

# BIRMINGHAM and DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Affiliated to the M C C C A

President

J S Gripton (Tipton Harriers)

Dear Sir,

The 49th Annual General Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, 11th September 1974, at 7.30pm.

At the Alumwell Centre, (formley known as the Wilfred Clarke), Primley Ave, Walsall.

Primley Ave is situated just of the M6 motorway, at junction 10, take the Walsall road, and the first turning on the right is Primley Ave.

Please make every endeavour to attend this meeting (we only have one each year).

It will help if you will let me know whether your club wish to stage a league race.

Yours faithfully

E J Skidmore (Hon Secretary/Treasurer.

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## FINAL LEAGUE PLACINGS 1973 / 74.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Tipton Harriers          | 1 Wolverhampton @ Bilston | 1 Bromsgrove & Redditch  |
| 2 Birmingham University    | 2 Worcestershire Nomads   | 2 Lozells Harriers       |
| 3 Birchfield Harriers      | 3 Sparkhill Harriers      | 3 Cheltenham & County    |
| 4 City of Stoke A C        | 4 Stafford A C            | 4 Solihull A C           |
| 5 Small Heath Harriers     | 5 Rugby & District        | 5 Dudley & Stourbridge   |
| 6 Gloucester A C           | 6 Shrewsbury A C          | 6 West Midland College   |
| 7 Coventry Godiva Harriers | 7 Newcastle A C           | 7 Warley A C             |
| 8 Leamington A C           | 8 Nuneaton Harriers       | 8 Birmingham City Police |
|                            | 9 Halesowen A C           | 9 West Bromwich Harriers |
|                            |                           | Cannock Chase A C        |
|                            |                           | Keele University         |
|                            |                           | Harborne Harriers        |
|                            |                           | St Peter's College       |
|                            |                           | Burton AC                |



BIRMINGHAM and DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.  
STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS 1973/74.

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Please note, Although we have made a loss this year, we have in stock a quantity of Stencils and Duplicating paper, it should last Two to Three years.



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.  
Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting, held at the Alumnall Centre,  
Walsall, Wednesday, 11th September, at 7.30pm.

Present J S Gripton (President) E J Skidmore (Hon Sec/Treasurer) E W Lindsey (Auditor)  
J Freeman W A Evans S A Wright R Mulgrue K Dare J Mills B H Glover G Lock  
P Lisseman G Heeley B Ewington E Rowland K Walklate E Powner H Lapworth  
D Faulconbridge D R Ellis W Carr R Rowley W E Aston H Mortimer F H Kirby  
C P Fellows B W Lake

Apologies R Reid F Davies T Haines W Berry B Williams T Spencer B Heatley T Talbot  
E G Clifford

Obituary It is with deepest regret that I have to announce the deaths of Jack McKenna,  
and Alan Ramsdale, Alan was chairman of Solihull A C, he was an extremely  
active and much loved member, and a delegate to the league for several years.  
In Jack, we have lost one of our most cherished members, he was 84.  
Jack attended the first ever meeting of the league 16th July 1925, and was  
elected Treasurer, he became President of the league 1938 to 1940.  
He was President of his club (Small Heath Harriers) for 30 years, President of  
Midland Counties Cross Country Association 1929 to 1932, and also President of  
the English Cross Country Union in 1931, and was elected a life member of the  
same in 1938, he was the Assistant Team Manager at the 1948 Olympics at Wembley.  
As an athlete he represented Great Britain at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris.  
They will be sadly missed by us all.

Minutes The minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting which had been circulated,  
were proposed (K Dare) and seconded (J Freeman) and confirmed, and they were  
duly signed.

Statement of Accounts. The Treasurer reported a loss on the year of £17.26, the main cause  
for this was the bulk buying of duplicating paper, and stencils, (they should last  
about two or three years) and also the engraving of the Jack Sandbrook Memorial  
Shield, which was presented to the League by the Staffordshire A A A,  
The postage was kept to minimum, the secretary acting as the leagues postman.  
It was proposed that the affiliation fees would be reviewed at the 1975 A G M.  
A vote of thanks to be recorded to the Treasurer, and Mr E W Lindsey (Auditor)  
The accounts were proposed (G Heeley) seconded (J Mills) and were adopted.

Presidents Report The President (J S Gripton) again thanked the members for electing him,  
it came as a surprise, he attended races in all three divisions not only to  
watch but to take part, and had enjoyed the company, he attended the final first  
division race, and presented the Sunday Mercury Shield to his own club Tipton  
Harriers.

Hon Secretarys Report Another good year cross country wise, with some excellent running in  
all three divisions, during the season we had to contend with the three day  
working week, and a petrol shortage which made traveling very awkward.  
Because of the three day working week we ran the third fixture on a Sunday, the  
turn out was very good, only the Youths were a little depleted.

1st Division

This looked like being a tussle between Tipton, B'ham University,  
and Birchfield, Tipton won the first race by only 4pts, from the University,  
after two races Birchfield were second to Tipton, looked like a Birchfield  
revival, but the University came back in the third race to equal Tiptons pts  
Birchfield lost ground, Tipton won the final race rather easily to retain the  
title, B'ham University finished second, with Birchfield third.  
Keith Rollason (Tipton Harriers) was the individual winner.  
Coventry Godiva Harriers, and Leamington A C were relegated.  
The Youths section was won by City of Stoke A C, with Gloucester A C second.

2nd Division

Wolverhampton & Bilston A C won rather easily, with Worcestershire  
Nomads second.

It was good to see Dick Cooper Worcestershire Nomads winning the  
Individual award, Dick has been running in the league (from my records) for  
15 years, he last won the individual award back in 1961/62, beating Bill Gray.  
Nuneaton Harriers, and Halesowen A C were relegated.

Wolverhampton & Bilston A C

won the Youths section.



# Division

An added attraction this season was that the clubs were competing for a Trophy, the Jack Sandbrook Memorial Trophy presented by the Staffordshire A A As, for which we have to thank one of our past presidents, Jim Bedford, who was the instigator of the fund.

Bromsgrove & Redditch A C were the first winners of this Trophy, but only after a great struggle with Lozells Harriers, only 3pts separated them after three races, but Bromsgrove & Redditch pulled off their best win in the final race.

M Pickering (West Midland College) won the Individual award.

Cheltenham & County won the Youths section, with Solihull second.

Correspondence. A letter had been received from the West Yorkshire Cross Country League, for an inter-league fixture on Saturday 23rd November 1974,

the delegates had a good discussion on this fixture, and it was felt that for financial reasons we could not accept this fixture, it was also felt that the top athletes were getting enough competition at this time of the year.

A letter from Keele University, stating that they were unable to raise a team for the coming season, so are therefore resigning from the league.

An application was received from Tamworth A C, they had affiliated to the Midland Counties Cross Country Association, accepted to compete in the third Division.

Birmingham City Police, will now be known as West Midlands Police.

## Composition of the League.

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Tipton Harriers	Coventry Godiva Harriers	Nuneaton Harriers
B'ham University	Leamington A C	Halesowen A C
Birchfield Harriers	Sparkhill Harriers	Cheltenham & County
City of Stoke A C	Stafford A C	Solihull A C
Small Heath Harriers	Rugby & District A C	Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers
Gloucester A C	Shrewsbury & District A A C	West Midland College
Wolverhampton & Bilston	Newcastle A C	Warley A C
Worcestershire Nomads	Bromsgrove & Redditch A C	West Midlands Police
	Lozells Harriers	West Bromwich Harriers
8 Clubs	9 Clubs	Cannock Chase A C
		Harborne Harriers
		St Peter's College
		Burton A C
		Tamworth A C

## 14 Clubs

## Fixtures & Venues

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November 30th 1974	Gloucester	Coventry	Halesowen
January 25th 1975	Birchfield	Shrewsbury	Dudley
February 15th 1975	Tipton	Sparkhill	West Bromwich

Clubs who are promoting these races must inform all the clubs in their division also the President, League Secretary, Race Secretary, Referee, and the Timekeepers,

of the location, type of course, and the distance, and any travel details. (Maps if possible)

at least 10 to 14 days before each race.

Youths race to start at 2.30pm. Senior/Junior race to start 3.00pm.

## Election of Officers

President	Hon Secretary, treasurer		Auditor
J Freeman (Dudley & Stourbridge)	E J Skidmore		E W Lindsey
Referee	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
	K Evans	H Lapworth	S A Wright
Race Secretary	R Reid	W E Aston	E Rowland
Timekeepers	E Powner	F E Alloat	W A Evans
	R Davies	B G Clifford	J Andrews
Delegates to the Midland Counties Cross Country Association;			
	J Freeman	E J Skidmore	W A Evans.

## Honorarium

Proposed by S A Wright, seconded by W A Evans that the secretary's honorarium be increased to £10. carried unanimous.



Date and Place of the next Annual General Meeting;

Wednesday 10th September 1975,  
at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall, at 7.30pm. per club

It is hoped that we shall get at least one delegate, will attend this meeting as it is the 50th A G M, quite a mile's stone in the Leagues history, make a note in your diary's now.

Note, there were only 14 clubs out of 31 represented at this years A G M.

