

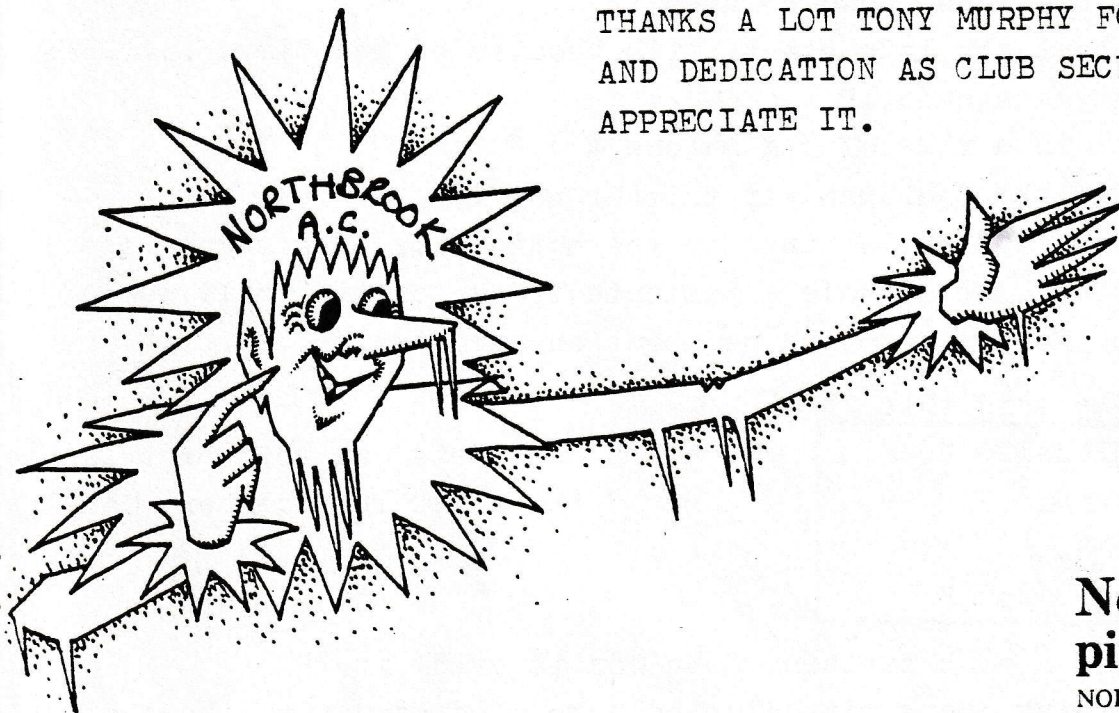
THE NORTHBROOK RUNNER



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THANKS A LOT TONY MURPHY FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION AS CLUB SECRETARY. WE ALL APPRECIATE IT.

Northbrook pip Alvis

NORTHBROOK AC got the better of city rivals Alvis for the first time in three starts in the Division IV fixture at Burton-on-Trent.

Chris Udell, from Burton-on-Trent, won the race as Potteries Marathon AC took the team honours with 54 points to Burton's 97 and Lozells with 111. Northbrook were sixth and Alvis seventh.

The first Northbrook finisher was Peter Osborn who was 40th. Support followed from: 41 Jason Grubb, 44 Jim Solan, 78 Bob Adams, 79 Ken Buckenham and 83 Steve Watson.

Mick Duggan led Alvis with 39th placing to be chased in by: 46 Phil Bowser, 53 Seamus Brannigan, 76 Tony Smith, 85 Liam Crowe and 88 Bob Knights. The league table shows Alvis with 994 points against the 1,162 of Northbrook. Potteries Marathon are well clear at 150.

WE'RE GETTING BETTER.....

Ever get the feeling that things were starting to pull together? After the last BRUM League that was certainly the feeling. Cross Country may not be the warmest of events by a long way, **but** it's certainly putting NORTHBROOK on the map of Midlands running.

Well done all those who have turned out this year, I feel almost guilty that I haven't made any of the events myself. WE ARE ON THE WAY !

Coventry Half Marathon date changed from June 30th to July 7th.

EXTRA FEATURES

AND NOW...SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE A.G.M.....
OR CLASSICBOOBS ...OF THE EVENING.....

There are no prizes for quessing who said what.

" I'll do all the jobs.....I'm doing everything so I know what's going onIf you don't buy a club tracksuit, then you're not a member of the club.....I'll give her 7 inches.....The club Road Race Championships will include one X-Country..and if you've missed it tough.....I would like to briefly explain the new simplified scoring system.."

(Later he was heard to mutter more about this 7 inches, what do you mean J**n ?)

Question 2 is who made these remarks?:

" I'm sorry about the late start, it's because of the time.....Has anyone brought an agenda.."

