

13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held at the White Horse  
Hotel Congreve Street Birmingham. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Present. A. S. Grimley (President) C. E. Lindsay J. Peace  
W. E. Patrick (Vice Presidents) H. R. Hollyhead  
C. Bratt. C. R. Marvin, E. W. Lindsey, P. P. Dyer  
E. J. Baker, A. E. Blakeman, A. E. Wilson, A. Jones  
L. A. Chritchlow, E. H. Pater C. E. Shaw, J. McKenna  
Bert Bushford and M. Weaver. (Hon Sec)  
An apology was read from A. J. Cannon

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting  
were read and adopted

The Secretary in his Annual Report thanked all the  
officials who had given assistance at the League races.  
Tipton Harriers were again the winners with Stourbridge  
Harriers runners up.

The accounts showed a Balance in hand of £ 8-6-9.

upon the report and Balance Sheet being adopted  
the retiring President Mr Grimley thanked the clubs  
who had promoted the League races and wished  
the League continued success.

An application to join the League from Wolverhampton D.C.  
was read by the Secretary.

It was proposed and Seconded that they be elected to  
membership.

Election of officials. President J. McKenna.

Vice Presidents. J. Peace, R. Beighton

C. H. Frame, R. Newey, F. Steute

E. Luther ~~C. Bratt~~ W. E. Patrick

A. E. Wilson. Bert Bushford

Hon Secretary and Treasurer M. Weaver Hon Auditor J. Bryson  
Delegate to the M.C.A.C.A. Bert Bushford.

Fixtures were arranged as follows. Tipton, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1938.  
Sparkhill, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1938, Harborne, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1938, Smethwick,  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1939.

It was agreed that all races to commence at 3-15.  
and the Promoting Clubs were asked to have the  
finish as near their headquarters as possible.

Awards, First and Second Teams Medals as last Season  
A Third set of Medals to be awarded to  
the best improved club on last seasons  
performance in the League races.

The Vice Presidents to decide the best club

It was agreed to allow Hon Secretary out of Pocket  
expenses as last season.

L. A. Critchlow asked if the League results could be  
published in the Birmingham Mail, this was left in the  
hands of Bert Bushford

A. Sparkhill Delegate spoke of the difficulty of Dressing  
rooms for their race and it was agreed for Wolverhampton  
to promote the second race if dressing rooms could not  
be found.

The Meeting Closed with a vote of thanks to the  
new President, who thanked the delegates for their  
attendance.

J. W. Thomas 30/9/39

Race at Halesowen 1943. Bham League  
Warrwickshire County BAA  
won by Bham League

Winners 1944-5. Halesowen (1)  
Tipton (2)  
Small Heath (3)

Winners 1945-6. Tipton 1<sup>st</sup> division  
Sparkhill 2<sup>nd</sup> division

Winners 1942-3 North Tipton - Dudley  
South Small Heath Sparkhill  
winner Mercury Shield Tipton

Winners 1943-4 North Tipton - Stourbridge  
South Halesowen Small Heath  
Winners of Mercury Shield Tipton. Second Halesowen

Winners of 1934-40 runners up  
North Tipton Harriers Stourbridge  
South Sparkhill Small Heath

Winners of Race for Mercury Shield held at  
Smethwick. Tipton Harriers

Winners 1940-41 runners up  
North Tipton Harriers R.A.F - Hednesford  
South Small Heath Sparkhill

Winners of Race for Mercury Shield held at  
Harborne. Tipton Harriers

Winners 1941-1942  
North Tipton - Dudley  
South Sparkhill Small Heath  
Winners of race for Mercury Shield held at  
Harborne Tipton Harriers

Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Div 1946-7. Tipton Harriers at Small Heath  
" 2<sup>nd</sup> Div " " " " Dudley " " " " " Harborne.  
Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Div 1928-9. Tipton Harriers at Small Heath  
" 2<sup>nd</sup> Div " " " " " Sparkhill  
Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Div 1928-9. Tipton Harriers at Halesowen  
" 2<sup>nd</sup> Div " " " " " Sparkhill

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Tipton. 30th Sept. 1939. \*

ATTENDANCE. Mr. J. McKenna (Small Heath H.) presided over a record attendance of delegates.

