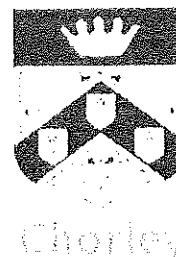




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Cross Country Report 2015/16

The first Mid-Lancs League fixture at Astley Park, Chorley gave Team Chorley a great start with record attendance for a ML meeting, and a glorious win for our Under 11 Girls and other promising results for our Junior section – and the weather was kind!

The second fixture was the Red Rose League at Leigh. Again Team Chorley recorded another fine turnout for Juniors and Seniors alike. Lynne Clough began her defence of the Veterans category for the Senior Ladies and remained in charge of the competitive division.

Third was Burnley, Townley Park for the second ML League. Normally we would see a fall in attendance here, but the pattern was spoiled in 2015 by a very healthy 42 runners supporting Team Chorley on a cold, windy day.

Fourth meet was at muddy Hyndburn for the second RRL. The team commitment continued, and Lynne Clough cemented her hold on the V/45 category with another fine run finishing second overall in the Ladies Senior event.

The fifth race on the agenda was our first South-East Lancs League for a combined Chorley Club. Leigh again provided the venue on a very wet November afternoon, and 23 runners turned out on the first venture. The highlight was Under 11 Boys team winners.

The sixth event was Leverhulme Park, Bolton. A cold winter day gave Chorley a test against some excellent Northwest competition. Adam Sciacca performed very well indeed, recording fifth position in a large field of 208. Lynne Clough completed her defence of the V/45 Senior Ladies title with a very solid performance considering she was feeling a bit poorly.

Our seventh feature was Sefton Park, Liverpool for the McCain Challenge Again, support usually drops at Liverpool, but not this time – 42 runners ran for Team Chorley with Under 11 Girls placing third in the Mid Lancs race.

Number 8 was the demanding Marl Pitts at Rossendale. The course is tough normally, but we had tough weather this time as well. Red Rose finished their league fixtures with a real 'toughie'. Well done to all who ran and supported the team on real December day.

Ninth on the list was Heaton Park for the 'monsoon' second South East Lancs event – Storm Desmond hit us full on and even the ducks sought shelter! 19 runners competed for Team Chorley, with highlights for Blythe Cordwell and Olivia Leigh both finishing second in their races. There was also a spirited second team place for the Under 15 Girls team.

Following Christmas and New Year break, our tenth fixture was the County Championships at Witton Park, Blackburn. Team Chorley have done quite well over the seasons at the County events but never so good as in 2016 – Gold Under 11 Girls, Silver Under 13 Girls, and Bronze Under 13 Boys.

Eleven was a return to Wilsons Fields, Hyndburn. Sun, rain, wind, hail and snow all visited us in one afternoon – winter had come! Under 11 and Under 13 Girls remained in top form with both winning their calibre divisions and creating a reasonable chance to win the titles.

A round dozen of fixtures was for the South East Lancs league at Tandle Hill, Royton, Oldham. The mud was everywhere and the hills were testing. Our season in the South East became interesting with excellent results from Under 11 and Under 13 Girls who won their respective races. The league was going down to the last race – not bad for such a young club as Team Chorley, and it was thoroughly earned and deserved.

The 13th fixture was not thought about until following our success at the County race at Blackburn. January was a busy, hard month and 4 fixtures seemed one too many for a limited squad to cope with. Nevertheless, 'The Northerns', also at Blackburn, gave Team Chorley a chance to compete against the North of England's finest runners, fielding teams at Under 13 level for Boys and Girls as well as Under 15 Girls. Experience was gained in the hailstorms around Witton Park.

A new venue at Rossall College, Fleetwood, was the 14th meeting in our cross country season. Again, the Under 13 Girls remained in top form, creating a possible platform to do well in their highly competitive leagues in the final fixture at Leyland. The Senior Men performed well to remain in the hunt for a promotion from Division 2 in the V/40 League.

Fifteenth meeting, and last for the South East, at the unique 'Boggart Hole' was indeed memorable. Weather-wise it was dreadful and Team Chorley were awesome. Having to do well to secure league points, they did it with power and style from Under 11 Boys/Girls up to Under 17 Men. I have seen many, many races and known both good years and bad, but have seldom seen such a team performance as shown at 'Boggart Hole'.