Any other Business;

A request from one of our race secretary's Bill Aston for the league to purchase three attache cases,

after a discussion it was felt that these would be too expensive for the league to afford,

Ken Dare said that he would look for some suitable ones at their jumble sales, Ken was thanked for his offer. Bill Aston also asked if the league would purchase a rubber stamp, to stamp our own disc envelopes, he had a contact through which he could purchase one, the members thought this a good idea, and Bill was asked to go ahead.

(We now have this rubber stamp £3.40 we shall save a lot of money printing our own envelopes.

The secretary reminded the members that next year was our 50th, rather a special year, to mark this it was suggested that we run the final league fixture at one venue, as one race, using three finishing funnels, one for each division Sutton Park was suggested as a probable venue, but any club wishing to stage this race may do so, applications are invited.

Please Note,

we have heard that the 1976 International Cross Country Championship is to be run on the 28th February, at Chepstow, Wales,

this is a week before our own usual National date, so the dates for our 1975/76 season could be changed

There being no further business the President thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed.

A Special Ad Hoc Executive Meeting,  
Saturday 5th October 1974.

The Officers of the League met to discuss the new age rulings by the E C C U, it was resolved by the Executive Committee in view of the new ruling on ages by the E C C U, that the senior league race is now open to male competitors who otherwise comply with the rule of the age of 17 years and upwards on the 1st September in the year of the commencement of the annual competition.

Keele University resignation accepted with regret..

Tamworth A C application accepted, to compete in the third division.

E J Skidmore (Hon Secretary)



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY

LEAGUE. 1974 / 75.

Names and Addresses of Club Secretaries, and League Officials.

President J Freeman 21, Paradise, Dudley, West Midlands (Dudley 59182)  
 Hon Secretary/Treasurer E J Skidmore Trelawney, The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, W.M. DY8.5BN  
Division One  
 Wolverhampton & Bilston P Lisseman 42, Baynton Rd, New Invention, West Midlands, WB12 5AR  
 Worcestershire Nomads R Hinds, 3 Farley St, Worcester.  
 Tipton Harriers T Talbot, 100, Aston St, Toll End, Tipton. (021 557 4501)  
 Small Heath Harriers K Dare, 106, Bryn Arden Rd, Birmingham, 26. (021 706 5245)  
 Gloucester A C T Haines, 48 The Triangle, Gloucester.  
 City of Stoke A C T C B Spencer, 10, Cambridge Dr, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 3DD  
 Birmingham University A Morley, Cross Country Sec, Sports Centre, B'ham University B15 2TU.  
 Birchfield Harriers R Reid, 22, Crome Rd, Great Barr, Birmingham, 22A. (021 357 1961)  
 Referee K Evans, 17, Edward St, Wolverhampton. WV1 1QR  
 Race Secretary R Reid,  
 Time Keepers E Powner, 7 Fieldend Close, Trentham, ST4 8QA (0782 657057)  
 " " R Davies, 11, Bryan Av, Penn, Wolverhampton. (38634)

Division Two  
 Coventry Godiva Harriers B Heatley, 17, Edward Tyler Rd, Exhall, Coventry.  
 Leamington A C H Mortimer, 19, St Nicholas Rd, Radford Semels, Leamington.  
 Sparkhill Harriers A Hill, HQ, Rear 188, Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull.  
 Rugby & District A C D R Ellis, Four Winds, Street Aston, Stratton-under-Fosse, Rugby. (8326688)  
 Shrewsbury & District B Williams, 20, Cressage Av, Heath Farm, Shrewsbury, (0743 5981)  
 Stafford A C D Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford. ST16 3TH (0785 53480)  
 Newcastle A C N Thompson, 14, Osborne R, Hartshill, Stoke.  
 Lozells Harriers B Lake, 42, Heathside Dr, Birmingham, 30. (021 459 2254)  
 Bromsgrove & Redditch P Surman 5, Old Meadow Rd, West Heath, Birmingham. (021 458 7599)  
 Referee H Lapworth, 78, Hartland Av, Wyken, Coventry. (0203 53559)  
 Race Secretary W Aston, 8, Lodge Crescent, Hagley, Stourbridge, West Midlands. DY9 0NB  
 Timekeepers F E Allcoat, 51, Alfriston Rd, Finham, Coventry.  
 E G Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington.

Division Three  
 Dudley & Stourbridge W Berry, 30, Ashdown Drive, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands.  
 West Midlands Police G Heeley, 46, Painswick Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham. B28 0HF. (021 777  
 Nuneaton Harriers B Ewington, 16, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, Nuneaton, CV12 9PE. 5322)  
 Halesowen A C A Hey, 8, Tall Trees Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands (ST 7629)  
 Solihull AC F Kirby, 11, Farmstead Road, Solihull.  
 Cheltenham & County D Hobby, 8, Cleave Rise, Newent, Gloucester.  
 Warley A C D Pritchard, 59, Cemetery Rd, Smethwick, Warley. (021 558 5100)  
 St Peter's College G Riley, St Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham. B8 3TE.  
 Westbromwich Harriers J Buckby, 26, Hall Green Rd, Stone Cross, West Bromwich.  
 Burton A C I Smith, 18, St Andrews Drive, Burton. (0283 3082)  
 Cannock Chase A C C Reynolds, 46, Columbian Way, Walnut Hill, Cannock.  
 Harborne Harriers C Weston, 15, Winchfield Drive, Birmingham. B17 8ST  
 West Midland College P Saunders, West Midland College, Students Union, Gorway, Walsall.  
 Tamworth A C P Sarson, 23, Cromwell Rd, Cotton Green, Tamworth.

Please let me know of any changes

with the change of the county boundaries, and the postal code there should be some.

Referee Third Division S A Wright 38, Arlington Road, West Bromwich.  
 Race Secretary E Rowland, 85, Watling St, Nuneaton, Warks.  
 Timekeepers W A Evans, 121, Ruskin St, West Bromwich, B7 1LR  
 J Andrews, 15, Hazelton Rd, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, B60 1EX. (9940 74057)



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INTER-CLUB CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

Minutes of the 50th. Annual General Meeting held Wed. Sept. 10th. 1975 at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall. 7.30 pm.

## Obituary

It is with regret I have to inform the delegates of the passing of two of our cross country stalwarts, B. (Bert) Bashford and A. R. Churchill. Bert was one of the founder members of the league and was its first secretary. It was through his efforts we obtained the Sunday Mercury Shield. He was associated with the league for 26 years during which time he saw it grow from strength to strength.

Mr. A. R. Churchill was a member of Harborne Harriers, past president of the Midland Counties Cross Country Association and of the English Cross Country Union. He competed in the Marathon for Great Britain in the Olympic Games in the 1920's.

## Apologies

F. J. Wood, B. Williams, F. Kirby, T. Haines, A. Hey, R. W. Hier, B. Heatley, E. W. Lindsey, H. Simpson, W. Berry.

## Confirm Minutes 49th. A. G. M.

Proposed B. Aston, Seconded J. Gipton. Minutes were confirmed, and signed.

## Statement of Accounts

A loss of £10.95 was reported, but with the cost of most things we use, this was expected, but if we had not received the donations this could have been worse, for these donations we have to thank Frank Cull (£1), Ernie Boot (£2), and Bromsgrove & Redditch who sent us £4, part of a raffle organised at their league race.

The accounts were adopted, proposed J. Gipton, seconded H. Lapworth with a vote of thanks to the Auditor (Mr E. W. Lindsey), and the Treasurer.

## Affiliation Fees

After some discussion the delegates voted unanimously to increase the affiliation fees to £3.00.

## Presidents Report

The President (Mr J. Freeman) thanked the members, he had enjoyed his year as president and had attended races in all three divisions, he remarked at the small number of officials helping at races and hoped that more people would volunteer their services. The president also spoke regarding athletes who do not wear their club colours, they should wear them in all club competition. (Remember the National and Area are implicating this rule at their championships)

## Hon Secretaries Report

A very good season to report again, it was very pleasing to see so many International athletes taking part, there was a good turn out in all three divisions of club athletes an average of over 100 senior runners in each race.

The first division was again won by Tipton Harriers, Birchfield gave them a scare, being equal first after two races - 168 points each. City of Stoke did very well in the final race but just failed to catch Birchfield for second place.

POSITIONS. Tipton Harriers 316 pts. Birchfield Harriers 459 pts.  
City of Stoke 497 pts. Wolverhampton & Bilston were a good fourth with 506 pts.

Andy Holden of Tipton Harriers won the individual award with 15 pts.

Tipton Harriers 67 pts, won the youths league for the first time. City of Stoke with 111 pts were second.

Gloucester A. C. and Worcestershire Nomads to be relegated.

The Second division was won by Coventry Godiva Harriers with a low score of 181 pts. On three occasions they had the first three runners to finish. Bromsgrove and Redditch did very well to finish second after being promoted this season, with 542 pts.

Leamington A. C. finished third with 557 pts.

Keith Bartlett of Coventry Godiva Harriers won the individual award with 23 pts.

The Youths League was won by Leamington A. C. with 57 pts, with Coventry Godiva in second place - 97 pts.

Stafford A. C. and Newcastle A. C. are to be relegated.

The Third Division was won by Halesowen A. C. with 395 pts. Cannock Chase A. C. were second with 562 pts. Cheltenham & County were third with 606 pts.

Michael Downs of Cannock Chase A. C. won the individual award with 7 pts.

The Youths League was won by Cheltenham & County with 36 pts. Cannock Chase were second with 84 pts.



