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## 3rd Successive Leicester Round win for Harriers amid much Controversy

### Leicester Round Relay—Sunday 8th August

Six runners needed medical treatment as Huncote Harriers completed a hat-trick of victories, albeit controversially, in the gruelling 92-mile Round Leicester Relay. For the second year running, scorching heat and high humidity on race-day saw competitors collapsing - and race organiser John Skevington admitted afterwards that moving the date away from the middle of summer was a very real possibility, though the date will now remain unchanged. The paramedic back-up was called upon within the first half hour as Steve Copeland collapsed due to eye problems he had suffered all week and the heat.

Skevington was on the spot to rule that Nicki Nealon could pick up the baton and take it to the first change-over point - but, with Huncote going on to win the race, that decision sparked "an enquiry" after the race from third-placed Coritians, especially as runners-up Harborough had encountered similar problems with one of their runners.

Skevington admitted that there was "no specific race ruling" for runners collapsing and said it was a matter which needed to be sorted out. But defended his decision to allow Nealon to take the baton to the first change-over Skevington said "I've had a day to reflect on it and it was the right decision to make - absolutely. "If Huncote's second-leg runner had come back for the baton from the guy who'd gone down, he'd have finished up running a leg of around 10 or 11 miles - and I think, in those conditions, we'd have been picking him up as well after a few more miles."

Skevington added: "We had a good long debate at the end of the race and basically people said that it was my decision - so that's what I decided."

Skevington had personal experience of the extreme temperature, having run the Somerby to Loddington leg for Wreake himself. "It was hot, very hot", he said. "But the overriding thing about the whole day was that it was absolutely brilliant to see everyone giving support to, offering water to and helping all the runners, irrespective of what club colours they were wearing. That was something to be celebrated and admired."

While Huncote made it a third successive open-race win, Owls successfully defended their mixed-team title and Harborough claimed the women's prize. Huncote's mixed team also came 2nd in the Mixed Race

Leading details:

Open race: 1 Huncote 9hr 19min 32sec, 2 Harborough 9.25.43, 3 Leicester Coritians 9.31.21, 14 teams took part

Mixed race: 1 Owls 10.30.53, 2 Huncote 10.37.20, 3 West End 10.48.09, 5 Huncote B 12.08.37, 8 teams took part

Women's race: 1 Harborough 11.12.29, 5 teams took part

Fastest legs -

<b>A:</b> Peter Swaine (Harb) 42.26.	<b>B:</b> Craig Austin (LC) 37.43.
<b>C:</b> Dave Shepherd (Owls) 37.51.	<b>D:</b> <u>Graeme Slight (Hunc) 34.44.</u>
<b>E:</b> Gordon Lee (Harb) 34.10.	<b>F:</b> Ish Ahmed (Birstall) 46.50.
<b>G:</b> <u>Andy Ball (Hunc) 31.47.</u>	<b>H:</b> Ian Murdey (Beaumont) 40.00.
<b>I:</b> <u>Joe O'Flynn (Hunc) 37.33.</u>	<b>J:</b> <u>Matty Adcock (Hunc) 48.58.</u>
<b>K:</b> <u>Craig Sabin (Hunc) 46.56.</u>	<b>L:</b> John Collingham (Wrk) 43.45.
<b>M:</b> Matt Axton (LC) 42.04.	Huncote provided 5 out of the 13 leg winners.

## Leicester Round Relay Race 2004

It was October 1970 and I remember David Coleman on Saturday afternoon Grandstand cajoling me to watch Match of the Day that evening. "A better goal, you will not see this season." I didn't need to be cajoled. Match of the Day was very much a Saturday night ritual.

The match in question, over 30 years ago, was at Highfield Road where Coventry were playing hosts to Everton. The home side had been awarded a free kick just outside the penalty box and as the defensive 'wall' was being lined up, Willie Carr was poised with the ball wedged between his heels. When the whistle blew, he flipped the ball up in the air behind him and Ernie Hunt volleyed the ball into the back of the net. And the point of this snippet of football nostalgia is?

Quite simply that the referee made the decision to award the goal.

This later named 'donkey-drop' free kick was the topic of much debate and before the feat could be repeated, FIFA had ruled out the possibility by declaring it not to be a proper free kick.

However, the goal, of course, stood and is there in the record books for all to see.

And so we advance 34 years to a usually sleepy back lane in the Leicestershire countryside on a hot and humid August Sunday morning. Many have already put pen to paper expressing their views on the Huncote Open Team 'employing' a fourteenth runner to carry the baton to the end of the first leg. Few were actually on the scene to witness the event as it happened.

At Leicester Round Relay Race HQ before the race began, clarification had been sought from the venerable Ted Toft about what could a team do to avoid disqualification in the event of one of their runners being unable, through illness or injury, to complete their leg. Ted repeated the unwritten rule that a team could bring the next runner back to collect the baton and thus complete the leg plus his own leg. "But they'd lose so much time, they wouldn't stand any chance." Oh, little did he know!

