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## **Thanks**

To all those who helped on the Noon Stone a fantastic day, a good timewas had by all. Without you the race would not be possible. Thanks to Dave Wilson for stepping in and taking over on the day and thanks to Andrew horsfall for all the pre—race preparation.

The turnout was greater than expected as the Fiendsdale was cancelled.

Full results on the website www.todharriers.co.uk along with some very impressive photos taken by Keith on his new camera. Race report inside

## Congratulations

To the boys for their very impressive fourth position at the Carding Mill Canter

#### FORTHCOMING GRAND PRIX FIXTURES

Tues Mar 28<sup>th</sup> FS LIVER HILL RACE

5m/800' 7.00pm

Marl Pits Sports Centre,

Rawtenstall

Entry on night only

Entry form last months issue for -

Sun Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> RL OLDHAM HALF MARATHON

Sat Apr 22nd FM ANNIVERSARY WALTZ

English Champs
Pre-entry only

Entry form in this issue for

Sun 7 May TM BLUEBELL TRAIL

Sun 21 May FM LORDSTONE/WAINSTONE

Eng Champ

Sat 10 Jun FL ENNERDALE

Eng Champ

Sun 18 Jun RL HENDON BROOK

Tues 20 Jun FM COINERS

Weds 5 Jul RS HELEN WINDSOR 10K

Sun 16 Jul FL HOLME MOSS

Sun 6 Aug RS RADCLIFFE 6.5

14 or 15 Aug TS ANDY O'SULLIVAN

Sun 20 Aug FL SEDBURGH

Eng Champ

Sun 3 Sept RM STAINLAND 7

Thurs 7 Sep FS HADES HILL

Sat 23 Sept FS THIEVELEY PIKE

**Eng Champ** 

Sun 8 Oct RM BURNLEY FS7

Sun 29 Oct RS ACCRINGTON 10K

Sat 18 Nov FL TOUR PENDLE One long road TBA

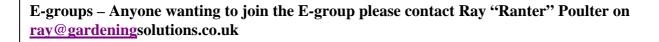
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### The FLOWER SCAR FELL RACE

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 11.00AM HARE & HOUNDS PUB BURNLEY ROAD TODMORDEN

All those available to help please contact Jon Wright 07766 318670





## Get those GP application forms in!

We've three Grand Prix entry forms with this month's Torrier. First of all, there's the form for the **Bluebell 10** multi-terrain race on Sunday May 7th, organised by Stainland Lions road runners and now in its third year. The Bluebell 10 was in our GP two years ago, and got a strong thumbs up from everyone who ran it. There's a unique river crossing of the Calder to look forward to near the finish.

Two weeks later, on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, it'll be time to head off to the North York Moors for the **Lordstones/Wainstones fell race**. This is an 8 mile fell race with over 2000 feet of climbing in an area which may not be so familiar to many of us. Because it's an English championship you'll need to get your form in very good time.

Here's some more information about the race from the organisers:

The route starts at the Pybus Scout complex (GR 543039) near Great Broughton, Stokesley. The first section proceeds south along a landrover track towards Kirby Bank. After 500m it bears SE to cross a small re-entrant above the scars. At 544033 the course swings in a westerly direction to CP1 which will be a 'bucket- drop' just to the North of Drake Howe on the main footpath at 538032.

The route now proceeds to the viewpoint at 536033. You will now follow a descent on that dreadful, newly laid, rock path then along a grassy wide track to the road crossing at 523030. CP2 is at the cairn 519026. The route now heads south to the east of the glider station and down to CP3 at Brian's Pond 522007.

You now descend through Barker's Crags to Scugdale Hall (CP4 Ref. 518000). The route now goes east for a few hundred metres before climbing to a point at the top of the moor and south of Raisdale Mill Plantation. (532004). The course now proceeds in an easterly direction along the sunken Mill Lane before heading south across rough pasture above Crossletts Farm, at 541002. You now follow the farm road in a northeasterly direction to CP5 at Stone Intake (543004.)

You must now follow the footpath across the Bull's field until you are on moorland above pasture areas. approx. 546005.

The route now crosses Cold Moor via Three Howes, to CP6 which is at the point where you begin to descend towards the Wainstones climb. (552030.) CP7 is at the top of The Wainstones 560037. This precedes the second 'bucket-drop' of the day at CP8 which is directly north of Hasty Bank Farm at ref. 567030. From here there is a choice of routes to CP9 at the style (571033), above the steps from Clay Bank Car Park.

