



WHITE HORSE HARRIERS

2008/9 Chairman's Report

30th October 2009

Gareth Smith



Barrie Strange

Barrie Strange
President and founder
member of
White Horse Harriers

9th June 2009





Women's Results

INDIVIDUALS - Final league Positions:

- **Under 11 Girls:** Eloise Graham 20th Emma Hazell 24th
- **Under 13 Girls:** Sophie Lloyd 2nd Josephine Harrison 15th
Chloe Craze 20th

TEAMS

U13/15 Girls – 4th
Women – 7th (Div 1)

Our thanks to the League Organizers

Frank Briscoe has taken on producing the results.



Men's Results

INDIVIDUALS - Final league Positions:

- **Under 11 Boys:** Charlie Harrison 12th Toby Thackray 18th
Matt Druce 27th
- **Under 13 Boys:** Zack Oliffe 8th Toby Bellerby 16th Tom Froud 19th
- **Under 15 Boys:** Anthony Holmes 3rd Alex Mills 4th
- **Senior Men:** Job King 3rd Paul Jegou 13th Matt Hart 27th
Dan New 40th
- **Vet 40 Men:** John Peake 19th Simon Atkin 26th Neil Druce 29th
Dene Stringfellow 35th

TEAMS:

- U13 Boys 2nd
- U15/17 Boys 6th
- Men 6th (Div 1)



County XC Championships Women

Held at Shotover / Horspath. 11th January 2009

- **U11 Girls:** Levi alder 17th Eloise Graham 21st ; Phoebe Howard 27th ; Emma Hazell 27th ; Micaela Tracey-Ramos 29th ; Carmen Tracey-Ramos 20th
- **U13 Girls:** **Sophie Lloyd 3rd** ; Josephine Harrison 11th; Esme Gardiner 16th ; Anna Bedford 17th Chloe Craze 18th Ellie Turner 19th
- **U15 Girls:** **Bethan Murphy-Hand 7th**
- **V/35 Women:** **Clare Hazell 9th** ; Ana Ramos-Villaverde 11th
- **V/45 Women:** **Carolyn Murphy 3rd** ; **Sharon Bedford 6th**
- **Senior Women:** *Frances Briscoe (Coventry Godiva) 1st*

Teams: U/13 Girls: 4th





County XC Championships Men

Held at Shotover / Horspath. 11th January 2009

- **U11 Boys: Chris Druce 2nd; Charles Harrison 7th; Toby Thackray 9th;**
Jack Eggleshaw 12th; Okan Onay 14th; Nicholas Batten 15th; Matthew Druce
22nd
- **U13 Boys: Zack Oliffe 10th Joshua Stone 15th Dom Banham 19th ; Alex
Brennan 20th ; Tom Froud 21st ; Adam Pettifer 22nd Toby Howard 24th**
- **U15 Boys: Alex Mills 4th ; Anthony Holmes 5th James Ritter 10th;**
Alastair Paterson 15th Dom Rowland 20th
- **U/17 Men: James Belcher 9th**
- **U/20 Men: Tim Traynor 1st;**
- **Senior Men: Owen Bristow (Edinburgh AC) 2nd; Paul Jégou 7th ; Dan New
23rd ; Graham Wiggins 24th**
- **V/40 Men: Neil Druce 16th ; John Peake 17th ; Hugh Owen 20th ; Ian
Brennan 26th ; Dene Stringfellow 27th**

Teams: U/13 Boys: 3rd U/15 boys: 2nd





Cross-Country. BB&O

Berks Bucks & Oxon – Maidenhead 15th November 2008

U/13 Girls: Sophie Lloyd 6th; Josie Harrison 28th; Chloe Craze 36th; Ellie Turner 28th

U/13 Boys: Matt Rose 21st; Zack Oliffe 22nd; Sam Liquorish 28th; Sam Cornick 39th; Alex Brennan 40th

U/15 Girls: Bethan Murphy-Hand 13th; Rachael Bedford 34th

U/15 Boys: Alex Mills 14th; James Ritter 23rd; Anthony Holmes 26th

Senior Women: Carolyn Murphy 35th; Sharon Bedford 52nd; Marie Craze 55th

Senior Men: Paul Jégou 14th ; Stuart Shilston 30th (**3rd V/40**); Chris Wilder 42nd ; Mark Godden 62nd ; Hugh Owen 67th; Simon Leech 74th; Ian Brennan 80th; Graham Wiggins 81st; Dene Stringfellow 84th; Gareth Smith 85th

Teams: U/13 Girls: 8th. U/13 Boys 8th ; U/15 Boys 7th ; Senior Women 15th ; Senior Men 7th



Cross-Country Southern Championships

Hillingdon – 24th January 2009

U/13 Girls: Sophie Lloyd 41st Josie Harrison 139th

U/13 Boys: Matt Rose 181st; Alex Brennan 231st ; Dom Banham 235th; Tom Froud 238th

U/15 Girls: Bethan Murphy-Hand 107th

U/15 Boys: Anthony Holmes 87th; Alex Mills 125th; James Ritter 182nd; Alastair Paterson 224th

Senior Women: Carolyn Murphy 208th

Senior Men: Paul Jégou 184th; Stuart Shilston 293rd; Matt Hart 306th; Graham Wiggins 446th; John Peake 500th; Ian Brennan 542nd; Dene Stringfellow 620th

Teams: U/13 Boys: **26th** U/15 Boys: **30th** ; Senior Men **39th**



Cross-Country

National – Parliament Hill – 21st Feb 2009

U/15 Boys: Alex Mills 211th

U/13 Girls: Sophie Lloyd 124th

U/13 Boys: Zack Oliffe 198th

Senior Men: John Peake 1044; Ian Brennan 1263;
Dene Stringfellow 1305

WESSEX LEAGUE

Overall Winner of Senior Men's Category:
Paul Jégou.