The president congratulated Tipton Harriers on again winning the championship, and also Smethwick Harriers on their being adjudged the most improved club in comparison with the previous season's competition.

FINANCE. The statement of accounts showed a surplus of £1.15.9d. on the season's working, leaving a balance in hand of £10.2.6.

NEW CLUB. It was intimated that West Bromwich Harriers desired to become members; their application being unanimously accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS. The election of officials for the ensuing year resulted as follows:- President: J. McKenna (Small Heath H.) Vice Presidents: J. Peace (Harborne H.) R. BEIGHTON (Smethwick H.) C. H. FRAME (Sparkhill H.) R. NEWBY (Dudley H. & A.C.) F. W. STAITE (Small Heath H.) E. LUTHER (Stourbridge H.) W. BURTON (Wolverhampton A.C.) H. EDWARDS (Tipton H.) A. E. WILSON (Lozells H.) \* West Bromwich Harriers to be asked to make their nomination.  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. M. Weaver.  
Hon. Auditor: Mr. B. W. Lindsey.  
Delegate to K.C.A.C.C.A. Mr. B. Bashford.

1939-40 PROGRAMME.

\* The President said that he was sorry the delegates were meeting under such difficult conditions, but that it was up to everyone to keep the sport going. After a general discussion it was resolved that the club be separated into two divisions; these with the dates of races being agreed as follows:

	<u>NORTH.</u>	<u>SOUTH.</u>
18 November.	Wolverhampton A.C.	Smethwick H.
16 December.	West Bromwich H.	Lozells H.
20 January.	Tipton H.	Sparkhill H.
17 February.	Dudley H.	Harborne H.
2 March.	Stourbridge H.	Small Heath H.

It was agreed that the winning team in each section should meet over a neutral course (to be determined by Messrs. Grimley, Cannon, Lindsey and McKenna) on 16 March for the championship shield.

Other details were agreed to as follows:-

No race to exceed five miles.

That the number of scorers be reduced from six to five. (in the event of a team being short handed, it will count the points after the last runner to finish. Should more than one club be in this predicament, the allocation of points will be by ballot.)

The start of each race will be 3 p.m.

Police authorities to be advised of all events.

That two sets of awards be made for each division (such awards to be ordered immediately.)

That a special appeal be made to Military authorities to go out with the trail-layers whenever convenient.

minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at  
\* Tipton Harriers Headquarters on Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1940

Present. J. McKenna (President) in the chair and Delegates  
\* to the number of 16, which included Sgt Hiers  
and cpl Holden of the R.A.F.

apologies for non attendance were announced of behalf  
of W. Burton (V.P.) W. H. Dobson and R. R. Higgins

The President referred to the death of F. W. Sturt (V.P.)  
and a minutes silence was observed as a tribute to  
his memory.

It was agreed to accept R.A.F. teams from Bridgnorth  
Hednesford and Gosford

The Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. held Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1939  
were read and signed

The Statement of accounts showed a balance  
in hand of £10-5-10

The President in a few remarks thanked all the  
officials who had assisted during the season and  
also Harborne Harriers who staged the final race

Officials were elected as follows. President: H. Edwards  
(Tipton Harriers) who was nominated by the retiring  
President. Vice Presidents, J. Peace, L. Westwood,  
C. H. Frame, R. Sweeney, D. Maslow, W. Burton, E. Luther  
S. B. Chilton, A. E. Wilson, J. Wright, Pilot Officer  
L. M. Damm and Flying Officer Bowers Hon Sec. W. Weaver  
Hon Treasurer E. W. Lindsey Delegate to M.C.A.C.A. B. Barkford

after a lengthy discussion it was decided to carry on the two divisions as last season with 4 members to count the R.A.F teams to compete in the North section

It was agreed to medals to first and second teams

Pro. E. Peace } That races be run on the same day  
Sec. J. McKenna }

Amendment B. Brighton } that races be run on alternative  
Sec. B. Bashford, } saturday's was defeated by  
9 votes to 5

Races were not to exceed 5 miles

Dates and Venues were arranged.