The route now follows the southern edge of Broughton Plantation, which is a very wide track above Broughton Bank following a general westerly direction to CP10 at the wood corner 546035. After crossing the beck you then continue in a westerly direction for about 200m before descending on the path where you originally ascended.

Finally, you'll find the entry form for the Cumberland Fell Runners Association, which you should use for your entry for the **Ennerdale** fell race on Saturady June 10<sup>th</sup>. What can we say about the Ennerdale? It's a classic long Lakeland fell race, which almost disappeared from the race calendar three years ago when lack of support meant the race didn't happen. But Ennerdale has bounced back, and this year is in the English championship - which means that it will fill up very soon. You have been warned. If you want an idea of what to expect from this gruelling but rewarding 23-miler (7500 feet of climbing) have a chat on a Weds pack run to some of the club members who've run it before.

(If you decide that Ennerdale is one for another year, Andrew Bibby says that he will be looking for marshals and runners for the Carnival race, a new club race (Hebden to the Pike and back) on the same day linked to HB Carnival).

## Mandy's Page

## Pack Runs Wednesday's

### ON THE FELLS

## April only 6.45 pm start Shepherd Rest. Lumbutts

## May onwards 7pm Hare & hounds, Old Town

June – Moorcock, Littleborough

July – Sourhall (if still open)

Aug – New Delight, Colden

**Sept-Hollins** 

## **SPEED WORK & HILL REPS**

Graeme Wrench has started to take these sessions and is prepared to help anyone with ideas for training, how to run better etc. He is a qualified level 3 coach.

These sessions will work on speed, hill work and leg strengthening etc.

It's amazing how hard you can work when some one tells you what to do.

Tues 14th Mar – Walsden CC 7pm Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Lob Mill Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar **LIVER HILL FELL RACE** 

As from Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April all sessions will be based at Todmorden High School at 7pm except on nights when there is a race.

### **New Members**

### Welcome to new members

Tina Smith
Andy Pooler (1<sup>st</sup> claim Achille Ratti)
Kirsty Lapish
Heather Simpson
Ashley Wright

## WANTED

## Keeper of the kit

Does anyone have a dry garage/ spare room or shed to store the PA, flags, numbers etc.

It is a nightmare to try and locate everything when organising a race

It would be very useful to have everything in one place.

Any volunteers please contact Mandy 01422 844936 or Derek 01422 842510

### **ATTENTION JUNIORS**

The junior section will be restarting after Easter.

It looks as though it will be Monday nights Starting 24<sup>th</sup> April.

There will be two age groups 6-10 year olds meeting at 5-6pm

10+ meeting at 6-7pm.

Anyone with children who may be interested please contact Mandy 01422 844936

Further info in next newsletter

## Race Reports Races reported recently in the local press

#### **Ilkley Moor**

Todmorden Harriers kicked off their 2006 fell racing season last Sunday with the ever-popular Ilkley Moor fell race.

Regarded by many as a classic of its genre, the race this year attracted a record turnout of 328 runners, many of whom were participating in the Yorkshire Championships for which the Ilkley Moor race is a counter in 2006.

Lining up among the crowd on a cold and blustery day were 21 entrants representing Todmorden Harriers.

With its steep climbs and rough terrain, the 5 mile course with 1260 feet of climbing has variously been described as "demanding", "a pure fell race" and "a classic of its kind that deserves its Category A status" (Category A being the toughest class of fell race).

Threats of snow came to nothing as the runners set out to tackle the arduous muddy climb up Backstone Beck to the famous Cow and Calf rock. Several backbreaking climbs and tricky descents later, the runners were heading back downwards, some out-of-control, to the finish line at Wells Road. Chris Smale, competing for the local club, powered home in 12<sup>th</sup> place, just 4 minutes behind race winner, Ian Holmes of Bingley Harriers.

Andrew Horsfall came in next for the Harriers in 24<sup>th</sup> position, just 36 seconds and 5 places in front of team-mate Mark Goldie.

Interesting tussles took place between Dave Collins and Nick Wigmore, who were only split by 2 seconds after a thrilling race to the line, and between Peter Bowles and Derek Donohue, who finished with only 8 seconds separating them.

#### **Noon Stone**

Snow and black ice were just two of the challenges which lay ahead for runners at this year's Noon Stone fell race.

The event, notorious for being one of the toughest local races due to its 2300 feet of climbing over a distance of nine miles, as well as its tricky navigational section, has often been referred to as "a bit of a beast".

