Hardley Runners Celebrate 30 years.

On Sunday 27th April, Hardley Runners celebrated 30 years of running, (from 20th January 1984) with an awards lunch at Bartley Lodge Hotel, near Cadnam. The club was started by some work colleagues who worked at Hardley, and at that time met regularly for a drink at the John Barleycorn pub, near Cadnam. Six of those colleagues, who with others formed a committee, were present at the lunch with 63 other Hardley Runners. Ray Noke, as well as being a founder member, has also been club secretary for all of those 30 years. He and Linda, his wife have also been stalwarts of the running club for that time.

The current membership has grown to between 160 and 200. Hardley were at the forefront of trail racing, Linda and Ray being the 80 mile South Downs Way champions, and have travelled extensively throughout the country. A particular liking developed for off-road and ultra racing, with many notable achievements.
Various members have represented their country in running, orienteering or duathlon.

The club has travelled abroad for races, notably the year that over 60 members travelled to Argentan in France to take part in the half or full marathon there. This was a regular in Hardleys running calendar.

There have been many running weekends away, including staying in Youth Hostel accommodation. Social events are organised regularly by the social committee and many friends have been made along the way.

Hardley host a series of running events including CC6, RR10, Exbury 10K and the Solent Half.

Many thanks go to the committee, past and present and training coaches for all their hard work and organisation.

The club was, and is a very friendly one, and new members are always welcome, the club meets at Applemore Recreation Centre on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30pm.

Left to Right, original committee members:
Mike Clarke, Steve Getzig, Ray Noke, Bob Wanstell, Dave Lawrence, Bill Mayes



Awards winners:
Andy Kellaway, Stonehenge Stomp devotion to duty, (running Parliament Hills and Stonehenge Stomp in one weekend)
Terry Earney, navigators hat for getting lost
Mike Clarke, original committee.
Steve Getzig, original committee
Ray Noke, original committee and club secretary
Phil Shearsmith, winner of Christmas handicap run (with Tara Anglim, now on holiday)
Bob Wanstell, original committee,
Annie Bruce Low, Hampshire award for V70 10K and winner of the Geoff Mills trophy(in memory of Hardleys Geoff Mills who was still racing at 80 years of age) Awarded for taking part in the highest number of races in a year.
Dave Lawrence, original committee.
Sam Smith, chairperson of current committee.
Sue Sleath, Hampshire half marathon VF50 winner.
Viv Alexander, age adjusted winner, club championships, Salisbury 10K.
At front:
Bob Wanstell, original committee.
Mick Anglim, winner of the Geoff Mills trophy and Hampshire M55 best marathon performance winner.

Other award winners not present include:
Lynn McDonagh, first Hardley woman, Salisbury 10K
Paul Ashley, first Hardley man, Salisbury 10K
Nick Newton, aged adjusted man, Salisbury 10K and Hampshire M55 best marathon performance.



Following photo includes Carol and Sarah, daughters of Geoff Mills.

