

Set in the heart of the Staffordshire moorlands lies the village of Meerbrook which hosts the popular and challenging 15k race each year, with 364 on the start line and five Congleton Harriers present among them. In good but cool conditions the race got underway at 10:00. The natural undulating landscape makes for a run full of ups and downs as the course layout is out and back with a triangular loop at the furthest point with the runners ascending and descending Gun Hill in each direction. Bryan Lomas was the first Harrier to finish, crossing the line in 40th place with a time of 63:12, and 4th from 46 in his age category with the three men in front of him all selected for their respective counties it was a fine run from Lomas. Emma Weston was the next Harrier home in a time of 71:16 to take 102nd place and 3rd from 26 in her age category, given that the two to finish above her were representing Staffordshire County it also shows what a great performance it was. Ian Prime was next in 80:06 to take 198th place with Steve Webb not far behind to finish 208th in 81:29 Rob Parkin on his longest race since his comeback from injury was delighted with his 89:13 for 268th.



Bryan Lomas at Meerbrook 15k

picture Bryan Dale



Emma Weston at Meerbrook 15k

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Rob Parkin at Meerbrook 15k

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Preparations within the club continue for the 34th Congleton Half Marathon on October 1st with the race limited to 600 places, entries are selling well and anyone considering taking part should enter now, with partial road closures and the scenic Congleton countryside to enjoy on route with a goody bag for all finishers including t-shirts in both men's and women's fit and all proceeds going to charity. For more details on the race and the club in general, visit congleton-harriers.co.uk