I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the clubs that organised the league races, all the club officials for their help in making these race so successful and thanks to referees and time keepers.

My special thanks to our race secretaries Bob Reid, Bill Aston, and Eric Rowland all of whom did an excellent job.

### Resignations

West Midland Police accepted with regret.

### Composition of the League

1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Tipton Harriers	Gloucester A C	Stafford A C
Birchfield Harriers	Worcestershire Nomads	Newcastle A C
City of Stoke A C	Leamington A C	Cheltenham & County A C
Wolverhampton & Bilston	Sparkhill Harriers	Nuneaton Harriers
Birmingham University	Rugby & District A C	Solihull A C
Small Heath Harriers	Shrewsbury & District	Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers
Coventry Godiva Harriers	Lozells Harriers	St Peter's College
Bromsgrove & Redditch	Halesowen A C	West Midland College
	Cannock Chase A C	West Bromwich Harriers
		Warley A C
		Harborne Harriers
		Burton A C
		Tamworth A C

Any club in the 1st & 2nd Division, who fail to complete a full team, will automatically be relegated.

Clubs in the 3rd Division must apply for re-election.

### Fixtures & Venues

November 1st 1975	Birchfield	Halesowen	West Bromwich
November 22nd 1975	Aldersley	Sparkhill	Kinver
January 17th 1976	Coventry	Telford	Nuneaton
February 21st 1976	50th Anniversary race at Dartmouth High School, organised by Tipton Harriers.		

A small Committee consisting of the secretary, and the president, Referee from each division, are to meet Tipton Harriers at a date to be fixed, regarding the organisation of the race.

### Election of Officers

President, it was proposed F Davies, and seconded R Newey that S A Wright (West Bromwich Harriers) be elected, he has had a long association with league, was president in 1950-51-52, and as this was our 50th Anniversary, it was felt that someone like Arthur should be elected.

Arthur was duly elected.

Hon Secretary/Treasurer E J Skidmore. Auditor E W Lindsey.

1st Division 2nd Division 3rd Division

Referee.	Ken Evans	Bill Aston	Jack Freeman
Race Secretary.	Peter Lisseman	" "	John Buckby
Timekeepers.	F E Allcoat	Ted Clifford	Fred Evans
	Ted Powner	C M Grant	John Andrews
	Ron Davies		

Any one wishing to help with the recording of numbers or times, or handing out the discs please report to any of the above officials.

your help will be greatly appreciated

### Delegates to the M C C C A.

W A Evans J Freeman E J Skidmore.

### Honorarium

The Hon Secretary to receive the same as last season, £10.

### Date and Place of next years Annual General Meeting.

8th September 1976, at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall, at 7.30 pm.

### Members Present.

J Freeman. S A Wright. J Gripton. H Lapworth. R Newey. F Davies.  
W A Evans. T O'Reilly K Dare. D R Denton. D Faulconbridge. P M Lisseman. J Buckby.  
R Reid R Tilling. K Walklate E Powner. B Ewington E Rowland. B Lake W E Aston.  
G Heeley B H Glover. M S Westwood S Walton. W H Carr B G Cole R Rowley. S R Holdsworth  
H Mortimer. R G Mulgrue. K Buckle B Seaford C B Franks. P C Surman. E J Skidmore.



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE COUNTRY LEAGUE.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1974/75.

EXPENDITURE	£
1973/74	27 60
22 00	37 61
30 73	39 24
17 52	2 10
1 00	3 00
3 00	9 24
9 70	10 00
7 00	3 40
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Washers and Pins	
Awards, (Presented)	
Extra Awards	
Room Hire	
M C C A (Affiliation)	
Postage	
Honorarium	
Rubber Stamp and Pad	

INCOME	£
30 Clubs @ £2 50	75 00
Donations; Brossgrove & Redditch	4 00
F Cull	1 00
G E Boot	2 00
Extra Awards (Purchased by Clubs)	17 30
Additional Awards in Stock	99 30
Loss on Year	21 94
	121 24
	10 95
	£ 132 19

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## MEDAL ACCOUNT

In Stock September 1974	£
1 Bronze Medal	-- 45
1 Die	5 00
Purchases;	
18 Winners Shields	19 44
18 Runners Up Shields	12 60
3 Individual Shields	3 24
1 Presidents Shield	2 33
Extra Awards	39 24

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PALANCE SHEET at 29 / 7 / 75

Cash at Bank 5.7.74	£
Loss on Year 1974/75	82 95
	10 95
	£ 72 00

Cash at Bank 29.7.75	50 06
Additional Awards in Stock 29.7.75	21 94
	£ 72 00

Audited and found correct E W Lindsey 29 / 7 / 75.

E J Skidmore (Hon Secretary / Treasurer.



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

(Affiliated to the M C C C A)

President S A Wright. West Bromwich Harriers.

Dear Sir,

The 51st Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 1976 at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall, at 7.30pm.

(Please note the change of date)

Please make every endeavour to attend.

It would help a lot if you could let me know whether your club wish to stage a league race.

Yours faithfully

(Kingswinford 4751.)

E J Skidmore

(Hon Secretary & Treasurer)

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November 6th 1976      :      :      :  
" 27th "      :      :      :  
January 29th 1977      :      :      :  
February 19th "      :      :      :  
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	9 Cannock Chase A C	
To seek Re-election.		
Burton A C		
Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers		
St Peter's College		
Tamworth A C		
Warley A C		
Harborne Harriers.		



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

## STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS 1975/76.

1974/75

### EXPENDITURE

Numbers and Pins 27.60  
Awards 37.61  
Extra Awards 39.24  
Postage 9.24  
Room Hire 2.10  
M C C A (Affiliation fee) 3.00  
Honorarium 10.00

£

29.35  
21.20  
13.60  
11.50  
2.50  
3.00  
10.00

### INCOME

30 Clubs @ £3.00  
Donations;

Sunday Mercury  
Barclays Bank  
G E Boot  
F Cull

Extra Awards (Purchased by Clubs) 13.60

£

90.00

Excess Income

135.10  
43.95  
£ 91.15

### MEDAL ACCOUNT

In Stock September 1975;

Awards

1 Bronze Medal

1 Die

Purchases;

1 Winners Shield

13 Runners Up Shields

3 Individual Shields

1 Presidents Shield

Extra Awards

£

21.94  
45  
5.00

Awarded;

Awards from Stock

1 Bronze Medal

1 Winners Shield

13 Runners Up Shields

3 Individual Shields

1 Presidents Shield

Extra Awards

In Hand September 1976;

1 Die

£

21.94  
45  
1.35  
13.34  
4.05  
2.46  
13.60

5.00

£ 62.19

Balance Sheet at 12/8/76.

Cash at Bank 12/8/76

£ 94.01

Cash at Bank 29/7/75  
Excess Income 1975/76

£ 94.01

Audited and found correct E W Lindsey 12th August 1976.

R T Siddons (Hon Secretary Birmingham)



## BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting, held at the Alumnwell Centre, Priorsley Ave, Walsall, Wednesday 15th September 1976, at 7.30pm.

### Present.

S A Wright (President) E J Skidmore (Hon Sec/Treasurer) E W Lindsey (Auditor).  
W A Evans (PP) J Bedford (PP) H Lapworth (PP) M Bowles (Tamworth) R Reid (Birch)  
R Tilling (Birchfield) R Kneill & W Berry (Dudley & Stourbridge) W Carr (Tipton)  
T O'Reilly & K Dare (Small Heath) S Walton & M Westwood (West Mid Coll)  
H Mortimer (Leamington) C Fellows (Solihull) K Walklate & E Powner (Stoke)  
D Faulconbridge (Godiva) A Grant (Halesowen) B Clarke (Bromsgrove & Redditch)  
T Didierrere & B H Glover (Sparkhill) B Lake & W Aston (Lozells) P Merridith  
(Bridgnorth) P Lisseman & G Lock (Wolverhampton & Bilston) C B Franks, K Buckle  
& S Collins (Cheltenham)

### Apologies.

J Freeman, A Hey, C Weston, F Kirby, I Wilton-Jones, P Darby, F Cull,  
F Davies, B Williams, T Clifford, G Phipps, G Heeley.

### Obituary.

Tom Buckingham (Leamington A C), it was very sad to hear of the death of Tom, he was the longest active member of the League, he will be sadly missed by us all.  
Our deepest sympathy to his wife, and the Leamington Athletic Club.  
The President asked members to rise and observe a moments silence.

### Minutes.

The minutes of the 50th annual General Meeting, held Wednesday 10th September 1975 which had been circulated, were proposed by W Aston, and seconded E Rowland, were confirmed and duly signed.

### Statement of Accounts.

Our auditor E W Lindsey gave a summary of the accounts, after a short discussion K Dare proposed, and C Franks seconded, the accounts were adopted, with a vote of thanks to the treasurer and auditor.

### Presidents Report.

The President (S A Wright) gave a verbal report, he thanked the members for electing him especially as it was the leagues 50th Anniversary, he had had a most enjoyable year visiting races at all three divisions, when he saw the 1st division race it was the first time ever in a very long association with the league, he was very pleased about the 50th anniversary race, well organised by Tipton Harriers, and congratulated all the officials.

