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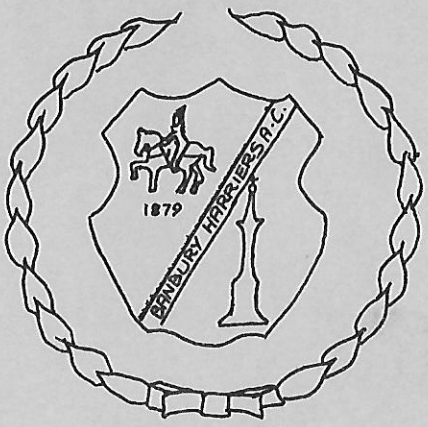

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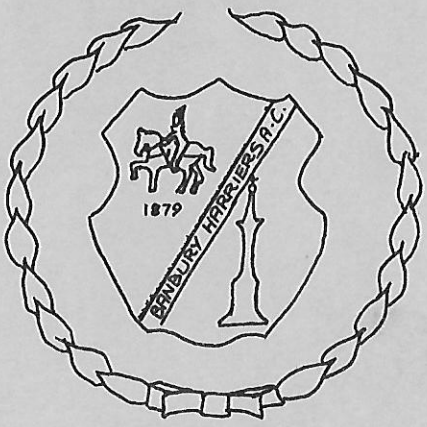

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second edition of the club magazine - still nameless, even after the competition in issue one.

A lot has happened since that first issue, and hopefully most of it has been accounted for in the following pages; race reports, county qualifiers, new facilities and new club records. (If, on the other hand, you think that something is missing and/or you could write better articles standing on your head - put it to the test. All contributions gratefully received, though not necessarily published)

It has been suggested that,as a club, we could organise trips to big meetings at places like Crystal Palace and Cosford, and make a day out of it as well. What do you think? We'd need a coachload to make the idea worth considering.

As 1981 is the year of the disabled, the Harriers are going to hold a record sale, with all the proceeds going to BADSAD, the Banbury Association for Sport for the Disabled - they organised the Great Run last year. The sale will be for members of the Harriers only and any records left over will be donated to Hospital Radio Horton.

Where are the records coming from? That's where you come in. Bring as many of your unwanted records as possible - as long as they aren't your parents prized Jim Reeves collection! There is a prize of a £2.00 record token for the person or family who bring the most records, preferably on Wednesday evenings, before the end of May. The sale will (hopefully) be in June.

Dora Murphy.

THE CLUBHOUSE

On January 29th, a group of athletic looking types moved in on Bodicote House under torch light. The mission? To start dismantling the three prefabs destined to become the new Harriers clubhouse. The first problem was to remove the bolts from the underneath of the huts. There were shades of Colditz as tunnels were dug in the frozen earth to get near the bolts. At the same time, up above, the rest of the crew were undoing hundreds of screws, and planning out the assault to come on the Saturday. The huts were all ready to go, but they were so heavy that we had no means of moving them. We contacted Mr. Robert Andrews of Apollo Metals, and vice-president of the club, who agreed to finance us, paying the entire cost of shifting the huts to their new home at Blessed George Napier school. This involved a lorry with three trailers and one ten ton crane, at a total cost of £200!!

Saturday morning: 8a.m., and freezing conditions. Nigel Ward seemed to have gone prematurely grey, but it was just the frost forming on his hair. Eric Andrews took control:'I've got the hard hat, so I'm the gaffer!'

The prefabs were hoisted onto the trailers in a very short time, and it was off to B.G.N., where the Headmaster, Mr.O'Flynn, had given us permission to rebuild them at the back of the gym.

Foundation stones were laid down and the site levelled. Dom, true to form, managed to get his finger cut open with a concrete block, thereby missing a lot of heavy work!

The huts were lowered onto the foundations, with great skill shown by the crane driver, (and great stupidity by Dom, who got his finger

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - REPORT

Nineteen members turned up on Tuesday 3rd February at Drayton school for the A.G.M.