Piloting the Huncote Open Team's support vehicle, I had ensured, with Team Manager Mike Tansey, that our 'downed' runner was horizontal, in shade, and that the medics were on their way. Thus, with Steve Copeland in Florence Tansey's capable care, I set off to collect Nick Tomkins (mobile by this time, switched off) from the start of the next leg in Ratcliffe. Significantly, in my absence, John Skevington, the race organiser himself, had chanced upon our stricken first leg runner. John made the decision that Nicki Nealon could take the baton on to the end of the leg. In the interests of the welfare of our second runner, John decided that a fourteenth runner could be used without penalty.

The referee had made his decision.

What happened next, bordered on the farcical. Steve had gone down only about a mile from the changeover point, and I, with Nick on board, passed Nicki running in the opposite direction on the outskirts of Ratcliffe. I scarcely had time to turn the car around, return to the checkpoint and expunge Nick before Nicki arrived. Hence, the deed was done, the cause of so much controversy.

I do not doubt that the organisers will not permit a repeat of this incident next year, but whatever rule changes or clarifications are put in place, the record books will show that in August 2004 Huncote Harriers won the Leicester Round Relay Race for the third consecutive year. "But they'd lose so much time, they wouldn't stand any chance." That 'so much time' was, in fact, 7 mins and 40 secs, a huge deficit but the source of the tantalising prospect of a day long chase.

Unsettled by a less than text book warm up? Nick Tomkins would have none of it. He quickly settled into an easy rhythm but, I suspect, a faster pace than what he was used to. Relay races can bring out the best in runners and Nick, on the long punishing road to Ashby Folville, took the team from 8<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Despite the heat and humidity, at the head of the field, Harborough, Barrow and Coritians were setting a brisk pace. Nick had gained two places but we were now 9 mins and 35 secs behind the leaders, Barrow.

Colin Bartlette, something of a Leicester Round veteran, was to tackle the hilltop fort at Burrough, an imposing landmark and the highpoint of Leg 3. Colin, finishing strongly, had picked off the Wreake runner and taken Huncote into 5<sup>th</sup> place. Was the race slipping away, though? Coritians had eased into 1<sup>st</sup> place and the gap to make up was now 11 mins and 11 secs.

You never know with the Round, however, especially when Graeme Slight pulled out a blistering 4<sup>th</sup> Leg. "I'm just going to take it easy." Yeah, right! 18 seconds faster than Andy Hart of Coritians and another place gained. This time the hapless Barrow runner succumbed to the Huncote charge. "Strength in depth" I kept telling Mike. "It's what makes Huncote the Club it is."

Leg 5 was a chance to meet up with Huncote legend and ex-Newsletter editor, Phil 'Frogman' Watts, who had taken time out from his retail outlet near the Wash, to re-visit old stomping grounds. Phil, a Leicester Round Winner as a runner and a manager, was as impressed as me with the performance of young Ashley Sabin. He doesn't so much run as glide and had he not have been up against the incomparable Gordon Lee of Harborough, would have recorded the fastest leg. Hinckley had been blown away and although the time difference between Huncote and the new leaders, Harborough, was still 10½ minutes, another place had been gained. Huncote were now in the medals, albeit bronze.

Leg 6 saw several teams wheel out their big guns: Ish Ahmed of Birstall, Chris Perez of Coritians, Richard Whitelegg of Hinckley, Sean Fenwick of Harborough and... Mick Bradford of Huncote. However, it matters not how big your name is, on a given day the elements can find you out. Sean Fenwick was the one to feel the heat and the lead changed yet again as Coritians maintained their relentless pace. There is no better man than Mick Bradford to run solo and encountering no other runner during his whole leg, did outstandingly well to hand over the same 10½ minutes behind gold.

Over 4 hours of racing had elapsed and with probably another 5 to go, Leg 7 saw no significant change in positions. There are no easy legs but Leg 7 is one of the shortest which makes the run of Andy Ball even more remarkable. For the second time, Huncote had not just the fastest leg but by the noteworthy margin of 1 min and 37 secs.

For a while, there had been the hint of rain, but it came to naught. As David Lawson set off, I don't think he was aware of who was ahead of him, Rob Sheen of Coritians and Andy Wilkinson of Harborough. No pressure there then! Ian Murdey of Beaumont Leys was behind, fortunately too far to be of any consequence. It's a long slog, Leg 8, and I thought, for David, it would be damage limitation, and with Rob Sheen it was, but against Andy Wilkinson, David gained 51 seconds, edging Huncote to within 5½ minutes of the silver medal.