### Hon Secretary's Report.

Our 50th year turned out to be a very memorable one, I had visited races in each division, along with our President, the races were contested in a most purposeful and sporting way, and I find great pleasure to be in your company at these races, as the atmosphere is so friendly. The first races were held in the most appalling conditions (1st & 3rd divisions) and the officials must be congratulated, to get a result was a major achievement, after we had dried out and two races later, we came to the event everyone was looking forward to the 50th Anniversary race, all three divisions combined together for the final race.

On this special occasion 302 runners faced the starter quite the largest field ever assembled for a domestic race of this kind in the Midlands.

The course was well organised by Tipton Harriers, and was ideal for spectators.

John King (Small Heath Harriers) was leading Steve McHale (Gloucester) on the first lap when he went 40 yards off course, he soon stormed back to the front and went on to win a brilliant race from Tipton's Alan Rushmer, Peter Stewart (Birchfield Harriers) was third. The first three Second Division runners to finish were; Steve McHale (10th) Malcolm Hill (22nd, and Bob Cytlau (27th all of Gloucester A.C. The first three Third Division were Steve Walton (17th) West Midland College, Malcolm Mountford (38th) Stafford, and Ian Wilton-Jones (40th) Solihull. The team race was easily won by Tipton Harriers 54pts, but Birchfield Harriers just managed to beat Coventry Godiva Harriers for second place, by one point 141 to 142.

Gloucester A C from the Second Division did extremely well to finish fourth with 197pts.

Tony Milovsorov (Tipton Harriers) was a very impressive winner of the Youths race.

Tipton 10pts won the team race, City of Stoke A C 27pts were second, and Cannock Chase A C 42pts third.

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The race was an outstanding success and all the officials must be congratulated on their organisation.

Special thanks to the Tipton Ladies who worked so hard preparing, and serving the refreshments, and also Tom Talbot and the many Tipton lads who worked on the course.

Our thanks go to our President Arthur Wright through who's efforts getting in touch with the Sunday Mercury, resulted in a donation of £25, and also a write up in their newspaper.

Many friendships were renewed and it was pleasing to see some of the retired athletes turning out in this 50th Anniversary race.

The 1st Division was again won by Tipton Harriers with 331pts, Birchfield Harriers were 2nd with 531pts.

John Wheway Wolverhampton & Bilston won the Individual with 28pts.

For the second year running Tipton Harriers won the Youths League with 55pts, City of Stoke A C were 2nd with 77pts.

#### 2nd division.

Gloucester were comfortable winners of the 2nd division with 233pts, the competition for 2nd place between Sparkhill, Worcestershire Nomads, and Leamington was very good, after two races Sparkhill were 2nd, but only 13pts covered the three teams, after the 3rd race Leamington were 2nd, and 20pts separated the three teams, in the final race Leamington held on to 2nd place, with 499pts, a just reward for just missing out last season, Worcestershire Nomads were 3rd 536pts, and Sparkhill Harriers 4th 561pts.

Steve McHale (Gloucester A C) won the Individual with 4pts.

Cannock Chase A C won the Youths League with 53pts. Leamington A C were 2nd 66pts.

#### 3rd division.

Three clubs Cheltenham, Stafford, and West Midland College did battle for the Jack Sandbrook Trophy, after 3 races only 4pts separated Stafford and the West Midland College, with Cheltenham only 20pts down, and they had come 6th to 4th to 3rd, could they pull it off in the final race?

West Midland College romped home with 51pts for a total of 402pts, Stafford were 2nd with 442pts, and Cheltenham were 3rd 475pts.

Steve Walton (West Midland College) won the Individual with 4pts.

Several clubs failed to finish teams, they have all requested to be re-elected.

Cheltenham won the Youths League with 64pts.

#### New Affiliations.

Affiliations were received from; Bridgnorth A C, Stourport A C, and Worcester A C, everything being in order they were accepted.

A new club Staffordshire Moorlands were mentioned, and it was agreed to accept them if an official request was received, and everything was in order, (I have, it is). A late request came from Royal Sutton Coldfield A C, these have be accepted.

#### Clubs Seeking Re-Election.

All the clubs Burton A C, Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers, St Peter's College, Tamworth A C, Warley A C, and Harborne Harriers were accepted.

#### Composition of the League.

1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Tipton Harriers	Wolverhampton & Bilston A C	Halesowen A C
Birchfield Harriers	Bromsgrove & Redditch A C	Cannock Chase A C
City of Stoke A C	Worcestershire Nomads	Cheltenham & County Harriers
Small Heath Harriers	Sparkhill Harriers	Solihull A C
Coventry Goliath Harriers	Lozells Harriers	Newcastle A C
Birmingham University	Rugby & District A C	Nuneaton Harriers
Gloucester A C	Shrewsbury & District A C	West Bromwich Harriers
Leamington A C	West Midland College	Burton A C
	Stafford A C	Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers
		St Peter's College
		Tamworth A C
		Warley A C
		Harborne Harriers
		Bridgnorth A C
		Stourport A C
		Worcester A C
		Staffordshire Moorlands
		Royal Sutton Coldfield A C



### Composition of the League Cont;

After a brief discussion it was decided that after this season, and to start season 1977/78, that only one club will be relegated from the 1st division, and that two clubs are promoted from the 2nd division to the 1st division, that only one club be relegated from the 2nd division, and three clubs are promoted from the 3rd division to the 2nd division.

The divisions will then read;

Division One 9 Clubs. Division Two 10 Clubs. Division Three 16 Clubs.

### Fixtures and Venues.

		1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
November	6th 1976	Coventry	Rugby	Halesowen
"	27th "	Birchfield	Shrewsbury	Nuneaton
January	29th 1977	Gloucester	Redditch	West Bromwich
February	19th "	Tipton	Sparkhill	Cheltenham

A discussion took place to see if the members wished to have the Final race a combined one, as last season, the meeting was divided so it was deferred to next years A G M.

### Election of Officers.

Mr Ken Dare (Small Heath Harriers) was proposed, Ken has been connected with the League since 1949, and has done a great service to cross country for many years, and he has been on about every committee going,

Ken was unanimously elected.

Hon Secretary/Treasurer. E J Skidmore.  
Hon Auditor E W Lindsey.

	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Race Secretary	H Lapworth	W Aston	J Buckby
Referee	E G Clifford	K Evans	J Freeman
Timekeepers	F Allcoat	R Davies	W A Evans
	E Powner	J Andrews	C Grant

Delegates to the M C C C A. J Freeman. W A Evans. E J Skidmore.

### New League Rule. (Wearing of Club Colours)

After some deliberation the following rule was drawn up;  
Registered club colours Must be worn by all athletes competing in the Senior League Races.  
Athletes unable to comply with this ruling must obtain permission to compete from the Referee, failure to do so will result in Disqualification.

### Honorarium.

It was agreed that it be the same as before (£10).

### Any other business.

The members congratulated Fred Evans for being elected President of the Midland Counties Cross Country Association.

Fred is a past President of the League, it is an honour he thoroughly deserves.

### Date and Place of next years Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 14th September 1977.  
at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Ave, Walsall.

K. G. Dare

PREV.



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Names and addresses of League Officials,  
and Club Secretaries.

President K Dare 106, Bryn Arden Road, Birmingham. B26 1JY. (021 706 5245)  
Hon Secretary/Treas E J Skidmore. "Trelawney" The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands  
DY8 5BN. (038 44 4751)

## Division One

Referee E G Clifford 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington.  
Race Secretary H Lapworth 78, Hartland Ave, Wyken, Coventry. (0203 53559)  
W. Carr (Tipton)  
Coventry Godiva H Lapworth,  
Birchfield Harriers R Reid, 22, Crome Rd, Great Barr, Birmingham. B43 7NL. (021 360 7217)  
Gloucester A C A Daley 3, Union Street, Gloucester.  
Tipton Harriers T Talbot, 100, Aston St, Toll End, Tipton. (021 557 4501)  
Leamington A C H Mortimer, 19, St Nicholas Rd. Radford Semele, Leamington.  
Small Heath Harriers K Dare  
City of Stoke A C K Walklate, 31, Werburgh Drive, Trentham, S on T. ST4 8JT.  
Birmingham University A Morley, X/Country Sec, B'ham Un, Sports Centre, Edgbaston, B15 2tu.  
Timekeepers F E Allcoat, 51 Alfriston Rd, Finham, Coventry.  
E Powner, 7 Field End Close, Trentham, S on T, ST4 3QA.