Cross-Country

'Mini' Cross Country races for Youngsters now in third season.

64 competitors in the most recent event in September 2009.

Ridgeway Relay 21st June

8th team: 10h40:49

Teddy Hall Relays 11th March:

15th 1:16:32 WHH 'A' Ladies: Brackenbury, Burgess, Singer

29th 1:25:51 WHH 'A' Men: Shilston, Jégou, Druce, Peake

83rd 1:39:16 WHH 'B' Men: Nicoll, Stringfellow, Ponting, Burrows

32nd 1:57:59 WHH 'A' Mixed Ramos–Villevérde, Harris, Bailey, Smith



Cross-Country

Inter-Counties. Nottingham. 7th March

U/13 Girls: Sophie Lloyd 99th

U/13 Boys: Zack Olliffe 257th

U/15 Girls: Bethan Murphy-Hand 229th

U/15 Boys: Anthony Holmes 177th,
Alex Mills 247th

U/17 Men: James Belcher 263rd

U/20 Men: Tim Traynor 35th

Senior men: (Owain Bristow 90th),
Paul Jégou 210th .



Cross-Country

The Terminator 22nd Feb: Matthew Hart 44th,
Lucia Singer (V/35) 145th, David Roberts 173rd

Marlborough Downs Challenge 20 mile 16th May:
2nd Paul Jégou 2h13

Ridgeway Relay 21st June: 8th team: 10h40:49

Stephen Casey won the Club XC Handicap.

Alex Mills won the New Year's Day Handicap (again!)



X-Country Champs (Senior)

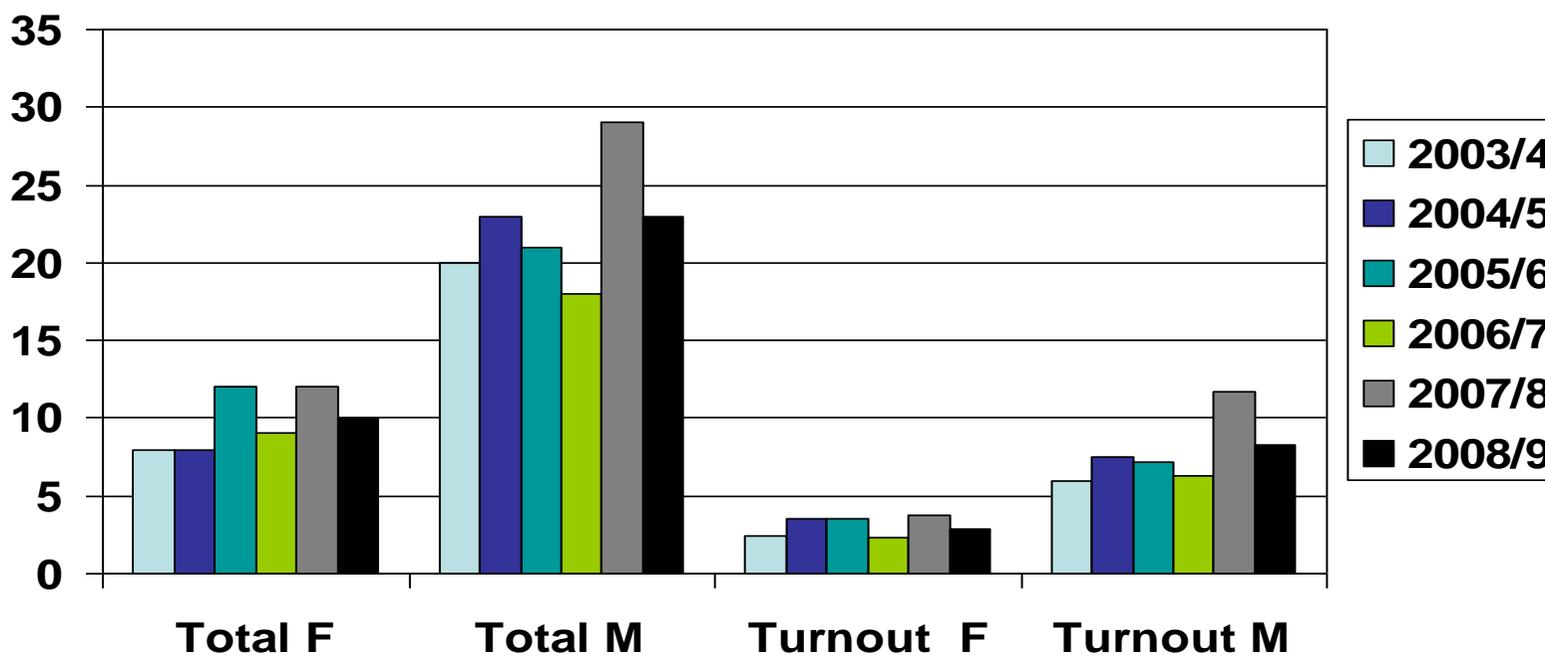
Total of 11 races - Best 8 to count

5 * Oxford Mail League; 1 * Wessex League;

