



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

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EDITORIAL

The last issue of this Newsletter was Number 10 in December, 1989, and that started off with an apology for being late! So think yourself very lucky if you are actually reading this.

One of the popular items of past newsletters was the race results for our members. Quite a few of these were prepared for earlier in the year, but I made a mistake and the file was destroyed: I am slightly more careful now. The race results will make a comeback; but only for races on or after 1st Jan 1993. If you want your name in print then supply the details of each race while you can remember.

Any other ideas or material for publication will be welcome.

THE OFFICERS

The officers as they were for 1992, and as re-elected at the 1992 AGM:

PRESIDENT	Dave Rowlands	67015
CHAIRMAN	Dave Griffiths	664251
HONORARY TREASURER	Guy Lingford	582985
HONORARY SECRETARY	Tony Salthouse	625191

MEMBERSHIP

The intention this year is to increase our membership by an active dozen or so. To this end a little poster has been produced, and copies will be placed in libraries, swimming baths, sports halls, supermarkets, and anywhere else we can think of. Besides everyone doing their own little bit of recruiting of friends (or enemies you want to make suffer), we must all especially go out of our way to make any newcomers very welcome and pleased to have come.

As a club we have been very successful in taking in those relatively new to running, such as George used to be, and now he has just been voted our Club Runner of the Year!

An application form for joining the SCH appears at the end of this newsletter.

NORTH STAFFS ROAD RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

For three pounds a year the NSRRA provides one of the best bargains around. It provides a means for localish runners to get together in a season's competition. There are 20 races, 12 to count, 7 of the races are free to members, and there 3 or 4 newsletters and results posted each year.

There are four groups for men, another four for veteran men over 40, and two groups for ladies. The groups are graded according to ability. This gives most people a chance to seriously compete at their own level. This year South Cheshire Harriers are not represented as well as usual in the final results, which makes the contribution of the two that do appear much more valuable.

In Group D	10th	Chris Butler
In Group X	4th	George Phillips

If you are not already a member then now is the time to start doing something about it - ask at the club for help on how to join.

MINUTES OF THE 1992 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the South Cheshire Harriers AGM held on 27th November, 1992, at the P-Way Club, Gresty Road, Crewe.

The meeting was attended by 25 members, with apologies received from John Booth, Mike Guilliard, and Mick Hornsey.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 29th November, 1991, were read and accepted by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report

We are now members of the Northern Counties Region of the British Athletic Federation (BAF). This organisation applies equally to men and women. The three English regions together also form the AAA of England. Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland each have their own region as part of the BAF.

We have sent off to the London Marathon for club entries. One of the questions that had to be answered highlighted the fact that we are very short of BAF information and that we must send off to at least get a copy of the constitution and the rules and regulations.

General opinion on the resurrection of the newsletter was sought. Members' details and race results seemed to be the popular requirements. Action was promised.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the accounts were distributed to the meeting. The assets had improved by around £130 to £1160.51. It was pointed out that nearly £400 of this is in the form of kit, and that much of the balance is needed as a float; for instance we pay the P-Way Club for a large number of memberships in advance of SCH actually receiving its subscriptions.

The club events, the 10K race and the club disco, had made money. There was a discussion on adding a separate Fun Run to the race to make it even more popular and rewarding. People seemed mainly in favour.

The accounts as presented were unanimously accepted.

Chairman's Report

What we knew of the BAF constitution was reviewed.

The state of the club was reviewed. The Chairman was pleased to see that Richard was having the effect of making Gordon work harder. Gordon has been doing very well in the 40 and 80 mile ultra distance events. Colin has had a very good Marathon result, and Graham has been running very well (the competition between them is having a beneficial effect). The club membership is changing, with many new runners coming in. Thanks were expressed to those who especially helped the newcomers get into condition, with particular appreciation to Dave Gill. The club is a very pleasant organisation to belong to, with the contribution from all the members making the running of the club very easy.

We have had an informal approach from Crewe and Nantwich about combining the road running interests. Their road running side is not in a very healthy state. While the offer is very open, the initial reaction was that the social side of SCH far outweighed any advantages of showers and access to the track. Having to increase our subscription in order to have some form of union did not seem immediately attractive.

The Chairman has prepared some mini posters to advertise for more members. He would like to see a dozen extra active members on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Election of Officers

All the current officers indicated their willingness to continue in office. There were no other nominations. Consequently the officers for 1993 are

President	Dave Rowlands
Chairman	Dave Griffiths
Honorary Treasurer	Guy Lingford
Honorary Secretary	Tony Salthouse

Graham Morgan was elected as Honorary Auditor.

Subscriptions

Of the current £5 subscription, £3 goes to the P-Way club. The latter can be expected to be increased in 1993. After much debate it was agreed to keep the SCH fee at its current level for 1993, and to fund any extra demands from the club funds.

Any change forced because we have to seek another home for the club will be faced as necessary. Meanwhile the P-Way seems to be in a more stable state at the moment. However we must still keep in touch with possible alternatives, such as other Working Men's Clubs.

Amendment to the Constitution

It was agreed that the South Cheshire Harriers Constitution 1989 should be amended to reflect the formation of the BAF and its Northern Counties Region.

Club Prizes

There were five people nominated, but, by a very clear majority, the Club Runner of the Year, 1992, is

George Phillips

The President, Dave Rowlands, agreed with the Chairman that SCH is a fun club, but this has to be worked at. One of those that is outstanding in doing the work is the 1992 winner of the Presidents Prize,

Sheila Bickerton

Any Other Business

Extra thanks were given to Colin for looking so successfully after all the kit business, and to Gordon for his enthusiasm in getting people to do things.

Interest was shown in the club getting to the National Cross Country Championships, to be held at Parliament Hill in London this time. To do this we have to enter a team in the Northerns to be allowed to enter.

Crewe and Nantwich are again holding an inter club competition at the track. Members are encouraged to take part in the 5K races on December, 15th.

The AGM closed at 9.24, having started at 8.05.

SCH MEMBERS

name and address

home

work

List deleted for security



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

I wish to apply for membership of South Cheshire Harriers. I declare that I am an amateur as defined by the British Athletics Federation and am prepared to abide by the rules of this federation.

Please PRINT:

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

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TELEPHONE Home Work

DATE OF BIRTH Day Month Year

MEMBERSHIP (tick one): FIRST CLAIM SECOND CLAIM

If second claim state name of first claim club

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Proposed by:

Seconded by:

I agree that the information on this form can be held on computer. It can be disclosed for club purposes as the club committee sees fit.

SIGNATURE of Applicant

DATE of Application