## Division Two.

Referee K Evans 17 Edward St, Wolverhampton. WV1 1QR. (Wol 771842)  
Race Secretary W Aston 8 Lodge Cres, Hagley, Stourbridge, West Midlands.  
Timekeepers R Davies 11 Bryan Ave, Penn, Wolverhampton. (Wol 38634)  
J Andrews 15 Hazelton Rd, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, B60 1EX (9940 74057)  
Wolverhampton/Bilston P Lisseman 42 Baynton Rd, New Invention, West Midlands. WM12 5AR.  
Bromsgrove & Redditch B Clarke 11 Amblecote Rd, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3BB.  
Worcestershire Nomads D Hope Danes End, Danes Green, Claines, Worcester. (0905 54276)  
Sparkhill Harriers A Hill S/H HQ Rear 188 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull.  
Lozells Harriers B Lake 42 Heathside Drive, Birmingham 30. (021 459 2254)  
Rugby & District A C S Holdsworth 102 Froisher Rd, Bilton Rugby. (Rugby 812036)  
Shrewsbury & District B Williams 20 Cressage Ave, Heath Farm, Shrewsbury. (Shrew 59816)  
West Midland College S L Pearson, Room D18, West Midland College of Ed, Gerway Rd, Walsall.  
Stafford A C D Cowley 6 Riverside, Stafford. ST16 3TH. (0785 53480)

## Division Three.

Referee J Freeman 21 Paradise, Dudley. (Dud 59182)  
Race Secretary J Buckby 26 Hall Green Rd, Stone Cross, West Bromwich. (021 588 2539)  
Timekeepers W A Evans 121 Ruskin St, West Bromwich. B7 1LR.  
C M Grant 6 Waverley Crescent, Romsley, Nr Halesowen.  
Halesowen A C A Hey 8 Tall Trees Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands. (Stour 76294)  
Cannock Chase A C Reynolds 46 Columbian Way, Walnut Hill, Cannock.  
Cheltenham & County C B Franks 23 Salisbury Ave, Warden Hill, Cheltenham. (Chelt 28548)  
Solihull A C C P Fellows 339 Rowood Drive, Solihull. B91 2JJ. (021 705 6066)  
Newcastle A C B Middleton 17 Hillfield Ave, Trent Vale, S on T.  
Nuneaton Harriers B Ewington 16 Hemsworth Dr, Bulkington, Nuneaton. CV12 9FE. (Bed 314990)  
West Bromwich J Buckby.  
Dudley & Stourbridge W Berry 30 Ashdown Drive, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands. (03844 78  
Burton A C M W Harley 10 Manor Crescent, Stapenhill, Burton. 594)  
St Peter's College Miss A M Chadwick, St Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham. B8 3TE.  
Tamworth A C P Sarson 23 Cromwell Rd, Coton Green, Tamworth.  
Warley A C D Pritchard 59 Cemetery Rd, Smethwick, Warley. (021 558 5100)  
Harborne Harriers C Weston 15 Winchfield Drive, Harborne, Birmingham. B17 8ST (021 429 6864)  
Bridgnorth A C J Edwards 13 Willow Cottage, Middleton Scriven, Nr Bridgnorth, Salop.  
Stourport A C P Darby 23 Manor Road, Stourport, Worcs. DY13 9DN.  
Worcester A C J Marshall 14 Bilford Ave, Worcester. (Wor 51898)  
Staffordshire Moorlands H R Fowler 14 Hawksworth Ave, Leek, Staffs. ST13 5RS. (Leek 383876)  
Sutton Coldfield A C R W Butler 41 Marlpit Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. B75 5JY.

Secretary's of clubs organising the league races, must inform  
Club secretary's and Officials of their division plus the President  
and the League secretary, at least 10 to 14 days before the race as to  
the type of course, distance of the race, and travel directions.  
Youths to Start at 2.30pm. Seniors to Start at 3.00pm.



**BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE. (1926 - 1977)**  
( Affiliated to the M C C C A )

**President.**  
K Dare ( Small Heath Harriers )  
106, Bryn Arden Road,  
Birmingham.

**Hon Secretary/Treasurer.**  
E J Skidmore.  
"Trelawney"  
The Green,  
Wordsley, Stourbridge,  
West Midlands. DY8 5BN.  
Kingswinford 4751.

Dear Sir,  
You are invited to attend the 52nd Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall. On Wednesday 14th September 1977, at 7.30pm.

Clubs are reminded that they can send three delegates to this meeting, if you are unable to come please send someone in your place.

There are some important items to be discussed this year, one being Affiliation Fees.

Yours faithfully  
E J Skidmore.

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies FRANK DAVIES, HARRY LATWORTH, ARTHUR WRIGHT, FRANK WOOD, TED CLIFFORD
2. Obituary
3. Confirm Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting
4. Statements of Accounts
5. Affiliation Fees
6. Presidents Report
7. Hon Secretary's Report
8. New Affiliations (Telford A C) (Michelin A C)
9. Amalgamation Worcestershire Nomads & Worcester A C.
10. Composition of the League.
11. Fixtures & Venues;
 

1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
November 5th 1977 Tipton	: CHALTONHAM	: TELFORD
" 26th " Wolverhampton	: SPARKHILL - SHROV.	: CANNOCK
January 28th 1978 Coventry	: SPARKHILL	: NUNEATON
February 18th " Birmingham	: BROM + ASD	: SOLIHULL

Do you want the Final race: combined like the 50th Anniversary one

12. Election of Officers;
 

President TED POWELL	Hon Secretary/Treasurer E J SKIDMORE	Auditor F. W. LINDS
1st Division Race Secretary Referee Timekeepers	2nd Division W. ASTON T. CLIFFORD J. ANDREWS	3rd Division J. BUCKLEY J. FREEMAN FRANK COX CLIVE GRANT
13. Delegates to the M C C C A.
14. First Aid facilities at league races.
15. Honorarium £15.
16. Any other business.
17. Date and Place of the next Annual General Meeting. 13th SEPTEMBER.

**Final League Placings 1976 / 77.**

Promoted 3.

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|---|---|--|
| <b>1st Division</b><br>1 Tipton Harriers<br>2 Birmingham University<br>3 Birchfield Harriers<br>4 Gloucester A C<br>5 Coventry Godiva Harriers<br>6 City of Stoke A C<br>7 Small Heath Harriers<br>8 Leamington A C | <b>2nd Division</b><br>1 Wolverhampton & Bilston<br>2 Worcestershire Nomads<br>3 Bromsgrove & Redditch<br>4 Sparkhill Harriers<br>5 Rugby & District A C<br>6 Lozells Harriers<br>7 Stafford A C<br>8 Shrewsbury & District<br>9 West Midland College | <b>3rd Division</b><br>1 Staffordshire Moorlands<br>2 Newcastle A C<br>3 Cheltenham & County<br>4 Halesowen A C<br>5 Solihull A C<br>6 Dudley & Stourbridge<br>7 Worcester A C<br>8 Stourport A C<br>9 Harborne Harriers |
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The following clubs were incomplete, they must apply in writing for re-election to the league.

Warley A C / Tamworth A C / Burton A C /  
Nuneaton Harriers / Cannock A C /  
Royal Sutton Coldfield / Bridgnorth A C /  
West Bromwich Harriers.  
St Peter's College.



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1976/77.

EXPENDITURE	
Numbers and Pins	£ 14.60
Awards	55.43
Extra Awards	23.32
Postage	13.12
Room Hire	2.50
M C C A. (Affiliation Fee)	3.00
Honarium	10.00

INCOME	
Clubs @ £3.00	£ 102.00
Donations; Frank Cull	2.00
George Book	2.80
Harold's Bank	3.00
Miscellaneous	.15
Extra Awards Purchased by Clubs	23.32

### Purchases;

18 Winners Shields	25.28
18 Runners Up Shields	22.36
3 Individual Shields	5.02
1 Presidents Shield	2.77
Extra Awards	23.32

### MEDAL ACCOUNT

### Awarded;

18 Winners Shields	25.28
18 Runners Up Shields	22.36
3 Individual Shields	5.02
1 Presidents Shield	2.77
Extra Awards	23.32

Cash at Bank 12/8/76	94.01
Loss on Year 1976/77	19.00

Balance Sheet at 18/8/77.

Cash at Bank 18/8/77	£ 75.01
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Audited and found correct E W Lindsey

18th August 1977.

Ernest James Skidmore (Hon Secretary / Treasurer.



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting, Held at the Alumwell Centre  
Primley Avenue, Walsall. Wednesday 14th September 1977, at 7.30pm.

Present.

K G Dare (President) E W Lindsey (Auditor) E J Skidmore (Treasurer/Secretary)  
J Freeman (PP) W A Evans (PP) C J Barcroft (Telford) R W Butler (Sutton Coldfield)  
M Harley (Burton) D Walker L Fuller N Jinks (Worcester A C) T O'Reilly (Small Heath)  
S W A Hemmings H Mortimer (Leamington) BB Silverstone (Cannock) P Sarson (Tamworth)  
R Kneill W Berry (Dudley & Stourbridge) A Grant C L Grant (Halesowen) J Allsop (Shrews)  
P Miller W Adcocks (Coventry) C Fellows I Wilton-Jones (Solihull) W E Aston ..  
M Keen (Lozells) B Ewington E Rowland (Nuneaton) C B Franks K Buckle (Cheltenham)  
B H Glover (Sparkhill) E Powner K Walklate (City of Stoke) G W Lock (Wolverhampton  
& Bilston) R Rowley W Carr (Tipton) E F Hutchings (Harborne) R K Tilling (Birchfield)  
S Williams (Bridgnorth) C B Clarke (Bromsgrove & Redditch)

Apologies.

F Davies, H Lapworth, S A Wright, F Wood, E G Clifford, J Gripton, J Buckby,  
S Holdsworth, P Lisseman, G Heeley,.

Minutes.

The minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting, held Wednesday 15th September 1976  
which had been circulated, were proposed by W Aston, and seconded W A Evans,  
were confirmed and duly signed.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer gave a summary of the accounts and reported a loss  
on the year of £19.00, the numbers and pins, and the awards had risen considerable  
in cost, It was decided not to buy pins this season. Athletes to provide their own.

The Auditor then gave a short report, he said that he had been auditor  
for 38 years and hoped that in two years time when he retires some one will come  
forward and take over

J Freeman proposed, W A Evans seconded, the accounts were  
adopted with a vote of thanks to the treasurer and auditor.