1 * Chiltern League; National, Southern, County & BB&O

Winners: Senior Men: Paul Jegou, Vet Men: John Peake

Senior & Vet Ladies: Carolyn Murphy





X-Country Champs (Junior)

Total of 11 races

5 * Oxford Mail League, County, BB&O, 4 * Club Time Trials

| Age Group | Winner | No of participants |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| U/9 Girls: | Emma Hazell | 8 |
| U/9 Boys: | Matthew Druce | 2 |
| U/11 Girls: | Eloise Graham | 10 |
| U/11 Boys: | Chris Druce | 16 |
| U/13 Girls: | Sophie Lloyd | 10 |
| U/13 Boys: | Zack Olliffe | 17 |
| U/15 Girls: | Bethan Murphy-Hand | 8 |
| U/15 Boys: | Anthony Holmes | 8 |
| U/17 Girls: | <i>no entries</i> | |
| U/17 Boys: | James Belcher | 6 |



Cross-Country

For the 2008/9 Cross-Country Season we affiliated in addition to the **Chiltern League**.

This did provide some additional competition, both in terms of standard (it is a tougher league), different venues and Saturday races.

We have renewed this affiliation for 2009/10



Road Running Championship Events

Banbury 15 8th March: Jason Cooke 10th 1:33:57,
Paul Jégou 16th 1:35:10, Simon Atkin 60th 1:46:11

Bracknell Half Marathon 10th May: 64th Simon Atkin 1:31:42
101st Simon Leech 1:36:14, 124th Graham Wiggins 1:38:23

Charndon 5km 19th May: (13th Job King Coventry Godiva), 18th Paul Jégou 16:30;
46th Dan Peace 17:49, 62nd John Peake 18:15; 74th Frances Briscoe (4th SL)
196 Clare Hazell 24:08 (18th V/35), 208th Sarah Baker 25:00 (22nd V/35)

Chiltern Chase 7th June. Paul Jégou 3rd 36:22; Stuart Shilston 9th 37:39 (1st O/50);
Jason Cooke 11th 38:07; 23rd Simon Leech 41:14
166 Clare Hazell 50:34

Thame 10K. 28th June: Paul Jégou 4th 35:19, Dan Peace 32nd 38:2,
John Peake 56th 40:03, Clare Hazell 338th (21st V/35) 52:09

Adderbury Half Marathon 11th July: Dan Peace 3rd 88:23, John Peake 15th 94:22,
Simon Leech 21st 96:12 Clare Hazell 94th 117:24



Road Running Championship Events 2

Hornton 6 18th July:

**Paul Jégou 4th 34:40, Jason Cooke 8th 35:48,
John Peake 23rd (5th V/40) 38:29**

Cotswold Classic 10Mile 13th Sep:

**Paul Jégou 2nd 59:55, Jason Cooke 24th 65:10,
John Peake 44th 69:06, Simon Leech 48th 69:57**

**Longworth 10K 20th September: Paul Jégou 1st 37:07, John Peake 9th (1st O/40) 40:32,
Simon Leech 11th 41:25, Ros Burgess 49th 49:49**

Hanney 5 11th October:

**Paul Jégou 8th 27:50, Tim Hughes 14th (1st V/55) 28:26,
Chris Wilder 18th 28:52, Sheila Bailey 96th 35:23, Ros Burgess 112th 36:45**

Both men and women's teams finished 5th. *Total of 17 WHH runners in the race.*

Motivation Series:

Overall:

**Paul Jégou 7th SM, John Peake 12th V/40,
Adrian Evans 23rd V/40, Mark Godden 27th V/40,**

In individual races: Race 2 Bletchingdon:

Paul Jégou 10th,

Race 4: Chipping Norton: Tim Traynor 3rd. Paul Jégou 8th.



Road Running Other Results

Highworth Half Marathon 18th Jan: Paul Jégou 10th 80.10, Jason
Cooke 17th 84.00, Lucia Singer 67th 97.41. **9th Team.**

Cleevwold multi-terrain '14' 29th March: Paul Jégou 2nd 101:59

Reading Half Marathon 29th March: Jason Cooke 78th 78.24
(10 WHH competitors)

White Horse Half Marathon 5th April: Dan Peace 44th 85.44,
Lucia Singer 142nd (3rd Oxon L/35) 97.50

Oxfordshire Road Relays, Hook Norton. 19th April

Men's team: 7th

(T.Traynor, J.Cooke, J.Peake, C. Wilder, A.Mills, D. New)

Women's Team: 7th

(R.Burgess, S.Bailey, S.Baker)



Road Running

Some notable results (2)

London Marathon, 26th April: 7 Harriers finished: Sarah Baker, Jason Cooke, Dan Peace, Simon Atkin, John Matthews, Michael Gallagher, Ian Brennan (Scooby Doo)

Lambourn Fun Run 26th April: **Stuart Shilston 7th, Mark Trott 8th, John Peake 10th, Graham Wiggins 14th.**

Compton Canter 10K 4th July: **Paul Jégou 2nd 25.36**

Burnham Beeches Half Marathon 23rd Aug: **Paul Jégou 4th 76.35**

Race The Train, Towyn 31st August: Simon Leech beat the train!



