

Morpeth Harriers' Newsletter No. 102

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In between the foot and mouth great cancellations we've had some performances including retaining Northern 12 Stage Relay title (our 3m 42s winning margin was even bigger than last and excellent runs Mark Hudspith and Rob Holladay in the London Marathon (see news item). We wait to see whether we've retained our team title.

We were also very successful in the McDonalds' National Road Relay with our Under 17 Women taking a superb 2nd place, the U13 Girls finishing 3rd (but also gaining silver medals) and the U15 Boys a frustrating two seconds away from bronze in 4th spot. A few weeks earlier we made our mark in the National XC at Durham with an under-strength Senior Men's team still good enough to take an excellent 3rd place with three other teams (U20 Women, U17 Women and U13 Girls) finishing in the top eight.

Now we look forward to challenging for our first ever National 12 Stage title (Sutton Park - 28 April) and to success for our track and field teams. Several T & F specialists have already been seen coming out of hibernation, so the signs are encouraging.

British Athletics League 7th JULY, JARROW

Bill Woods is desperate!

Due to a clash between the World Vets Champs in Australia and our British League home match on 7th July, Bill has been hard pressed so far to find sufficient graded officials to run the meeting.

We need to maintain our reputation as an efficient promoter of matches, otherwise it will be difficult to get home matches in future.

If you can help out on the day (you don't need to be qualified) please let Bill know ASAP on 01670 512857.

NEWS

London Marathon - Congratulations to Mark Hudspith who finished second Briton in placing 11th in the race, in a time of 2:13-12. This was just a few seconds outside the qualifying time for the World Championships in Canada later this year - let's hope he still makes the team. An excellent run as well from Rob Holladay, who finished in 20th position in 2:19-26.

Terry Wall finished 66th in 2:33-30 and John Lisiewicz was 134th in a time of 2:38-17.

Winning Ways - Tony O'Brien improved on his own course record with a time of 29-59 when he won the Trafford 10k race on 4 March, whilst Rob Holladay won the Stafford 20 the same day in 1:47-16. Rob followed that up with a win in the Redcar Half Marathon in 1:08-01 later in March. Steve Platts won the Easter 10k (Notts) in 31-26 on 16 April.

Orienteering - well done also to Adrian Barnes, who not only won the British Night Championships (O50 class) in February but also the Night Sprint in the Spring Cup in Denmark, after having to go abroad to find some decent competition - the foot & mouth epidemic virtually wiping out all national events since the end of February. (See article on page 2)

Congratulations to Road Team Manager Eric Hurrell, who recently became the proud father of a bouncing (and large!) baby boy. Best wishes to both Fiona and Eric.

Also congratulations to *Dianne Henaghan* whose new daughter was the first baby born in the new North Durham Hospital.

Dirk Feil - We will sadly lose the services of polevaulter Dirk Feil, who is returning to Germany for work reasons at the end of this month. Dirk has been a stalwart of the British League team since he joined us in 1997, turning his hand to several other events when pressed into service. Our thanks to Dirk for all his efforts on the Club's behalf, and we wish him good luck for the future.

New Members - Tom Olbrich, a German multi-eventer, has joined the Club and has already looked very promising in training.

Sponsorship - We are pleased to announce further sponsorship of the Club from Dave Watson of Melta Welding. We are very grateful to Dave for his support which will help to cover the travel costs of our Young Athletes' team.

NEWS

The Quiz Night held on 1st March at the Conservative Club was enjoyed by those who attended, though none of the Harriers' teams were the eventual winners. The sum of £100 approx. (including a raffle) was raised for club funds.

News from the AGM - Vina Desai and George O'Connell were co-opted onto the Committee.

Cake & Book Stall - Our annual sale of home-made cakes and second-hand books will be held on Saturday 23rd June. The stall will be in Back Riggs, Morpeth from 10am until 1pm approx (unless we sell out sooner!).

Books can be brought down to the Clubhouse, but cakes can be given in advance to Andrea Mitchell or brought down on the day. It's usually the same few members (or their wives) who contribute each time, so can our remaining members try to remember that it's on and bring something for us to sell - we can't succeed without support from you. We'll have posters and handouts nearer the time to remind you all.