Affiliation Fee.

After some deliberation and several fees mentioned, it was finally agreed  
to raise the fees to £4.00.

Presidents Report.

The President Mr Ken Dare (Small Heath Harriers) thanked the members  
who had elected him, and he also thanked the delegates for their excellent turn  
out at tonight's meeting. (The most since 1962)  
He had a most enjoyable year in office, going to races at Coventry (First Division)  
Nuneaton (Third Division) Redditch (Second Division) and Tipton (First Division)  
He thanked the clubs who had put on the races during the season, and to all  
the officials who had helped in any way.

Hon Secretary's Report.

The 1976-77 Season turned out to be one of our best yet,  
Starting with a record number of senior runners turning out in the first league  
races, 396 runners finished, the previous record was 342 back in 1962, with 134  
young athletes taking part, a total of 530 which is only 15 down on the total record.  
In the league races competition was at its best, after three races in the first  
division, Birmingham University were leading Tipton Harriers by 6pts and looked  
like ending Tipton's great run.

Wolverhampton & Bilston were clear leaders in  
division two after three races, but who were going to be second, Bromsgrove &  
Redditch or Worcestershire Nomads.

Newly formed Staffordshire Moorlands were too  
strong for the rest of the division three clubs, but who were going to finish 2nd  
and 3rd and get promotion, four clubs Cannock, Newcastle, Halesowen and Cheltenham  
were all in with a chance during the season.

I would like to thank our race  
secretary's Bill Aston, John Buckby, and Bill Carr, Bill took over at the last  
minute when Harry Lapworth had to go abroad for his firm, they all did an  
excellent job, also thanks to our referees Ted Clifford, Ken Evans, and Jack Freeman  
for their smooth running and control of the league races, and to our timekeepers  
Fred Allcoat and Ted Powner, Ron Davies and John Andrews, Fred Evans and Cliff  
Grant, and to all the other people who helped in making the league the success it is.

Division One.

A good turn out in the first race saw 145 runners finishing, Birmingham Univer  
sity won with 99pts, Coventry Godiva 2nd, Tipton Harriers 3rd, and Birchfield Harr  
iers 4th 110pts, only 11pts separating the four teams, Tipton & B'ham University  
dominated the 2nd race, Tipton winning with 56pts to the University's 69pts, this  
gave Tipton a four point lead, B'ham University won the 3rd race 79 to 89 this  
gave the University a 6pt lead over Tipton, could they hold onto their lead in the  
final race, but with Smedley, Kearns and Emson missing from their team, Tipton ran  
out easy winners, and for the fifth consecutive season, B'ham University 2nd,  
a tie for 3rd place between Birchfield Harriers and Gloucester A C, and only 7pts  
down on them were Coventry Godiva in 5th place.



Only one club to be relegated this season, Leamington A.C. The individual result was very close, Barry Bowler (City of Stoke) just beat his club-mate Alan Adams by one point 25 to 26. In the Young Athletes races only one club, Gloucester A.C., managed to finish a team in all four races, and only 84 runners competed in the four races.

#### Division Two.

Wolverhampton & Bilston soon showed that their stay in the 2nd division was going to be short, winning the 1st race with the very low score of 29pts, they had 5 runners in the first 6, Worcestershire Nomads were 2nd 97pts, and Bromsgrove & Redditch 3rd 130p, this first race was the downfall of Bromsgrove & Redditch, for the following races were very close, B & R beat Worcs Nomads 83 to 89, lost 84 to 87 and finally tying at 88pts each, and to be beaten into 3rd place still 30pts down, but Worcestershire Nomads have to thank Dick Cooper for keeping them in 2nd place the National Veterans Cross Country Championships were being held the day after the final league race, these championships were very important to Dick, and most people would have liked a days rest, but Dick ran and finished 6th and Worcestershire Nomads were promoted in 2nd place, while all this was going on Wolverhampton & Bilston were easily winning the division with 29, 56, 52, 41 a total of 178pts and to take the Arthur Roe Cup.

Relegated were West Midland College of Education who failed to compete in the last two league races.

The individual resulted in a tie between R Weaver Bromsgrove & Redditch and Dick Cooper Worcestershire Nomads with 16pts each.

The Young Athletes fared a little better than the 1st division, 112 runners in the four races, and two clubs competing in all four, Wolverhampton & Bilston 101pts and Stafford 139pts.

#### Division Three.

New-comers to the league Staffordshire Moorlands were easy winners of the first race, and a record turn out of 135 runners, Cannock were 2nd 118pts, 7pts separated the next three teams Newcastle, Cheltenham and Halesowen, and 15 clubs finished teams out of 18.

Newcastle tied with Staffordshire Moorlands in the 2nd race 94pts each, Cheltenham moved into 3rd place, in the third race a total of 147 runners finished a new record, Staffordshire Moorlands did even better winning with only 34pts, Newcastle stayed 2nd, and Cheltenham 3rd 30pts down, in the final race Staffordshire Moorlands ran out easy winners, and a gallant effort by Cheltenham just failed to get 2nd place finishing only a 11pts behind Newcastle, 1st Staffordshire Moorlands 238pts, 2nd Newcastle 480pts, 3rd Cheltenham 491pts, all three teams get promoted.

The individual was won by Glyn Harvey Staffordshire Moorlands with 6pts.

The Young Athletes did very well, with a turn out of 229 runners competing in the four league races, five teams finished in the four races, with Staffordshire Moorlands the winners with 67pts, Cheltenham 2nd 143pts.

A Wilton Staffordshire Moorlands won all four races, a very good prospect.

#### New Affiliations.

Telford A.C., and Michelin A.C. both these clubs were accepted.

#### Amalgamation.

Worcestershire Nomads and Worcester A.C. notified the league of their amalgamation, to be known as Worcester A.C., this was accepted.

#### Re-election of clubs to the 3rd Division.

All the clubs Warley, Tamworth, Burton, Cannock, Nuneaton, Royal Sutton Coldfield, West Bromwich, St Peter's College, and Bridgnorth were re-elected to the league.

#### Composition of the League.

1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Tipton Harriers	Leamington A.C.	Halesowen A.C.
Birmingham University	Bromsgrove & Redditch	Solihull A.C.
Birchfield Harriers	Sparkhill Harriers	Dudley & Stourbridge
Gloucester A.C.	Rugby & District A.C.	Stourport A.C.
Coventry Godiva Harriers	Lozells Harriers	Harborne Harriers
City of Stoke A.C.	Stafford A.C.	Warley A.C.
Small Heath Harriers	Shrewsbury & District	Tamworth A.C.
Wolverhampton & Bilston	Staffordshire Moorlands	Burton A.C.
Worcester A.C.	Newcastle A.C.	Cannock Chase A.C.
	Cheltenham & County H.	Nuneaton Harriers
		Royal Sutton Coldfield A.C.
		West Bromwich Harriers
		St Peter's College
		Bridgnorth A.C.
		Telford A.C.
		Michelin A.C.

Races to Start, Young Athletes 2.30pm. Seniors 3.00pm.



S W A Hemmings E Mortimer (Loughington) BB Silverstone (Gains)  
R Knoll W Berry (Dudley & Stourbridge) A Grant G E Grant (I

#### Composition of the League Cont:

After a brief discussion it was decided that after this season, and for the 1978 / 79 season, Two clubs will be relegated from the 1st Division, and Two clubs promoted from the 2nd Division, Two clubs to be relegated from the 2nd Division, and Three clubs to be promoted from the Third Division.

#### Fixtures and Venues.

Before any venues were fixed there was a discussion on whether to hold the final league race a combined one, some good points were raised in favour, but after a vote the meeting voted against holding a combined race.

		1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
November	5th 1977	Tipton	Cheltenham	Telford
"	26th "	Wolverhampton	Shrewsbury	Cannock
January	28th 1978	Coventry	Sparkhill	Nuneaton
February	18th "	Birchfield	Redditch	Solihull

Clubs who are organising these races are reminded that they must inform all the clubs in their division plus the officials also the President and League Secretary of the location, type of course and the distance and any travel details (maps, if possible) at least 10 - 14 days before each race.

#### Election of Officers.

	President	Hon. Sec/Treasurer	Auditor
	E. Powner,	E.J.Skidmore	E.W. Lindsey
	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Race Secretary	W. Carr	W. Aston	J. Buckby
Referee	K. Walklate	E.G.Clifford	J. Freeman
Time Keepers	F. Allcoat	J. Andrews	W.A.Evans
	R.Davies		C. Grant
Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A.	W.A.Evans	J. Freeman	E.J.Skidmore

#### First Aid Facilities:

It is hoped that Clubs organising races will do their best to provide First Aid facilities including making available telephone numbers of local hospitals and ambulance services.

#### Honorarium

It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary's honorarium be increased to £15.00.

Date and Place of the next Annual General Meeting will be Wednesday, 13th September, 1978 at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall at 7.30 p.m.

*E Powner* 13/9/78



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE 1977-78

Names and addresses of Club Secretaries, and League Officials.

President E Powner 7 Field End Close, Trentham, S-o-T. ST4 3AA. (Stoke 657057)  
Hon Secretary/Treas E J Skidmore "Trelawney" The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, W-M DY8 5BN.  
(Kingswinford 4751.)