Both Chairman & Secretary's reports were encouraging, looking back on a season where the club did better than was ever thought possible, and looking forward to greater successes in the future.

Treasurer's report was equally pleasing, as it was announced that our total account was £1403.38, and our assets were to a value of £2240.54 (not including cups and trophies).

It was agreed, in view of the increase in AAA and SCAAA fees, that the club fees would be raised accordingly - Seniors: £6, Juniors: £2.50, Family Membership: £7.50, 2nd Claim membership £.4.50. Under 17 membership will remain the same at £1. Subscriptions are now due, and when paid, a membership card will be handed out. This card should be brought to all training sessions, and also produced at Christo's when claiming discount.

All officials were re-elected unchallenged, and the three vacant positions were filled as follows: Mens track captain; Dom Murphy, ladies captain; Bev Rigby and ladies secretary; Wendy Andrews. New commitee members; Colin Chatfield, Jean Eley and Andrew Garner.

It was proposed that, to further the social side of the club for younger members, that trips to Ice Skating and other activities might be arranged in the future. This subject was left open, to see what the reaction of the club in general would be.

The meeting went very smoothly, with no disagreements, and with no clouds on the horizon, save the fact that we will have to pay insurance on the clubhouse.

P.S. If you missed the meeting, but feel you have things to say, there is always room in the magazine. (In fact, so much room, that even if you have nothing to say we want it!)

HEART OF ENGLAND LEAGUE RECORDS. (Girls)

	Minors	Juniors.
100m.	M.Williams.(R) (13.5)	J.Edge.(D) L.Fraser.(R) (13.5)
200m.	M.Williams.(R) (27.9)	L.Fraser.(R) (25.8)
800m.	**T.ANDREWS. (2.32.7)**	R.Andrews.(R) (2.32.3)
1500m.	J.Hurley. (S) (5.20.2)	R.Taylor.(R) (4.49.2)
Discus.	C.Smith.(N) (20.72)	K.Pugh.(N) (33.36)
Jav.	T.Fletcher.(L) (18.08)	J.Murray.(L) (33.30)
Shot.	C,Smith.(N) (8.76)	**R.ELEY. (10.48)**
H.J.	N.Bozickovics.(N) (1.45)	N.Bozickovics.(N)* (1.40)
L.J.	C.Smith.(N) (4.60)	J.Edge.(D) (5.10)
4x100.	Solihull. (56.0)	Solihull. (53.7)
75m.H.	- - -	S.Beeden.(D) H.Johnson.(R) (12.6)

*and A.Preskey.(R), L.Parker.(D)

C - Corby. N - Nuneaton.
D - Daventry. R - Rugby.
L - Leamington. S - Solihull.

Names in capital letters are those of Banbury athletes.

fixture list.

APRIL		
4TH	AREA ROAD RELAYS	VARIOUS
5TH	LADIES OPEN	RADLEY
8th		
18TH	INVITATION MEETING	READING
25TH	SOUTHERN WOMENS LGE.	MILTON KEYNES
MAY		
3rd	HEART OF ENGLAND	NUNEATON
9TH	SOUTHERN WOMENS LGE.	
10TH	GRE GOLD CUP rnd 1 JUBILIE CUP ?	
10TH	A.A.A. MARATHON	RUGBY
13TH	BUCKS LEAGUE	HALTON
14TH	READING GALA	READING
17TH	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS	IFFLEY RD.
20TH	NORTH OXON SCH TRIALS	HORSEPATH
23RD	MIDLAND LEAGUE	
24TH	UK. CHAMPS NATIONAL	
31st	100 x 1 MILE RELAY.	
JUNE		
6TH	WELSH AAA CHAMPS	CWMBRAN
	M.C.WAAA CHAMPS	PERRY BAR
	S.C.WAAA CHAMPS	CRYSTAL PALACE
	4X1 MILE RELAY	BANBURY
7TH	MICHELIN 10	STOKE
10TH	BUCKS LEAGUE	LEIGHTON BUZZARD
13TH	CNTY SCH'LS CHAMPS	IFFLEY
14TH	GRE/JUBILIE CUPS RND 2 INTER COUNTIES 20	BOLTON
20TH	SOUTHERN WOMENS LGE.	BOREHAMWOOD
21ST	HEART OF ENGLAND	LEAMINGTON
21ST	6 COUNTIES (MENS)	SOUTHAMPTON
26TH	S.C AAA CHAMPS	CRYSTAL PALACE
27TH	MIDLAND AAA CHAMPS	PERRY BAR
28TH	OPEN MEETING	BANBURY
JULY		
1ST	CHURCHILL TROPHY	DAVENTRY
4TH	SOUTHERN WOMENS LGE. MCAA U/20 CHAMPS	BANBURY
8TH	BUCKS LEAGUE	MILTON KEYNES.
10/11	ENGLISH SCHOOLS	YEOVIL
11TH	MIDLAND LEAGUE	
12TH		
18TH	S.C.WAAA INTER COUNTIES	CRYSTAL PALACE
24TH	WAAA.CHAMPS	CRYSTAL PALACE
25TH	WAAA.CHAMPS	CRYSTAL PALACE
26TH	HEART OF ENGLAND	SOLIHULL