Club Road Championship

13 Races in total – 8 to count

Banbury 15 – March

Bracknell Half Mara – May

Motavation Series: May & August events

Chiltern Chase – June

Thame 10K – June

Adderbuty Half Mar. - July

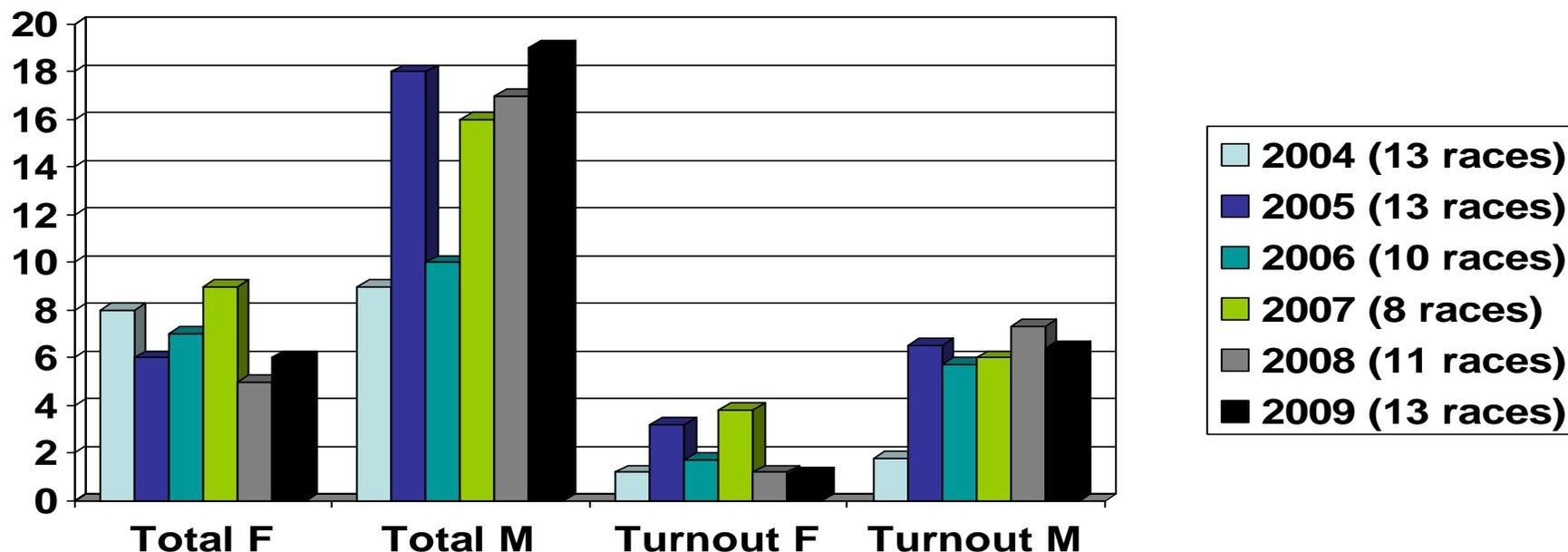
Hornton 6 – July

Cotswold 10M – Sep

Longworth 10K - Sep

Hanne 5 – October

Marathon of Choice





Athletics

County Championships

Horspath 9/10 May

(Only listed 1st to 4th positions. 18 Harriers took part)

- Eloise Graham (Girls aged 10) 1st Rounders Ball
- Emma Rose (U/13 Girls) 2nd Javelin
- Toby Bellerby (U/13 Boys) 3rd 800m
- Becky Hodgson (U/15 Girls) 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m
- Alastair Patterson (U/15 Boys) 1st 1500m.
- Bethan Murphy-Hand (U/17 Women) 2nd 3000m
- Anthony Holmes (U/17 Boys) 3rd 1500m. 4th 800m
- James Ritter (U/17 Men) 1st High Jump, 2nd 400m
- Tim Traynor (U/20 Men) 1st 3000m, 2nd 1500m
- Paul Jégou 1st (Senior Men) 3000m, 1st 5000m (3rd June)
- Dick Jégou 1st (V60 Men) Shot Putt; 1st Discus; 2nd Hammer; 2nd Javelin





Athletics

Dick Jégou: M60 category:

- **Radley Open:** 1st Shot 11m18, 1st Discus 31m86,
1st Hammer 30m59
- **MMTG Throws Decathlon:** 3rd 4755pts
- **British Masters Championships:** Discus 8th 31m57,
Hammer 4th 30m39, Shot 5th 10m15, Heavy Hammer 5th 14m46
- **Southern Vets Indoor Championships:** 2nd Shot 11m15
- **Vets & Eastern Vets Indoor Championships:** 1st Shot 11m11
- **British Masters Winter Championships:** 7/8 Mar
2nd Discus 35m74, 2nd Shot.
- **British 56lb Championships:** (M/65 category) British Records in:
 - One Handed Hammer (9m97), Putt (7m19),
 - Weights Triathlon (2662pts), Weights Pentathlon (3618pts)
- **Swindon 24th Oct.** (M/65 Category) Hammer 32m13: Shot 10m67;
Discus 29m96; Heavy Hammer 12m38m



Athletics

- British Masters Indoor Pentathlon: 4th John Peake 2186 pts
- British Masters Championships Pentathlon: 3rd John Peake 2146 pts

Oxfordshire Junior T&F League (U/20)

Good competition for youngsters from Under-9 to Under-17
3 fixtures through season

Overall 6th in girls and 5th in both boys out of 8 teams.