## Division One

Referee K Walklate 31 Werburgh Drive, Trentham, S-o-T. ST4 3JT. (Stoke 658858)  
Race Secretary W Carr 28 Newman Rd, Ocker Hill, Tipton. (021 556 2366)  
Timekeepers F E Allcoat 51 Alfriston Rd, Finham, Coventry.  
R Davies 11 Bryan Ave, Penn, Wolverhampton. (Wol 38634)  
Tipton Harriers T Talbot 100 Aston St, Toll End, Tipton. (021 557 4501)  
Birmingham University Cross Country Sec, B'ham University, Sports Centre, Edgbaston, B15 2TU.  
Birchfield Harriers R. Tilling, 30, Beauchamp Ave., Handsworth Wood, B'ham B20 1DR.  
Gloucester A.C. A. Daley 39, Manderville Close, Longerens, Gloucester GL2 0EY (Glos. 415031)  
Coventry Godiva P. S. Miller, 27, Kimble Close, Allesley Park, Coventry (Cov. 74272)  
City of Stoke K. Walklate, -as above -  
Small Heath Harriers K. Dare 106 Bryn Arden Rd., Birmingham B.26 1JY (021 706 5245)  
Wolverhampton/Bilston G. Lissenan, 42 Baynton Road, New Invention, Willenhall W/M. WV12 5JR  
Worcester A.C. N. J. Jinks 387 Bath Rd., Worcester (Wor. 356 228)

## Division Two.

Referee E. G. Clifford, 12 Clapham Terrace, Leamington.  
Race Secretary W. Aston, 8 Lodge Cresc., Hagley, Stourbridge W/M  
Timekeeper J. Andrews, 15 Hazelton Rd., Marlbrook, Bromsgrove B60 1EX (Broms. 74057)  
Leamington A.C. H. Mortimer, 19 St. Nicholas Rd., Radford, Semele, Leamington  
Bromsgrove & Redditch B. Clarke 11, Amblecote Rd., Kidderminster, Worcs DY 10 3BB  
Sparkhill Harriers A Hill S/H HQ Rear 188 Stratford Rd., Shirtley, Solihull  
Rugby & District S Holdsworth, 102 Frobisher Rd., Bilton Rugby (Rugby 812036)  
Lozells Harriers B. Lake, 42 Heathside Drive, Birmingham 30 (021 459 2254)  
Stafford A.C. D. Cowley 6 River Way, Stafford ST16 3TH (Staff. 53480)  
Shrewsbury & District J. Allsop, 41 Fitzalan Rd., Harlescote Grange, Shrewsbury SY1 3LL  
Staffordshire Moorlands H. R. Fowler 14 Hawksworth Ave. Leek, Staffs ST13 5RS (Leek 383876)  
Newcastle A.C. B. Middleton 17 Hillfield Ave. Trent Vale, S on T.  
Cheltenham & County C. B. Franks, 23 Salisbury Ave, Warden Hill, Cheltenham (Chelt 28548)

## Division Three

Referee J Freeman, 21 Paradise Dudley (Dudley 59182)  
Race Secretary J Buckby 26 Hall Green Rd. Stone Cross, West Bromwich (021 588 2539)  
Timekeepers W. A. Evans 121 Ruskin St, West Bromwich B7 1LR  
C. M. Grant 6, Waverley Crescent, Romsley, Nr. Halesowen  
Halesowen A.C. A Hey, 8 Tall Trees Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge, W. Mids. (Stour 76294)  
Solihull A.C. C. P. Fellows 339 Rowood Drive, Solihull B91 2JJ (021 705 6066)  
Dudley & Stourbridge W. Berry 30 Ashdown Drive, Wordsley, Stourbridge W. Mids. (K'fKrd 78594)  
Stourport A.C. P. Darby 23 Manor Rd., Stourport, Worcs. DY13 9DN  
Harborne Harriers C Weston 15, Winchfield Drive, Harborne, B'ham B17 8ST (021 429 6864)  
Warley A C D Pritchard 59 Cemetery Rd, Smethwick, Warley. (021 558 5100)  
Tamworth A C P Sarson 23 Cromwell Rd, Coton Green, Tamworth.  
Burton A C M Harley, 78, Main St, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.  
Cannock Chase A C B B Silverstone, Pine View, Etching Hill, Rugeley, Staffs. (Rug 78247)  
Nuneaton Harriers B J Ewington, 16, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, Nuneaton. CV12 9PE.  
Royal Sutton Coldfield R W Butler, 41, Marlpit Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. B75 5JY.  
West Bromwich Harriers J Buckby -as above-  
St Peter's College R O'Hara, St Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham. B8 3TE.  
Bridgnorth A C S Williams, 2, Richmond Gardens, Bridgnorth, Salop. (Brid 3969)  
Telford A C C J Barcroft, 53, Wenlock Ct, Woodside, Telford, Salop  
Michelin A C T J Martin, 1, Beaunaris Close, Palmers Green, Harpfields, S-on-T.



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1977/78

### EXPENDITURE

1976/7  
£

Numbers 44.60  
Awards 55.43  
Extra Awards 23.32  
M.C.C.A. Affiliation 3.00  
Postage 13.12  
Room Hire 2.50  
Honorarium 10.00  
151.97

1976/77  
£

32.60  
54.70  
15.33  
3.00  
16.10  
3.00  
10.00  
134.73  
  
LOSS 19.00  
151.97

### INCOME

35 Clubs @ £4.00 140.00  
1 " @ £3.00 76/77 3.00  
Donations: Ted Powner 2.00  
Frank Cull 2.50  
Barclays Bank 3.00  
Extra Awards 15.33  
165.83  
Excess Income 31.10  
134.73

### MEDAL ACCOUNT.

#### PURCHASES:

18 Winners Plaques 27.00  
18 Runners-up Shields 20.70  
3 Individual Shields 4.50  
1 Presidents Shield 2.50  
Extra Awards 15.33  
£70.03

#### AWARDED:

18 Winners Plaques 27.00  
18 Runners-up Shields 20.70  
3 Individual Shields 4.50  
1 Presidents Shield 2.50  
Extra Award 15.33  
£70.03

## BALANCE SHEET AT 16th AUGUST, 1978

Cash at Bank 18.8.77 £75.01  
Excess Income 1978/78 31.10  
£106.11

Cash at Bank 16.8.78 £106.11

Audited and Found Correct -

E. W. Lindsey

Hon. Auditor

16th August, 1978.

Ernest James Skidmore (Hon. Secretary & Treasurer)



# BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE (1926 - 1978)

(Affiliated to the M C C C A).

## President:

E. Powner,  
7, Field End Close,  
Trentham, Stoke on Trent. ST4 3QA  
(Stoke 657057)

## Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:

E.J. Skidmore,  
"Trelawney", The Green,  
Wordsley, Stourbridge DY8  
Kingswinford ~~751~~ 5BN

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 53rd Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall, on Wednesday 13th Sept. 1978 at 7.30p.m. Clubs are reminded that they can send three delegates to this meeting. If you are unable to come, please send someone in your place.

Applications for League Races should be sent as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,  
E.J. Skidmore

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies S. WILLIAMS, FRANK WOODS, TAD CLIFTON, CRISTE FELLOWES, J. MILLER, R. READ.
2. Obituaries H. L. POWNER
3. Confirm Minutes of the 52nd A.G.M. FASH GUNN, KEN WALKLATS.
4. Statement of Accounts K. DANE
5. President's Report.
6. Hon. Secretary's Report
7. Composition of the League (including re-election of Clubs)
8. Fixtures and Venues:

1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.
November 4th 1978 COVENTRY	SPARKHILL	MICHELIN
November 25th 1978 BIRMINGHAM	CANNOCK	TELFORD
January, 27th 1979 Tipton	LEAMINGTON	NUNEATON
February 17th 1979 Tipton	SOLIHULL	TAMWORTH
9. Election of Officers: President Hon. Sec/Treasurer Auditor

E.F. HUTCHINS E.J. SKIDMORE E.W. LINDSEY

	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.
Race Secretary	W. CARR.	T. O'REILLY	B. ASTON.
Referee	K. WALKLATS.	T. CLIFTON.	J. FREEMAN.
Timekeepers	F. ALLCOAT	CLIFF GRANT	F. EVANS
	T. POWNER	KEN CUNNINGHAM	S. ANDREWS
	T. DAVIES.	W.A. EVANS.	J. FREEMAN.
			J. SKIDMORE.

10. Delegates to the M C C C A
11. Honorarium £20
12. Any other Business
13. Date and Place of the next A.G.M... 12TH SEPTEMBER 1980.

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## Final Placings 1977/1978.

### 1st Division

- 1 Tipton Harriers
- 2 B'ham University
- 3 Coventry Godiva Harriers
- 4 Wolverhampton & Bilston
- 5 City of Stoke A.C.
- 6 Birchfield Harriers
- 7 Gloucester A.C.
- 8 Small Heath Harriers
- 9 Worcester A.C.

### 2nd Division

- 1 Staffordshire Moorlands
- 2 Bromsgrove & Redditch
- 3 Sparkhill Harriers
- 4 Leamington A.C.
- 5 Cheltenham & County
- 6 Rugby & District
- 7 Stafford A.C.
- 8 Newcastle A.C.
- 9 Shrewsbury & District
- 10 Lozells Harriers

### 3rd Division.

- 1 Cannock Chase A.C.
- 2 Solihull A.C.
- 3 Halesowen A.C.
- 4 Tamworth A.C.
- 5 Nuneaton Harriers
- 6 Dudley & Stourbridge
- 7 Michelin A.C.
- 8 Bridgnorth A.C.
- 9 Stourport A.C.
- 10 Warley A.C.

