



*Martin Roberts on the home straight at Weasdale.*

## **Weasdale: The Old Timers' View**

So how long will it take to get up there? – Oh, about an hour I should think. An Hour!?! Could be a bit more than that – start is at 2 30, so if I come to your's about 11 a.m. we should be in plenty of time. Yeah yeah OK.

So 11 a.m. has me pacing up and down the front drive – and Derek turns up at 11 15, and we have a bit of a chat, and Joyce reminds me about that very nice Service Station on the motorway, so I say I'll pop in on the way & I will get some Cumbrian bacon and Cumbrian sausage and Cumbrian cheese and Cumbrian potatoes and Cumbrian strawberries and Cumbrian peaches and Cumbrian anything else we can think of and Derek knows something about the Service Station but he keeps it to himself and we set off.

And there's a big jam on the M61 but slalom Pete gets us through in double quick time and everyone turns off to Blackpool (why?) anyway, so we have the motorway to ourselves and we get to junction 38 – and we haven't reached the Service Station. It's further north. One mile further north. That's what Derek thought. Anyway, we've got plenty of time, so we go past the junction and pull off and it's rather like what I suppose the Trafford Centre must be like (only I've never been there – have you?) on a Bank Holiday when there's nothing on the box. And Derek is really polite and I buy him a meat pie. No – you daft beggar – for after the race, not now.

It's not far to Shap and my co pilot is issuing dark warnings – if you get off the motorway here you can't get back on. Anyway this time he's wrong and we set off back south and fairly soon we are parking on some wet grass near to dozens of happy fell runners including a good number of Toddies.

And the 'system' for issuing race numbers is unique to Westmorland.

Then we're off down a steep field (that's where some of us will be running back up a few hours hence) and through a gate and sharp turn onto the road and under an underpass and up a lot of mud and onto another road and it winds up for miles and at last we are on the hillside, and it's largely runnable. And Dave comes past – he usually does on the uphill – but I get past him and he gets past me and I get him again and then I'm plodding gently along because it's uphill. And he goes past again, and he's running, and that seems like a good idea, and it's time to wake up and to run and I do. And I keep running. And I overtake people. And the uphill is fine and I can run it. And the downhill is fine because there's no rocks so nothing to be frightened of.

Unbeknownst to me Stuart is just behind, but my running keeps him right there, and even when there's some clag and I'm not sure I still manage to keep on the route and even when I fall over I get up and keep running, though I have to accept that some people do get past – but many of them are people I passed earlier, and I even pass one on the final climb in the field to the finish. And I beat my estimated time.

The Tod B team is 21<sup>st</sup> and the Tod v50 team is 9<sup>th</sup>. I hold my head up high.

Meanwhile Derek has personalised the route and done a bit of sightseeing, so this gives me plenty of time to eat my fill of cakes in the marquee before I have to attend to the task of getting us both back home again. So – a good day out. And this time (unlike Paddy's Pole and Fairfield and Duddon) I do get some points – at much less personal cost than the points I got at Edale. You'll be able to look me up on the FRA website, sometime.

So – thanks to all for all the continuing encouragement, and thanks Dave for waking me up just at the right point in the race, and thanks Derek for keeping me awake on the journey and thanks Stuart for staying behind where you belong – and Sue as well. And here's to Whernside.

## Peter Ehrhardt

### WEASDALE

	18/08/2007	53.43	54.00	55.1	
		Time	Adj Time	GP Pts	Fell Pts
20	Shaun Godsman	58.47	58.47	100.7	100.7
28	Jon Wright	1.01.13	1.01.13	96.7	96.7
36	Andrew Wrench	1.02.02	59.09	100.1	95.4
82	Mark Goldie	1.07.24	1.07.24	87.8	87.8
102	Martin Roberts	1.08.51	1.01.19	96.6	86.0
113	Dave Collins	1.09.26	1.00.33	97.8	85.3
159	Alison Richards	1.14.21	1.07.11	88.1	79.6
160	James Riley	1.14.27	1.14.27	79.5	79.5
180	Andrew Bibby	1.16.22	1.05.11	90.8	77.5
191	Kath Brierley	1.17.17	1.01.57	95.6	76.6
214	Sharon Godsman	1.20.00	1.12.18	81.9	74.0
240	Rachel Skinner	1.23.13	1.15.12	78.7	71.1
249	Jane Smith	1.25.03	1.05.36	90.2	69.6
251	Kerry Edwards	1.25.20	1.17.07	76.8	69.4
267	Peter Ehrhardt	1.28.17	1.08.36	86.3	67.1
279	Stuart Boulton	1.30.19	1.21.15	72.9	65.6
281	Sue Roberts	1.31.09	1.14.01	80.0	65.0
284	Moyra Parfit	1.32.34	58.53	100.5	64.0
285	Claire Duffield	1.32.36	1.23.41	70.7	63.9
286	Dave O'Neill	1.35.48	1.25.19	69.4	61.8
299	Derek Clutterbuck	2.45.00	1.44.29	56.7	35.9

### TURNSLACK

	21/07/2007	62.28	63.44	63.6	
		Time	Adj Time	GP Pts	Fell Pts
3	Shaun Godsman	63.57	63.57	99.1	99.1
5	Andrew Wrench	66.42	63.36	99.7	95.0
6	Alex Whittom	67.02	67.02	94.6	94.6
8	Mark Goldie	69.40	69.40	91.0	91.0
15	Dave Collins	73.21	63.58	99.1	86.4
30	Martin Roberts	75.13	66.59	94.6	84.3
44	James Riley	77.47	77.47	81.5	81.5
48	Phil Hodgson	78.19	68.18	92.8	80.9
64	Richard Blakeley	84.18	63.05	100.5	75.2
66	Kath Brierley	84.21	67.37	93.7	75.1
74	Keith Parkinson	86.15	73.37	86.1	73.5
77	Peter Robinson	86.48	84.20	75.2	73.0
78	Sharon Godsman	86.49	78.27	80.8	73.0
87	Mel Blackhurst	87.40	73.47	85.9	72.3
91	Jane Smith	88.15	68.05	93.1	71.8
114	Stuart Boulton	97.21	87.35	72.4	65.1
115	Sue Roberts	97.40	80.16	79.0	64.9
126	Dave O'Neill	105.23	93.51	67.5	60.1
127	Louise Abdy	109.37	86.46	73.0	57.8
128	Mandy Goth	111.31	88.17	71.8	56.8
134	Derek Clutterbuck	121.00	76.37	82.7	52.4