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2	LEAMINGTON OPEN	LEAMINGTON
7TH	AAA CHAMPS	CRYSTAL PALACE
8TH	SOUTHERN WOMENS LEAGUE	
9TH	GRE/JUBILIE CUPS S.F	
12TH	BUCKS LEAGUE	WATFORD
23RD	HEART OF ENGLAND	RUGBY

SEPT

5TH	SOUTHERN WOMENS LGE.	
6TH	TROPHY MEETING	LEMINGTON
13TH	WOKING YOUNG ATHLETES	WOKING
20TH	BANBURY 5	BANBURY

NOV

15TH	A.P.20 & OXON CHAMPS	BANBURY

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DATES WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER

SOUTHERN LEAGUE WOMEN ONLY
BUCKS LEAGUE MEN ONLY
HEART OF ENGLAND LEAGUE UNDER17's

CHILTERN LEAGUE REPORT

After a final match, over a tough,hilly course at High Wycombe, on February 28th, the Chiltern League championship positions were sorted out.

As a team, Banbury Harriers were fourth in the second division, missing promotion by only a few points, even after a tremendous effort in the last race, where we finished second. Things look promising from the promotion side if we can keep the same team together, and persuade a few more youths to run.

Individual success came for David Rome and Ferg Gillies, who won the colts and seniors individual championships respectively, with David coming through from joint second before the last race, and Ferg winning quite easily.

THE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY SCENE

In general the season has been one of our best as regards the younger age groups. In fact a total of 15 colts turned out for the last Rugby league fixture, and with over 50% of these available as colts next seaon, it is hoped that we can continue to show high up in the leagues.

Success has also been enjoyed by individuals, with Marc Chatfield winning the IAC colts cross country race at Crystal Palace and David Rome taking the Chiltern league division two title, and both of these representing the county in the Inter counties championship, where Oxon gained second place.

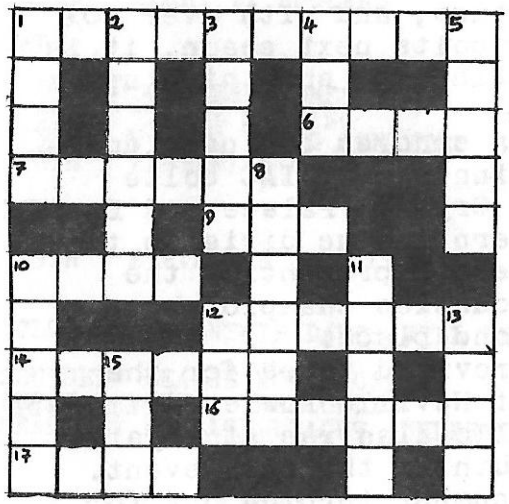
The boys age group provided three for the county in the shape of Neville Rowles, Tim Webb and Ian Hammond. Neville also ran at Crystal Palace and finished 44th in the boys event.

