

OTLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

OTLEY Athletic Club have begun their attempt to capture the Harrogate League Road Race Trophy which so narrowly eluded them last season.

The first was held from Harrogate Hockey Club and covered a distance of about 10K.

Otley got off to a good start, and although they await the official result, they believe that this will confirm them as winners. The race was won by Ian Fisher, who continued a remarkable sequence of victories in this event in a time of 32 minutes 28 seconds, to give Otley a flying start. He was well supported by Malcom Pickering who finished in third position. Andrew Robertshaw and Mike Jeffrey finished 11th and 12th respectively to give Otley four finishers in the first twelve.

With the first ten home to count Otley's other scorers were Martin Butterworth (28th), Gary Nuttall (32nd), John Armistead (38th), John Straiton (39th), Paul Cubbon (43rd) and Tony Allen (44th).

In the ladies event the Otley team were weakened by the absence of Kath Robertshaw, still recovering from the exertions of the London Marathon, but still gave a creditable performance. Joan Cubbon, was first Otley runner home, in third place overall, followed by Carol Armistead (4th), Linda Land (8th), Karen Petch (10th) and Veronica Vasilenko was Otley's final scorer in the ladies event where the first five home count.

~~Several members took part in~~