Sweet sixteen, our last race of 2015/16, was local at 'Cuerden Hall', Leyland. A healthy anticipation of a reasonable account of Team Chorley's progress in the Mid Lancs League had been in my mind since 2012/13. However, the event was cancelled at very short notice, leaving everyone at Team Chorley frustrated at what could have been accomplished if Leyland had fulfilled the 6th fixture in the Mid Lancs League.

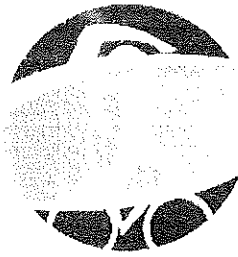
As a side-note, I had attempted to use Astley Park, Chorley to finish off this League on Thursday 3rd March, as I was thwarted for the 5th March date. I also tried to use Saturday 19th March and although Chorley Council agreed, the Mid-Lancs League had the date already subscribed for other events on the day.

So our very promising season ended. We made progress in the Red Rose League, progress in our debut in the South East League, and progress in the Mid-Lancs League, although tainted by the disappointing cancellation of the final fixture.

Thank you to all Junior/Senior athletes, coaches and parents for your splendid support.

The 2015/16 season was followed by a very well attended presentation evening for Juniors and Seniors at the lovely venue Masonic Hall, Chorley. The event was well received by the majority of all members and hopefully will remain a regular feature on the Team Chorley calendar for the future. Chorley coach Richard Farron did a tremendous job leading the course of proceedings and was helped by Simon Townsend, Steve Thomas and guest speaker Kate Hewitson – well done.

-- Stan



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Stan's Report

We have gone forward since 2012, our first year together as a combined club 'Chorley', with the number of Senior and Junior members competing over the cross-country discipline showing a remarkable rise, especially in 2015/16. This can only be beneficial to our club. However, in order to cement this welcome development, we may have to recruit more members to progress the club further in the future.

I am fully aware of our shortage of coaches and space to train, but I do not want to halt our club's progress by asking our loyal and regular Junior and Senior athletes to turn out year after year without supplementing the ranks of Team Chorley. In order to help our club, I would propose we make an attempt to bring down the numbers on the waiting list in a gradual fashion to swell the number of athletes competing in all disciplines of Chorley Athletic and Triathlon Club.

One of the reasons for reducing the waiting list is that I myself have run on my own in a category many times, and it is not nice. It is far, far better to have teammates alongside you rather than being on your own. I really feel for any athlete on the start line who is not supported by fellow members. Also, if we don't compete regularly as a team in the leagues, we don't take Chorley forward.

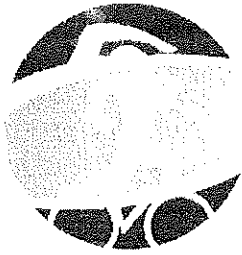
Also on cross country, I suggest for the 2016/17 season we prioritise which leagues or league we want to do well in. My idea would be the Mid Lancs League and South East Lancs to take priority with the Red Rose to become a main contender inside 2 more seasons when we are more established.

Overall, I am in favour of continuing participation in the Lancashire County Championships – our brief history in this competition is first class – whilst the Northerns must have more preparation, interest and commitment shown in advance. I believe we should still enter the Northerns and would welcome the extra fixture, but only in interest is available from both Junior and Senior members at least one month before the actual fixture date. Also on the Northerns, if the venue selected is far away, say Newcastle-on-Tyne for example, we could use a coach with subsidised travel – again forward planning is the key criteria.

Included in the 2016/17 calendar of fixtures will be the Northern Championships. All Junior members over 11 years of age and all Senior members should tick alongside 'Northerns' if interested so I can form a team list on the fixture.

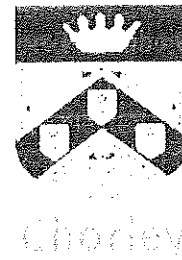
On the subject of an appeal to the Mid Lancs League about the cancellation of the final fixture at Leyland, I will seek clarification at the August 2016 cross country AGM at Lancaster as to the ruling of a cancelled fixture in future seasons.