(Last year both teams were 7th out of 7 teams)

U11 boys won the 2nd match at Banbury (28th June).

U13 girls won the 3rd match at Tilsley Park (16th Aug).

A big improvement – based on improved performances and bigger teams



Athletics Summary

Impressive results from young athletes.

Club Championships - Thursday 2nd July
King Alfred's West

Another great success!

With thanks to everyone who helped

In 2008 a number of members competed in the Vets Athletics league.

This did not continue into 2009.

Encourage for next year

We still do not field either a senior men's or women's athletics team

One or two athletes compete for neighbouring clubs.



2009 Club Records (Girls)

- U9 Girls
 - 600m 2:27.0 Phoebe Leech
 - Vortex Throw 8.92m Emma Hazell
- U11 Girls
 - 75m 12.3 Megan Gardiner
 - Cricket Ball 26.00m Eloise Graham
 - Vortex Throw 24.92 Eloise Graham
- U13 Girls
 - 80m 11.0 Chloe Craze (10th UK 2009)
 - 100m 13.3 Chloe Craze (21st UK 2009)
 - 150m 20.5 Chloe Craze (55th UK 2009)
 - 200m 27.4 Chloe Craze (8th UK 2009)
 - 600m 1:57.0 Chloe Craze



2009 Club Records (Girls) 2

- U13 Girls continued
 - 1200m 4:31.0 Josephine Harrison
 - Shot 7m57 Melissa Farrow
 - Javelin 14.84m Emma Rose
 - 4x100m 59.5 J Harrison, E Skivington, E Turner, C Craze
- U15 Girls
 - 100m 13.3 Becky Hodgson
 - 200m 27.5 Becky Hodgson
 - 4x100m 56.3 M Dormer, E Dykes, M Dyet, B Hodgson
- U17 Women
 - High Jump 1m45 Lucy Shilston



2009 Club Records (Boys)

- U9 Boys

| | | |
|----------------|--------|--------------------------|
| – 50m | 8.7 | Matthew Druce |
| – 75m | 12.8 | Matthew Druce |
| – 80m | 14.2 | Matthew Druce (equalled) |
| – 600m | 2:25.0 | Matthew Druce |
| – 800m | 3:24.4 | Matthew Druce |
| – Vortex Throw | 28.37m | Matthew Druce |

- U11 Boys

| | | |
|----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| – 60m | 8.9 | Ryan Craze |
| – 75m | 10.6 | Ryan Craze |
| – 80m | 11.7 | Ryan Craze |
| – 150m | 22.2 | Ryan Craze |
| – Vortex Throw | 34.12m | Jack Howes |
| – 4x100m | 63.2 | Craze, Howes, Harrison, Onay |



2009 Club Records (Boys) 2

- U13 boys

| | | |
|----------|--------|--|
| – 80m | 12.2 | Chris Druce |
| – 600m | 1:55.2 | Toby Bellerby |
| – 1200m | 4:11.5 | Ben Claridge |
| – Shot | 7.94m | Dominic Banham |
| – 4x100m | 60.4 | Bellerby, Batten, Druce, Cornick (equalled) |

- U17 Boys

| | | |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|
| – 100mH | 17.4 | Dominic Rowland |
| – Shot Putt | 9.24m | Gary Paterson |



2009 Club Records (Men)

- M60

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------|
| – Shot Putt | 11m49 | Dick Jégou |
| – Discus | 35m74 | Dick Jégou |
| – Throws Pentathlon | 2881pts | Dick Jégou |

- M65

| | | |
|----------------|--------|------------|
| – Shot | 10m67 | Dick Jégou |
| – Discus | 29m96 | Dick Jégou |
| – Hammer | 32m13 | Dick Jégou |
| – Heavy Hammer | 12m38m | Dick Jégou |



UK Rankings 2009

The following appear in the UK rankings for 2009

Robert Bowles (U20M), Tim Traynor (U20M),
James Belcher (U17M), James Ritter (U17M),
Anthony Holmes (U17M)

Mitchell Lomas (U15M), Nicholas Batten (U13M), Christopher
Druce (U13M), Ben Claridge (U13M), Toby Bellerby (U13M),
Dom Banham (U13M),

Ryan Craze (U11M), Sophie Lloyd (U15W),
Becky Hodgson (U15W), Megan Dormer (U15W),
Chloe Craze (U13W), Eleanor Turner (U13W),
Melissa Farrow (U13W), Emma Rose (U13W)



White Horse Half Marathon 2009

Another successful year with thanks again to:

Race Secretary - Kevin Harris

Race Sponsor - Nick Ponting

Entries - Ruth McCrohon

Bob Harrison; Dene Stringfellow, Lucia Singer,
Simon Atkin

487 finishers

Charitable support for Helen
and Douglas House of £1000

Again a profitable and successful
race with very favourable comments.





White Horse Half Marathon 2009

We again organised a training sessions for marshals.

‘Buy in’ from a good number of people.

Marshals better understood the job.