The history of the Leicester Round is littered with the fastest legs of Joe O'Flynn (no pun intended) and 2004 was to be no exception. Joe only ever runs a relay one way – flat out! For a while it looked as if he would catch the Harborough runner but all credit to the young Ian Wortley who, after wandering all over the road at one point, including a comical collision with our Mike, in a frantic effort to snatch the cup of water from his hand, clearly rallied over Burbage Common. Joe's efforts had reignited the Huncote charge and whereas Mike and I were cautiously eyeing up that silver medal only 2½ minutes ahead, Matty Adcock had visions of one colour only, that being gold.

“Strength in depth.” It was clear to me early in Leg 10 that Coritians had their tail end exposed. Their losses over this, the longest leg, meant that, depending on who they had on 11, 12 and 13, they would probably be ruled out of the champion's spot. But you can never be sure. The heat was still oppressive and any runner giving his all could experience difficulties. Matty Adcock was one such runner. It's very easy planning race strategy when you are sitting in your car, air-con on and a can of ice cold Pepsi in your hand. Relax, take it easy at first, settle into your running and then, if you are feeling good, start to push.

Matty had quite a different strategy. “I have the baton – eyeballs out!” Chris Webb of Harborough is no mean runner and, to be honest, didn't quite believe it when Matty blitzed past him in no time at all. The Harborough team bus was mortified and Pete Leach pleaded in desperation, “He's gone off too fast, hasn't he?” I would be lying if I said that the same thought hadn't crossed my mind. My uneasiness persisted as Matty ate up the ground, caught and overtook Dick Willingail of Coritians in the blink of an eye. Too fast, too soon? Much of Leg 10 is cross country so Matty was often out of sight. At the popular Sutton Wharf, I didn't even have chance to get out of the car as I glimpsed in the distance the yellow blur that was Matty Adcock. I need not have worried. Another Huncote fastest leg, this time by over 3 minutes and most importantly, the race lead by exactly a minute over Harborough. Coritians had slipped to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There was still much to be done but Mike had assembled the Huncote Open Team well. I was bemused last year when Craig Sabin took the off road option, I knew he would do the same this year. On or off road, Craig is an indomitable athlete. Another fastest leg, this time by 1 min and 22 secs from Road Hoggs' Mark Chamberlain, meant that Huncote were stretching their lead. Harborough trailed by 4 mins and 34 secs.

One should never relax until the circumferentially challenged lady sings and the nerves were frayed as Leicester Round newcomer Kingsley Cook set off on the penultimate leg, the graveyard of many teams' aspirations in previous years. He may have lost his bearings around Thurlaston, there was no such repeat over the Charnwood Hills. Those who know him well will not be surprised by his trail blazing effort which saw Huncote's lead extended to nearly 7 minutes.

And so to the Final Leg, a free choice through Swithland Woods or not, depending on your inclination, and that of our current Newsletter editor. They say it is better to be chased than to be chase and Wlodziu did have the look of the condemned man as he waited on Beacon Hill. After the confusion and variance that is Swithland Woods, it's a long straight road to the finish. Wlodziu is a more than capable competitor and was never going to do anything other than bring the baton home for Huncote in that O so precious first place.

“Strength in depth”.

Forget the controversy. It has clouded what was a memorable team effort.

Well done Mike Tansey and well done all our runners from all our three teams who took part in another event which will go down in the Harriers' folklore.

Gary Ashby  
Team Manager's Chauffeur

Footnote – How hot was it? During the day, Mike and I handed out 33 litres of water!

**Leicester Round Full Results****Leg A**

Leader	Peter Swaine Harb	42:26
Fastest Leg	Peter Swaine Harb	42:26
Huncote O (8)	Steve Copeland	50:06
Huncote A (11)	Annette Nutting	51:47
Huncote B (19)	Dave Kirby	58:30

**Leg B**

Leader	Ian Apperley Barrow	39:10
Fastest Leg	Craig Austin Corit O	37:43
Huncote O (7)	Nick Tomkins	42:24
Huncote A (13)	Annette Nutting	47:58
Huncote B (18)	Bernadette Owen	51:43

**Leg C**

Leader	Joe Knowles Corit O	40:50
Fastest Leg	Dave Shepherd Owls A	37:51
Huncote O (6)	Colin Bartlette	42:36
Huncote A (11)	Jo Copeland	48:03
Huncote B (19)	Irene Forty	54:43

**Leg D**

Leader	Andy Hart Corit O	35:02
Fastest Leg	Greame Slight	34:44
Huncote O	As above	34:44
Huncote A (20)	Jo Anderson	47:35
Huncote B (24)	Lesley Tansey	49:00

**Leg E**

Leader	Gordon Lee Harb	34:10
Fastest Leg	Gordon Lee Harb	34:10
Huncote O (2)	Ashley Sabin	37:02
Huncote A (7)	Carl Sommer	43:32
Huncote B (21)	Tony Lay	54:47