CLUB AWARDS 2000/2001

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Sporting Morpethian
Trophy
(Best Performance U15)
Kirk Wilson

Boutflower Cup
(Best Performance by U20
Andrew Toward

GRE Plate
(Best Senior Track Performance)
Darren Barton

Dodds Cup (Most Improved athlete)

George McDougal

Cecil Mitchell Memorial Plate ('Sportsmanship') Gavin Ellison

Darren Barton

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Des Slowey Trophy (Young Athletes' Team U15) Carl Ellison

0 GRE Trophy
(Best Senior Field Performance)

Woolworth's Trophy (Young Athletes' Team U17) Rob Middlemiss

Andrew Wake

Bellerby Shield

0 **GRE Plate Shield** ○(Best Female T & F Performance) 000 Julia Straker

(Club Service) Andrea Mitchell

Bellerby Trophy (Best Performance by a lady) Emma Nesbitt

These awards will be presented at the BBQ (date to be arranged)

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SENIOR B TEAM

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WOMEN

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THE VETERANS SCENE

Not many races of note to report due to recent postponements and cancellations. However, Morpeth have still managed several notable Veteran team victories. They had success with both the M40-49 and M60+ teams in the NE Vets XC Relays at Durham, with further wins at Team Valley and Elswick.

There were individual wins for Walter Ryder (M60) and Archie Jenkins (M45) in the NE XC Championships at Hartlepool, where Bernie Cordes (M60) got a bronze and yet another gold for the M60 team.

Now for a look into the record books. Did you know that Morpeth have three athletes in the UK All Time Veteran Track & Field top ten rankings? They are:

Ronnie Anderson	6th	M40	800	1-56.0
	9th	M45	400	52.0
	9th	M45	800	2-00.4
Les Atkinson	8th	M45	5000	15-07-8
Walter Ryder	3rd	M55	10.000	33-32.5

Bernie is now the owner of a pension book and a bus pass, but he won't be using the latter too much in case it interferes with his mileage towards the new M65 challenges!

Track Dates to note:

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Wed 23 May	Vets	NE T & F League	Jarrow
Wed 6 June	Vets	NE T & F League	Jarrow
Sun 17 June	Vets	NE T & F Champs	Jarrow

Alan Oliver

Orienteering News



Some of you may have noticed Adrian Barnes training more than usual this winter - well, there is a reason. 2001 sees him moving into the over 50s category. Although not 50 until mid-year, he moved into the over 50 class in Orienteering which uses the whole calendar year in which your birthday falls.

Well, before the Foot and Mouth outbreak put a stop to all orienteering activity the training seems to have paid off with wins in both the first National ranking race on February 11th near Cannock and the British Night Championships the following weekend near Sheffield. In this night race, Michael Sprot, running for his university club, placed a good 6th in the elite race, just fading out of bronze medal position through a poor route choice to one checkpoint.

In order to get some orienteering racing, Adrian and the Sprot brothers, Michael and David, went to the year's first big competition in Scandinavia at the beginning of April - the Spring Cup near Copenhagen in Denmark. This weekend of racing annually attracts the best in Scandinavia and Adrian's night form continued winning the Night Sprint, although the light of the following day saw him in 7th place in the Classic.

Mike and Dave competed in the Elite Senior and Junior races respectively and found the opposition very tough placing 74th and 48th respectively in the Night Sprint and 99th and 63rd in the Classic.

Teaming up with another North East runner, they ran in the Pallas Relay (a prestigious race which forms part of the Nordic 4 relay league) along with 185 other teams and finished 132nd, pleased not to have been timed out in a very fast race.

VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS

We need volunteer officials (not necessarily qualified) to assist at our Young Athletes, Womens and Men 'B' team League matches - see page 6 for dates.

If you can help, please contact George Patterson (01670 734295) or the appropriate Team Manager (see page 2 opposite).

OFFICIALS TRAVEL FREE ON COACHES.

We also need help for our home Men's British League match - see advert on page 1.