Asked for (and received) help from other clubs

Particular thanks to Graham Pickup and County Team,
Scouts, St. John Ambulance and others

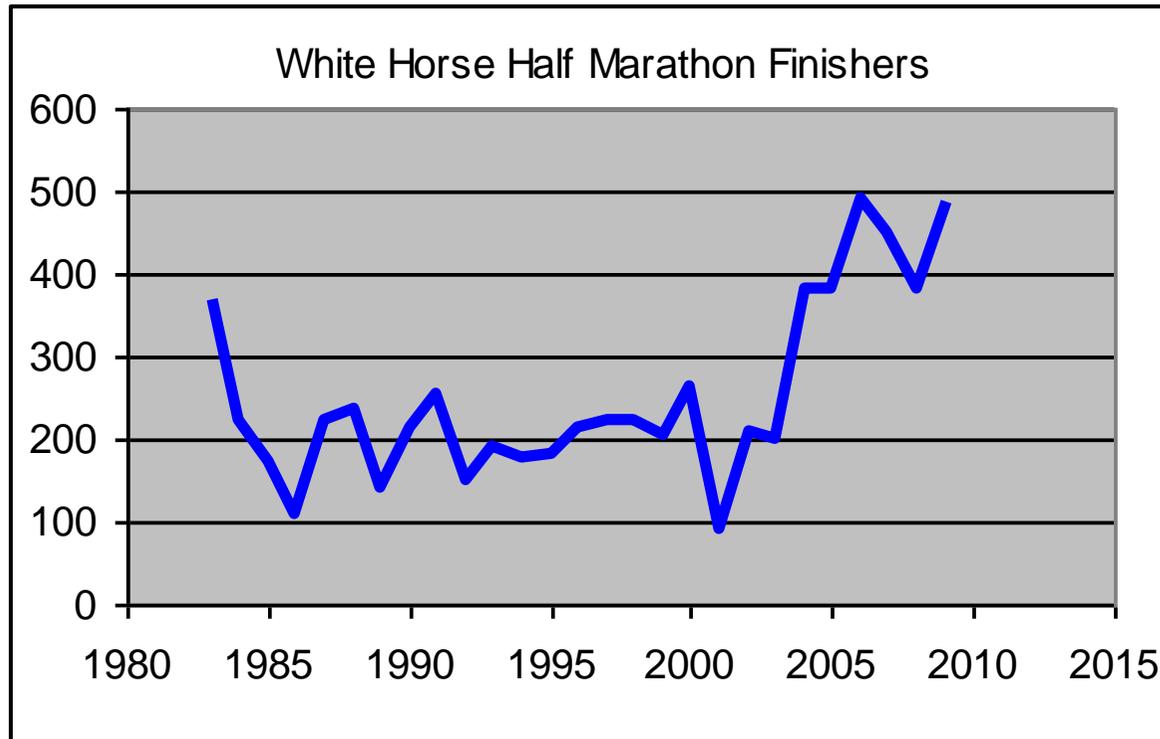
Permission from Grove Parish Council to use Pound
Green.

Kevin Harris standing down as race secretary.

Roger Turnbull taking over.



Half Marathon Finishers





White Horse Half Marathon 2010

Sunday 11th April 2010

A marshal training session will be held this year.

The race does underpin the clubs finances and is an important event in the local road running calendar.

We aim to keep it an event we can be proud of.

Will support the Prostate
Cancer Charity in memory
of Barrie Strange





Web Site(s)

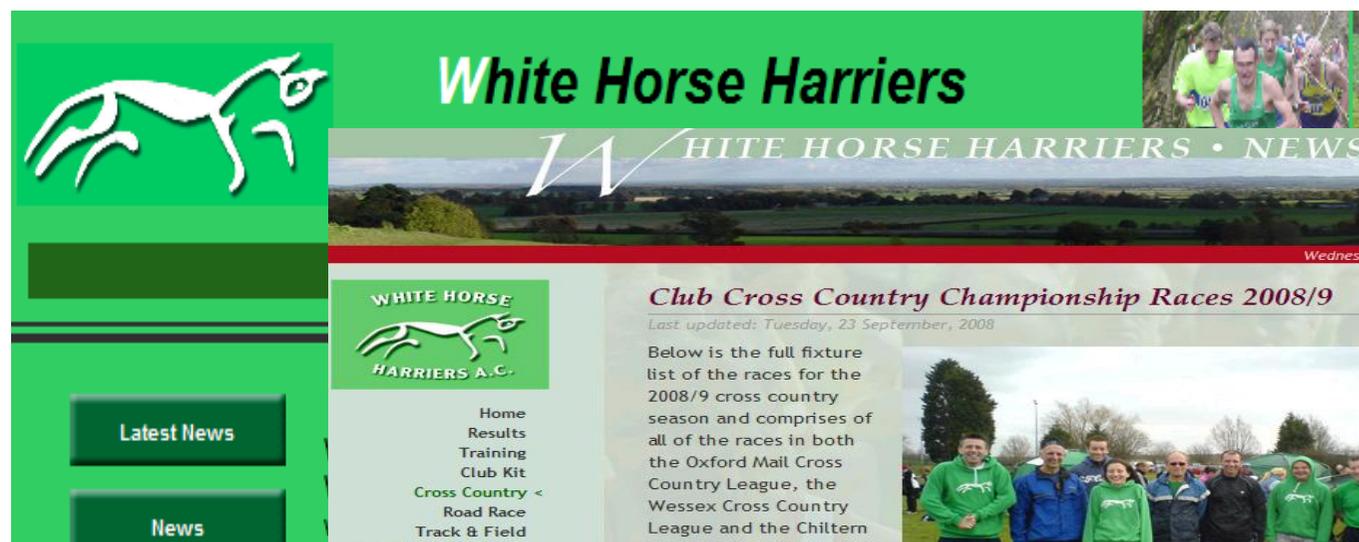
<http://www.whitehorseharriers.org>

Includes Half Marathon Results; Club Trophy winners and Club records

News Update Web Pages

With thanks to Dene Stringfellow

Two separate Web Sites.
Still needs re-organizing.
(same as last year)