The heavy snowfall of the previous day fortunately gave way to warm sunshine and clear blue skies, which made navigation easier but was sadly not enough to melt the ice which had formed over the preceding few weeks and which sent a good number of runners skating in all directions on some of the steeper descents

Fears of a lower than average turnout due to both poor weather and the event clashing with several other races, including the first race of the 2006 English Championships, turned out to be unfounded as an ample field of 112 competitors arrived on the start line at noon.

There was a flurry of excitement before the race began as television cameras turned up to film the event for the evening's news and runners will no doubt have tried to show their best side as they set off out of Mankinholes to tackle the first climb of the day.

It soon became evident that the winner would be one of the three men who broke away from the rest of the field in the early stages of the race. This leading pack tracked each other for the entire race and, when they appeared over the hill for the final slippery descent, there was hardly anything between them.

The first man down to the finish line was Richard Pattinson of Pudsey and Bramley, completing the race in a time of 75.29, followed only 14 seconds later by Chris Miller, from Harrogate, and another nine seconds after that by Ben Mounsey, representing Stainland Lions.

Unfortunately, the race only managed to attract a handful of female competitors and it was Calder Valley's Jo Smith who used local knowledge to claim the ladies' victory in a time of 90.23.

Todmorden Harriers would like to thank Andrew Horsfall and Dave Wilson for organising this year's race, the Top Brink Inn for providing the race HQ, all those who consented to the running of the race and everyone who helped out.

#### St Annes 10

The popular seaside road race, the St Annes 10, this year attracted a massive field of 361 runners who were hoping to enjoy a pleasant run along the coast in bright sunny conditions.

Unfortunately, however, the weather turned just as the starter's gun went off and instead competitors found themselves battling against hail and sleet for most of the 10 mile race.

The course, a flat out-and-back route organised by the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, followed the coastline for most of the distance and featured a tour of the famous windmill at its turning point.

Todmorden Harriers' ladies enjoyed a couple of successes in the prizegiving, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> veteran 40 awards going to Mel Blackhurst and Mel Siddall respectively.

#### **Carding Mill Canter**

The 2006 English Fell Running Championships got underway last Saturday with the Carding Mill Canter held at Church Stretton in Shropshire.

The six race series pits fell runners from all over the country against each other for both individual and team prizes.

The elite Todmorden Harriers men fielded a powerful squad who are looking to improve on last year's 4<sup>th</sup> place national ranking.

The team who made the journey south found that the Canter is possibly one of the most demanding short races in the entire fell racing calendar, as evidenced by the winner's time of 42.33 over a course of only around four miles, incorporating several steep climbs (1800 feet of ascent) and tough descents of the stunning Long Mynd ridge.

Conditions for the race were perfect, with a little snow remaining from the previous day, but not enough to make a difference for the 232 men and 60 women who turned out to take part.

A number of exciting tussles developed between the local club members, particularly Jon Wright and Andrew Wrench, who battled to the line with only one second separating them. Alex Whittem just managed to hold off team-mate Shaun Godsman by 17 seconds, with a similar time separating Andrew Horsfall and Mark Goldie.

After the results were in, Todmorden's leading five runners, Smale, Wright, Wrench, Whittem and Godsman, were pleased to find they had achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place, a two place improvement on this stage in last year's competition.

In addition, the Harriers' veterans also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their class with a team comprising Smale, Wrench, Horsfall and Collins.

Full Todmorden results were: 22, Chris Smale (48.04); 29, Jon Wright (48.49); 30, Andrew Wrench (48.50); 36, Alex Whittem (49.36); 37, Shaun Godsman (49.53); 62, Andrew Horsfall (51.35); 69, Mark Goldie (51.51); 123, Dave Collins (55.57).

The team are now eagerly awaiting the next race in the English Championships, the Anniversary Waltz at Newlands in Cumbria on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Grand Prix Results**

Ilkley Moor				
27/02/06	36.37	37.39	37.5	
	Time	Adj	GP	Fell
		time	Pts	Pts
Chris Smale	40.41	38.48	96.3	91.9
Andrew Horsfall	43.01	41.24	90.3	86.9
Mark Goldie	43.37	43.37	85.7	85.7
Nick Wigmore	47.13	47.13	79.2	79.2
Dave Collins	47.15	41.39	89.7	79.1
Simon Galloway	47.44	45.57	81.3	78.3
Deon Bamford	51.23	49.00	76.3	72.7
Peter Bowles	53.26	53.26	69.9	69.9
Derek Donohue	53.34	49.09	76.0	69.8
Richard Leonard	55.45	50.39	73.8	67.0
Jane Smith	57.12	45.17	82.5	65.3
Sharon Godsman	58.01	52.26	71.3	64.4
David Wilson	59.25	52.22	71.4	62.9
Richard O'Sullivan	59.38	55.48	67.0	62.7
John Page	62.29	52.45	70.8	59.8
Stuart Boulton	63.24	57.36	64.9	58.9
Janine Wigmore	64.11	58.00	64.4	58.2
Dave O'Neill	67.18	60.33	61.7	55.5
Tina Smith	69.10	62.30	59.8	54.0
Helen Hodgkinson	72.37	65.37	56.9	51.5