Our recent request in Runaround No. 100 for your ideas on how to improve on the pathetic turnout (of 2 Seniors) in the Club Road Championships has met with an even more pathetic response - ZERO!

The choices we put forward were to continue to hold it as a separate race, incorporate it into another race or organise it as a Grand Prix (on similar lines to the Vets).

Then again, given the level of membership interest, we could just save the expense of the medals and not hold a Championship at all.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS INITIATIVE

Throughout the winter the club has been developing links with schools through the Sports Hall Athletics initiative. Initial help of Millennium Funding and subsequent funding through Age Concern (who support individuals over 50 who want to develop community involvement in sport), plus sponsorship from Frank Sharratt (Kerr McGee Oil) and HSBC Bank, enabled the club to buy the equipment.

This was followed up by giving demonstrations to schools and loaning them the equipment. Later we provided competition for the Under 11 age group at Stockton in November - both Boys and Girls finished 1st.

In March this year we also took a group of U13 and U15 Boys and Girls to the regional competition in Stockton.

The final series of events were a County Championships for U13 Boys and Girls, with heats held in Morpeth and Bedlington, but the Alnwick heat was cancelled due to snow.

The finals took place at the Riverside Leisure Centre in Morpeth with medals and trophies presented to the winners and runners-up.

The lasting effect of this is still to be realised, but already we have attracted about 12 youngsters to the club. Several schools have asked to continue using the equipment and would like our involvement in training and supporting their athletics sessions within the school.

Tony Ward

[Castle Morpeth Borough Council and the Northumberland Athletics Form have been very appreciative of Tony's work and are already looking at supporting his programme for 2001/2002 — Ed.]

CAKE & BOOK STALL SAT 23 JUNE BACK RIGGS, MORPETH from 10 am

Your help is needed!

Books, Cakes Jams etc wanted for sale on our stall

Contact Andrea Mitchell on 01670 518618



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Harrier League Final League Placings

Due to the foot & mouth epidemic the last two events were cancelled, and the final league placings are based on points from the 4 races which did take place.

Sen Men (Div 1)

Team: 8th 30 pts Under 15 Boys

Team: 3= 20 pts

Ind 1 N Shrubb 32 pts Under 13 Boys

Team: 11th 46 pts U13 Girls

Ind 1 E Nesbitt 30 pts *******

Asics Alsager 5 4 Feb 01

3 M Hudspith 23-34 A O'Brien 24-03

RAF Champs (10k) Halton 7 Feb 01

2 D Barton 32-45

Army Champs (5.5m) Deepcut 14 Feb 01

5 A Shepherd 32-10 ********

Inter Counties Cross Country Champs Nottingham 10 Feb 01

[All representing NE Counties unless

13-02 (MH)

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Men	4k	
16	M Morris	

10	IVI IVIUITIS	13-02 (MH)	
56	K Harker	14-09 (MH)	
	Men		
84	C Sampson	42-08	
U20	Men		
14	A Toward	27-13	
U15	Boys		
3	K Wilson	15-25	
80	N Shrubb	16-40	
151	G Driscoll	17-15	
U20	Women		
48	G Taylor	27-18	
99	J Patterson	30-00	
104	S Ellison	30-18	
U17	Women		
69	A Fox	22-02	
U15	Girls		
182	D Watts	18-12	

NECAA Signals Road Relay Champs

E Nesbitt

N Sage

D James

U13 Girls

34

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Gateshead 17 Feb 01 Sen Men

12-54

13-21

14-06

Morpeth A 1:02-53 1st V Wilson 10-36 (3) △ R Kay 10-43 (1)