(clue: he fell in a pile of dog sh(one)t)

Question 3, did the Chairman say this(or not ?)

" Those that abstain are voting for the motion.....Has anyone seen last years minutes?.....We'll have a 5 minute break for Ale while we sort this one out.....Nobody has told me about any proposals....."

Question 4, Who said this ?

" I propose Michelle "

" I second her "

" I third her "

" I'm not going last "

" Only Vets can vote on this one "

" I'm a Vet in December, Can I vote ?"

" We don't need a club captain, John Cox is doing it.."

" There is nothing wrong with club colours, I just don't like the black back..."

Overheard in the changing rooms on Wednesday evening after training.....

" Went pretty well last night didn't it ?"

" Yeah "

" I thought I was quite forceful wasn't I ? "

We all thought you were quite forceful too john.

At next years A.G.M. would you like to see any of the following ?

1. More proposals that the Committee don't know about. ☐

2. An agenda. ☐

3. Another 27 Committee members. ☐

4. An even later start. ☐

5. An even more simplified scoring system. ☐

6. Topless bar staff (or in Bob's case, bottomless.) ☐

for the University 6 mile Road Race, she didn't believe me !
After that there was a break for Ale while the new committee got settled in around the table. Pete Ossy at the end next to Judge John (so he could explain the new simplified road race points to John when things got too complicated), then the Chairman (still looking for the agenda), next to him Bob the old Vet who proposed half the club for club secretary, and finally the rest of the rabble clustered around Michelle with Judge John's new ruler. What's that got to do with Michelle anyway ?

Then came the EXPLOSIVE part of the evening, the Chairman rose and moved the meeting onto A.O.B. There was a low rumble from the massed hoards on the floor, had he forgotten that there were several proposals that were to be discussed...or was this a sinister move to avoid the hot potato issue of club colours ?

Steve Watson and the cohorts moved to the front of the meeting to make the point as the proposals were rapidly dealt with by the Chairman who had decided that he had better let Steve say his bit incase he was needed to run in the next Brum League Match. At this point someone came out of the bog saying " I've just been in the bog, am I still on the committee ? ".

The outcome of all this was we now have a club captain who can't run, a sub-committee to make a mess of all the club vests and in the next draw for the London Marathon only Steve is eligible. Oh yes, and we now have a club road race championships that is run round Lake View Park and the only races to count are those that you either haven't run in or, those you should have run in but didn't. Ossy and John fix the handicap between them so the maximum points go to those who drop out or run the race so bloody fast that the rest of the field get penalised for starting slowly.

There were some other bits and pieces going on but I seem to have drifted off to the bar by this time. Judge John was last seen sorting out the National entry for 1988.....

The implications of the short New York Marathon course.

Now that the T.A.C. has thrown out Salazar's 2.08.13 time recorded in the 1981 New York Marathon, the course has shown to be 170 yards short, the repercussions on marathon statistics, history and records is huge. If the course can be assumed to have always been short then Grete Waitz's time of 2.23.30 in 1978, ^{and} Geoff Smith's time of 2.09.08 in 1983 must also be considered invalid. Therefore the U.K. best lists must now be altered to:

2.08.05	Steve Jones	21.10.84
2.09.12.	Ian Thompson	3.1.74

.....AGM REPORT.....AGM REPORT.....AGM REPORT.....AGM REPORT.....

The great event of the year was scheduled to begin at 8.00 and after a few false starts the Hon sec. finally turned the piped music down and a hushed silence fell over the assembled masses. There was some confusion among the top table stars when it was discovered that not only had the agenda vanished but so had the minutes from the last A.G.M. All was not lost as yours truly rushed up and produced an agenda so the meeting could begin.

The chairman gave his opening address and promptly stole the Hon Treasurer's speech by telling us about some funny business with club funds and how the Hon Treasurer was fed up with it...or something.... anyway the Hon Treasurer not to be outdone, chipped in with his 5 pennyworth and thus we all ended up not knowing if we had heard the Chairman's address or the financial report. The treasurer had his say a little later and told us we had £281 in hand, which was really about £100, and he had a load of wooly hats and vests that he wanted to sell cheap if anyone was feeling cold or rich or both.

The meeting then moved on, some to the bar, others to the election of officers, The Chairman was voted back to office very quickly, as nobody else wanted the job. Two names had been proposed for Club Secretary, both of them by the same person!!! However Bob was saved the agony of wondering which half of himself was right when Jerry stood up and stood down...or did he sit down and stand up ??anyway that left Judge John as the sole contender for the job...or was it ? Suddenly another horse was in the race, Mighty Murphy was proposed..things were getting exciting ! I'm not sure what happened next as I went to the bog, but when I got back Judge John was saying that he would do everything no matter how hard it got...so I assumed he was the secretary. He was obviously going to get things straight as he kept on about 7 inches, which I assumed was a reference to the new ruler he had bought for the job.