With only a limited number turning out for fixtures, results have been disappointing, but we should improve next season. Although not gaining any honours, mention must be made of Michael Barnett who has run at almost every fixture, including promising performances at the AP20 and the Stratford 9.

The youths, as usual, have been let down by the failure to provide complete teams, which is a pity, as I feel sure that if ever we started to field a full team, we would start gaining results. There is nothing more demoralising than people saying that they will run, and then just not turning up on the day. Perhaps we can make sure that this doesn't happen next year.

John Rolland.

Congratulations to Rachel Eley, 10th in the U.K. rankings for shot putt, with a distance of 10.61 metres.



CROSSWORD.

concocted by GEOFF DOYLY.

Answers next issue.

If you want to have a go at a crossword, preferably concerned with athletics, all offerings will be gratefully received.

ACROSS.

) Female athlete. (5,5).
) Christian name of Britain's bronze medalist in the Moscow 400 metre hurdles. (4).
) Mary ------, Famous British gold medalist. (6).
) The T·S·B like to say this. (3).
) Nick ----, English cross country runner. (4).
) Well known American Marathon (6)
) This club is based in the West Midlands. (6).
) This would help to promote your race. (6)
). The number of miles run by senior men in the National. (4).

DOWN.

1) High, Long or triple. (4).
2). Pentathlon star, ------ Wray. (6)
3) Surname of famous British hurdler. (5).
4) Christian name of Britain's top lady discus thrower. (3).
5) Wendy or Trevor. (5).
8) Runner-up position. (6)
10) Tony Simmons runs for this club. (5)
11) The Broughton Hill in the Banbury '5', is very much this! (5)
12) A type of snake (3).
13) A source of protein. (4).
15) You're probably using one now! (3).

Seen any good cartoons about athletics recently? Cut them out, hand them in and we'll include them.
If you reckon yourself as a writer - send in a report of your last race, mentioning some of the other Harriers involved if you have room after telling the world how brilliantly you ran.

OPEN MEETING

SUNDAY JUNE 28th AT BANBURY

EVENTS

BOY'S U/11 100, & 800 COLTS 100 & 800, HJ. LJ.
BOYS & YOUTHS 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, HJ, LJ, SP, DT
JUN & SENIOR MEN 100, 3000 & SP.

GIRLS U/11 100 & 800 MINORS 100, 800, HJ. LJ
JUNIORS 100, 200, 800, 1500, HJ, LJ, SP, DT,
INTERS 100, 200, 400, 800, HJ, LJ, SP. DT.
SENIOR LADIES 100, 3000

ENTRY FEE 25p PER EVENT

ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 8th

BANBURY "5" INC OXON W.A.A.A. CHAMPS

SEPT 20th EASINGTON HOTEL
ENTRY FEE 40p + 25p COUNTY
YOUNG ATHLETES RACES 25p

GREAT RUN

SPICEBALL SUNDAY OCT 4th

A.P.20 INC OXON MENS 20 MILE

LEAMINGTON TO BANBURY
SUNDAY NOV. 15th.
ENTRY FEE 60p + 25p COUNTY

SENIOR & JUNIOR MEN'S C.C and ROAD REPORT.

3rd. Jan. John Padbury was the only senior man to qualify for the county team at Didcot, on a cold, windy day. Dom Murphy qualified for the junior team.

10th. Jan. Ferg Gillies ran brilliantly to win the Chiltern League fixture at Leighton Buzzard, from a field of 110 runners. Geoff Doyly and John Padbury had fine runs to finish 16th and 17th respectively. First race as a Harrier for Alec Brice - a creditable 97th.

17th Jan. John Padbury had an excellent run in the Inter Counties CC at Leicester, finishing 4th scorer for Oxon.