**Leg F**

Leader	Chris Perez Corit O	47:29
Fastest Leg	Ish Ahmed Birstall A	46:50
Huncote O (4)	Mike Bradford	51:53
Huncote A (6)	Nicki Nealon	52:34
Huncote B (16)	Andy Gorton	65:31

**Leg G**

Leader	Sian Ellison Corit O	34:02
Fastest Leg	Andy Ball	31:47
Huncote O	As above	31:47
Huncote A (13)	Jill Sharpe	40:31
Huncote B (19)	Angie Tomkins	45:20

**Leg H**

Leader	Rob Sheen Corit O	43:25
Fastest Leg	Ian Murdey BL	40:00
Huncote O (4)	David Lawson	46:08
Huncote A (10)	Jeff Wickham	51:42
Huncote B (22)	Sue Edwards	62:47

**Leg I**

Leader	Richard Mason Corit O	38:46
Fastest Leg	Joe O'Flynn	37:33
Huncote O	As above	37:33
Huncote A (5)	Mike Sandford	40:20
Huncote B (10)	Mike Newton	43:20

**Leg J**

Leader	Matt Adcock	48:58
Fastest Leg	As above	48:58
Huncote O	As above	48:58
Huncote A (12)	Nick Newton	61:36
Huncote B (11)	John Heywood	60:30

**Leg K**

Leader	Craig Sabin	46:56
Fastest Leg	As above	46:56
Huncote O	As above	46:56
Huncote A (13)	Steve Wright	57:12
Huncote B (27)	Mark Hardy	75:56

**Leg L**

Leader	Kingsley Cook	44:06
Fastest Leg	J Collingham Wreake	43:45
Huncote O (2)	As above	44:06
Huncote A (9)	Mark Beeby	49:18
Huncote B (20)	Paul Bailey	57:47

**Leg M**

Leader	Wlodziu Kula-Przewanski	45:17
Fastest Leg	Matt Axton Corit O	42:04
Huncote O (5)	As above	45:17
Huncote A (4)	Mark Wittering	45:12
Huncote B (12)	Martin White	48:47

On a personal note I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the supporters of the team who didn't run. I really do believe that without this support we would not have won the event. Special thanks go to Gary Ashby and Mike Tansey, how many times did a nominated leg runner change their minds or ask to do another leg etc? Yet Mike managed these headaches and still produced a team to win on the day, ably supported by the aforementioned team manager's chauffeur, brilliant efforts guys! Nick & Nicki Nealon, yet again Nicki ran more than one leg, if not planned on this occasion. But maybe many of you don't realise Nick & Nicki were up at the crack of dawn the day before to run me and drive me round my leg, I was booked in at 7.30am, Mick Bradford was booked in at 9am and apparently Andy Ball later in the day. Jean and Clive who offered their support to many of the runners during the day, and anybody else who supported on legs they didn't run. What a great team effort and it sums up the club and the event perfectly. Congratulations!

**The Glory Leg—So they say!**

In the past the Round has normally coincided with one of my many holiday's but on this occasion I decided to put my name in the hat. A call the previous Sunday had put me in the frame for the penultimate leg, my affinity for the country enabled me to be placed on the anchor leg and an opportunity to have dreams of Kriss Akabusi and Mark Lewis Francis! Having reviewed last years newsletter, I spied that we won by 17mins and I envisaged a nice comfortable run round the last leg with time to spare.

My arrival at Beacon Hill having swapped a nice big Sunday lunch for gallons and gallons of fluid took on a more sinister surprise as I was told that Harborough led. Bloody hell!! I'm going to have to TRY and race it out in this heat. My knowledge of the course was still a bit hazy, Kingsley arrived like a train and off I went a bit unclear other than the fact we were currently in the lead.

I ran down the hill from Beacon looking for a bench on the right—there are 6 or 7 up there till Nicki's smiling face appeared, my heart rate was going through the ceiling but I was now aware that we were about 6 mins clear. I decided to take it relatively easy till I got on the road when I would try to crank it up. This anchor leg is a walk in the park....NOT!!

Once I hit the road, I felt like Lance Armstrong. Running through Swithland I had about 6 cars following me as I weaved from side to side to take the shortest route and about 200 people shouting "it's a restart don't worry if somebody passes you" The point was, nobody realised I'd understood the message the 1st time and they seemed more worried than me. Matt Axton passed me after about 22mins and didn't pull away too much and then the call was, "Harborough is the man to worry about". Little did the support crews know, that the man who had beaten me by one place in the overall EMGP was Martin Gore and I had beaten him in 3 of the 6 races, so I knew he wasn't taking 6 mins off me in 45. Mentally its quite a tough run as nobody ever asks you if you got the message!! But then the path into the finish appeared and the worry of letting the other 12 down dissipates and all you want to do is run it in. It made me realise though that without all the support I would never have been able to run in that heat as water appeared everywhere.

