

# Stocklinch goes Olympic crazy

A Speed Merchant, Sports Editor

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Another Bugle scoop – we interview the fine athletes of Stocklinch and report their hopes and aspirations for the 2012 London Olympics.

## Athletics

Setback for Sally. By Del Trotter

Sally King's unexpected come back to top class athletics has been put on hold. A broken foot ended her season almost before it started. Sally said, "I realised today's 400m runners were doing times no better than what I had achieved at my peak but this injury has ruled me out of the Diamond League meetings and the World Championships. But now I have returned to training on my private running track and added a gym extension to the house's extension, I will be ready for next year, no probs."

## 20km Walk

One last go for Chris. By Astrid Tofar

Many of you will have admired Chris Mossop on his training walks. The Bugle can reveal that he has decided to give the 2012 20km walk another go before he is forced to compete in the veterans' class. Chris says, "I've been putting in some good times and I'm sure I will be there or thereabouts when the medals are decided."

Chris puts his fitness down to his diet managed by his wife Margaret. Apparently a special mixture of Ceylon teas greatly aids his metabolism.

His great rival, El Salvadorian walker Manolo Calderon, moved to Stocklinch some years when he realised the Stocklinch's unique climate was ideal for walkers. Unlike Chris, Manolo prefers to train on the mountain pass route to Shepton Beauchamp. He too believes that liquid intake is vital during training walks. He especially recommends a special "brew" of hops and barley half way round his training walk. It actually meets with Royal approval. As Manolo says, "If it's good enough for the Duke of York it's good enough for me and it's legal."

## Rhythmic Gymnastics

Series of shocks for display team.

By Ronnie Korbett

Stocklinch's internationally renowned Rhythmic gymnastics team have had many setbacks recently. After team member Penelope Lane's accident

and subsequent operation at last year's European Championships, the team were extremely disappointed to find the team event (a sequenced performance by all the team members) has been removed from the 2012 games.

They have been training very hard every Monday evening in the Stocklinch Village Hall for this event. However, the Bugle has discovered that the Stocklinch team have been asked to perform at the 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony. Team leader, Sue Tucker, would not confirm or deny this. However, she did say that the display team had two big events planned for 2012. The Bugle understands that their new routine will be premiered at the 2012 Village Fête before their main performance at the Olympics. This will be a great reward for their Stocklinch fans to see them at first hand. Perhaps Sylvia Flower will perform her famous double back somersault with twist again.

## Cycling

Rob and Co go for gold.

By Chris Boredman

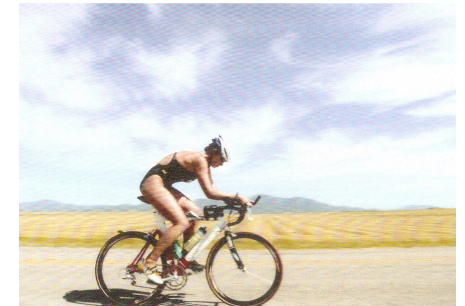
Stocklinch's best hope for a gold medal, Rob Rainbow, has been training hard for next year's games. Going to "Team Stocklinch's" special training camp in France on a regular basis has brought Rob's fitness to a peak. After an average performance in this year's Tour de France, he put in some remarkable times in the Land's End to John O' Groats' race this year, winning several stages.

Team Stocklinch president, former triple Olympic medallist Ros Harding, said in an exclusive Bugle interview, "Rob is the finest cyclist we have had since I was in my heyday. His hard work and dedication is an inspiration to the rest of the team. He is sure to win a medal, hopefully gold."

Other members of the team have been doing well. Paul King took part in the Portsmouth to Paris race in the summer. Ros Harding says, "Paul is very promising but he is still quite young. I think 2016 is a more realistic goal for him."

Aptly named, Suzy Mount has found it hard to compete at the highest level with all her medical and family commitments. Ros says, "Suzy is a sprinter of immense potential and I am sure she should go far, hopefully."

