

## GOOLE VIKING STRIDERS

### SLEDMERE & WELTON CROSS COUNTRY

The last two cross country league races, at Sledmere and Welton, have done nothing to dispel the gloom surrounding both Viking Striders' teams.

Where the ladies are concerned, the problems are obvious in that at both races, Julie Masterman was the Striders' sole representative. Julie did a magnificent job, particularly at Welton, but a team of three she is not.

The Men's team needs to be six strong, and they always manage that, although Welton was a close run thing because this is the one the club organise so a lot of members were out marshalling. The Men's problem is that the up and coming members of the club haven't yet up and come, certainly not to the cross country league. The harsh truth is that the average age needs to come down a couple of notches before the Striders will be anywhere near competitive.

Of course there were some outstanding individual performances. Martin Booth always does a great job, and Jonny McFaul was second in for the club at both races. Richard Bramham and Patrick Harness did well at Sledmere, while Steve Lund and Steve Whitlam are fast becoming reliable point scorers.

We always say, "It's the taking part that counts". A pity that doesn't affect the league tables.

Sledmere positions and times: 32<sup>nd</sup> Martin Booth 47.31, 42<sup>nd</sup> Jonny McFaul 48.48, 59<sup>th</sup> Richard Bramham 50.35, 69<sup>th</sup> Patrick Harness 51.56, 75<sup>th</sup> Steve Lund 52.49, 77<sup>th</sup> Steve Whitlam 53.02, 16<sup>th</sup> Lady Julie Masterman 54.18, 86<sup>th</sup> Richard Anness 55.13, 89<sup>th</sup> Nigel Warner 55.37, 92<sup>nd</sup> Dave Hanney 56.15, 120<sup>th</sup> Steve Dixon 76.00.

Welton positions and times: 31<sup>st</sup> Martin Booth 38.14, 52<sup>nd</sup> Jonny McFaul 40.55, 65<sup>th</sup> Steve Lund 42.48, 6<sup>th</sup> Lady Julie Masterman 43.16, 73<sup>rd</sup> Steve Whitlam 44.27, 78<sup>th</sup> Richard Anness 46.33, 79<sup>th</sup> Dave Hanney 46.36.