the Wilfred Clarke  
Centre, Walsall, on Wednesday 13th September 1972, at 7.30pm.

Obituary.

The secretary reported the death of one of our Past Presidents Jack Sandbrook Wolverhampton & Bilston Athletic Club, a great stalwart of athletics who had served the sport for more than 50 years.

Also reported was the death of Mike Sleeman Gloucester Athletic Club, Mike had competed in the final league race at Redditch, and in the evening at Gloucester was fatally injured in a car accident.

The President asked everyone to rise and observe a moments silence.

Apologies.

E G Clifford, G Phipps, H Mortimer, R Reid, G Boot, G J Oliver, D J Cowley, G Heeley, P Goodfellow, F Cull, B. Heatley, R W D Hier.

Present.

H Lapworth (President) E J Skidmore ( Hon Sec & Treasurer). E W Lindsey, W A Evans, E Powner, K Walklate, T C B Spencer, K R Bartlam, E F Hutchings, J McKenna, A Wheeler, K G Dare, T O'Reilly, D Hobby, B J Ewington, C Hunt, K J Marshall, W E Aston, K Banks, N England, R B Humphies, A J Evans, A Hey, K J Burlton, M J Price, W H Carr, J Gipton, A J Phillips, J Bedford, E Schuck, E H Hubbleday, J A Mills, D Faulconbridge, S A Wright.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting, held Wednesday 8th September 1971, which had been circulated, were read out to the delegates.

They were proposed and seconded and confirmed, and duly signed.

Matters Arising.

After last years annual general meeting GEC/AEI Rugby changed their name to, Rugby & District Athletic Club.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer read through the accounts, they were proposed and seconded and were adopted.

A vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Auditor.

Presidents Report.

The President again thanked the members for electing him, he was very proud to be president of the best cross country league in the world, with clubs such as Tipton, Stoke, Birchfield, Small Heath, and Coventry, providing National team winners, and individual winners, and International representatives.

He had attended races in all three divisions, races were run in a very sporting manor, and had thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Hon Secretary's Report.

A most excelent season with a near record turn out.

The 1st Division races were outstanding with the Tipton and Stoke clubs dominating, Tipton won the first race 71pts to 78pts, after the second race Tipton took ahead of 44pts, and looked odds on to retain their title, but some inspired running by Stoke in the third race, they won 46pts to 81pts and were now only 9pts behind.

The final race was a cracker, (organised by Tipton the first for fifteen years) it was over a four lap course, after two laps Stoke had reduced Tiptons Lead and at the end of the third lap they were level on points, on the fourth and



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final lap positions were constantly changing, but with Tiptons sixth scorer losing ground, Stoke came home to win by 2pts 39pts to 5 and to win the title by just 3pts. Rugby & District A C, Leamington Relegated. The Individual award was won by Dave Lem Birchfield Harriers 4.5.1.7. Stoke youths also won the Youths League when all looked lost, scoring 17pts over the last two races, they beat Birchfield youths by 2pts 74pts to 76.

Second Division.

No one could touch Coventry Godiva, they won all four league races and the Second Division by 200pts, beating Wolverhampton & Bilston A C 174pts to 374pts, Gloucester A C were a good third 442pts. Bromsgrove & Redditch A C, & Cheltenham were relegated. The Individual award was won by H Elder Wolverhampton & Bilston A C 5.4.2.5.

Wolverhampton & Bilston A C won the youths league 100pts, Sparkhill Harriers were second 115pts.

Third Division.

There was some interesting racing in the third division with four clubs in with a chance, the first race at Stafford, the home side won, Nuneaton were second, Warley finished third with Solihull fourth, in the second race these positions were reversed, and over the final two races Solihull ran out clear winners with 378pts, Nuneaton finished third 445pts just beating Stafford 448pts by 3pts.

The Individual award was won by John Algar Warley A C 4.2.5.5. it was very pleasing to see John win this award, he has been competing and officiating many years now and has certainly earned this award.

The Youths League was won by Stafford 50pts, from Solihull 111pts. A special thank you to the clubs who promoted the league races, to the race secretary's Bob Roid, Ken Banks, and Bill Aston who do a great job, to the Referee's Alf Wheeler, R W D (Taf) Hier, and Frank Cull, our Timekeepers Ted Clifford, Fred Allcoat, and Fred Evans and to anyone else who have helped, recording, handing out discs, I thank you all.

