The year 1988 has been a rather up and down year for the Club. Our membership continues to increase, we have had over 276 through our books, this does not include under 11 year olds members. All of these members have not renewed membership but even so I think this is tremendous.

The Club has had it's first season in the Giro League and finished third team from six taking part. This was a very good achievement being our first year in the League.

Thanks must go to Graham Kennedy, Paul Young and all the many helpers. We also took part in the Indoor League which we started well but due to other committments we could not sustain.

This has been one of the Clubs failures, we are taking on too many obligations without the necessary back up of volunteers to carry them out.

We must, as a Club, evaluate all our committments and only take on what we can successfully put the Club resources into.

It always seems that the same club members take on all the tasks and this should not be.

We have, already, lost quite a few from the Committee due to over committments. If any Club Member would like to give their assistance I am sure a job could be found for them. This would not involve being on the Committee.

The future of the Club looks very bright. The track has been promised to start on 1st April this year! We are hoping to move on to the Sports Club ground into our very own building in the very near future. I.C.I. have promised us two huts each, 50ft x 25ft, which will make quite a sizeable building. We are extremely grateful to Jim Conaghan for his help in getting these.

I would like to thank all those people who have helped us in the past year raising funds for the Club. I do not know if Members of the Club are aware but we have a lot of friends in our Village who raise money by various means e.g. Baking Bread - Mrs. Jones and Joan Foulkes; Flogging it - Mrs. Kennedy and her daughters and helpers who run Bingo sessions, raffles, c. we are extremely grateful to all these people.

st I am thanking people I would like to thank our President

Nora Cooney, all our Committee members who give up their time to run the Club and last but not least our Senior Coach, Friend and Chairman, Tom Farrell, who puts hours of unseen work on our behalf. Thank you Tom.

To the Chairman & members of the New Marske Harriers

I have drawn up the attached Income & Expenditure Account, in accordance with the books of account & I am satisfied that it shows a true & fair view of the clubs affairs for the year ended 31st December 1

I have not taken into account any stock in hand of T Shirts etc

The books have generally been well kept; however once again too much of the clubs funds have been kept in cash. This position was rectified in January 1989, when cash in hand was reduced from £688 to £28·12 by transfers to Bank & Building Society.

I would like to make the following recommendations :-

1. Cash should be banked each week, more frequently if necessary
2. Cash in hand to be kept to a minimum, the amount to be fixed by the committee
3. Only small purchases to be made out of cash
4. All other payments to be made by cheque & the number of each cheque should be recorded in the cash book. This will facilitate the verification that all cheques have been recorded & none have gone astray
5. Any cheques cancelled should be clearly marked & retained in Cheque Book for audit
6. Invoices/receipts must be obtained for all payments
7. Monthly/Weekly members fees/subs should be recorded. The record to be signed by a committee member other than the collecting Official, records produced for audit
8. Greater use should be made of the Building Society Accounts particularly now that interest rates are so high

If you require any further advice or clarification please let me know. I shall be please to help

Yours sincerely

J E Dixon

A.G.M. - NEW MARSKE HARRIERS - HELD IN ST. THOMAS' CHURCH HALL, NEW MARSKE ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1988

1. Present : New Marske Harrier's Committee; Rev. Bullen
Those Members of New Marske Harriers who had accepted the invitation to attend A.G.M. (all members invited)

2. The Chairman, Tom Farrell, opened the meeting, thanking all for attending and introducing the Committee and Guest to the members present. Tom then read out the latest report regarding the track to be built at New Marske, including difficulties of getting cinders for the track from ICI Tom had spoken to the Council about this and hopefully the track will go ahead as planned. The Council had agreed the sum of £6500 towards track.

Tom gave the news of Harry and Yvonne's resignation from the Committee, saying they would still help in all ways they could and thanked them for all their help and hard work in the past. Tom then welcomed Jean and Peter McHugh, Duncan Laidler and Dave Woods who became Committee Members during the year.

3. The Secretary, Peter Boulton then read out his Yearly Report, giving news of the club over the last year.

4. Tom read out the Chairman's report, giving thanks to all Committee Members and other members of the club for all the hard work they had put into the club.

5. The Treasurer, Liz Grimwood read out her report, giving a balance of £459.87 at 31 December. Tom thanked Liz for doing this difficult job.

6. The Transport Report was read out by Managers John & Lyn Watson, who reported no serious problems at that time and explained how the Committee had worked out the charges for the bus.

7. The N.Y.S.D. Cross Country Managers, Graham & Kath Kennedy read out both Men and Ladies reports, giving the results so far in the series and saying how pleased they were with all the runners and how well they were doing

8. The Road Manager, Harry Gamble-Thompson read out his report, saying what good results had been attained by runners throughout the year, also commenting on the dedication of training during winter months when 7 ladies and 4 men turned up despite atrocious weather for an early morning training

9. Race Organisers Peter & Jean McHugh read out their report - the problem here being late entries handed in and late payments for entries.

10. There followed the election of Club Committee Officials :

It was proposed by Paul Young and seconded and agreed that as the Committee were doing such a good job the whole Committee be re-elected. The members agreed to serve once more on the Committee.

11. It was announced that fees for the next year would have to be increased to £3.00

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12. The Chairman welcomed guest speaker, Rev Bullen from St. Thomas' Church, New Marske, who had kindly agreed to talk about Jubilee Hall.

Tom read out his report about this, going back to 1966 when New Marske Harriers had had talkes with Jubilee Hall Committee, to the present day when it was wondered whether or not New Marske Harriers should attempt to purchase the Hall (if this was possible).

There then followed a long discussion on this subject, pointing out the pros and cons, with members being invited to put forward their views and to ask questions, and Tom and Rev Bullen answering whenever possible.

After a lengthy talk on the subject, it was eventually agreed that New Marske Harriers stay as they are at the moment, hiring St. Thomas' Church Hall, using Bydales School, and just sit back and wait to see how the situation evolved.

13. The Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Tom Farrell
22/2/89