Question arose re fees and it was decided  
X that clubs pay which they could afford either  
£1-1-0 or 10/6

It was agreed that Hon Sec receive £1-0-0 Honorarium

Meeting closed with H. Edwards tendering thanks for his election to the Presidency and promising to do all in his power to further the interests of the League and Cross Country Sport.

H. Edwards 4/10/41

minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held  
at Palethorpes Pavilion, Tipton, on Saturday  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1941.

Present H. Edwards (President) in the chair. J. Peace  
W. Burton, A. J. Marlow, J. Wright, S. B. Chilton  
(Vice Presidents) A. J. Cannon (Past President) C. Brett  
E. J. Peace, D. J. Marlow, J. Beddoes, H. Glover  
Sgt J. J. Holden, E. W. Lindsey, C. A. Wright  
B. Bashford and M. Weaver (Hon Sec)

Apologies for non-attendance were announced  
from Sparkhill delegates

The Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
held Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1940 were read and signed

The Statement of accounts showed a balance  
in hand of £8-18-3 a loss on the season  
of £1-7-7 was reported by the Secretary.

The President in a few remarks thanked all  
the clubs who had competed under such trying  
conditions and also paid tribute to all officials  
that had attended at the League races, and he  
thanked all who had assisted generally

The Secretary thanked the Brothers Peace for  
their help in the Southern Section of the League

Officials for 1941-42 season were elected as follows  
President. H. Edwards. Vice Presidents were elected en bloc  
as last year. Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer M. Weaver. Auditor  
E. W. Lindsey, delegate to M.C.A.C.C.A. B. Bashford.

Discussing the 1941-42 programme D Marlow proposed,  
J. Peace seconded, that two leagues operate as last season,  
this was carried.

It was proposed and seconded that we invite Buxfield  
Hammers to compete in the seasons competition, this was  
put to the vote and defeated by 9 votes to 5

It was agreed to raise the League Subscription to  
£1-1-0 and the awards to be as last season

A suggestion by B. Bashford that clubs who cannot  
turn out should advise the promoting club

Pro E. J. Peace } That the Hon Secretary receive his usual  
Sec J. Wright } Honorary of £1-1-0

Yacht races were arranged.

Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Small Heath	-	Dudley
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sparkhill	-	Tipton
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hasborne	-	West Bromwich
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Smethwick	-	Stourbridge
March 21 <sup>st</sup>		-	Hednesford R.A.F.
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ynal Race		

It was agreed for Secretary to write 45<sup>th</sup> Search Light  
Battery to invite them to compete in the South Section

Races were not to exceed 5 Miles

Meeting closed, the President thanking all for their  
attendance

H. Gausson Chairman



Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
held at Palethorpes Pavilion, Tipton, on Saturday  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1942.

Present. H. Edwards, (President) in the chair  
J. Peace, R. Newey, A. J. Maslow, S. B. Chilton  
(Vice Presidents) W. H. Dobson, B. Bashford, A. Jones  
D. J. Medlicott, E. Hurdley, Sgt. J. T. Holden  
C. Walsh, F. C. Smith, G. Bailey, C. Plimmer, D. J. Maslow  
C. A. Wright, F. Froggatt, E. W. Lindsey & M. Weaver

Apologies for non-attendance were announced  
for, J. McKenna, A. G. Cannon and W. Burton

The Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held  
bet 1<sup>st</sup> 1941 were read and signed

The Statement of accounts showed a balance  
in hand of £ 10-15-8 a profit on the  
season of £ 1-14-5.

Pro. by J. Peace } that a vote of thanks be recorded  
Sec. " B. Bashford } to the Auditor E. W. Lindsey.

Pro. S. B. Chilton } that we invite the following clubs  
Sec. J. T. Holden } to compete in the League, Halesowen A.C.  
Bromsgrove A.C. and Bham University.

The awards and Subscriptions were agreed to  
be the same as last season

Election of Officials for the ensuing season were  
elected as follows. President, H. Edwards, Vice  
Presidents, were elected en bloc, with power to add.