Resignations.

Junior Leaders Regiment.

Applications.

Newcastle (Staffs) Athletic Club, Keele University Cross Country Club were accepted, and invited to compete in the third division.

Composition of the League.

After discussion it was decided that the usual rule of two up, and two down, and the new clubs to compete in the third division. The composition of the league to be revued at next years Annual General Meeting.



# Composition of the League Continued:

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1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.
Tipton Harriers.	Leamington A C	Bromsgrove & Redditch A C
City of Stoke A C	Rugby & District A C	Cheltenham & County A C
Birmingham University	Gloucester A C	Stafford A C
Birchfield Harriers	Sparkhill Harriers	Waxley A C
Small Heath Harriers	Halesowen A C	Lozells Harriers
Coventry Godiva Harriers	Shrewsbury A C	Birmingham City Police A C
Wolverhampton & Bilston A C.	Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers.	St Peter's College, Saltley
Worcester YMCA Harriers	Solihull A C	West Bromwich Harriers
	Nuneaton Harriers	Burton A C
		Cannock A C
		Harborne Harriers
		West Midland College, Walsall
		Newcastle (Staffs) A C
		Keele University

## Fixtures & Venues.

	1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division
Nov 4th 1972.	Keele University(Stoke)	Gloucester A C	Stafford A C
Nov 25th 1972.	Tipton Harriers	Nuneaton Harriers	Cheltenham & County A C
Jan 27th 1973	Wolverhampton & Bilston.	Leamington A C	West Bromwich Harriers
Feb 17th 1973	Birchfield Harriers	Halesowen A C	Keele University(Newcastle)

## Election of Officers.

	President.	Hon Secretary/Treasurer.	Auditor.
	A Wheeler.	E J Skidmore.	E W Lindsey.
Referee.	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
	R Reid	R W D Hier	F Cull
Secretary.	H Lapworth	K Banks	W E Aston
Timekeeper	F E Allcoat	E G Clifford	W A Evans
Delegates to the Midland Counties Cross Country Association ;	J Freeman	W A Evans	E J Skidmore.

## Honorarium.

Hon Secretary to receive the usual honorarium of £7.00.

## Date of the next Annual General Meeting.

12th September 1973.

*Authorised*  
12/10/73



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Names and addresses of Club Secretaries and League Officials.

President A Wheeler, 7, Parkway, Alum Rock, Birmingham, 8.  
 Hon Secretary/Treasurer E J Skidmore, "Trelawney" The Green, Wordsley, Nr Stourbridge.

Division 1.

City of Stoke A C T C B Spencer, 10, Cambridge Dr, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 3BB  
 Tipton Harriers J Bedford, 53, Elm Terrace, Tividale, Warley, Worcs.  
 Birmingham University A Morley, High Hall, Church Rd, Birmingham, B15 3SE.  
 Birchfield Harriers R Reid, 22, Crome Rd, Great Barr, Birmingham, 22A  
 Small Heath Harriers K Dare, 106, Bryn Arden Rd, Birmingham, 26.  
 Coventry Godiva Harriers B Heatley, 17, Edward Tyler Rd, Bedworth, Nr Nuneaton, Works.  
 Wolverhampton & Bilston K Evans, 17, Edward St, Wolverhampton, WV1 1QR.  
 Worcester YMCA Harriers R W E Hinds, 3, Farley Street, Worcester.

Referee R Reid, as above.

Race Secretary H Lapworth, 78, Hartland Ave, Wyken, Coventry, Works.

Timekeeper F E Allcoat, 51, Alfriston Rd, Finham, Coventry, Works.

Division 2.