D Flint	10-4	13 (1)
1 Hudspith	10-0	9 (1) 2nd fstest
M Hudspith	10-0	08 (1) fstest
T Wall		38 (1)
Morpeth B	4th	1:07-03
K Harker	10-3	11 (2)
M Cherrington	11-1	1 (3)
C O'Connell	11-0	6 (3)
N Armsworth	11-0	7 (4)
D Swinburne	11-0	18 (4)
K Desai	12-0	0 (4)
Incomplete		
P Johnson	11-1	5 (12)
Vets		330-30-
Morpeth A	1st	1:09-31
L Atkinson	10-4	5 (1) [rec]
A Jenkins		4 (1)
C Dentice	11-4	7.7
W Gilroy	11-2	1 (1)
G Dixon	11-5	0 (1)
G Bayne	12-1-	4 (1)
Morpeth B	6th	1:14-22
G McDougal	11-4	5 (5)
I Forster	13-0	1 (8)
G Trotter	12-5	6 (9)
B Sewell	12-0	5 (6)
K Bray	12-2	
R Driscoll	12-08	3 (6)
Women	3rd	53-58
M Forster	13-17	7 (5)
G Taylor	13-2	
N Desai	13-30	
C Wilson	13-50	(3)
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Chester-le-St. Rd Races 18 Feb 01

Sen/Vet Men

U	15 Boy	/S		
2	NS	hrubb	10-25	
3	A He	edley	10-32	
7	G D	riscoll	11-16	
Team: 1st			12 pts	

3 D Watts

Standards Meeting Gateshead 22 Feb 01

Me	en			
50	Α	1	W Gedge	6.4
	В	1	J Thompson	6.3
U2	0 M	en		
50	2	2	S Conolly	6.3
U2	o w	ome	en	

50 1 B Bellizzi 7.2 U15 Girls 1 H Robson 473

Young Athletes' GP Jarrow 22 Feb 01 U13 Boys

2-06.6 1 A Smyth *******

Nati	onal XC (Cha	mps
Dur	ham	24	1 Feb 01
	or Men		
13	T Wall		38-16
26	A O'Brien		38-58
27	M Morris		39-00 (n/s)
30	J Mooney		
	S Platts		39-41
60	C Sampson	n	40-01
67	D Flint		40-06
114	J Lisiewicz		41-07
	V Wilson		
177	C McBurne	y	42-14
182	N Armswor	th	42-19
205	M Cherring	ton	42-45
	P Johnson		43-09
237	D Swinburne		43-11
532	I Brown		43-12 (n/s) 47-12
	B Cordes		
1037	S Nesbitt		55-43
Resul			
1	Bingley	162	pts
2	Tipton	175	
3	Morpeth	233	
4	Leeds City	303	
	omen (
51	G Taylor		21-59
59	J Mooney		22-27
75	S Ellison		23-04
87	J Patterson		24-35
Team:	8th	272	nts

В	P Johnson	33-37
19	R Driscoll	36-46 (M40-3)
U1!	Boys	
2	N Shrubb	10-25

U15 Girls

12-37 13 N Halliday 14-11

****** Post National Races Wallsend 25 Feb 01

3 P Johnson 29-26

U17 Women

Team: 8th

174 K Hicken

182 S Graham

U15 Girls

U13 Girls

36

38

A Fox

C Pringle

R Morris

R Adams

D Watts

E Nesbitt

D James

N Sage

142 M Simm

Team: 7th

21-24

22-29

23-34

23-41

16-38

18-21

18-39

12-05

12-27

14-00

228 pts

12-32

301 pts

45

65

AAA U/20 Indoor Champs Birmingham 24/25 Feb 01 U20 Men

200				22.73
U17		23	.25)	
200	Fin	4	D Riley	22.53
U20	Wom	en		
400	SF	3	N Desai	58.76
	(Fin	6	60.75)	
800	Ht	4	N Desai	2-22.54
TJ		8	J Straker	11.3
	U17 200 U20 400	(SF <i>U17 Men</i> 200 Fin <i>U20 Wom</i> 400 SF (Fin	(SF 23 <i>U17 Men</i> 200 Fin 4 <i>U20 Women</i> 400 SF 3 (Fin 6 800 Ht 4	(SF 23.25) U17 Men 200 Fin 4 D Riley U20 Women 400 SF 3 N Desai (Fin 6 60.75) 800 Ht 4 N Desai