18th Jan. Ferg just beaten into 2nd place in the Stratford 9 road race, with a superb time of 45 mins 10 secs. Clive Rutland 7th in 46.45, Geoff Doyly 17th in 48.14, and Nigel Braggins 25th in 49.49 all had good runs. Mick Welland returned from injury to finish 37th in 52.17. Gary Reading (junior), and Michael Fisher (youth) both had excellent runs, showing that the 'old fogeys' won't have it quite so easy in the future.

14th Feb. John Padbury again showing his quality and consistancy at cross country, finishing 230th in the Southern counties at Enfield. Other runners: Geoff Doyly, Mick Welland, Alec Brice (Sen.) Dom Murphy (Jun) Mike Fisher (Yth.) Dave Rome, Tim Webb, Michael Barnett (Boys).

21st Feb. Clive Rutland led the club home in 5th place at the open CC at High Wycombe. Geoff Doyly (11th) and John Padbury(13th) ensured 2nd team place behind Shaftsbury (!). Chris Close-Smith was 17th in his first race since coming back from injury.

28th Feb. Chiltern League at High Wycombe. Turn back a few pages.

Geoff Doyly.

THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL. COLECHESTER. 28.2.81.

At 9a.m., on a wet, drizzly day, we caught the bus at Drayton school, for the long journey to Colechester. We arrived at 12.15, and it was still rainy, and so the long hilly course was full of mud.

Soon it was time for the minor girls race. If you've never been to a National, the sight as the gun went off, was 900 athletes charging up the field, the noise from their shoes rumbling like a stampede even on the boggy ground.

After the gruelling 3000 metre race, the positions were as follows: Tina Andrews 88th, Alison Curr 251st, Alex Robinson 278th, Sue Ives 359th, Judy Robinson 555th, Laura Hughes 563rd, and Joanne Mullard 564th, giving a team position of 47th out of 132.

The junior ladies race was over 3500 metres, and out of the 900 runners, first Harrier home was Kim Harbor 270th, followed by Sue Gilkes 322nd, Karen Andrews 416th, Bernie Byrne 443rd, and Gillian Rolland 549th. As Gillian finished better than 600th position, her father now owes her a silver ring.

The intermediates ran 4000 metres, and Donna Johnson came home 170th, with Helen Tomlin in 257th position.

Whilst the junior and inter races were taking place, the minors were busy stuffing their faces with free tomato soup. At 5p.m. we boarded the coach and headed for home, with the minors at the back, singing songs, and the rest up the front listening to Bernie, who made the journey go quickly by telling Irish jokes. Some were good, others not so good.

We arrived home at 9p.m., after a long, tiring but very good day out.

Karen Andrews.

RUGBY Y.A. LEAGUE. SUTTON COLDFIELD. 15.3.81.

This was the final meeting, and many harriers put up good performances on a tough road course, the most outstanding being a superb win for Marc Chatfield in the colts, with David Rome producing his best run of the season to finish fifth. Andrew Brown also had a very good run to come 20th.

In the minor girls, Tina Andrews came a fine second, behind Julie Hall of Cardinal Wiseman, with Alex Robinson 34th, and Sue Ives 37th with a sprint finish where she took about five people in the home straight.

Junior girls produced another good team result, with Sue Gilkes 12th, Kim Harbor 18th, Karen Andrews 28th, Bernie Byrne 32nd and Gillian Rolland 45th.

Michael Barnett ran well in the Boys, despite falling over on the first lap, to come 51st.

Both our Intermediates had good runs, Donna Johnson 13th, and Helen Tomlin 29th.

For the Youths, Mike Fisher gave another well judged run for his best ever Rugby league position, 11th, and proving that sprinters can run more than 200m, Simon Boulton 32nd, Ian Humberstone 36th and Kevin James 57th, left a quarter of the field behind them. (Ian is now making plans to enter the London Marathon next year .....).

When the seasons results were compiled, Marc and Tina both picked up second places, Marc needing just one point to win, and as teams, the colts were fourth and Junior Ladies third.

Dom Murphy.

p.s. Ian Humberstone wishes to make quite clear that he does not intend to run any further than 400m ever again. ..... We'll see about that.