Leamington A C G Phipps, 164, Millbank, Warwick,  
 Rugby & District A C N England, 98, Main St, Long Lawford, Nr Rugby, Works.  
 Gloucester A C T Haines, 48, The Triangle, Gloucester.  
 Sparkhill Harriers J Mills, 49, Acheson Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.  
 Halesowen A C A Hey, 81, Stevens Rd, Wollescote, Stourbridge, Worcs.  
 Shrewsbury A C B Williams, 20, Cressage Ave, Heath Farm, Shrewsbury.  
 Dudley & Stourbridge E Horwill, "Pevensey" Enville Rd, Wallheath, Brierley Hill, Staffs  
 Solihull A C P Milton, Solihull Athletic Club, Tudor Grange Park, Solihull.  
 Nuneaton Harriers E Hanson, 43, Kingsley Crescent, Bulkington, Nuneaton, Works.  
 Referee R W D Hier, 139, Tennal Rd, Birmingham, 32.  
 Race Secretary K Banks, 69, Fleet Crescent, Rugby.  
 Timekeeper E G Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa, Works.

Division 3.

Bromsgrove & Redditch P Surman, 12, Old Meadow Rd, West Heath, Birmingham.  
 Cheltenham & County D Hobby, 8, Cleave Rise, Newent, Gloucester.  
 Stafford A C B Cowley, 6, Riverside, Stafford.  
 Warley A C D Pritchard, 59, Cemetary Rd, Smethwick, Warley  
 Lozells Harriers B Lake, 42, Heathside Dr, Birmingham, 30.  
 B'Ham City Police G Heeley, 19, Bibury rd, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 OHG  
 St Peter's College J Higgins, St Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham, B8 3TE.  
 West Bromwich Harriers J Buckby, 26, Hall Green Rd, Stone Cross, West Bromwich, Staffs  
 Burton A C I Smith, 18, St Andrews Drive, Burton on Trent, Staffs.  
 Cannock A C C Reynolds, 46, Columbian Way, Walnut Hill, Cannock, Staffs.  
 Harborne Harriers H Trahearn, 25, The Oval, Smethwick, Warley, Worcs.  
 West Midland College C Fletcher, West Midland College of Education, Gorway, Walsall.  
 Newcastle A C N Thompson, 14, Osborne Rd, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent, Staffs  
 Keele University K Bartlam, 16, Tilehurst Place, Blurton, Stoke on Trent, Staffs.  
 Referee F Cull, 47, Dibble Rd, Smethwick, Warley, Worcs.  
 Race Secretary W Aston, 8, Lodge Crescent, West Hagley, Stourbridge, Worcs.  
 Timekeeper W A Evans, 121, Ruskin Street, West Bromwich, Staffs.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY CHANGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



# BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1972/73.

1971/72	Expenditure
18 . 80	Numbers and Pins
27 . 94	Awards
3 . 58	Extra Awards
1 . 05	Room Hire
3 . 00	Affiliation Fee M C C C A
7 . 23	Postage
7 . 00	Honorarium
74	Bank Charges

£	21 . 00
	27 . 93
	17 . 52
	1 . 00
	3 . 00
	9 . 00
	7 . 00
	74
£	87 . 19

## MEDAL ACCOUNT

In Stock September 1972	£
1 Bronze Medal	45
1 Die	5 . 00
Purchases;	
13 Winners Shields	14 . 40
13 Runners Up Shields	9 . 90
3 Individual Shields	2 . 40
1 Presidents Shield	1 . 23
Extra Awards	17 . 52
£	50 . 90

## Awarded;

18 Winners Shields	£	14 . 40
18 Runners Up Shields		9 . 90
3 Individual Shields		2 . 40
1 Presidents Shield		1 . 23
Extra Awards		17 . 52
In Hand September 1973;		
1 Bronze Medal		45
1 Die		5 . 00
£		50 . 90

## Extra Awards purchased by clubs

## Income

£	77 . 50
	5 . 00
	2 . 00
	17 . 52
	102 . 02
	14 . 03
£	87 . 19

Income	
31 Clubs @ £2 . 50	
Donations;	
Mr A E Perry	
Mr G E Boot	

Balance Sheet 26/7/73	
Cash at Bank 10/8/72	85 . 38
Excess Income 1972/73	14 . 83
£	100 . 21

Cash at Bank 26/7/73	
100 . 21	

Audited and found correct E W Lindsey 26/7/73.

£	100 . 21
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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Affiliated to the M C C C A.