### Joy Cann 5—Wednesday 5th August 2004

Again a massive turnout for the clubs Summer race and there is no doubt at the sharp end there is a real expectation of fast times as everybody is on the start line at least 5 mins in advance of the start and there is a tenser atmosphere even though the League title had been won. It is nice to host one of the few races in the county where a PB is eminently possible. But also another Leicester Summer League road race, another Huncote win and at last the magic figure of 50 was reached, yes 50 runners from the club took, a fantastic figure especially as we were the organising club and so many were required to marshal etc.

Both the Men's and Women's race saw quality performances by many in warm conditions and a tricky breeze on the run in. You always think I'll leave a bit for the run in and then when the 1.25 miles appears there seems to be nothing left. A close battle between between Simon Cotton and Tim Hartley saw Simon take the event by 4 secs, with his club mate Steve Platts 3rd. Following Nicki's strong performance at Hungarton Tara came looking for revenge and got it with a course record by 29 secs, Nicki had a good run and was closing on Sula all the way in that final mile but couldn't quite close the gap.

On the Huncote front Matty, Craig and Kingsley led the way but Mick Bradford was very pleased with his performance and it was good to see Nick Taylor getting back to his best. David Lawson had a good run as well, and with so many runners from the club it was very competitive all the way down the field. Chris Hevey, Annette Nutting, Rob Weston and Bruce Nadin running strongly along with Amy Smith, Anil Sood, Jo Anderson and Jillian Tuckwell.

#### **Senior Men Team**

1st Huncote	180pts
2nd Owls AC	249pts
3rd Hinckley	341pts

#### **Veteran Men Team**

1st Huncote	38pts
2nd Wreake	59pts
3rd West End	105pts

#### **Womens Team**

1st Charnwood	23pts
2nd Huncote	29pts
3rd Owls	37pts

### Joy Cann 5—Wednesday 5th August 2004 Full Results

#### **Men**

1st Simon Cotton	Owls AC	25:10
2nd Tim Hartley	Charnwood AC	25:14
3rd Steve Platts	Owls AC	26:01

#### **Women**

1st Tara Kryzwicki	Charnwood AC	28:20
2nd Sula Young	Beaumont Leys	29:10
3rd Nicky Nealon		29:12

#### **Huncote**

6th Matty Adcock		26:48
13th Craig Sabin		27:55
18th Kingsley Cook		28:18
23rd Mick Bradford		28:37
34th Nicki Nealon		29:12
35th Nick Taylor		29:22
40th Wlodziu Kula-Przewanski		29:38
41st Steve Copeland		29:42
42nd Graeme Slight		29:46
48th Andy Ball		30:14
53rd Mark Wittering		30:32
54th David Lawson		30:35
60th Colin Bartlette		31:00
71st Mark Beeby		31:43
78th Nick Tomkins		32:11
84th Carl Sommer		32:27
94th Steve Wright		32:46
100th Chris Hevey		32:56
103rd Annette Nutting		33:06
107th Rob Weston		33:14
112th Bruce Nadin		33:21
113th Martin White		33:23
114th Ian Burbage		33:25
118th Jeff Wickham		33:35
122nd Mike Tansey		33:43
126th Bernard Cherry		33:53
142nd Brian Mackey		34:38
156th Pail Bailey		35:11
159th Amy Smith		35:18
166th Jo Copeland		53:39
168th Dave Kirby		35:57
170th Mick Butler		36:01
183rd Anil Sood		36:20
190th Tony Robinson		36:34
191st Andrea Sommer		36:35
208th Barry Summers		37:16
253rd Joanne Anderson		39:38
256th Irene Forty		39:49
265th Sue Edwards		40:09
267th Bernadette Owen		40:10
270th Jill Sharpe		40:15
279th Katherine Dean		40:40
295th Lesley Tansey		41:20
306th Christine Newton		42:01
310th Angela Tomkins		42:20
343rd Sue Dobby		45:26
344th Tony Lay		45:43
363rd Jillian Tuckwell		49:26
364th Carolyn Reed		49:31
375th Ian Edwards		52:51
383ran		

### Alliance & Leicester 5km races—Saturday 11th September 2004

Strong windy conditions had a big effect on the times in this excellently organised event and venue. The numbers could be better but it is growing, but the racing is excellent and the concept very good.

