

# GRAND PRIX NEWS

Why take part in the club's Grand Prix races? Because they're enjoyable, because they're sociable (you'll meet other Toddiess at the start and finish) and because every GP race you undertake means *points*. And what do points mean? You know.

There's one GP race in July, the local **Turnslack** fell race on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> and one GP race in August, the **Weasdale** fell race which takes place on Sat Aug 18th.

**Turnslack** will take you over the hills at the back of Littleborough and Wardle. The start is at the Calderbrook Playing fields close to the summit of the Tod/Littleborough road. Just turn up and enter on the day (2.30pm start). There are also junior races in U10, U12, U14 and U16 categories.

**Weasdale** offers a chance to run over the less-known areas of the Howgill Fells. This year it's a counter for this year's English Championship, so get an entry form in in good time if you want to take part. The race will be held on Saturday 18th August 2007 at 2:30pm from the Ravenstonedale Show Ground at Newbiggin -on - Lune. Entry is £5 before August 11th 2007, cheques payable to Howgill Harriers. Use the universal entry form from the FRA site and send it to Fraser Livesey, Murthwaite, Ravenstonedale, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4LP Tel: 015396 21021.

September gets altogether much busier: **a short trail race** on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, organised by Andy O'Sullivan and celebrating his twenty-five years of race organising locally. There's more information about this race elsewhere in this Torrier.

The **Langdale Half Marathon** takes place on Sep 16<sup>th</sup> (entry form in this issue). On Sat Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>, the much-loved local long fell race the **Good Shepherd** will meander its muddy way round the moors from Mytholmroyd, taking in as much alliteration as it can en route and passing Stoodley Pike no less than twice. More info next time.

## FELLRUNNER

Yours truly has a share in a 2 year old unraced colt, masquerading as a racehorse. Unlike his inbred part-owner, the horse is well bred, being a son of Group 1 winner, Traditionally.

First run towards end of June.

After giving lots of duff tips to impoverished Tod members, my advice to fellow punters is to have no more than £1 each way on the wretched beast or, better still, keep your money in your pocket. Thought for the day: "Horse sense is a name for the good judgement which keeps horses from betting on people." - W. C. Fields

Jim Smith