

Bulls Head's Buxton AC's Temporary Home

The Railway Hotel is being refurbished from 23 May for about three to four months. Nigel Critchlow has talked to the Manager of the Bulls Head pub on Fairfield Road who has kindly agreed to use the pub's backroom for our Wednesday meeting point. I understand that the room will be locked during the time we are out running.

Club Championships – 2004

Well done to all those club members who took part in the club championships last year. A total of 43 club members did at least one of the races and many came close to actually finishing the required number of races. However, those who did complete the required number were:

Overall championship (Best 3 road and 3 fell results)

Men

1st Nigel Critchlow – 9 points
2nd Graeme Bramwell – 14 points

Women

1st Liz Batt – 6 points

Fell championship (Best 4 results)

Men

1st Donald O'Brien – 8 points
2nd Nigel Critchlow – 10 points
3rd Paul Heathcote – 15 points
4th Paul Clay – 19 points

Women

1st Liz Batt – 4 points

Road championship (Best 4 results)

Men

1st Nigel Critchlow – 4 points
2nd Graeme Bramwell – 9 points
3rd Steve Kenworthy – 14 points
3rd= Colin Wilshaw – 14 points

Women

No women completed 4 road races

Club Championships – 2005

This year's championship will take the same format. There will be total of 20 races, 10 fell and 10 road to choose from. To qualify for the overall championship you need to complete at least 3 of each. For either the fell or the road category you need to complete 4 races from the relevant category. Points are awarded according to your position in relation to any other club members taking part in that race. For example, if you are 1st in the club you get one point, 2nd – two points and so on. If you complete more than the required number of races in a category then only your best results will count.

The races for this year are as follows:

Fell races

Edale Skyline	20/03/05
<i>21 miles, 4500' climb – pre entry</i>	
Vanessa Chappell	11/05/05
<i>5 miles, 850' climb</i>	
Shining Tor	25/05/05
<i>5 miles, 1500' climb</i>	
Castleton Fell Race	10/06/05
<i>6 miles, 1500' climb</i>	
Chrome Hill	25/06/05
<i>4 miles, 700' climb</i>	
Sheldon	21/07/05
<i>4 miles, 527' climb</i>	
Cracken Edge	10/08/05
<i>7 miles, 1450' climb</i>	
Chelmorton Chase	18/09/05
<i>5 miles, 1000' climb</i>	
Roaches Race	13/11/05
<i>15 miles, 3700' climb</i>	
Club 'Bill Moss Fell Race'	<i>To be arranged</i>

Road races

Salford 10k	25/03/05
White Peak Marathon	21/05/05
Leek Half Marathon	28/08/05
Taddington Lanes	??/08/05
Macclesfield Half Marathon	02/10/05
Langley 7	??/11/05
Fletcher Cup	??/11/05
Stockport 10	??/12/05
Club 5 mile	???

Voice from the Peat
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Unfortunately I have just found out that the Shady Oak race will no longer be going ahead. This should have been one of a races so we need a replacement of a similar distance (5 miles) – any ideas please let me know.

I have done my best to find the dates for the races – there may be some mistakes but I will update any changes in future newsletters.

If you do any of the races over the year then I would appreciate if you could send me a copy of the results or a list of Buxton AC members in finishing order. It would be appreciated in some of the races with large fields if you could highlight the Buxton runners on the results – this will save me a lot of time and also reduce the chance of me missing anyone. To send results to me please contact me on 01298 - 25344 or send an e-mail to joannephizacklea@hotmail.com
Thank you.

Subscriptions – 2005

The subscriptions for 2005 is the same as last year, e.g. £15.00 per person. Please pay Sheila Bradley, the Membership Secretary, either with cash or by cheque (payable to **Buxton AC**). Sheila would appreciate if you pay the subs sooner rather than later, because we have to register all members with the North of England Athletic Association (NoEAA). Sheila is down at the club on most Wednesdays or can be contacted on 01298 – 27 939.

Derbyshire County Track & Field Champs

This year's Champs are being held in conjunction with Nottinghamshire at the Berry Hill Park track in Mansfield track. The competition is being held on 14-15 May. Entries close on Friday **22nd April** and they will not accept late entries. Please see Emma Wharton or Stefan Ledin for a form or download an entry form from Derbyshire County AA's website – <http://www.dcaa.org.uk>

Athletics England

Some of you might be aware that the AAA's of England is due to be disbanded. This is an outcome of the Foster report on the structure of the sport of Athletics that was published last year.

Steve Finney and I attended a presentation by Jack Buckner and Peter Radcliffe at Loughborough on 16 February 2005. They were taking questions from clubs and officials on how the new governing body will work. There has been fierce opposition from a number of clubs, especially in the Southeast.

I think there is some concern in fell running circles as it would appear that this branch of the sport has been ignored.

I will keep you up to date with the progress as and when more information becomes available.

Race Results

I will not be able to present all race results in the newsletter, but will try to highlight Buxton runners performances, as fairly as possible.

Stafford '20'

Steve Watson finished second overall and first veteran in 1:49. Steve is preparing well for London Marathon on 17 April.

Ashby '20'

The club had four representatives at this race, Jim and Sheila Bradley, Wendy Higginbottom and Emma Wharton who all ran well, recording times between 2:38 and 2:45.

Wilf Richards Cross Country Relays

Buxton AC fielded one women's team and two men's teams at Heaton Park. Emma Wharton, Sarah Nicholson and Wendy Higginbottom finished a truly outstanding second! The men's first team, consisting of Nigel Critchlow, Any Wilton, Terry Fowler and Stefan Ledin finished in 12th place out of 27 teams. Andy Wilton also ran the fastest leg among the veterans. Our second team that consisted of Geoff Whitehead, Colin Wilshaw, Graham Bramwell and Dave Nutton finished in a creditable 17th place. An excellent time was had by all.

Kit –Stefan Ledin

Stefan Ledin is the Kit Secretary. He can be contacted on 01298 – 21 35 76. We have the following kit in the following sizes:

Vests - £ 9:

Ladies – S, M, L
Mens – S, M, L, XL

Shorts- £ 9:

Ladies – S, M, L
Mens – S, M, L

Fleeces - £12:

Unisex – S, M, L, XL

Tracksuits - £40:

Unisex – S, M

Kit bag - £3:

Blue with BAC logo

Please see Stefan Ledin or Emma Wharton to purchase your summer collection!

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