#### **Junior Girls 15-17**

1st Clare Mensley	Charnwood	11:19
Team Owls AC		6 ran

#### **Junior Boys 15-17**

1st Lee Carey	Nuneaton	9:29
Team Owls AC		8 ran

#### **Senior Ladies 17-35**

1st Maxine Baker	Owls AC	17:57
2nd Sarah Haines	Harborough AC	19:46
3rd Francesca Makin	Owls AC	20:31
4th Martha Slipp	Huncote H	24:14
		9 ran

#### **Veteran Ladies**

1st Nicki Nealon	Huncote	18:16
2nd Annette Nutting	Huncote	20:11
3rd Sandra Grimes	Owls AC	20:16
4th Jo Copeland	Huncote H	21:49
9th Sandra Stevens	Huncote H	24:38
Team Huncote Harriers	7pts	
		12 ran

#### **Senior Men**

1st P M Moores	Birchfield	15:11
2nd Nigel Stirk	Tipton H	15:23
3rd Paul Miles	Owls AC	15:28
10th Matty Adcock	Huncote	16:29
14th Kingsley Cook	Huncote	17:50
23rd Ben Begin A & L		19:28
25th Bruce Nadin	Huncote	19:59
26th Mike Tansey	Huncote	20:10
27th Adam Tansey	Huncote	20:11
30th Andrew Stevens	Huncote	21:52
		33 ran

#### **Senior Men Team**

1st Owls AC 'A'		22pts
2nd Owls AC 'B'		61pts
3rd Huncote Harriers		75pts

"A little story that might be of interest. In the Veterans ladies race Gillian Graham, Unattached, trained for the Race for Life this year and has continued her running. She took this opportunity to have another go over 5K. I don't think she realised that she has won the over 50's category. I can't wait to take her medal and bottle of wine around to her. This is the great thing about our sport, every one can achieve a goal."

**Veteran Men**

1st Garry Payne GES	16:50
2nd Rob Sheen Leic Corit	16:52
3rd Craig Sabin Huncote H	17:07
7th Steve Copeland Huncote	17:46
8th Mike Bradford Huncote	17:56
11th Joe O'Flynn Huncote	18:38
12th Mark Wittering Huncote	19:11
17th Nick Nealon Huncote	20:36
20th John Heywood Hunote	20:47
29 ran	

**Veteran Men Team**

1st Huncote Harriers	29	30
2nd Owls AC	65	35
Congratulations to Craig, Steve Mike and Joe.	77	125

It was a great day despite the wind which caused some headaches. As well as some great races the organisers raised around £1,000 for Rainbows. This is made up from entry fees and refreshments teas & cakes etc. So the more runners we attract the more we help this charity (so what about 50 from Huncote—most of you run some of the course every Tuesday between October and April!). I believe that all runners should test themselves over this distance. You don't have to win a race to find out about your individual ability.

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**John Fraser Owls 10 Miles—Sunday  
5th September—Team Results**

**Senior Men Team**

1st Huncote	123pts	76
2nd Hinckley	259pts	79
3rd Owls	264pts	82

**Veteran Men Team**

1st Huncote	22pts	100
2nd West End	83pts	101
3rd Nuneaton	112pts	106

**Womens Team**

1st Beaumont Leys	34pts	114
2nd Birstall	35pts	119
3rd Hinckley	53pts	131

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**Overall Winter & Summer League**

**Final Team Results**

**Senior Men Team**

1st Huncote	217pts	24
2nd Hinckley	160pts	41
3rd Birstall	159pts	50
2nd once 1st 10 times		60

**Veteran Men Team**

1st Huncote	220pts	65
2nd Wreake	164pts	66
3rd Birstall	159pts	95
Never beaten in 11 races from Jan to Sept		97

**Womens Team**

1st Beaumont Leys	190pts	106
2nd Birstall	180.5pts	113
3rd Huncote	148.5pts	138
		142

**Final Huncote Summer League**

**Placings**

**Senior Men**

ADCOCK, Matthew	1984
COOK, Kingsley	1966
KULA-PRZEWANSKI W	1943
TAYLOR, Nick	1932
TOMKINS, Nick	1886
SOMMER Carl	1855
BARTLETT, Colin	1851
TANSEY, Michael	1814
KEENAN, Michael	965
BEEBY Mark	465
WESTON Rob	454
NADIN Bruce	453
STEVENS Andrew	444
HARDY, Mark	440

**Veteran 40+ Men**

BRADFORD, Mike	1988
COPELAND Steve	1979
SLIGHT Graham	1977
BALL, Andy	1965
WRIGHT, Steve	1886
BALCHIN, Ivan	1832
KIRBY, David	1809
ROBINSON Tony	1777
CHAMBERS Keith	1393
SABIN Craig	996
GORTON, Andy	929
O'SULLIVAN John	921
NEALON, Nick	908
JAMES, Julian	484
BOULTER, Simon	483
LAWSON David	483
CHADWICK, Paul	469
BURBAGE Ian	463
WICKHAM Jeff	460
SOOD Anil	445