-- Stan



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Individual and Team Honours

Junior Honours Individual 2015/16

Olivia Leigh	Winner	Lancaster 2015	Mid Lancs
" "	Winner	Hyndburn 2016	Mid Lancs
" "	Winner	Oldham 2016	South East Lancs
Bethany Reid	Winner	Boggart Hole 2016	South East Lancs
Lydia Wilcock	Winner	Boggart Hole 2016	South East Lancs
Lucy Goldthrop	Winner	Oldham 2016	South East Lancs

Junior Honours Teams

Chorley Under 11 Girls

Winners	Chorley Astley Park	Mid Lancs
Winners	Hyndburn Wilson's	Mid Lancs
Winners	Oldham Tandle Hill	South East Lancs
Joint Champions 2015/16		South East Lancs
County Champions 2016	Blackburn Witton Park	County Championship

Chorley Under 13 Girls

Winners	Oldham 2016	South East Lancs
Winners	Boggart Hole 2016	South East Lancs
Joint Champions 2015/16		South East Lancs
Silver medal (Runner-up)	Blackburn 2016	County Championship
Winners	Hyndburn 2016	Mid Lancs

Chorley Under 15 Girls

Winners	Oldham 2016	South East Lancs
Silver Medal (Runner-up)		South East Lancs

Senior Honours 2013/16

Senior Men

Team Promotion Division 3 2013/14 Mid Lancs

David Kershaw	V55	Second 2016/2015	Red Rose
Mike Coppin	V70	Second 2014	Red Rose
Eddie Murray	V70	Champion 2015	Red Rose

Senior Ladies

Lynne Clough	V45	Champion 2013/14/15	Red Rose
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Chorley Athletic Attendance 2015-16

<u>Red Rose</u>		<u>Mid Lancs</u>		<u>South East Lancs</u>	
<i>Under 11 Girls</i>					
Blythe Cordwell	4	Blythe Cordwell	5	Blythe Cordwell	4
Ellie Leigh	4	Louise Halliwell	5	Lucy Goldthorp	3
Milly Leigh	4	Charlotte Halliwell	5	Milly Leigh	3
Alice Singleton	4	Lucy Goldthorp	4	Louise Halliwell	3
Erin Boardman	4	Chloe Molyneux	4	Charlotte Halliwell	3
Martha Singleton	4	Lauren Waddington	4	Megan Leigh	2
Hollie Quick	4	Emma Jeffers	3	Lauren Waddington	2
Chloe Molyneux	4	Ellie Leigh	3	Ellie Leigh	2
Louise Halliwell	4	Milly Leigh	3	Chloe Molyneux	2
Charlotte Halliwell	4	Alice Singleton	3	Hollie Quick	2
Lucy Goldthorp	3	Martha Singleton	3	Rebecca Quick	2
Emma Jeffers	3	Erin Boardman	3	Emily Reid	2
Megan Leigh	3	Hollie Quick	3	Lousa Stewart	2
Rebecca Quick	3	Rebecca Quick	2	Olivia Waddington	1
Layla Allton	3	Lousa Stewart	2		
Lauren Waddington	3	Layla Allton	2		
Lousa Stewart	1	Megan Leigh	1		
		Emily Reid	1		
		Elly Hancock	1		
		Lucy Poole	1		
		Megan Wilson	1		
<i>Under 13 Girls</i>					
Olivia Leigh	4	Isabelle Farron	5	Bethany Reid	4
Isabelle Farron	4	Amber Boardman	4	Georgina Ainscough	3
Emily Warren	4	Olivia Leigh	3	Isabelle Farron	3
Amber Boardman	4	Lauren Prince	3	Amy Heaton	2
Robyn Lee	3	Amy Heaton	3	Lauren Prince	2
Lauren Prince	3	Emily Warren	2	Olivia Leigh	2
Megan Whalley	3	Annabelle Stewart	2	Annabelle Stewart	1
Annabelle Stewart	3	Bethany Reid	2		
Amy Heaton	2	Georgina Ainscough	2		
Bethany Reid	2	Kate Waddington	2		
Georgina Ainscough	2	Shauna Marrow	2		
Kate Waddington	2	Robin Lee	1		
Shauna Marrow	1	Megan Whalley	1		
		Sadie Kirk	1		
<i>Under 15 Girls</i>					
Charlotte Lavin	3	Lydia Wilcock	4	Lydia Wilcock	4
Lydia Wilcock	2	Charlotte Lavin	4	Charlotte Lavin	4
Jessica Mitchell	2	Jessica Mitchell	2	Jessica Mitchell	4
<i>Senior Ladies</i>					
Lynne Clough	3	Christine Sweatman	3	Christine Sweatman	2
Katie Jones	2	Jane Bowles	1		
Christine Sweatman	2	Karen Hancock	1		
Karen Hancock	1				
Jane Bowles	1				
Shelley Parkinson	1				

