

Congleton Harriers Race Reports.

The shortest and some say the toughest race in the North Staffs summer series took place on Thursday 12 June on a warm wet night. The race starts in Macclesfield Forest and the three-mile course takes you to the top of Shutlingsloe and back through the forest. Once again the club was well represented with 24 members taking part. James Pearce, who is in the form of his life, was first Harrier to finish in 5th place with a time of 26.18. James Wood gave the club two top ten finishers with a time of 27.17 (10). Claire Thompson, improving with every run, was 1st Lady finishing in 28.24 (22) just ahead of Andy Roberts 28.33 (23). Mick Fernyhough then led a clutch of Harriers in with a time of 31.43 (54), followed by Richard Benson 33.35 (66) and 3rd V55, Sandre Jackson 33.48 (71) and 1st FV45, Seaton Kennerley 33.57 (73). Debbie Hill was wrongly recorded in the results and her correct time was 34.17 (76) and 2nd LV45. Just behind were Malcolm Jackson 34.19 (77), Chris Tanner-Tremaine 34.33 (82) and 3rd V60 and Dave Taylor 35.22 (91).

Judith Newham was placed 2nd LV35 (Claire Thompson being 1st!) with a time of 35.37 (93) just ahead of Gill Armstrong 36.03 (95) and 3rd LV35, Harry Stubbs 36.14 (96) and Jim Bradbury, returning to racing after a long spell out with injury, completed the race in 36.38 ((98). Jerry Comerford was just behind Bradbury finishing in a time of 36.45 (99). Steve Dunn was next, 37.43 (110), followed by Fran Jones 38.28 (117), Judith Ceuppens 38.33 (118), Paula Kennerley 41.06 (135), Pete Doyle 42.10 (143) Len Frodsham 45.04 (155) and Caroline partner 46.53 (162). There were 165 finishers.

In the junior fun run Tanisha Orchard was again 1st girl achieving 8th position overall. Jake Roberts ran well to finish in 10th place and chased home by Joshua Carr (13).

Six of the Harriers who had run the Shutlingsloe race decided that this was not enough for them and only two days later they ran the Chrome Hill Fell race. This event was over four punishing miles with 700ft of ascent. Once again James Pearce was first Harrier, finishing in 10th position (finishing times are not known). Debbie Hill was 1st lady followed by Malcolm Jackson, who again enjoyed beating his wife (in the racing context), with Sandre just behind but pleased to finish 2nd lady. Judith Newham and David Taylor were the other two Harriers “enjoying” the climb.

Forthcoming Events

5th July Buxton Hilly 4.7M Summer Series

8th July Bollington Fell Race 7M 1200ft ascent.

10 July Fenton Park 5K

14 July Buxton Carnival 5

14 July. Harriers 25th Anniversary Dinner. There are a limited number of tickets available, see Paula for details.