

## Forthcoming Local Fell Races

(By Colin 'Da Selector' Duffield)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2pm (ladies) 3pm (gentlemen)

**Thieveley Pike** AS 4.25 miles/ 1300ft

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*Typically tough, Pennine style short race. English Championship and Tod Harriers Grand Prix counter, both of which should attract huge crowds.*

*Route slightly changed this year (see map on [www.clayton-le-moors-harriers.co.uk](http://www.clayton-le-moors-harriers.co.uk)). In reality, route finding shouldn't be a problem; on the day they'll be a few other people going the same way (probably about 300 of them).*

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am

**The Good Shepherd Classic** BL 15 miles/ 2000ft

Good Shepherd Church, Mytholmroyd.

*Second running of this race. Lots of us did it last year and enjoyed it. In addition to going over familiar territory around Stoodley, also takes you to other, less frequented hills around t'Royd.*

*A little bit of navigation required, nothing very taxing, but you'll need to be able to read a map.*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 11:00am

**Auntumn Leaves** CM 10 miles / 1700ft

Kiln Green Church, Diggle.

*Traily sort of race on good paths and bridleways. Organised by Saddleworth Runners.*

*There's usually some sort of cake competition beforehand. Attracts a sizable field, although if that's because of the race or the cake competition is debateable.*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 11:00am

**Bronte Way** BM 8 miles / 1150ft

Wycoller Country Park, Wycoller

*'Write a classic novel and die of consumption before you're thirty, now that's the Bronte way!' So said Patrick to his daughters.*

*Actually this is supposed to be a nice little race. A point to point affair so issues with coaches etc, so you'll need to pre-enter. All you need to know about the logistics is on Keighley and Craven's website ([www.keighleyandcravenac.co.uk](http://www.keighleyandcravenac.co.uk)).*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:00pm

**Beefy's Nab** BS 3 miles/ 650ft

The Lamb Inn, Oxenhope

*Another one that's been in our GP before. Runnable, well organised, and well flagged. The race is a benefit event for Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue, and the organisers would appreciate items for a raffle to be held on the night.*

*Also junior races, so why not take the whole family? The kids can do the junior races and you can raffle your granny!*

### And another thing...

The nights are getting darker, the fell are getting wilder, and there's a cold wind up my trouser leg. This means that it's the time of year when more and more organisers are going to start specifying kit requirements. Best bet is keeping everything in your car and then you won't be caught out.