

Celebrating 25 years

In this month #1 - January

As we close in on our 25th birthday, this is the first in a series of monthly 'In this month....' collections of what our Club was up to over the years. Each month, there will be a few glimpses of what happened 'in this month' from a number of different years.

There will undoubtedly be a date when we officially became a Club, but for these articles, June 2000 is being assumed as the start of it all.

The first January of the Club's existence was therefore January 2001. By that time, 'Up and Running,' the Club's monthly newsletter, had been in existence for 6 issues and not only was issue 7, January 2001, printed in its usual format, but it also appeared on the Club's recently established 'website.' This new fangled approach to information distribution – remember, for example, Facebook didn't become a thing until after 2006 - wasn't accessible to everyone then, so the printed version continued, right up to June 2010.

This first 'In this month' looks at Club news, with the help of 'Up and Running' and the Club's website archive, from the Januarys of 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020. If you have photographs from any particular known date pre 2015, then please send me a digital copy, along with a wee bit of text, for future 'In this month....' issues.

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January 2001

The Club's committee held its regular, third Thursday of the month, meeting on 18th January. The committee at that time were:

Chair/Vice Chair – Lesley McGiffen and Theresa McMenemy

General Secy. – Martin Hyman

Treasurer – Jack Ewing

Coaching Coordinator – Colin Meek

Membership Secy. – Steven Wales

General Committee – Louise Boyle, Saran Jones, Gillian McFarlane, Margaret Turnbull.

Sen. Women's Captain – Marcie Ewing

Jun. Women's Captain – Stephanie Meek and Ashley Toner

Sen. Men's Captain – Graeme Ackland and Murray Robertson

Jun. Men's Captain – Travis Sinclair

That meeting considered Jack's financial statement which showed a small balance *'even after buying the Club vests and paying an arm and a leg to SAF (Scottish Athletics) for affiliation.'* It also discussed the formation of a sub committee to plan for a future warm weather training trip, and the proposed formation of a ladies' jogging group.

Elsewhere there was a plea to *'Help us develop the Club's website.'*

January 2001 events for your consideration were

1st : Portobello Prom Race

2nd: Greenmantle Dash

6th: Nigel Barge Road Race

13th: E. Dist. Men's XC League, Gorebridge

20th: E. Dist. XC Champs, Corstorphine – Lothian's U/13 girls team won their race. (Ashley Toner, Jemma Toner, Rebecca French.)

January 2005

1. Wednesday night training sessions:

Jan 5th Fiddler's Handicap. Winter Course (reflective jackets)

Jan 12th Motorway Bridge Hill reps.

Jan 19th Howden Park reps (400m/450m/1050m)

Jan 26th Grange Road Relays (reflective jackets)

2. Laura Sarkis was to attend a meeting to discuss a proposed new route for the **Edinburgh – Glasgow** relay, along the canal
3. Members of the Club enjoyed **a weekend of hill running at Tweedsmuir**, organised by Martin Hyman. There was 'a real mix of challenges, abilities and people.'
4. The Club had 16 runners in the **Portobello Prom** (1st January) race:
5. Colin Meek, 20:50; 23. Murray Robertson, 22:56; 26. Steve Dempsey, 23:00; 35. Harry Mulholland, 23:29; 68. Richard Docherty, 25:10; 84. Dave Bell, 25:34; 86. Mike Lieberman, 25:37; 97. Jim Salvage, 26:02; 125.

Peter Weeks, 27:11; 128. Kate Kitchin, 27:20; 143. Jim Alexander, 27:54; 157. Ted Finch, 28:48; 169. Margaret Turnbull, 29:49; 221. Kate Docherty, 33:15; 246. Susan Bruce, 36:16; 264. Val Finch, 43:28

January 2010

1. The **events list** included 'Glasgow (Pollock Park) and Edinburgh (Silverknowes) parkruns each Saturday alongside:

9th Great Edinburgh XC races (Holyrood Park)
16th E. Dist. XC League (Broxburn)
23rd Devil's Burden Relay (Falkland, Fife)
31st Scottish 4k Champs (Bellahouston Park, Glasgow)

2. Lothian had 3 teams at the **Devil's Burden Relays**:

19th L1 David Eades and Scott Nelson, 45:04; L2 Darren Thomson 31:48; L3 Robin Galloway and Alistair Robertson 69:46; L4 David Berrill 30:02. Total: 2:56:40

43rd L1 Robin Morris and Jim Alexander 53:31; L2 Lorna Eades 35:08; L3 John Malcolm and Tosh Brannan 81:45; L4 Louise Crilley 27:07. Total: 3:17:31

68th L1 Jill Horsburgh and Saran Jones, 54:09; L2 Alison McQuillen 49:53; L3 Lynne Murray and Edel Mooney 71:19; L4 Helen Murray 36:02. Total: 3:31:23

3. The Club was saddened to hear of the death of Ronnie **O'Byrne**, a well known face as a coach and kit purveyor at Craigswood.
4. **Sarah Inglis** said she 'just feels so good to be back racing' after winning her race in the Celtic Nation's XC International in Antrim. Her Scotland team took gold in the U20/U17 race. The previous week she won the E. Dist. XC Sen/Jun. women's race at Broxburn.
5. **Lana Turnbull** was the runaway U17 leader in the Club's XC Champs, with four out of four first Club finisher spots.

January 2015

The third and final match in the 2014-15 **East District Cross Country League** took place at Broxburn on Saturday. Lothian Running Club were represented in both the Senior Men's and Women's events as well as the races for Under-11 boys and girls, under-13 girls and under15/17 girls. In the final overall standings covering all category's at all three venues it shows that LRC finished in 7th place in both the Male and Female leagues.



Senior/Vet Men:

40th Colin Partridge [31.39]
48th Malcolm Lang[32.08]
67th Owen Williams [33.04]
71st Andy King [33.23]
108th Andy Fish [35.42]
121st Alan Moffat [36.18]
178th Calum Ross [38.52]
187th Gerry McCafferty [39.58]
212th Jim Alexander [43.43]

225th Ted Finch [49.38]

Team:**8th** of 26.

January 2020

As is planned for January 4th 2025, the Club provided pacers on 25th January 2020 for one of the few 2020 parkruns.

Club Awards night took place on 4th January – *‘There has been a lot of positive comments about the night and we look forward to the next one.’*