

## **MMM FROM THE SPORTSMANS AT KEBS ON 9/1/5 by Dave Collins**

In a moment of weakness (too much to drink) I volunteered to organise the event. Colin said he would like to help which made it a lot easier. We started by pouring over the map after one pack run in November and marked possible checkpoints and route on the map. Decided on the Sportsman because I knew we would be well looked after at the pub.

Between Christmas and New Year Colin and me got out on the hills to check the controls on the ground and put the posts in the ground. The weather was awful and it took hours to put out just a few controls. We tried to give runnable options, putting controls near the Pennine Way Bridleway – and also include some more challenging terrain, there is a lot of tough terrain on all sides of Hoof Stones Heights. Spent ages checking the weather forecast and worrying about the controls been blown away in the gales or swept away in the floods.

On the day we were very lucky with the weather compared with the weather on Friday and Saturday. The overall scoring was far higher than I had anticipated and a lot of controls were well visited. Jonathan Emberton and Bill Johnson had tremendous runs and both got 375 points with Jonathan taking the slightly shorter time (sorry Bill, we added your score up wrong for the prize giving). George Ehrhardt came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 370 points and took the prestigious Tod. Harriers MMM trophy – the 9<sup>th</sup> name on the trophy in the 10<sup>th</sup> event. George visited the most controls – 15. A great run from Phil Hodgson in 4<sup>th</sup> and John Crummett in 6<sup>th</sup> (first vet 50).

First woman was Sarah Noot with an excellent 240 points, Mandy Goth and Ali Richards also ran very well for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. The first team was Richard Henderson and John Hairsine, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team and first mixed team was Andrew Bibby and Mel Blackhurst with a very impressive 280 points. The first ladies team was Thirza Hyde and Cerys Davies. Derek Clutterbuck and his son were out for a rather long time and lost most of their hard earned points – they were fitting winners of the homing pigeon trophy which had been languishing too long on Derek Donohue's desk and he very reluctantly donated this magnificent trophy.

The most visited checkpoint was no. 7 (Wolfstones) with 36 teams and the least visited was checkpoint 3 (marsh) with 8 teams. A lot of teams visited checkpoint 9 (Sheddon Edge) so will have become very familiar with very long tussocky grass! My favourite control was no. 14 (Pike of Stones) where the post fitted nicely within the stones. Might have got checkpoint 11 slightly out but there were that many stream junctions around when it was put out (after floods) that it was difficult to tell. Checkpoint 10 was also hard to find and a lot of people spent a long time in the rhododendron bushes!

I would like to thank Colin and also Mark Anderton and Lee and Helena who provided invaluable help on the day. Steve and Claire at the Keps run a great pub. Peter Marshall provided over 60 maps at very short notice and Trevor Smith did the same for the control cards.

## **My first fell race by Judith (aged 39 and a quarter) from Elephant and Castle**

Pre race alcohol units 25, calories: 78 branflakes, semi skimmed milk and a tangerine.

All I knew was that it would start in a gravel pit and that I might get a bit muddy...apart from that all other comments were v positive: free chocolate at the end, lots of fun and very character building.....they all said.

As I lay in bed on Saturday night/Sunday morning bobble hat pulled well down (Straw Lane's central heating system was switched off) all I could think of was 'gravel pit'. What was one exactly? How deep would it be? And would I even be able to get out of it at the beginning? I woke up very worried with a deep sense of impending doom. Pre race training hadn't gone as well as I had hoped either (well have you ever seen a fell in London??)

### **Sunday - the big day**

10:30 - the kids shot off - and I mean SHOT - there is no way I can go that fast I told anyone within earshot. Don't worry they said. At least we appear to get out of the gravel pit at the easy end I worked out.

11:30 - stood well at the back to avoid any possibility of being run over - did a few little jogs on the spot to look keen - lots of very friendly encouraging people everywhere (although rather a lot of them!). 'Look there's Jim' said Sue. 'You won't be last' Jim cheerily assured me - I'm over 70!. 'And look at those two blokes over there' - admittedly they did look as though they had beer bellies even bigger than mine.....no mean feat.

Hope surged and BANG we were off.....

Well what can I say. What a marvellous time I had. Up to my THIGHS in black boggy stuff. 'Follow the paths' they had told me. What Blo\*\*\* paths? Where were the paths? Where was the tarmac and the signs telling you where to go and what stop it was and where was the Kendal mint cake? But even worse where were all the other runners??

Jim and me were neck and neck for at least the first 100 yards and then that was it - he disappeared and thrashed me, along with absolutely everyone else apart from one poor bloke who clearly wasn't well. Lots of choice expletives and 76 minutes later AND I finished!!!! What a relief. What a run. What a hero I am I thought. Where's the pub???

So oh yes I'm hooked. Training will start as soon as I re-gain use of my legs and get that black stuff out of my toenails. So watch out Jim - I'll be back. 76 minutes to beat - it won't be easy but I will!! See you all soon.