The following clubs were incomplete, they must apply in writing for re-election to the league:

West Bromich Harriers, Telford A.C.  
Harborne Harriers, Sutton Coldfield  
Burton A.C., St. Peter's College.



**Birmingham & District Invitation Cross Country League.**  
**Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting, held at the Alumwell Centre,**  
**Walsall, 13th September 1978, at 7.30pm.**

**Members Present.**

E Powner (President) J Freeman, W A Evans, J Bedford, S A Wright,  
K Dare, (Past Presidents) E W Lindsley, (Past President & Auditor)  
C B Franks (Cheltenham) K Walklate, J Mountford (City of Stoke) J Tingle (Worcs)  
P Augustus (Rugby) J Graves (Tamworth) D Rigby (Newcastle) W Carr, B Cole (Tipton)  
A Grant, C M Grant (Halesowen) R W Butler (Royal Sutton Coldfield) K Banks (Telford)  
G W Hemmings, H Mortimer (Leamington) J Mills, G Heeley, B Glover (Sparkhill)  
T O'Rielly (Small Heath) I Wilton-Jones (Solihull) W Aston, M Keen (Lczzells)  
M Davies (Shrewsbury) R Tilling (Birchfield) P Birks (Staffordshire Moorlands)  
W Adcocks (Coventry) J Buckby (West Bromwich) E Rowland, B Ewington (Nuneaton)  
P Lisseman (Wolverhampton & Bilston) J P Noian, A Lea (Michelin)  
D Eades, W Berry (Dudley & Stourbridge) B Silverstone (Cannock)  
E F Hutchings (Harborne) E J Skidmore Hon. Sec.

**Apologies.**

S Williams (Bridgnorth) F Wood, F Cull (Past Presidents) C Fellows (Solihull)  
P Miller (Coventry) R Reid (Birchfield) E G Clifford (Past President)

**Obituary.**

Harry Lapworth (Coventry Godiva Harriers), it was almost a year since Harry passed away, he was a very hard worker for cross country and was the President English Cross Country Union 1975/76, and was a past President of the Midland Counties Cross Country Association, he was President of the League in 1971/72. Harry had been race secretary, and referee many times, and had organised countless races on behalf of the league, he will be sadly missed. The President asked the members to rise and observe a moments silence as a tribute to the memory of Harry.

**Minutes.**

The minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting, held Wednesday 14th September 1977 at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall, which had been circulated were proposed by W A Evans, and seconded by K Walklate, were confirmed and duly signed.

**Statement of Accounts.**

Due to the increase in affiliation fees a substantial profit was made, luckily we had no duplicating to pay for, and the secretary was owed £5 honorarium, but with increasing costs it is felt we should just about break even over the coming season.

The auditor Mr E W Lindsley made a few comments the most notable being his retirement, Edgar has been auditor to the league for 40 years, and the time as come for a younger person to take over, any volunteers wishing to take on this office please let me know in time for next years A G M.

K Dare proposed, J Freeman seconded, the accounts were adopted with a vote of thanks to the treasurer and auditor.

**Presidents Report.**

The president, Mr. E. Powner, thanked the members who had elected him. He had had a very enjoyable year of office attending races at all three divisions. He thanked all the clubs who had put the races on, and to all the officials who had helped

K Dare proposed a vote of thanks, W A Evans seconded.

**Hon Secretary's Report.**

The first league races started in grand style with a record number of runners taking part, 438 seniors and 106 young athletes a total of 544, the second race saw 418 seniors and 105 young athletes a total of 523, again this beat the previous record, it is very pleasing to see so many taking part, and also the number of our top international runners who take part.

**First Division.**

The first race saw a record number of runners, 162, finishing, the race was won by Tipton Harriers with 69pts, Birmingham University were second 106pts, Wolverhampton & Bilston third 108pts, Coventry Godiva were a clear 4th with 149pts, 36pts covered the next four clubs, Birchfield, Gloucester, City of Stoke and Small Heath Harriers, Worcester were last with 306pts. Another good turn out in the second race, 141 finishers, again Tipton Harriers were the winners, just beating Birmingham University by 2pts, 90 to 92, Coventry moved to 3rd, Small Heath Harriers (without Dave Black) finished last, and were only 2pts in front of Worcester 526 to 528.

Wolverhampton & Bilston won the third race with 61pts, Tipton Harriers were 2nd with 88pts which put them in a commanding lead overall.

In the final race Tipton showed no mercy winning with the small total of 39pts 109pts in front of Birchfield Harriers who had their best run of the season. Tipton Harriers won the League title for sixth consecutive time with 286pts, Birmingham University finished 2nd with 502pts, Coventry Godiva Harriers were 3rd with 526pts.

1st Div Continued over;



Relegated were Worcester A C, and Small Heath Harriers.

The Individual winner was David Driver (Coventry Godiva Harriers)

In the Young Athletes League only four team finished, City of Stoke A C with 51pts won, with Wolverhampton & Bilston 2nd 88pts  
2nd Division.

Newly promoted Staffordshire Moorlands soon set the seal on the 2nd Division Title winning the 1st race with 51pts, from Bromsgrove & Redditch 116pts, Cheltenham & County Harriers (running in the 2nd Division for several years) 3rd with 138pts.

The 2nd race Staffordshire Moorlands won again with 44pts, Bromsgrove & Redditch 119pts were 2nd, and Leamington A C, 3rd with 148pts. In this race four athletes were disqualified for not wearing their club colours.

CLUBS MUST MAKE SURE THAT THEIR ATHLETES WEAR CLUB COLOURS.

In the 3rd race the pattern was the same, Staffordshire Moorlands winning with 47pts, Leamington were 2nd 114pts, and Bromsgrove & Redditch 3rd 133pts.

In the final race Staffordshire Moorlands were surprisingly beaten by Sparkhill Harriers 68pts to 76pts, who had their best run of the season, Bromsgrove & Redditch were 3rd with 131pts.

Staffordshire Moorlands won the 2nd Division Title with 218pts, Bromsgrove & Redditch were 2nd with 499pts, and Sparkhill Harriers 3rd with 533pts.

Relegated were Shrewsbury & District A C, and Lozells Harriers.

The Individual was won by Glyn Harvey (Staffordshire Moorlands) unbeaten in the four races, Glyn has now won his last seven league races.

The Young Athletes League again was disappointing with only three team finishing in all four races, Staffordshire Moorlands made it a double winning with 37pts, from Cheltenham & County 226pts.

Special mention must be made of Andy Wilton, Staffordshire Moorlands, he won all four league races, just as he did the previous season in the 3rd Division, (what can he do in the 1st Division)  
3rd Division.

With 16 clubs in the 3rd Division a large turn out was expected, and we were not disappointed with 151 runners finishing in the first race. Cannock won with 73 points with Telford second with 105 points and Solihull third with 140 points. The second race saw 154 runners finishing and again Cannock won with 54 points, (increasing their lead with 148 points overall.) Solihull were second, 135 points and Halesowen third with 137 points. The third race was won by Solihull with 98 points. Cannock were second with 113 points, with Dudley & Stourbridge third with 145 points. In the final race Cannock beat Nuneaton by 2 points 113 to 115 with Telford third 120 points. Cannock were the overall winners with 353 points, Solihull were second with 504 points and Halesowen third with 614 points. All three teams will be promoted to the second division. Next year only the first and second will be promoted.

The individual winner was K Holmes of Tamworth Athletic Club.

The Young Athletes League was also disappointing as only two clubs finished all four races. Tamworth beating Halesowen 79 points to 153 points.

Our President, Ted Powner kindly donated awards to the leading Young Athlete in each division. The first division was won by S Chandler, City of Stoke A C. Second division the winner was A Wilton, Staffordshire Moorlands. The third division, N Piotrowski, Warley A C. I would like to thank Ted, on behalf of the league, for his generosity.

My thanks to all clubs who promoted the races and to all the officials, Referees, Ken Walklate, Ted Clifford and Ted Hutchins, (who took over when Jack Freeman became ill). Our Time-keepers - Fred Allcoat, Ron Davies, John Andrews, Fred Evans and Cliff Grant. Special thank to our Divisional Race Secretaries - Bill Carr, Bill Aston, John Buckby.

Grateful thanks to all who took part making the 1977/78 season so very successful.

Composition of the League.

It was decided that three clubs from the third division would be promoted to the second.  
The League table to read as follows:-

1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Birchfield Harriers	Cannock Chase A C	Bridgnorth A C
Birmingham University	Cheltenham & County	Burton A C
Bromsgrove & Redditch	Halesowen A C	Dudley & Stourbridge
City of Stoke	Leamington A C	Harborne Harriers
Coventry Godiva	Newcastle A C	Lozells Harriers
Gloucester A C	Rugby & District	Michelin A C
Staffordshire Moorlands	Small Heath Harriers	Nuneaton Harriers
Tipton Harriers	Solihull A C	Royal Sutton Coldfield
Wolverhampton & Bilston	Stafford A C	Shrewsbury & District

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