Chorley Athletic Attendance 2015-16

<u>Red Rose</u>		<u>Mid Lancs</u>		<u>South East Lancs</u>	
<i>Under 11 Boys</i>					
Oliver Platt	4	Jack Lamb	4	Oliver Platt	4
Ryan Leigh	4	Liam Platt	4	Ryan Leigh	3
Liam Platt	4	Oliver Platt	3	Liam Platt	3
Sam Prince	3	Robert Kellett	3	Sam Prince	3
Robert Kellett	3	Sam Prince	3	Robert Kellett	1
Owen Kellett	1	Ryan Leigh	3	Harry Ainscough	1
		Harry Ainscough	2		
		Tom Murray	1		
<i>Under 13 Boys</i>					
Daniel Lilley	4	Daniel Lilley	5	Daniel Lilley	4
Oliver Goldthorp	3	Oliver Goldthorp	4	Oliver Goldthorp	3
Joe Mitchell	3	Harry Shepherd	2	Joe Mitchell	3
Joe Bowles	3	Joe Bowles	2		
Ben Wilcock	1	Joe Mitchell	2		
Martin Rimmer	1	Ciaran Brown	2		
		Ben Wilcock	1		
<i>Under 15 Boys</i>					
Kia Davis	2	Kia Davis	3		
		Jack Wilson	1		
		Jacob Hughes	1		
		Henry Wilson	1		
<i>Under 17 Men</i>					
George Norris	3	George Norris	2	George Norris	4
<i>Senior Men</i>					
Dave Kershaw	4	Rob Walsh	5	Phil McCullough	4
Simon Townsend	4	Phil McCullough	5	Adrian Pilkington	3
Steve Baker	4	Dave Kershaw	4	Mike Coppin	3
Rob Walsh	3	Bill Beckett	4	Carl Prince	2
Bill Beckett	3	Adrian Pilkington	4	Michael Hancock	1
Mick McGeown	3	Mick McGeown	4	Alan Sweatman	1
Paul Wareing	3	Mike Coppin	4		
Adreian Pilkington	3	Paul Wareing	3		
Rick Cordwell	3	Stephen Baker	3		
Carl Prince	3	Carl Prince	3		
Eddie Murray	3	Rick Cordwell	3		
Andrew Clough	2	Adam Sciacca	2		
Paul Jackson	2	Chris Lane	2		
Phil McCullough	2	Darren Bowles	2		
Darren Fishwick	1	Andy Lowe	2		
Mark Ellithorn	1	Darren Fishwick	2		
Chris Lane	1	Warren Crook	2		
Adam Sciacca	1	Eddie Murray	2		
Dave Biddolph	1	Mick Hancock	1		
Phil Iddon	1	Simon Townsend	1		

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<u>Red Rose</u>		<u>Mid Lancs</u>		<u>South East Lancs</u>
Mick Hancock	1	Yewan Bennison	1	
Darren Bowles	1	David Parkinson	1	
Martin Quinn	1	Ryan Sciacca	1	
Warren Crook	1	David Biddolph	1	
Simon Mitchell	1	Martin Quinn	1	
Brendan Wyatt	1	John Horrocks	1	
Andy Lowe	1	Alan Sweatman	1	
		Neil Forkin	1	
		Simon Mitchell	1	
		Edward Gilbertson	1	
		Brendan Wyatt	1	