STOP PRESS: New Junior records at Ippley Road, on March 14th, for Ian Humberstone: 200m - 24·3 secs, 100m - 12·0 secs, & Michael Fisher: 3000m - 9·41·3. Dean Sheppard equalled the Boys 800m record of 2·12·0.

clouted with a hammer - yes, the same finger). The huts were levelled out and bolted together, and the entire operation was over, and all in the space of five hours. A new record? Norris McWhirter was unavailable for comment.

Interior decorating then started. Adrian Ives and Nigel Ward put screws into the roof panels in conventional style with screwdrivers. Sue Gilkes found a better method - she used a hammer.

By the end of the day, the clubhouse was beginning to look like a permanant fixture, with a lock on the door and blinds in the windows.

By mid-February, benches and sports equipment had been moved in, and a concrete path and a set of steps had been added. On Monday 23rd February, the momentus occasion, as the huts were used for training for the first time at very short notice, and considering the conditions (no lights, not much equipment, and a lot of snow) things went quite well, although, at the end, it degenerated into a massive snowball fight with everybody picking on Dom for some reason!

It is hoped that the clubhouse will be put to good use in the summer, as a changing room, meeting place and training centre when other training areas are unavailable.

So .. we've got a clubhouse. Next project .. a track to go with it?

- Dom Murphy & Eric Andrews -

Congratulations to Barry Gascoigne on making seventh place in the U.K. Boys rankings 1980, for high jump with a height of 1.80. (The current no.1 is Femi Abejide with a 2.00)

CLUB RECORDS FEMALE (UP TO 14 FEBRUARY 1981)

	U11	U13	U15	U17
100m.	S.Ives. (15.8)	C.Fuaoa. (13.7)	C.Fuaoa. (13.3)	A.Held. (13.8)
200m.	- - -	T.Andrews. (29.0)	S.Gilkes. (28.2)	D.Mitchell. (29.0)
400m.	- - -	T.Andrews. (73.0)	S.Gilkes. (68.2)	K.Woodman. (62.6)
800m.	S.Ives (2.46.8)	T.Andrews. (2.32.7)	M.Phillips. (2.35.1)	K.Woodman. (2.37.2)
1500m.	S.Ives. (5.57.0)	T.Andrews. (5.20.0)	S.Gilkes. (5.31.2)	- - -
Hurdles.	- - -	- - -	J.Ashton. (13.1)	- - -
H.J.	- - -	N.Harvey. (1.38)	S.Gilkes* (1.40)	A.Lacey. (1.20)
L.J.	- - -	G.Rolland. (4.12)	S.Gilkes. (4.74)	D.Mitchell. (4.72)
Discus.	- - -	S.Andrews. (17.36)	R.Eley. (26.32)	- - -
Shot.	- - -	G.Rolland. (5.66)	R.Eley. (10.61)	R.Eley. (9.01)
Jav.	- - -	G.Rolland. (16.00)	S.Plester. (25.30)	C.Hughes. (15.60)
3000m.	- - -	T.Andrews. (12.31)	K.Andrews. (13.30)	- - -
4x100m.	- - -	T.Andrews. S.Wood. A.Wilson. H.Hall. (60.20)	J.Ashton. S.Tucker. T.Bissett. C.Fuaoa. (54.9)	D.Wilson. S.Plester. D.Byrne. K.Woodman. (60.1)

*and R.Eley.

NEW RECORD

At Iffley Road, on February 15th, Ian Humberstone set a new Youths club record for 400m, with a time of 54.00 secs., taking 3.6 secs. off the old record.