Stafford 20 4 Mar 01

1 R Holladay 1-47.16 ******

Trafford 10k 4 Mar 01

1 A O'Brien 29-59 [rec] ******

Standards Meeting Gateshead 15 Mar 01 Men

50 B 1 W Gedge 6.5 1120W

50/50H 1 C Taylor 7.5/9.3 *****

NE Pentathion Champs Gateshead 10 Mar 01 Sen Men

2 R Hunter 3068 (NE & Northern Champ) U20 Women

3 C Taylor 2578 (NE Champ) ******

Eastleigh 10k Hants

18 Mar 01

16 J Lisiewicz 31-48 19 C McBurney 32-02 *******

Druck 5k Bath

25 Mar 01

3 A O'Brien 14-16

****** Redcar Half Marathon 25 Mar 01

1	R Holladay	1:08-01
2	T Wali	1:09-30
7	K Harker	1:11-57
23	G Dixon	1:15-01 (M40
33	C Dentice	1:17-12 (M50
41	G McDougai	1:18-15 (M40)
45	R Sewell	1:18-58 (M45)
85	R Driscoll	1:23-12 (M45)
97	K Bray	1:24-08 (M40)
101	l Forster	1:24-19 (M45)
353	S Calvert	1:40-42 (L)
359	P Woodcock	1:41-12 (L50)
433	P McDougai	1:44-55 (L40)

Men 1st 10 pts Women 7th 1145 pts ******

Teams:

Northern Men's 12 Stage Road Relay Champs Sutton Park 7 April 01

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1	Morpeth	4:12-13
2	Sallford	4:15-55
3	Bingley	4:19-00
4	Sale	4:19-42
Inc	lividual leg:	s
T Wall 28		28-03 (4)

T Wall	28-03 (4)		
V Wilson	17-59 (6)		
K Harker	18-04 (4)		
J Mooney	29-01 (4)		
A Toward	17-29 (3)		
R Kay	17-35 (3)		

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M Hudspith	27-22 (2) fstest-L
C McBurney	17-23 (1)
I Hudspith	16-22 (1) fstest-S
S Platts	28-53 (1)
C Sampson	17-35 (1)
A O'Brien	16-27 (1) 2nd fstes
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Totton 10	k

Hants 8 April 01 J Lisiewicz 31-3

Yng Ath Rd Relay Champs Sutton Park 8 April 01 U15 Boys A 4th 53-22

A Hedley	13-40 (27)	
N Shrubb	13-22 (15)	
G Driscoil	13-42 (9)	
K Wilson	12-38 (4)	
U15 Boys	B 42nd 63-10	
C Aynsley	14-54 (55)	

J Wood 16-57 (53) J Travis 16-28 (52) P Morrison 14-51 (43) U13 Boys 25th 36-07

S Strong 8-45 (25) B Henderson 8-37 (15) J Woods 9-08 (18)

T Straughan 9-37 (25) U17 Women 2nd 45-40

A Fox 15-18 (11) N Desai 14-56 (4) C Pringle 15-26 (2) U13 Girls 3rd 26-54

- but awarded silver medals as both teams in front were from Aldershot.

D James 9-04 (9) E Nesbitt 8-36 (4) 5th fstest 9-14 (3)

Wallsend Road Race (10k) 8 April 01

1	M Morris	30-59
3	C O'Connell	31-56
6	L Atkinson	32-33 (1st Vet)
	P Johnson	33-32
9	D Swinburne	33-52
19	K Bray	35-45
26	R Driscoll	36-47
42	J Turner	39-26
49	G Taylor	40-03 (5th L)
50	N Cooper	40-13
61	B Egdell	41-49
66	D Cockburn	42-00 (3rd M55)
	L Bray	46-41(L)
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Good Friday Road Races **Elswick** 13 Apr 01 Senior Men

Morpeth A	1st	42-43
A Toward	10-	43 (2)
C Sampson	10-40 (1)	
C O'Connell 10-44 (1)		44 (1)
T Wall	10-	36 (1)