President

A Wheeler ( Small Heath Harriers)

Dear Sir,

The 48th Annual General Meeting,

will be held on Wednesday 12th September 1973

at the Wilfred Clarke Centre, Primley Ave, Walsall, at 7.30pm.

Please make every endeavour to attend

this meeting (we only have one each year).

Primley Ave is just off the M6 motorway at Junction 10, take the Walsall road first turning on your right is Primley Ave.

Yours faithfully

E J Skidmore (Hon Sec/ Treasurer)

A G E N D A.

1. Obituary
2. Apologies
3. Confirm minutes of the 47th A G M held Wednesday 13th September 1972.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Statements of Accounts.
6. Presidents Report.
7. Hon Secretary's Report.
8. Applications of Membership.
9. Composition of League. (Divisions to be Revued)

10. Fixtures and Venues.	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
November 3rd 1973	1		
November 24th 1973	2		
January 26th 1974	3		
February 16th 1974	4		

11. Election of Officers;

President;

Joe. GRIFFIN.

Hon Secretary/Treasurer;

Jim SKIDMORE.

Auditor;

E.W. LINDSLEY

Referee;

1st Division

2nd Division

3rd Division

Race Sec;

R. RIED.  
H. LIPWORTH.

KEN BANKS

Timekeeper

F. ALLCOCK  
T. CLIFFORD.

RON. DAVIES.

Delegates to the M C C C A.

DR. ELEC.

M. A. EVANS

JOHN. ANDREWS

12. Honorarium. 7.00

JACK, FRED. + JIM.

13. Any other business.

14. Date and Place of the next Annual General Meeting.

Please let me know if you wish to stage a League race.



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.  
Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting, held at the Wilfred Clarke  
Centre, Walsall, on Wednesday 12th September 1973 at 7.30pm

Present.

A Wheeler (President) E J Skidmore (Hon. Sec/Treasurer) E W Lindsey (Auditor)  
J Freeman K Rickuss J Bedford H Banks D R Ellis A I Phillips R Cyttau  
W E Aston G Healey B H Glover A Ramsdale F K Kirby H B Lapworth B Heatley  
D Faulconbridge S A Wright G W Lock P H Lissenden R Reid M Bardsley A S Hey  
C McCall J Gipton W H Carr G Woodward E G Clifford D J Cowley K Dare  
B Ewington E Rowland K J Walklate R Lapewell W A Evans A C Hill D Tierney

Apologies.

R W D Hier B Williams K R Bartlam G E Boot D Hobby F Schuck E Huddleday  
G Phipps M Price F Cull D Denton T C B Spencer

Obituary.

It was sad to report the deaths of three league stalwarts, George Gould  
Coventry Godiva, Jack Timmins Tipton Harriers, and Arthur Jones Healesowen.  
The President then asked every one to stand and observe a few moments silence  
to the memory of them.

Minutes.

The minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting which had been circulated,  
were proposed (J Freeman) and seconded (J Gipton) and confirmed, and they  
were duly signed.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer reported a profit on the year of £14. 83, all  
clubs had paid their affiliation fees, we received donations of £5 from  
Mr A E Perry, and £2 from Mr G E Boot for which we are very grateful.  
Mr E W Lindsey (Auditor) told the delegates that the balance at the bank had  
reached the £100 mark for the first time in the leagues history, mainly due to  
the Treasurers efforts to keep the costs down.

The accounts were proposed (K Dare)  
and seconded (J Freeman) and were adopted, a vote of thanks to the Treasurer  
and the Auditor to be recorded.

Presidents Report.

The President (A Wheeler) addressed the meeting and thanked the delegates  
for electing him for the past year, it was not only an honour for myself but also  
for my club (Small Heath Harriers). I saw races in all three divisions and  
they were organised and conducted in an excellent manner, the race secretaries  
did a excellent job.

Hon Secretaries Report.

The season did not seem to be as exciting as the 1971/72 season,  
Tipton Harriers, Gloucester A C, and Stafford A C won their respective divisions  
quite easily, each of them won all four league races.  
I would like to thank the race secretaries, Harry Lapworth, Ken Banks, and  
Bill Aston, all did an excellent job.