Thanks to Sue, Martin, Annie and Ella for their fantastic hospitality (especially the beer). Thanks to Phil for sweeping me up at the and making sure I didn't get sucked completely into one of those lovely bogs and thanks to everyone else for making it such an enjoyable experience.

# Todmorden Harriers Mini Moorland Marathon Results 2005

Posn	Name	ST	FIN	TIME		A	D	B	H	L	P	F	G	Z	E	O	M	Q	X	C	K	R	I	TOT.
						10	10	25	20	20	5	30	20	40	20	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	Jonathan Emberton	09:50	12:46	176	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	20	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	375
2	Bill Johnson	09:16	12:14	178	No Penalty	10	10	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	375
3	George Ehrhardt	09:50	13:05	195	30	0	0	25	20	20	5	30	20	40	20	0	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	370
4	Phil Hodgson	09:30	12:27	177	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	0	40	20	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	355
5	Andrew Wrench	09:00	11:55	175	No Penalty	10	10	0	0	0	0	30	0	40	0	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	350
6	John Crummett	09:26	12:37	191	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	40	20	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	348
7	James Williams	09:17	12:28	191	22	10	10	25	20	20	0	30	0	40	0	40	25	30	30	0	0	40	40	338
8	Andrew Horsfall	09:20	12:16	176	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	40	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	325
9	John Wilkinson	09:49	12:46	177	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	40	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	325
10	Mike Wardle	09:15	12:31	196	32	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	20	40	0	30	30	30	25	40	40	318
11	R Henderson/J Hairsine	09:00	11:55	175	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	0	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	315
12	Richard Leonard	09:16	12:20	184	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	40	0	0	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	302
13	Jeremy Wilkinson	09:38	12:36	178	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	20	40	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	280
14	Ivor Noot	09:25	12:24	179	No Penalty	0	0	25	20	20	0	30	0	40	20	40	25	30	30	0	0	0	0	280
15	Andrew Bibby/Mel Blackhurst	09:10	12:10	180	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	40	0	0	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	280
16	John Ashton/Dave Rose	09:15	12:47	212	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	40	0	40	25	30	30	30	25	40	40	266
17	Ben Davies	09:05	12:20	195	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	40	20	40	25	30	30	30	25	0	0	260
18	Derek Donohue	09:25	12:07	162	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	0	25	0	0	30	25	40	40	255
19	Roger Haworth/Harry Powell	09:46	12:36	170	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	20	40	0	0	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	255
20	John Page	09:46	13:11	205	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	40	0	40	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	250
21	Jeff Walker/Rachel Skinner	09:00	12:15	195	30	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	20	0	25	0	0	30	25	40	40	245
22	Sarah Noot	09:12	12:27	195	30	0	0	0	0	20	5	0	20	40	20	40	25	30	30	0	0	40	0	240
23	Trevor Smith	09:34	12:36	182	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	20	40	25	30	30	0	0	0	0	236
24	Richard Blakeley	09:12	12:07	175	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	0	25	30	30	30	25	0	0	235
25	Mandy Goth	09:35	12:26	171	No Penalty	0	10	25	20	20	0	30	0	40	20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
26	Richard O'Sullivan/Louise Abdy	09:18	12:25	187	14	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	0	25	0	0	30	25	0	40	201
27	Ali Richards	09:57	12:46	169	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	0	20	0	0	0	30	30	25	40	0	200
28	Chris Smale	09:20	13:01	221	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	40	0	40	0	30	30	30	0	40	40	185
29	Jane Smith	09:15	11:56	161	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	30	25	0	40	170
30	Barry Chapman	09:40	12:50	190	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	20	40	25	30	30	0	0	0	0	155
31	Peter Ehrhardt/Joyce Catterick	09:49	13:00	191	22	10	10	25	20	20	0	30	0	40	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153
32	Stuart Lancaster	10:00	12:55	175	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	20	5	30	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	30	25	0	0	150
33	Thirza Hyde/Cerys Davies	09:12	12:12	180	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	20	40	20	40	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
34	Dave Wilson	09:59	13:11	192	24	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	20	40	0	40	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	136
35	Dave O'Neill	10:00	13:00	180	No Penalty	10	10	25	20	20	0	30	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
36	Jim Smith	09:23	12:30	187	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	40	20	0	25	0	30	0	0	0	0	131
37	Ted/Irene Long	09:37	12:34	177	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	40	20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
38	Helen Wilkinson	09:38	12:27	169	No Penalty	10	10	25	20	20	5	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
39	Paula Haworth/Hazel Chapman	09:46	12:45	179	No Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	25	0	0	95
40	Martin Roberts/Allan Greenwood	09:57	13:09	192	24	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	20	40	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	71
41	Sarah Glyde/Sharon Godsman	09:17	12:08	171	No Penalty	10	10	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
42	Sue/Annie/Ella Roberts	09:50	11:05	75	No Penalty	10	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
43	Helen Hodgkinson/Mark Harris/Daniel Harris	10:00	11:00	60	No Penalty	10	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
44	Derek Clutterbuck and son	09:10	13:14	244	260	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	0	40	0	0	25	0	30	30	25	40	40	5

