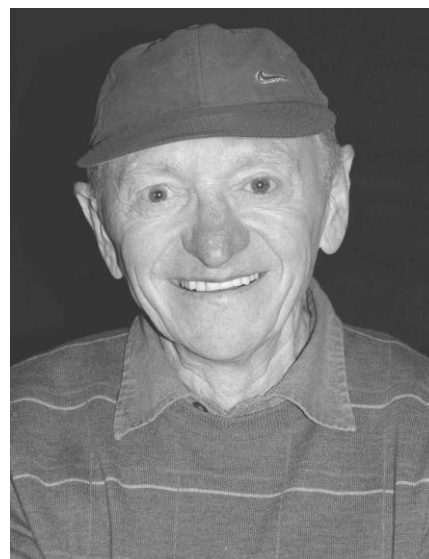


Todmorden Harriers new Club President – Jim Smith

You will have read of the sad death of Eric Stuttard, our club President for the past 7 years. Eric was a keen participant and supporter of sport in Todmorden for many years and a founder member of Todmorden Harriers. A man with a twinkle in his eye – at his funeral he was played out to “The King of the Swingers”. One of his requests was that his ashes be carried by the fastest Todmorden Harriers to Stoodley Pike and be scattered there. We are arranging this with his wife and family.

The Committee have deliberated on the choice of Eric’s successor and, in order to be able to recognise, and honour, the contributions of more of our “senior” members, have decided that the post will from now on be for two years rather than for life. The Committee is therefore pleased to announce that the **Todmorden Harriers Club President for 2008-09 will be Jim Smith.**



Jim has expressed his willingness to take on this role. “I would be honoured”, he told Mandy when asked. We know he’ll make a great President and figurehead for the club. I’m sure you’ve all met Jim at pack runs and races and know what a friendly and considerate chap he is, but how many of you know what an awesome runner he was in his prime. A short summary penned by Jim in the style of the “member’s profiles” on our website follows. Jim is far too modest:

I started running in ... **1959.**

I started running because ... **of soccer training.**

My favourite thing about running is ... **to get out on the moors, far from the madding crowd.**

I joined Tod Harriers in ... **1992**

I joined Tod Harriers because ... **Alan Ainsworth recommended the club.**

My favourite thing about Tod Harriers is ... **the friendships made.**

My personal running achievements ... **see below.**

My favourite race(s) ... **Ben Nevis and Jura**

My personal bests are ...	Ben Nevis	1:39:19	(1973)
	Jura	3:40:47	(1974)
	Manx mountain Marathon	4:52:42	(1972)
	Wasdale	4:12:31	(1975)
	Langdale	2:20:04	(1975)

Anything else you’d like to say ...

(1) **a big thank you to Mandy who puts in masses of work on our behalf.**

(2) **I was led astray by fellow Todmorden Harrier Tony Shaw (who recorded 3:54:41 at Wasdale in 1976 and 3:58:44 at Ennerdale in 1978) in post-race boozeps. “We can’t run, but we’ve shifted a few pints”, sums up both of us!**