

# OTLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

OTLEY Athletic Club had good news with the expected confirmation of their victory in the first Harrogate League Road Race. They have gained a 70 points advantage in the men's event and are lying second in the women's rankings.

The second event in this competition was held over a 10 mile course at Thirsk, and once again Otley's front runners did an excellent job with four men in the first 11 home. Ian Fisher once again led the rest home to finish a comfortable first. Malcolm Pickering was again third, Andrew Robertshaw finished in seventh place and Mike Jeffrey was 11th. The general feeling at the club is that they will not have repeated their success of the first event but only time will tell.

In other events last weekend pride of place went to Ian Fisher who won the Bingley Half Marathon in a time of 71 minutes 40 seconds, to finish exactly a minute ahead of his closest rival. Otley's only other runner in this event was Peter Slater who recorded a time of 105 minutes.

Phil Robinson ventured across to Longwood for a 10K race and completed an extremely tough course in 70 minutes 27 seconds.

Plans are well under way for the forthcoming Otley 10 mile Road Race, which is once again sponsored by Lynx, and also incorporates the Yorkshire Championships. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 18, starting from Cross Green at 7pm.

The club continues to welcome runners of all standards. Training nights are Tuesdays (7.15pm) and Thursdays (7.30pm) from Otley Rugby Club, or those interested can contact Jack or Kath Robertshaw on 0943-863608.

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