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	Morpeth B	2nd	43-04
l	R Kay	10-42	(1)
	M Cherrington	11-08	(2)
I	D Swinburne	11-09	(3)
	M Hudspith	10-05	(2)fstest
	Morpeth C	13th	49-03
	K Ogle	12-38	(19)
l	V Wilson	10-47	(15)
	R Brown	13-07	(14)
ı	G Bayne	12-31	A1110 (120)
Morpeth D - incomplete		9	
l	M Steven (V)	13-25	(27)
ı	T Watson (V)	12-39	(23)
	J Graham (V)	16-38	

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Ve	ts		
M	orpeth A	1st	45-57
В	Gilroy	11-22	(1)
Α.	lenkins	11-46	(1)
	tkinson	10-58	(1) fstest
TF	Robinson	11-51	(1)
Mo	rpeth B	6th	49-55
GI	Dixon	11-55	(7)
IF	orster	13-04	(7)
RI	Driscoll	12-45	(9)
KE	Bray	12-11	(6)
U1	5 Boys Rad	е	
1	K Wilson	11-27	
5	N Shrubb	11-53	
6	A Hedley	12-01	
7	G Driscoll	12-02	
32	P Morrison	14-33	
33	J Travis	14-39	
Tea	m: Morpet	hA 1st	12 pts
	Morpet	h B 8th	72
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U13 Boys Relay Morpeth A 7t

J Woods

B Henderson

A Neill 8-09 (7) Morpeth B - incomplete M Cochrane 8-22 (16) L Forsyth 8-14 (11) Sen Women

23-50

7-54 (10)

7-47 (7)

10 G Taylor 13-36 25 R Morris 15-07 (U17) 32 L Bray 15-41 Team: 6th 67 pts

U15 Girls 5 D Watts 8-02 13 S Graham 8-43 18 K Hicken 21 A Pile Team: 3rd 36 pts

U13 Girls 1 E Nesbitt 7-25 3 D James 7-53 8 N Sage 8-15

34 C Wigham

Team: 1st

***** Good Friday 10k Southport 13 Apr 01

2 A Shepherd 31-40 (Army) *****

10-19

12 pts

Salford Fila 10k Manchester 13 Apr 01

20 B Harrison 33-03 ******

Balmoral Road Races Scotland 14 Apr 01

5 miles

18 | Hudspith 24-01 21 A O'Brien 24-09

M Morris 24-46 ****** Easter 10k Nottingham 16 Apr 01

S Platts 31-26 ****

London Marathon 22 Apr 01

M Hudspith 2:13-12 20 R Holladay 2:19-26 66 T Wall 2:33-30 J Lisiewicz 2:38-17

STOP PRESS (Apologies to GD) ?112 G Dixon 2:37-38

APRIL		
Sat 28	Nat. Men's 12 Stage Rd Relay	S. Coldfield
Sun 29	Blyth Valley 10m Rd Race	Cramlington
MAY		
Wed 2	NE Athletics League (1)	Jarrow
Sat 5	British Athletics League Div 4	Crawley
	Northern League (Men) Div 3NE	Jarrow
Sun 6	McDonalds League Div N1E	Scunthorpe
	Women's League Div 3E	Darlington
Mon 7	Jesmond Dene Handicap Races	Jesmond
	NoEAA U15 & U13 Comb. Events	Hexham
Wed 9	Gordon Smith Memorial Relays	Byker
S/S 12/13	N Eastern T & F Champs	Gateshead
Tue 15	Newbiggin 6	Newbiggin
S/S 19/20	NoEAA S, J & U17 Comb. Events	Hexham
Sun 20	BAL Cup (Men)	Dumfries
	McDonalds League Div N1E	Derby
	Sund. Strollers Pier to Pier Race	S. Shields
Wed 23	Multi-terrrain races	Ryhope
	NS Poly WOW 10k	Monkseaton
S/S 26/27	Northern Champs (U20/U17/U15)	Cudworth
	CAU Inter Counties T & F Champs	Bedford
Wed 30	NE Athletics League (2)	Gateshead
JUNE		
Sat 2	British Athletics League Div 4	Blackpool
	Northern League (Men) Div 3NE	Shildon
Sun 3	Young Athletes League Div N1E	Jarrow
	Women's League Div 3E	Chester-le-St.
	Low Fell 10k	Gateshead
Sat 9	Blaydon Race	Newcastle
	Northumberland Schools T & F	Gateshead
Sun 10	? BAL Cup Semi-final (Men)	Wigan
Sun 17	Northen Senior T & F Champs	Liverpool
Wed 20	Princess Anne Park Multi-terrain	Washington
	Newburn River Run (provisional)	Newburn
Sun 24	NoEAA Cup (M & W)	? Darlington
		ransferred to M'bro)
	Croxdale 10 mile	Croxdale