Also like to thank our Referees, Bob Reid,  
Taff Hier, and Frank Cull for all the help they gave the league, and to our  
Timekeepers Fred Allocat, Ted Clifford, and Fred Evans,  
and to all the clubs who  
promoted the league races, thank you.

Results:

First Division. Tipton Harriers won with 207pts. City of Stoke  
were second with 43pts. Wolverhampton & Bilston, and Worcestershire Nomads  
were relegated. Alan Rushmer (Tipton Harriers) won the Individual award.  
City of Stoke won the Youths with 46pts, Wolverhampton & Bilston were 2nd 39pts

Second Division. Gloucester A C were the winners with 224pts. Leamington A C  
were second with 356pts, Dudley & Stourbridge and Solihull A C were relegated,  
M Hill (Gloucester A C) won the Individual award.  
Sparkhill Harriers won the Youths with 55pts, Gloucester were second with 109pts.

Third Division. Stafford A C were the winners with 273pts, Newcastle (Staffs)  
were second with 504pts, their first season in the league, Congratulations.  
Don Shelley (Stafford A C) won the Individual award.  
Bromsgrove & Redditch were the Youths winners with 48pts, Stafford A C were  
second with 86pts.



Composition of the League. It is decided that there would not be any changes, the usual rule of the up, two down to apply.

1st Division  
Tipton Harriers  
City of Stoke A C  
Birmingham University  
Birchfield Harriers  
Small Heath Harriers  
Coventry Godiva Harriers  
Gloucester A C  
Leamington A C

8 Clubs

2nd Division  
Wolverhampton & Bilston  
Worcestershire Nomads  
Sparkhill Harriers  
Rugby & District A C  
Halesowen A C  
Saregbury A C  
Nuneaton Harriers  
Stafford A C  
Newcastle (Staffs) A C

9 Clubs

3rd Division  
Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers  
Solihull A C  
Lozells Harriers  
Bucknall & Redditch A C  
Walsley A C  
Cheltenham & County Harriers  
St Peter's College  
Harborne Harriers  
Keele University  
Birmingham City Police  
West Bromwich Harriers  
West Midland College  
Cannock A C  
Burton A C

#### Fixtures & Venues.

November 3rd 1973  
November 24th 1973  
January 26th 1974  
February 16th 1974

1st Division  
Tipton  
Birchfield  
Leamington  
Gloucester

2nd Division  
Wolverhampton  
Nuneaton  
Shrewsbury  
Halesowen

14 Clubs  
3rd Division  
Redditch  
Dudley  
Keele  
Solihull

Clubs who are promoting these races must inform all the clubs in their division, plus the President, League Secretary, Race Secretary, Referee, and the Timekeepers, of location, type of course, and distance, and any travel details,

at least 10 to 14 days before each race.

Youths start 2.30pm

Seniors start 3.00pm

#### Election of Officers.

President

J S Gripton (Tipton Harriers)

Hon Secretary/Treasurer

E J Skidmore

Auditor

E W Lindsey

#### Referee

1st Division  
R Reid

2nd Division  
K Evans

3rd Division  
J Freeman

#### Race Secretary

H Lapworth

K Banks

W Aston

#### Timekeepers

F E Allcoat  
E G Clifford

R Davies

W A Evans  
J Andrews

Delegates to the Midland Counties Cross Country Association;

J Freeman

W A Evans

E J Skidmore

#### Honorarium.

Hon Secretary to receive the usual honorarium of £7.00

#### Any Other Business.

A Trophy was presented to the league by the Staffordshire A A A, in memory of the late Jack Sandbrook, it will be competed for by the teams in the third division.

This is a wonderful gesture by the Staffordshire A A A to the memory of a great man.

Date & Place of the next Annual General Meeting.

Wilfred Clarke Centre, Walsall,

Wednesday 11th September 1974, at 7.30pm

J S Gripton  
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# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE, Season 1973 / 74.

