

Two Congleton Harriers were ploughing lone farrows on November 9<sup>th</sup>, taking part in two different fell races in the Peak District. Bryan Lomas was near Bakwell for the Leg it Round Lathkil race over 7.1 miles (11.5km) but to only state the distance would be doing a disservice to the race as it also included 951ft (290m) of ascent. In good conditions Bryan completed the course in 52:18 and was a fantastic 24<sup>th</sup> from the 313 strong field. Over in Meerbrook Steve Webb was taking on 15 miles (24.1km) in the Roaches Fell Race with 3,700ft (1,127m) of ascent, finishing in 130<sup>th</sup> in 3hr 18min.

A week later and the Harriers were back in team mode for Race 3 of North Staffordshire Cross Country League (NSCCL) at Park Hall, Stoke-on-Trent. The undulating course is a mix of grass and hard-pack trail and over 10k for men and 5k for women. Eight male Harriers took part and Bryan Carr pipped his name sake finishing 45<sup>th</sup>, eight places in front of Bryan Lomas and Chris Moss was the third Harrier back in 79<sup>th</sup> the other five men were ranked as follows; Craig Hewitt 105<sup>th</sup>, Graeme Burns 132<sup>nd</sup>, Jack Sargent 183<sup>rd</sup>, Paul Bevan 184<sup>th</sup>, Bill Boynton 212<sup>th</sup>. This gave the men 597 points and placed them 9<sup>th</sup> (from 10) overall.

The women's team comprised of four Harriers and Debbie Hill was the first of them to return in 80th place from a field of 186, Jayne Winstanley held on to 85th place with a determined sprint finish, Michelle Matthews carrying an injury was a creditable 98th and Polly Wilding was 103rd this represented 366 points and ranked the club 7th (from 16) overall.

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