A FEW NOTES FROM THE PRESS OFFICER

This has been a difficult period for athletics and athletes due to the foot and mouth epidemic. Several cross country events have been cancelled and even a number of road races. The very popular Northumberland Coastal Run between Beadnell and Alnmouth due to be run on Sunday 15th July has already been cancelled.

During this difficult time the sensitivity of our members to the problems of the farming community is important, particularly in keeping clear of farmland whilst training.

However, we have dominated many of the events which have got under way. Our successful defence of the Northern 12 Stage Road Relay was the highlight and this was well documented in the Morpeth Herald amongst many others.

Good results at the McDonalds' National Young Athletes' Relays and Elswick Road Races followed, and at the time of this article going to press we await the Club's National 12 Stage Road Relay achievements.

Readers may wish to know that the club webpage has had a modification to its site, due to it developing its own brand of foot and mouth in March and we could not access the page at all. The gremlins had really set in so I was forced to totally re-write it and re-set it.

[This is a change from the foot in mouth problems our Press Officer normally has! - Ed.1

Confirmation of the new site is as follows:-

www.hometown.aol.co.uk/

morpethharriers/myhomepage/news.html

It is hoped to introduce some new features to the webpage soon.

Well that's it for now and I hope by the time the next Runaround is scheduled the race outlook may be more optimistic.

Many thanks to George McDougal for his Emailed results and Pam Woodcock and Ian Brown for their comments on the webpage.

George Patterson

2001 TRACK DATES

BRITISH LEAGUE Div 4

- Sat 5 May
- Crawley
- Sat 2 June
- Blackpool
- Sat 7 July
- Jarrow
- Sat 18 Aug
- Rugby

NORTHERN LEAGUE DIV 3NE

- Sat 5 May
- Jarrow
- Sat 2 June
- Shildon
- Sat 7 July
- Middlesbrough
- Sat 4 Aug
- Chester-le-St.

YOUNG ATHLETES LEAGUE Div N1E (Boys)

- Sun 6 May
- Scunthorpe
- Sun 20 May
- Derby
- Sun 3 June
- Jarrow
- Sun 1 July
- Jarrow
- Sun 22 July
- Chester-le-St.

WOMENS' NORTHERN LEAGUE Div 3E

- Sun 6 May
- Darlington
- Sun 3 June
- Chester-le-St.
- Sun 5 Aug
- Middlesbrough

NE RELAYS

- Tues 24 July
- Middlesbrough

BAL CUP (M & W)

- Rnd 1 ?Semi-F
- Sun 20 May
- Sun 10 June
- ?Final
- 21 or 22 July
- Wigan Bedford

NORTHERN CUP (M & W)

- Rnd 1 ?Final
- Sun 26 Aug
- Sun 24 June
- ?Darlington Cudworth

Dumfries

NE ATHLETICS LEAGUE

- Wed 2 May
- Jarrow
- Wed 30 May
- Gateshead
- 3 Wed 13 June
- Jarrow
- 4 Wed 27 June
- Jarrow
- 5 Wed 18 July
- Jarrow
- Wed 1 Aug Gateshead

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior

AAA

CAU I/C

North I/C

- N Eastern 12/13 May Northern
- U20/U17/U15
 - 26/27 May
 - 17 June
 - 27/28 May
 - 18 Aug (M)
 - 19 Aug (W)
- Scunthorpe Scunthorpe
- U20/U23 30 Jun/1July
 - 14/15 July
- Bedford
- Senior
- Birmingham

Gateshead

Cudworth

Liverpool

Bedford