**Veteran 50+ Men**

BUTLER Mick	1896
SUMMERS, Barry	1883
LAY Tony	1797
BAILEY Paul	1440
EARP, Ken	1340
HEVEY Chris	991
WHITE Martin	987
COWIE Bill	500
SANDFORD Mike	498
WHITTERING Mark	498
CHERRY Bernard	489
MACKEY Brian	482
EDWARDS Ian	433
ALEXANDER Clive	417

**Senior Women**

2	NEALON, Nicki	797
29	COPELAND, Jo	561
38	DEAN, Katherine	507
45	SMITH Amy	381
53	SLIPP, Martha	341
60	WICKHAM, Michelle	315
74	STEVENS Sandra	193
78	SOMMER Andrea	183
83	ASHMORE, Joanna	179
89	ASTBURY Catherine	175
97	ALVESTON Vicky	170
100	TANSEY Lesley	169
112	TUCKWELL Jillian	156
113	REED Carolyn	155

**Veteran 40+ Women**

5	NUTTING, Annette	790
15	ANDERSON, Joanna	741
16	SHARPE, Jill	739
17	OWEN Bernadette	738
22	TOMKINS, Angela	699
34	NEWTON, Christine	518
44	EDWARDS Sue	361
55	SANDFORD, Julia	184
60	PARRY Bev	179

**Veteran 50+ Women**

9	FORTY, Irene	396
24	DOBBY Sue	190

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**Matty Adcock** produced his fastest 10k for over a year, clocking a respectable 34:16 for 2nd place in the Jagermeister 10k (Nottingham) on Friday 13th August. On a testing course in the grounds of Notts University, Matty trailed home Newark AC's Carl Phillips by 18 secs. Last years winner Mark Rose of Shepshed AC was third by just over a minute. Andy Ball also had a good run on the day.

Matty followed this up at the Lichfield 10km running a quick 34:08 to finish 4th behind Ian Murdey on the 12th Serpenter.

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If you have run a race that we don't know about drop me an e mail with your position and time and I'll put it in the newsletter, without this information we have no newsletter.

**John Fraser Owls 10 Miles—  
Sunday 5th September**

What a hot day on this hilly course! The temp was close to 26c and over 300 took part. Certainly Leics runners wouldn't say that we had had a poor summer, see Joy Cann 5, Leicester Round and now this 10 miler. Gareth Deacon led out with Steve Platts following. Gareth had been away training in the hills for this and within 2 miles he had a slight lead. Steve was not convinced and closed him down with out response. He went on to win by 55 secs and the County 10 mile title.

**Men**

1st	Steve Platts Owls AC	55:11
2nd	Gareth Deacon Cov G	56:06
3rd	Mark Powell Una	56:49

**Women**

1st	Emma Marvin Desford S	67:00
2nd	Chrissie Bailey Lough S	68:02
3rd	Liz Brown Nuneaton H	70:04

**Huncote**

5th	Matty Adcock	57:16
13th	Kingsley Cook	60:29
18th	Steve Copeland	61:23
21st	Mick Bradford	62:20
22nd	Graeme Slight	62:34
26th	Wlodziu Kula-Przewanski	63:29
29th	Nick Taylor	63:56
31st	Bill Cowie	64:11
36th	Andy Ball	64:55
63rd	Carl Sommer	68:19
66th	Chris Healey	68:35
70th	Nick Tomkins	68:50
84th	Annette Nutting	70:15
114th	Mike Tansey	74:15
116th	Steve Wright	74:29
152nd	Mick Butler	77:40
167th	Amy Smith	79:01
186th	Paul Bailey	80:46
206th	Dave Kirby	83:14
213th	Barry Summers	83:55
215th	Bernadette Owen	84:00
230th	Jo Anderson	85:24
234th	Jill Sharpe	85:44
273rd	Bev Parry	90:53
310th	Angie Tomkins	98:52
351	ran	

The last summer league race saw the Harriers again turn out a good performance with 8 runners in the first 31.

**A new Summer Residence?**

There have been a lot of questions over the last year about where the clubs Summer training nights will take place and where our 2 races will be run from, the answers are still to be decided but a trial period took place in September with the Huncote Sports and Social ground being the clubs training night venue.

A letter was sent to the Huncote Leisure Centre to try and clarify the position:

“7<sup>th</sup> September 2004

Dear Sirs,

**Re: the future of Huncote Leisure Centre**

In light of recent material changes to Huncote Leisure Centre and a multitude of associated problems I would like to enquire about the future plans for the Leisure Centre.

Huncote Harriers Athletic Club currently use the facilities of both Enderby & Huncote Leisure Centres on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Enderby is used in the winter and Huncote in the Summer. In addition to this the club holds two major running events from Huncote – namely the Joy Cann 5 road race (in August) and the Huncote Hash (in December). It is important to note that both events are extremely popular - the Joy Cann race attracts around 400 runners and the Hash somewhere in the region of 200 entrants.

