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Introducing Mike Mead

Sport enthusiast Mike Mead has taken over editing this popular column from Ben Humphrey who continues his day job with Active Swindon.



Mike has been involved in local sport since moving, with his wife Sue and their three boys, to Highworth in 1970. Between them they've played cricket, football, hockey, badminton, tennis, golf and even bowls. Currently, when not playing golf, Mike is involved in the administration of Highworth Cricket Club, or supporting his granddaughter's junior football.

Highworth's 23rd annual road race

The best quality field in depth in 23 years assembled for the Highworth 5 Mile Race on 20th April with the first 21 runners beating 30 minutes.

Nearly 450 competitors finished the course with the overall winner, Simon Plummer from Essex, failing to beat the course record of 24.44mins by just 5 seconds. First lady home was GB International Wendy Nicholls (Jones) from Cirencester in 27.50mins

This year's event was sponsored by the Highworth Rec and Phoenix Surveying Equipment Co. and valuable assistance was given by St John Ambulance, ATC, and Highworth Police which ensured a successful Race.

Cirencester AC won the Team Award beating off seriously mounted challenges by Swindon Harriers and Bourton Road Runners. First Highworth residents home were Lisa Barrow and Jason Daniels.

Highworth Running Club will be giving the majority of the profit from the Race to various local and national charities.

Anyone wishing to run with HRC on Wednesday

evenings either just to get fit or to take part in local races would be most welcome to join in by firstly contacting Wendy Smith (763223) or Peter O'Brien (763353) or www.highworthrunningclub.com.

Cricket coaching for youngsters

Highworth Cricket Club will be providing youth coaching for 14 to 16 year olds at their practice facilities at The Elms, Highworth, commencing in June '08. Their head coach is Andy Furkins, a qualified cricket coach. Interested youngsters should, with the approval of their parents, contact Andy Furkins on Tel No: 07723 034031 for further details.

Take One Parent to football

On 12th July, families who enjoy football are invited to a free football training event at Highworth-Warneford School from 10am to 12 noon. Coaches will be there from Swindon Football Club to lead the session. It is open to any child, boy or girl from 8 -14 years, who can bring a mum or dad or carer or other adult to join them in training. Watch out for invitations coming out through the schools. More information from Claire Smith, Extended Services Coordinator on 07885 520575.

Highworth Badminton Club in nail-biting triumph

A little piece of local badminton history was made at New College during Swindon & District Badminton Associations' Finals Night when Highworth Badminton Club, one of the districts smaller clubs, retained the Bicknell Trophy - the first club to do so in the Association's history.

Their opponents, Kennet B, were more than a match for last year's winners as many of their squad are playing in the top divisions whereas lowly Highworth are playing in division 6. Many of the