Then it was time to elect the new committee until someone noticed that nobody was taking the minutes anymore because the old secretary was now swilling pints by the bar and muttering "thank god I've got rid of that bloody job !" Judge John quickly stepped into the gap and began writing in a furious manner. The committee were elected after much messing about, the Chairman kept insisting they all had to be odd, because an odd committee was better. Anyway it all sounded very odd to me so I resigned and Brian proposed himself because he knew something about committees which obviously this committee didn't. Just what Brian knows about committees he didn't say.

The only sane bit about it all was Michelle getting elected as fixtures Secretary, but when I tried to give her 50pence she said no. I said it was

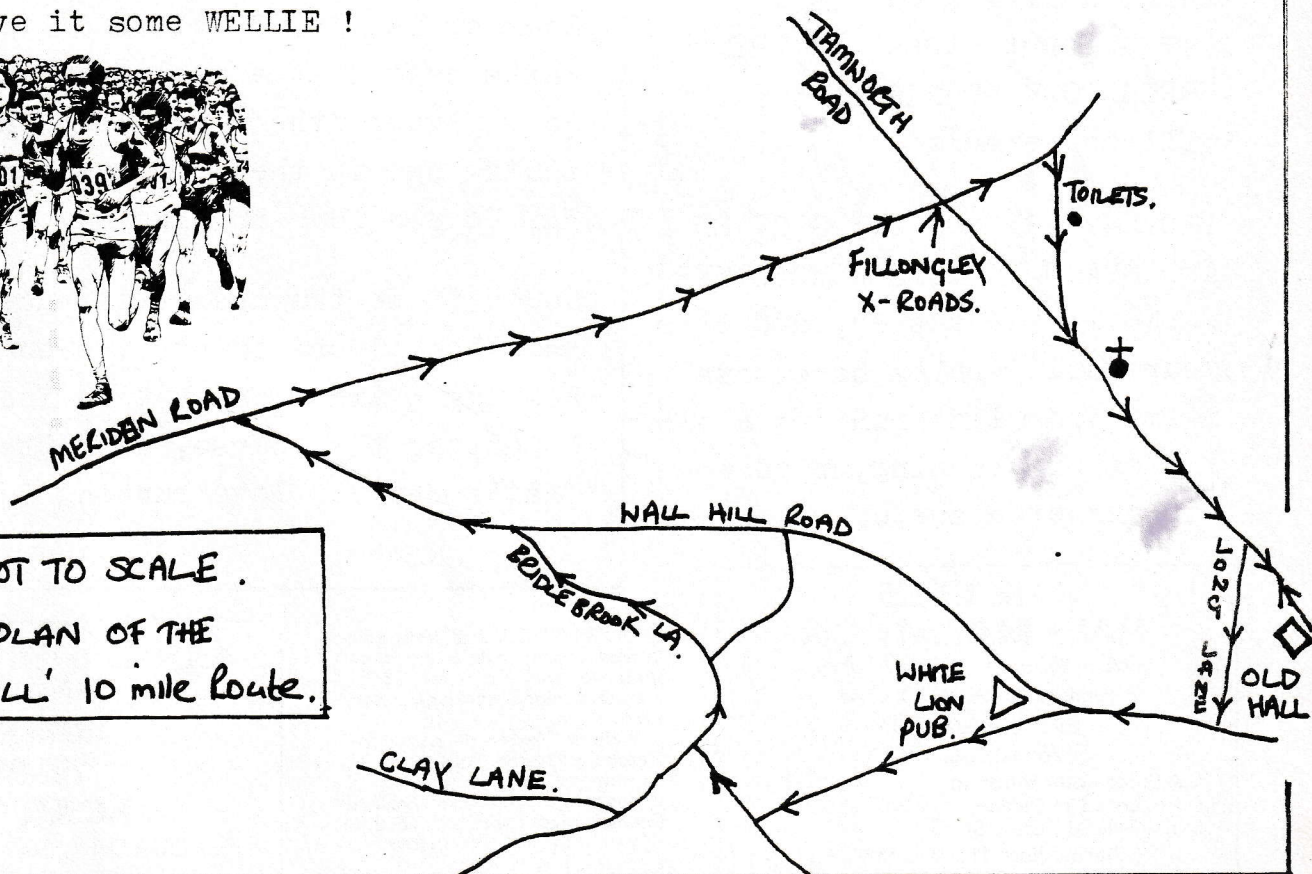
Great Training Runs NUMBER 3. by Geoff Nichols.

THE OLD HALL 10. Actual distance, 10.6 miles.

This is not a usual concrete jungle run, seasonal changes and wildlife make this route interesting and different all the year round.