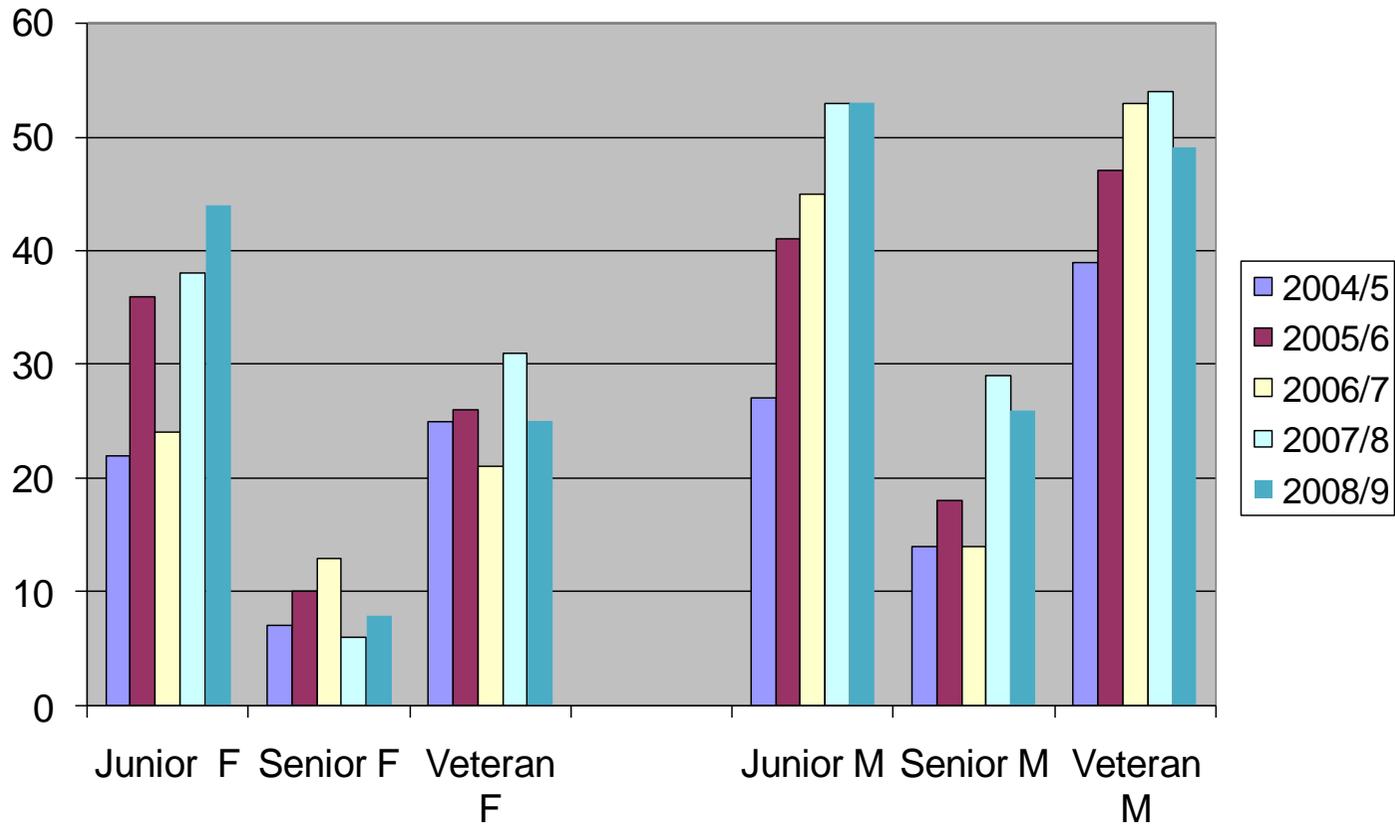
Communications.....

- The Harrier – Every 2-3 months
 - Can opt for electronic version
- Reminders etc. on e-mail list
 - thanks to Dene Stringfellow
- AGM notification on paper.
- Other paperwork electronic or by request

THE HARRIER
THE HARRIER
October 2009
October 2009



Membership (Total 2008/9: 223)





Jog Wantage

Successful new initiative

- England Athletics “Jog England” scheme
- 8 members of WHH attended a “Jog Leader” Course
- Initial 8 week Course, with a further 6 weeks extension.
- Each session 1 hour on Wednesday evening.
- Well over 30 people signed up
- Some still running – now have ‘welcoming run’ on Thursdays.
- England Athletics replacing scheme with “Run in England”
- Will run another course next year



ACTIVITY IN THE COMM

want to

FREE 8 WEEK BEGINNERS JOGGING



Training and Coaching (1)

- **Thursdays (Wantage)**
Sessions for Senior Ladies and Men and multiple groups of young athletes.
Use of Wantage Park and field in front of sports centre. Last winter booked a tennis court.
New beginners (“welcoming”) run.
- **Tuesdays (Tilsley Park)**
Young Athletes - plus Seniors. Now picking up.
- **Saturdays (Ardington)**
Seniors welcome on this session as well.
- **Sundays (Wantage or elsewhere)**
Sunday session continues.



