NEW MARSKE HARRIERS

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1986/87

The Club started with 35 members and we now have had approx 200 through our books. We were accepted by the A.A.A. and also the N.Y.S.D. and W.A.A.A.

Our first official engagement was the Queen's Relay which took place in June 1986. Not only did we supply the 2 runners, Craig Grimwood and Harry Gamble-Thompson, but a full escort for over 2 stages. The same day most of the runners were running at Saltburn and it was quite a dash to accommodate events. We even managed a broadcast on Radio Cleveland in Stewart's Park by Harry Gamble-Thompson and Vicky Martin getting in a plug about our Club .

It was then decided to have our own Fun Run and this took place in New Marske Woods on 7th September 1986. This proved a great success with over 100 entries, everything went smoothly and Paul Young won the Senior Event. I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make it a success.

Following this we decided to run at Barnsley booking a 53 seater bus, which we filled. We went out into the unknown and our first real road race, The Kodak Festival. It turned out to be a good run in more ways than one. Our Colts finishing 3rd and receiving tee-shirts.

Our first N.Y.S.D. run took place at Stewart's Park on October 19th 1986. It proved to be quite a day, there were some misunderstandings between us and the hosts and we were accused of upsetting the host club by not accepting their rulings that first we were running runners that belonged to them! and one of our ladies dared to cross the line without her number. This,we were informed, was upsetting the family atmosphere that has always existed until we appeared. Never-the-less this is now in the past and our answers will be next season out on the track.

Paul Young finished 3rd in the Youths Race, Margaret Levy 11th (inspite of what the hosts think!) The Colts were 3rd and the Boys 4th. The intermediate and Senior Ladies were 8th and the Junior Ladies were 6th.

This was a tremendous start to the Cross Country Season for us.

Our next Cross Country Run was **Barnard Castle.**

This also had a bad start due to one of our runners being blackmailed into running for a club he and we thought he had left. But once again we has a good day. Our Colts were 6th Boys 4th, Junior Ladies 5th and Inter. Ladies 7th.

On the 8th November 1986 we went to Heaton Road Races. This proved memorial for some of our girls as they had their photograph taken with Steve Cram . This was a very difficult competition with world class runners taking part, even so we had an enjoyable day out.

On November 16th there was another N.Y.S.D. Run, this time at Whitby. Our Colts were 4th, Boys 4th, Paul Young finished 3rd in his race, Junior Ladies were 7th.

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Intermediate and Senior Ladies were 7th with Margaret Levy finishing 9th, the Senior Men finished 12th.

In the Individual Runs:

Harry Gamble-Thompson stands 2nd in the Vets.
Margaret Levy 3rd in the Senior Ladies.
Paul Young 4th in the Youths.
Lyn Watson 5th in the Ladies Vets.

Again, we went out into the big wide world this time to **Gateshead** and ran in the McVitie Challenge International on 29th November 1986. This was, again, very exciting, meeting up with all the stars again.

In the Fun Run Anthony Foulkes, aged 9, finished 34th beating the likes of Frank Bruno (what a prospect for the future!) This was out of 176 runners of all ages! Well done Anthony.

On now to Acklam Grange! another N.Y.S.D. Run. Our Colts were 4th, our Boys only had one entry so they did not count, Paul Young ran 2nd in the Youths, our Minor Girls had a team for the first time and were 9th, in the Ladies Intermediate and Senior 6th, Senior Men 11th.

January 4th 1987 saw us at Hartlepool N.Y.S.D. This time our Colts were only 10th, the Boys 9th, the Intermediate and Senior Ladies were 6th and Senior Men 11th.

February 8th 1987, this time we were nearer home, Loftus were the hosts. The course would have frightened the S.A.S.! Every competitor should have been given a medal just for getting around once never mind the 3 times! as the Seniors were required to do. The results were as follows:

Colts 3rd, Boys 3rd, Paul Young finished 4th in the Youths, Intermediate and Senior Ladies 6th, Senior Men 11th.

With just one more Cross Country Run to go Our teams were lying:

Colts	Boys	Junior Ladies	Intermediate & Senior Ladies
5th	4th	7th	7th

Individual Youths
Paul Young 4th

VETS. (MEN)
Harry Gamble-THompson 2nd

SENIOR LADIES
Margaret Levy 3rd

Ladies Vets.

Lyn Watson 5th

Not bad for our first season in the N.Y.S.D. I think our athletes have done us proud and this argues well for the future.

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We have also made plans for the future and some of them may never happen but it will not be from our lack of trying. Already there are plans for our own six lane cinder track to be situated on the lower football field. We should know more about this just before our meeting and I sincerely hope it's goods news!

We now have 7 Assistant Coaches in the Club to cater for all aspects of Track and Field Events and with all the talent within the Club the future looks very bright indeed!

This having been our first year as a Club could not have been more successful! It has surpassed my wildest dreams. To start with 35 members and to have had 200 through our books is really something.

Also as a Club we have travelled far and wide and our colours are getting well known up and down the Land also our good sportsmanship and family atmosphere, which I think personally, are far more important than winning trophies etc. Apart from an incident in our first cross country meeting which I have mentioned our year has been a good one and I would like to thank all our Committee Members for such hard work and their time for making our first season such a success. In conclusion I can only say **We will get even better!**

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