Start at the Old Hall on the Tamworth Road, turn left out of the car park & left again down LONG LANE, turn right at the bottom into WALL HILL ROAD. At the WHITE LION PUB bear left and continue past Brown's Lane until the obvious junction. Turn right and right again at the DAIRY. This takes you into BRIDLEBROOK LANE and an eventual connection with WALL HILL ROAD again. Continue past the Pub at CORLEY MOOR and on to the MERIDEN ROAD where you turn right under the Motorway. Go straight over the FILLONGLEY X-ROADS and up the hill, take the first turn on the right (past the church and toilets, if you have not seen the next two hills then you are advised to stop for a _____)

Turn left back onto the TAMWORTH ROAD and follow it back to the OLD HALL. It is 2 miles from CORLEY church (at the top of the second hill on the Tamworth Road) to the OLD HALL car park, so from there dig in and give it some WELLIE !



MAP NOT TO SCALE.
SKETCH PLAN OF THE
'OLD HALL' 10 mile Route.

FEB	2	SAT	2.30	6x2 1/2	MILTON KEYNES ROAD RELAY	
"	9	SAT	3 ^{PM}	7M	MIDLAND X-C CHAMPS.	NOTTS. TEAM ENTRY.
"	10	SUN	10.30	6M	4 TH CLUB X-C H/CAP.	
"	16	SAT	3 ^{PM}	6M	BRUM LEAGUE DIV 4 X-C	DREITWICH BY COACH.
"	24	SUN	AM	6M	WARWICK UNIV. 6M R/RACE	BLOCK ENTRY. (24011TD)

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NORTHBROOK SHORTS..

Congratulations to Jason Grubb of Insect A.C. for getting his name in the Telegraph, I imagine he'll be worming his way in future !!!

It's great to see Dave Swingler back on the road again, the next time he leaves me for dead on Windmill Hill I'll trip the sod up !

There has been a complaint registered with the AAA's about the NORTHBROOK tracksuits by the Mercian Marching Band, they say Northbrook runners look more like a load of fairies than they do !!

In the next issue.....

An in-depth look at our new committee, and the official record of the A.G.M. as recorded by the secretary. Do you really know anything about these decision makers ? See the next issue of THE NORTHBROOK RUNNER when all will be revealed.

LADIES? ARE YOU BEING GIVEN ANY SPACE IN THIS NEWSLETTER ? ...NO is the answer, and it's your fault! Let's have some items from lady runners about ladies and running, write ups of your events etc.

THE LEEK HALF MARATHON

(A tough one — a good one)

(Under AAA & WAAA Laws)

EASTER SUNDAY,

7th APRIL, 1985

S.A.E. for entry forms to:

O.i/c. Leek Fire Station,
Springfield Rd., Leek, Staffs.

Closing date 18th March 1985

● **TELETHON.** ITV begin their five-year coverage of domestic athletics on April 13 with a 10km road race from Battersea Park. Does that mean the BBC won't be able to show domestic athletics until 1990? Far from it. A mere eight days later they will be screening the London Marathon. Exclusively. And they may do it again next year because the contract for the marathon, which is not part of the overall agreement, is up for grabs to the highest bidder.

Why Do You Love Running ?

Running through the darkened street,
Dogs at your heels and under your feet
Little kids follow shouting and chanting.
That last cigarette left you panting.
Why do you love running ?

Snooker is played in a nice warm hall,
Darts need just a public house wall,
So why? when others are laughing and cosy
You're out in the cold, your cheeks all rosy
Why do you love running ?

Could it be the change of pace ?
Marathon, Cross Country, even Road Race ?
Beating a time when you're feeling rough
No matter the course, no matter how tough.
That's why you love running !

Nobby.

● **ATHLETICS.** Jeff Wells of the United States made a last-minute surge to win the New Zealand marathon along Auckland's waterfront.

Wells, a 30-year-old pastor from Roseburg, Oregon, finished in 2 hr 16 min 43 sec. He piled on the pressure to overtake New Zealand's Graham Macky who had led all the way until the last 1600 metres.

ZOLA BUDD left Chantry Park in Ipswich yesterday perhaps none the wiser over her form on traditional English cross-country mud. Competing as a guest in the Southern Counties Cross-Country Championships, she said Goodbye and Thank You For Having Me after only one mile of the 4½-mile course and at half-way she had a lead of nearly half a minute.

She scampered home, her bare feet hardly sliding at any point on the wind-blown course, some 1½ minutes clear of Rachel Disley (Borough of Hounslow AC), who was the official winner of the title. With Zola not having lived in England sufficiently long to qualify for the race, her name will not be carried in the history books.

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Stating age, Sex, Club. **S.A.E.** for details.

Closing Date — 1st March, 1985

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Rules

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