Training and Coaching (2)

- Summer 2009 at King Alfred's School West Site:
 - Able to use grass track and train for sprints, throws & long jump.
- Winter 2009-10. Unable to use tennis court.
 - Moved year 4,5,6 training to 4pm in Wantage Park.

Problem of suitability of venue and lack of coaches.

Total of 83 different young athletes attended in September.
Most was 64 on a single evening.



Coaching

Thanks to all the others who have helped, including:

Coaches: Tom King, Angela, Frances & Frank Briscoe, Dick Jégou, Sheila Bailey, Bruce Charles

Young Helpers from King Alfred's: Jo Booker, Stephen Yates

Helpers Rota: Castel Fairlie, Simon Leech, Dave Martin, Lucia Singer, Gareth Smith, Dene Stringfellow

Jog Wantage and Beginners/Welcome Run Rota: Ian Brennan, Castel Fairlie, Mary Gottwald, Simon Leech, Gareth Smith, Dene Stringfellow, Graham Wiggins



Jo Booker

2009 England Athletics South East Young Volunteer of the Year.





Social Evenings and Club Handicaps

Presentation evening and barbecue for young athletes
Court Hill Centre – June

New event – a successful way to present these trophies & medals.

Summer Barbecue in July at Rowstock
With thanks (again) to Mike and Elaine Kerswell.

Autumn Social - Comrades Club in November
Christmas Dinner (with thanks to Jason & Sarah)

Cross-Country Handicap at Sparsholt: The Thursday evening slot
seems to work well.

New Years Day Handicap (11am. The Nelson).



Oxfordshire Athletics Network

- McCain Athletics Networks bid
- With 8 other Oxon clubs
 - Plus County and School Sports Partnerships.
- £85,000 over three years – mainly to fund:
 - Part time administrator
 - 2 Part-time coaches
- Working with the other clubs in the bid
 - Numbers of athletes & coaches / helpers
 - Quality of coaching
 - Pathways for U/20 athletes



***Athletics
Networks***



Clubmark



Introduced by Sport England in 2002.
For clubs with young athletes.

- Aims to spread good practice, give parents confidence etc.
- Accreditation requires clubs to comply with minimum operating standards in four areas:
 1. Programme (coaching; training; competition)
 2. Duty of care and child protection
 3. Sports equity and ethics
 4. Club management

<http://www.clubmark.org.uk/>



Clubmark



- Clubmark Accreditation already achieved by many local clubs (e.g. Abingdon; Oxford City)
- Becoming a pre-requisite to appear in centrally produced publicity; receive grants (including Athletics Networks)

Simon Atkin is leading the WHH effort to obtain Clubmark Accreditation.

We are working our way through the documentation and processes.



Also.....

Oxfordshire Chip Timing Project

Problem of not enough road race officials
Purchase and operation of a chip timing system
Contributions from local clubs
WHH: Prepared to contribute £1,000 to £2,000
Volunteers needed

Thanks to Dene Stringfellow

Vale Athletics Development Group

School – Club links in the vale.

Developments on Grove Airfield and elsewhere
need to be followed...



Committee

The members of the committee for 2007/8 were:

General Members

Chairman: Gareth Smith

Secretary: Dick Jégou

Treasurer: Neil Druce

Membership: [Mark Godden](#)

Road Running: Dene Stringfellow

Cross-Country: Frank Briscoe

Press Secretary: Simon Atkin

Bob Harrison

[Tom King](#)

[Angela Briscoe](#)

(Those in [blue](#) have stood down ahead of this AGM.)

Non-committee roles

Child protection: Jeff Penfold

Half Marathon sec: Kevin Harris

Club records: Frances Briscoe

Kit: Angela Briscoe

Web: Dene / Gareth

Oxon AA Rep: Dick Jégou



EGM - November

Dave Martin raised concerns about the donation to charity from the Half Marathon proceeds.

Was it within the constitution?

Were members sufficiently informed and consulted?

Gathered 10 signatures for an EGM.

Items on this years agenda.



'SWOT' Analysis

Weaknesses

- Very Poor local training facilities in Winter.
- School field in summer, still limited but better.
- Lots of juniors and vets - relatively fewer seniors.
- Too few people to do too much. In particular not enough coaches, especially for number of young athletes.
- No good training slot for just-after-beginner adult runners. (*Since fixed*)
- No senior athletics team being fielded.
- Limited opportunities for competition at highest level for best (especially youngsters).



'SWOT' Analysis

Threats

- Loss of coaches/leaders.
- Loss of such venues as we have (parking issues at Wantage Leisure centre may make our use of that area less easy.)



'SWOT' Analysis

Opportunities

- Possibility of air hall for Winter training.
- New members from JogEngland scheme.



'SWOT' Analysis

Strengths

- Good membership, lots of competitions, full calendar.
- Playing a part as a club in Oxfordshire.
- Lots of youngsters
- Good links with school (Vale School/Club meetings)
- Half marathon – but lot of effort.
- Financially OK.
- Recently beginners course (Jog England' going well.)
- Good number of Young athletes stay in the sport when moving on elsewhere
- Doing clubmark.



Summary

Another Good Year

There have been many great achievements.

Lots of activities on many fronts.

A lot of effort put in by a good number of people.

Thank you to ALL who have helped make the year
so successful.