Hon Sec and Treasurer. M Weaver, Hon Auditor E. W. Lindsay  
Delegate to the M.C.A.C.A. B. Bashford.

Features and Venues were arranged.

Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Small Heath and	Dudley
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sparkhill	" Tepton
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Harborne	" Wolverhampton
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bham Ministry	" Stourbridge
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Halesowen	" Hednesford

Final Race, March 27<sup>th</sup> left in the Secretary's hands

\* Mr. J. Peace asked if any members had any  
Ideas re trails for the cross country courses for  
this season, owing to the shortage of paper.  
B. Bashford suggested that as far as possible courses  
should be marshalled. J. T. Holden seconded and this  
was agreed to.

The Secretary thanked J. Peace for his assistance  
in the southern Section, also other officials who  
had assisted.

Pro. C. Bratt } that the Hon Secretary receives his  
Sec B. Bashford } usual Honorarium

Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the  
Chairman W. H. Edwards. 11/9/43

Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
held at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street B'ham.  
Saturday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1943

Present H. Edwards (President) in the Chair, J. McKenna  
A. G. Lannon, F. Froggatt, D. J. Marlow, J. Oswell, J. Peace  
J. H. Jones, A. J. Marlow, H. A. Gould, C. T. Goode, C. D. Smith  
E. J. Peace, F. E. Handley, S. J. Price, S. Plimmer, T. C. Bratt C. M. Walsh  
Sgt J. T. Holden, E. W. Lindsey, F. H. Wedgbury, C. A. Wright,  
B. Bashford and M. Weaver (Hon Sec)

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1942 were read, confirmed and signed.

Arising from minutes Secretary stated that Bromogrove  
A.C. refused the invitation to join the League.

The Statement of accounts showed a balance in hand  
of £8-6-4 a loss on the season of £2-9-4  
Secretary reporting this was due to the extra cost of  
Medals, due to purchase Tax.

Secretary reported that Tipton Harriers again won the  
Sunday Mercury <sup>Shield</sup> this being the 7<sup>th</sup> successive year.  
Small Heath the winners of the Southern section being  
beaten in the final race held at Hasbome.

{Pro} C. T. Bratt } That the Balance Sheet and report be  
{Sec} J. McKenna } accepted. (Carried)

A Vote of thanks was recorded to Hasbome Harriers  
and the Brothers Peace who had again staged the  
final race.

Wolverhampton applied for re membership now that they had joined up with Penn Harriers. Mr. E. J. Peace moved and J McKenna seconded that they be accepted (carried) Secretary was instructed to invite Losford R.A.F. to compete this season Election of officials. Mr H Edwards said he wished to retire having held the Presidency for three years, he thanked all who had assisted during his term of office and wished all clubs and the League every success. Mr. J Peace proposed and T Oswell seconded that this office be held for one year. Mr B Bashford supported

President J. Peace. Vice Presidents A. J. Marlow  
E. Hurvilly, E. Luther, W. Walker, C M Walsh, H H Dunn,  
W. H. Dobson, S. B. Hilton, H. A. Gould. Hon Sec and Treasurer  
M Weaver, Hon Auditor. E. W. Lindsey. Delegate to M.C.A.C.A.  
B. Bashford.

Programme for 1943-4 was discussed.

Pro. B. Bashford } Amendment Pro H Edwards }  
Sec. C. T. Goode } 1 discussion } Sec T. Oswell } 2 discussions  
Amendment was carried by 14 votes to 6.

winners and runners up of each section to compete for the Sunday Mercury Shield and three sets of medals. Course to be arranged by the President and Secretary

A Match was arranged with the Warwickshire County C.C.A. for Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1943. Halesowen A.C. kindly offered to stage the race. Dates were arranged as follows

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1943 Dudley - Sparkhill

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1943 Halesowen - Halesowen

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1944 Tepton - Small Heath

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1944 Stourbridge - Harborne

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1944 Wolverhampton - Final Race March 25<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Peace 29<sup>th</sup> 1944