2024 marks seventy years since the running of a mile in under four minutes. Roger Shakeshaft (Severn Hill 1947 - 1951) who was at the Iffley Road Track in 1954 has an article on that day’s event adopted by the Roger Bannister Archive in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. Roger is hoping to update this in the next few weeks, but, he also plans to adapt it for local consumption under the title: “Salopians at the Four Minute Mile”, to be ready for the summer edition of the Salopian. He is appealing for any OS who was present that day, with any personal reminiscences, to be included in his article.

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We are aware one has to be at least 90 to fit into this category, but we are keen to hear about the emotional reaction of those caught up in that historic event rather than the technicalities of the athletics involved.