

## Clayton-le-Moors Harriers – ‘Our Club’

As many of you know our club is quite unique in terms of its membership catchment area. Much of this is to do with the long history of the club and the fact that, at least for many years, the club has had little or no involvement in track athletics and hence the lack of a home base and consequently little to offer to youngsters of school age (An issue the Committee is looking into).

We draw our membership mainly from the East Lancashire area, which has led to a natural geographical division of East and West. A number of factors have led to a widening of the division over the last twenty years, many of which were beyond our control. However, the Committee are aware of this and have been considering action that although unlikely to achieve a complete solution to the geographical issue, it is hoped to reverse the trend of a widening division.

This year has been exciting and very positive year for Clayton Le Moors Harriers, with an increase in the number of members participating in all the training, racing and social events available. We will continue to strive and look to our future and we have already in the pipeline a ‘week of athletics’ for next summer. Another initiative is an end of year celebration (2007) incorporating the presentation evening to be held in January 2008 at the Fence Gate Inn.

This time last year with Ian Campbell and Peter Browning retiring from senior posts on the Committee and with no natural successors for Chairman and Vice Chairman, Paul and John agreed to stand but with the emphasis on a partnership. Paul and John have worked closely in this past year and would like to continue with this partnership but as agreed it will be John standing for Chairman and Paul will stand for Vice-Chairman, and if elected they will continue to work closely together with the Committee, in taking the club forward into the future.

Paul Healey   John Roche