Ian Partington is a relative new comer to the sport, having abandoned sailing as his boat has been stuck in dry dock during this year's sailing trials. Ros says, "He is a great addition to the squad but some way off international class yet."



Ros Harding in her heyday (Bugle archive)

## Racing News

By Willie Carthorse

The top jump race of the year, the Ottersey Hunt Cup, proved disappointing for the numerous Stocklinch stables. Rosanna Chittenden's two runners, Coffee Grinder and Paintbrush started well but finished way down the field. Rosanna said she had two young, inexperienced jockeys who did not always obey orders. However, that could not have been said about Jackie Jones's horse, Little Drummer Boy from the Gerrard's Stud, who never really featured. Jackie blamed problems with her jockey Kevin making the weight.

Chittenden  
Runner  
smells supper



The big Mannings Barton stables sent several horses to the Meeting; they ran well but finished just outside the places. Trainer, Ali Corr said that with so many horses it's a job to get them to peak fitness. One consolation for the stable was that stable lad, Jonty, won the prize for the best turned out horse, a well-

deserved reward for a hard working young lad.

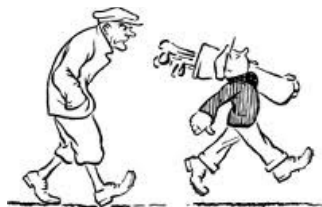
## Golf

### The Stocklinch Open

By Peter Malliss

At a shocked press conference, President of the Royal and Ancient Stocklinch Golf Club, Lord Robin Flower said, "This year's event has been cancelled due to a lack of corporate sponsorship." Apparently, long term sponsors construction giants, Faulkner, Butler and Lilley, have pulled out due to the down turn in the economy. Lord Flower said, "It is an enormous expense putting on what is widely regarded as the "Fifth" major, attracting players from around the world." He went on to say, "Providing the tented village, the professional green keepers, the press facilities let alone the car as a prize for a hole in one at the notorious Lawn Cottage hole, costs many millions."

So for all those fans who remember the famous "duel in the Sun" at the Stocklinch Open between Robin "Tiger" Flower and Richard "the Big Bear" Redwood will be greatly dismayed at this news.



Lord Flower now past his prime

## Late sport extra

As we go to press it has been announced by the Town Clerk, Ursula McKinley, that the BT Building in Stocklinch has been purchased by the Council. Part will be an Arts Centre, but for sports' fans a room will be set aside to display photos of the Stocklinch Olympic athletes and the medals we anticipate they may win next year. We wish them all luck.

## Motoring Matters

By our star motoring duo Shirl and Tel, specialists in Mini deconstructions

Ladies normally choose small multi-purpose cars for the many and varied tasks they undertake. Men tend to choose larger cars and it is often their pride and joy. In Stocklinch we have a plethora of small cars dashing hither and thither, some of them collecting a few 'medals' from hitting unyielding objects on the road to Shepton. Even the great Fangio would use the banks and kerbs to corner quickly but he got paid for it.

We hear the proud owner of a new(ish) French/Irish Citroen is delighted with the car's reversed child locks on its rear door – children beware! Rumour also has it that Liz in Owl Lane is now having to car share now the L plates are off, while hubby's Jag stays firmly locked.

Tunway, of course, is the Mecca for quality cars. We hear one of its lady residents recently took a leisurely drive to John o' Groats – rather different from her normal frenetic trip to the chateau. The star Tunway Villas drive has five cars parked in it. However, it keeps a fit young gent busy washing and polishing them. All rather different from the neighbours next door where a forlorn little Mini is in dire need of some T.L.C. to make it happy – the same could be said for its lady owner.



Just a suggestion – why don't we all give up our cars and use bikes? Think of the money we would save on fuel and tax. We would even have enough

to buy solar panels for the Hall. What's more, we would provide more work for the NHS as older Stocklinchers are sure to keep falling off. Yours comments please to 10 Downing Street.

