

Couple of half marathons to catch up on: Congleton Harriers hosted their annual "Sting in the Tail" Congleton Half Marathon on 7th October and there were several Congleton Harriers participating in the Manchester Half on 14th October.

Thanks to some sterling social media marketing the Congleton Half was again well attended with 404 runners completing the course, making for yet another successful run.

Carl Moulton from Boalloy was the race winner in a time of 1.14.08 followed by Arran McCloskey in 1.14.25 and Jonathan Cheshire in 3rd place in 1.016.06. The first three women were Michelle Buckle from North Staffs AC, 45th overall in 1.28.18, Deborah Thomas from Trentham RC, 54th overall in 1.29.27 and Lindsey Dixon, 58th overall in 1.30.14.

Most Harriers in attendance were on marshalling duties, spurring on the runners, but there was a couple of Harriers who took the opportunity to compete in their "home race". Daniel Forse finished in 301st position in 2.01.58 and Sarah Higgins was 330th in 2.07.04.

This Sunday, despite the atrociously wet weather, five Harriers took part in the Manchester Half along with 14,000 other runners. The course is pretty flat, so despite the rain there were some fast times to be seen. John Carbutt smashed his PB finishing in 1.28.29, Jo Moss finished in 1.33.12, Phil Dawson finished in 1.41.37, Nick Wilkins in 1.44.32 and Andy Eaton.

Emma Weston was also in action, participating in the October iteration of the Tatton run through the Park 10 series. Emma finished 20th out of the 409 runners and was first female finisher in a time of 43.00

To most people Haribo means a certain brand of soft sweets, but on Saturday, Haribo reflected a combined team from the Harriers and Boalloy taking part in the Hell Run around Delamere Forrest. For the uninitiated, a hell run is a slightly bonkers event where individuals and teams combine running with wading through copious quantities of mud and water!



Somewhere under the mud is a set of Harriers and Boalloy runners

Photos: Dave Whittaker

The club welcomes new members. You can find full details on our Congleton Harriers website: Congleton-harriers.co.uk. You can also connect with the club on Facebook where details of club activities are posted regularly.