

London Marathon 1985

### **SUNDAY BEST FOR ROAD RUNNERS**

Keith Binney, Barnsley's 'National Bus' Marathon Champion led home a combined team from Barnsley Road Runners, Stocksbridge Pacesetters and the Hallamshire Harriers in the fifth running of the London Marathon on Sunday.

Binney's time was a superb new personal best of 2-31-35, and he was followed by Peter Gledhill who also recorded a personal best of 2-32-30.

Those times rank Binney and Gledhill as third and fourth on the club's all-time marathon ranking list behind Brian Elliott and Jim Hinchey.

Hinchey was unable to take part due to ill health, along with Ray Jackson, but both would certainly have run very good times if they had been able to take part.

The best performance of the day came from Anne Bennett, who smashed the club's marathon best for ladies with a remarkable 3-10-35 in what was her marathon debut.

The club's other female runner, Jenny Wakeman, also recorded a personal best with a time of 3-18-40, after the pair had run together for the first 20 miles.

Overall, personal bests abounded, with third man home Dave Bennett, Barnsley's club secretary, recording his fastest time for some years with 2-37-16. Philip Powell, recently returned from Egypt, ran 2-39-30 after a period of reduced training, and a close contest between Peter Goodall and Martin McLean saw the former get the upper hand by just 19 secs, with time of 2-50-30 and 2-50-49. Both were personal bests.

Jack Ashcroft, an over 50 veteran, had a fine run to record a time of just half a minute outside his best with 3-24-00.