During the last year the facilities have been seriously run down. The shower facilities have fallen into a fairly poor state and have been subject to partial repairs only, the opening hours are now severely restricted and the bar does not always open. These issues are adversely affecting our members and as a consequence the club as a whole.

Please can you confirm what the future is for Huncote Leisure Centre? Huncote Harriers will be holding their AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> September and would like to know whether or not we ought to be making contingency plans for the event of the leisure centre closing.”

The newsletter will keep you up to date as to what is happening  
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 Don't forget the LRRL League presentation night on Friday 15th October at the Newfound pool club in Leicester—I'm sure we'll have plenty of silverware to pick up, tickets from Nicki & Mike Tansey.  
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**Chris Ingram 10k—Melton Mowbray—Sunday 19th September**

Another 202 runners turned out to run the Melton Mowbray memorial 10km and it was the Huncote women who stole the thunder. Tim Hartley triumphed again in the Men's race in 34:11 but Nicki Nealon got back on the winning trail finishing 17th overall in a time of 38:11. Jo Copeland's 69th position and a time of 44:39 was good enough for the 1st Vet women's prize and Nicky, Jo and Amy Smith in 74th 44:57 combined to bring Huncote the Ladies team prize. Kingsley Cook achieved a respectable 5th in 36:08 followed by Mike Tansey 36th in 41:48. Huncote's other finishers were 116th Jo Anderson 48:42, 139th Lesley Tansey 51:22, 148th Sue Dobby 52:34.

Keep abreast of all things Running and Athletic at David Kirby's website on WWW.SimpleRunnng.Net—'The Midlands Top Online Magazine for Running and Coaching.

Recent updates include all the winter race results and it has regular updates on races and he'll even do your coaching for you!!! Don't forget to keep up to date with the clubs information on our own Huncote Harriers website.

### Men's Team Captain

For information on races please contact the Men's Team Captain Mike Tansey on 0116 2753425 or by e-mail at: Michael.tansey@uk.royalsun.com

### Women's Team Captain

For information on races please contact the Women's Team Captain Clive Alexander on 0116 2883054

## FIXTURES

# Contact Details in Runners World or [www.runnersworld.co.uk](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk) Check times & details with organisers to avoid disappointment

you are not running or supporting, come out and give the club a cheer

### November

**Sunday 7th**                      **Shepshed 7**                                      Shepshed                                      **11am**  
S Carruthers, 6 Seward St, Loughborough, Leics LE11 3BU    £6.50 No E/D

**Sunday 21st**                      **Everards Leicester Marathon & 1/2 Marathon**                                      **10am**  
Angie Elliott, 45 Church St, Thurmaston, Leicester, Leics, LE4 8DQ  
Mallory Park Motor Racing circuit, Kirkby Mallory

**Sunday 21st**                      **Heartshill Heartbreaker 10**                                      Nuneaton                                      **11am**  
I Cunningham, 48 Dennis Rd, Wyken, Coventry, Halesowen, W Midlands, B62 0QD  
£5.50 £7 E/D

### December

**Saturday 4th**                      **Swithland XC Relay 4km**                                      Swithland                                      **2pm**  
4 legs male, 3 legs female  
Peter Osborne, 153 Main St, Swithland, Loughborough, LE12 8TQ, Male Teams £12,  
Female Teams £9 +£5 E/D  
Longlands Farm, Main Street, Main Street, Swithland

**Sunday 26th**                      **Barrow Boxing—Day Handicap 10km**                                      **11am**  
3 Crowns Pub Cotes Road, Barrow on Soar  
Mick Ballard, 7 Coniston Road, Barrow on Soar, Loughborough, Leics, LE12 8PS  
c/d 19/12 £2.50 +£1.50 E/D

Don't forget the GEC 5km in early December normally on a Tuesday lunchtime on a quick course if you fancy having a go at a 5km PB. There was a good Huncote turnout last year and there are normally a lot of prizes given out—well worth supporting!!

### Racing & Travelling ahead

Looking further ahead, Irene and Graeme would like to know if any members of the club would be interested in a **trip to Cyprus** next year and the chance to run in the **Aphrodite 1/2 Marathon** on Sunday 20th November 2005. Based in Paphos for a weeks holiday arriving Saturday 19th November and leaving on the 26th November. They have both run it 3 times and can recommend both the event and the resort.

If they can get a decent sized party together they would be willing to organise the trip—at this point they have no idea of prices.

These trips used to be very popular up to the last year or two so it would be great to get a party going out there again and an in depth article for next years newsletter.

### **Bradgate Park Sunday Long Run**

Club members meet at the Newtown Linford end of Bradgate Park at 9.30 every Sunday if no race is on. All standards welcome, Clive takes Ladies and those out for a shorter slower run. Graeme & Nicki tend to go between 10 and 15 miles.