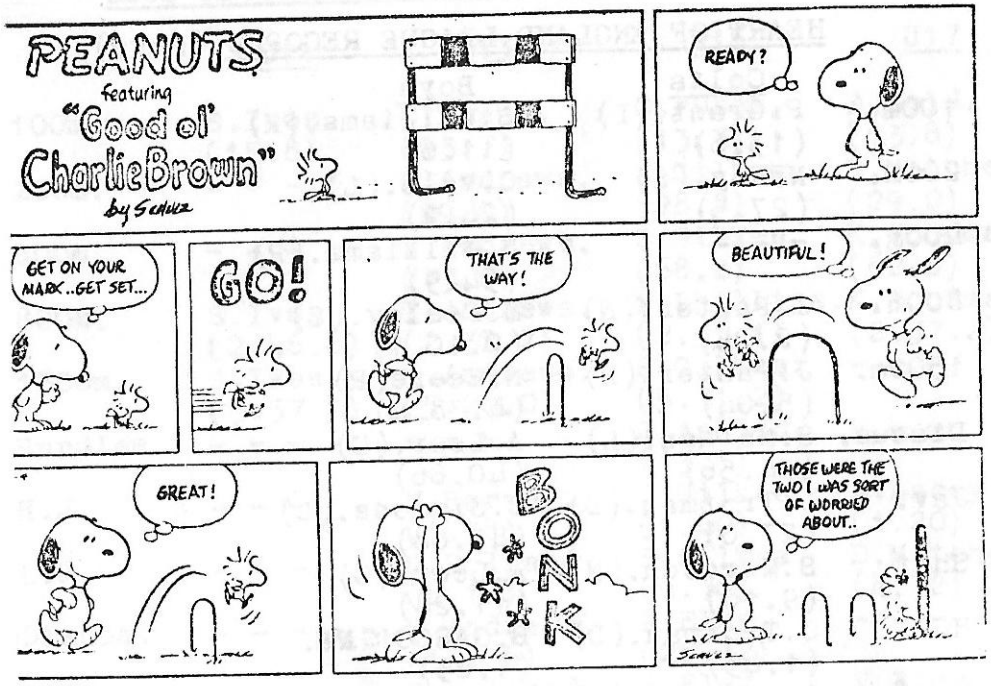
HEART OF ENGLAND LEAGUE RECORDS. (Boys)

	Colts	Boys
100m.	P.Grant.(L) (13.6)	S.Williams.(R) (11.6)
200m.	N.Hay.(S) (27.5)	C.Vale.(L) (24.9)
400m.	- - -	S.Williams.(R) (54.9)
800m.	J.Panter.(N) (2.24)	M.Feeley.(C) (2.10.1)
1500m.	J.Panter.(N) (5.04)	N.Beere(R) (4.38.4)
Discus.	S.Nathan.(L) (24.56)	A.Leer.(C) (40.66)
Jav.	D.Trotman.(D) (27.0)	C.Simmons.(D) (43.68)
Shot.	S.Murdoch.(N) (9.10)	A.Leer.(C) (11.28)
H.J.	C.Trotman.(D) (1.45)	B.GASCOIGNE. (1.65)
L.J.	G.Russell.(S) (4.68)	I.Barnett.(R) (5.63)
T.J.	- - -	I.Barnett.(R) (12.16)
4x100.	Nuneaton. (56.3)	Corby. (51.0)
80m.H.	- - -	A.Hickey.(S) (13.2)

GROWTH RATE.

In 1978, Banbury Harriers had a staggering amount of members .. 14! Now membership is approaching 180 and new faces seem to appear every week! The club of the 80's? I can almost believe it.

The famous 14 were: Ferg Gillies, Geoff Doyly, Dave Hornsby, Clive Rutland, John Padbury, Andrew Hutton, Nigel Braggins, Marie Phillips, Ilene Phillips, Kim Harber, Bernie Byrne, Ian Hammond, Tracey O'Carroll, Martin Reed.



COUNTY COLOURS

Congratulations to the following, who won their County Colours for cross country this season:

Ladies.

T.Andrews. A.Robinson. H.Tomlin. K.Andrews.
S.Ives. S.Gilkes. D.Johnson.
A.Curr. K.Harber. B.Rigby.

Men.

D.Rome. N.Rowles. D.Murphy.
M.Chatfield. I.Hammond. J.Padbury.
T.Webb.