## Names and Addresses of Club Secretaries and League Officials.

President	J S Gipyton, 2, Hartland Rd, Tipton, Staffs.	(021-557-2638)
Hon Secretary/Treasurer	E J Skidmore, "Trelawney" The Green, Wordsley, Nr Stourbridge, DY85BN	(Kingswinford 4751)
<u>Division One.</u>		
City of Stoke A C	T C B Spence, 10, Cambridge Dr, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs.	ST53DD
Tipton Harriers	I Talbot, 100, Aston St, Telford, Staffs.	(021-557-4501)
Birmingham University	A Kerley, Cross Country Sec, Sports Centre, B'ham University, B15 2TH	
Birchfield Harriers	R Reid, 22, Crane Rd, Great Barr, Birmingham 22A.	(Great Barr 1961)
Small Heath Harriers	K Dore, 100, Bryn Arden Rd, Birmingham, 26.	(021-706-5245)
Coventry Godiva Harriers	B Heatley, 17, Edward Tyler Rd, Edgall, Coventry,	(Bedworth 312942)
Gloucester A C	T Hadnes, 43, The Triangle, Gloucester.	(21956)
Leamington A C	G Phipps, 164, Millbank, Warwick.	
Referee.	R Reid, as above.	
Race Secretary	H Layworth, 78, Hartland Ave, Woken, Coventry, Marks.	(Cov 53559)
Timekeepers	F E Allcoat, 51, Alfriston Rd, Finham, Coventry,	
	E G Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington, Marks.	
<u>Division Two.</u>		
Wolverhampton & Bilston	P Lissoman, 42, Daynton Rd, New Invention, Willenhall, Staffs.	
Worcestershire Nomads	R Minda, 3 Farley St, Worcester.	
Sparkhill Harriers	A Hill, HQ, Bear 188, Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull, Marks	
Rugby & District A C	D R Ellis, Four Winds, Street Ashton, Stratton-Under-Fose, Rugby.	
Halesowen A C	A Hoy, 8 Tall Trees, Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs.	(Stour 76294)
Shrewsbury & District	B Williams, 20, Gressage Ave, Heath Farm Est, Shrewsbury.	(59816)
Nuneaton Harriers	B J Ewington, 16, Hemsworth Dr, Bullington, Nuneaton, CV12 9PE.	(314990)
Stafford A C	D Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford. ST16 3TH	(53480)
Newcastle(Staffs) A C	N Thompson, 14, Osborne Rd, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.	
Referee	K Evans, 17, Edward St, Wolverhampton, WV1 1QR	
Race Secretary	R Banks, 69, Fleet Crescent, Rugby.	
Timekeeper	R Davies, 11, Bryan Ave, Penn, Wolverhampton.	
<u>Division Three.</u>		
Dudley & Stourbridge H	C McCall, 37, Trovane Ave, Birmingham, B32 1EW.	
Solihull A C	P Milton, Solihull Athletic Club, Tudor Grange Park, Solihull.	
Bromsgrove & Redditch	P Surman, 3, Old Meadow Rd, West Heath, Birmingham.	(021-458-7599)
Gloucester & County	D Hobby, 8, Cleave Rise, Newent, Gloucester.	
Warley A C	D Pritchard, 59, Cemetery Rd, Smethwick, Warley,	(021-558-5100)
Lozells Harriers	K Firth, 23, Abbetts Rd, Erdington, Birmingham.	
Birmingham City Police	G Healey, 19, Bibury Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 OHG.	
St Peter's College	D W Wheeler, St Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham, B8 3TE.	
West Bromwich Harriers	J Buckley, 26, Hall Green Rd, Stone Cross, West Bromwich, Staffs.	
Burton A C	I Smith, 18, St Andrews Drive, Burton, Staffs.	(Burton 3082)
Cannock A C	C Reynolds, 46, Columbian Way, Walnut Hill, Cannock, Staffs.	
Hartborne Harriers	C Weston, 15, Winchfield Drive, Birmingham, B17 8ST.	
West Midland College	P Saunders, West Midland College, Students Union, Walsall, W31 3BD.	
Keele University	K Bartlam, 16, 16, Tilehurst Place, Blarston, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.	
Referee	J Freeman, 21, Paradise, Dudley, Worcs.	(Dudley 59182)
Race Secretary	W Aston, 8, Lodge Crescent, West Hagley, Stourbridge, Worcs.	
Timekeepers	W A Evans, 121, Ruskin Street, West Bromwich, Staffs.	
"	J Andrews, 15, Hazelton Rd, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, B60 1EX.	(Br 74057)

Please let me know of any changes