St Annes 10				
5/03/06	51.13	52.57	53.4	
	Time	Adj	GP	Road
		time	Pts	Pts
Deon Bamford	68.07	65.14	80.60	77.2
Mel Blackhurst	72.11	62.10	84.6	72.9
Richard O'Sullivan	74.05	69.55	75.2	71.0
Mel Siddall	75.05	62.18	84.4	70.0
Nigel Hanson	77.48	70.41	74.4	67.6
Mel Nichols	78.17	70.45	74.3	67.2
Francis	81.11	67.44	77.6	64.8
Richardson				
Claire Duffield	82.50	74.51	70.3	63.5

Half Tour of Pendle						
11/03/06	1.04.07	1.07.24	1.07.2	5		
Andrew Wrench	1.09.55	1.07.55	97.6	94.8		
Shaun Godsman	1.12.03	1.12.03	92.0	92.0		
Mark Goldie	1.15.42	1.15.42	87.6	87.6		
Andrew Horsfall	1.16.29	1.13.37	90.1	86.7		
Simon Galloway	1.22.09	1.18.20	84.6	80.7		
Ben Crowther	1.25.11	1.25.11	77.8	77.8		
Derek Donohue	1.27.05	1.19.55	83.0	76.1		
James Riley	1.27.23	1.27.23	75.9	75.9		
Keith Parkinson	1.29.08	1.16.54	86.2	74.4		
Wayne Morrison	1.37.06	1.37.06	68.3	68.3		
Mel Blackhurst	1.38.52	1.25.09	77.9	67.1		
Richard O'Sullivan	1.42.08	1.35.34	69.4	64.9		
Alice Heath	1.44.46	1.34.41	70.0	63.3		
Claire Duffield	1.44.48	1.34.42	70.0	63.3		
Sharon Godsman	1.49.29	1.38.56	67.0	60.6		
Dave O'Neill	1.51.13	1.40.03	66.3	59.6		
Mel Siddall	1.57.31	1.36.30	68.7	56.4		

## **GRAND PRIX TABLES 2006**

	2006 FELL		likley Moor	Half Pendle		
1	Andrew Horsfall	V40	86.9	86.7	2	173.6
2	Mark Goldie	М	85.7	87.6	2	173.3
3	Simon Galloway	V40	78.3	80.7	2	159.0
4	Derek Donohue	V45	69.8	76.1	2	145.9
5	Richard O'Sullivan	V40	62.7	64.9	2	127.6
6	Sharon Godsman	L	64.4	60.6	2	125.0
7	David O'Neill	V45	55.5	59.6	2	115.1
8	Andrew Wrench	М		94.8	1	94.8
9	Shaun Godsman	М		92.0	1	92.0
10	Christopher Smale	V40	91.9		1	91.9
11	Nick Wigmore	М	79.2		1	79.2
12	Dave Collins	V45	79.1		1	79.1
13	Ben Crowther	М		77.8	1	77.8
14	James Riley	М		75.9	1	75.9
15	Keith Parkinson	V50		74.4	1	74.4
16	Deon Bamford	V40	72.7		1	72.7
17	Peter Bowles	М	69.9		1	69.9
18	Wayne Morrison			68.3	1	68.3
19	Melanie Blackhurst	LV35		67.1	1	67.1
20	Richard Leonard	V45	67.0		1	67.0
21	Jane Smith	LV45	65.3		1	65.3
22	Claire Duffield	L		63.3	1	63.3
23	Alice Heath	L		63.3	1	63.3
24	David Wilson	V45	62.9		1	62.9
25	John Page	V50	59.8		1	59.8
26	Stuart Boulton	V45	58.9		1	58.9
27 28	Janine Wigmore  Mel Siddall	L LV40	58.2	56.4	1	58.2 56.4
29	Tina Smith	LV40	54.0	36.4	1	54.0
30	Helen Hodgkinson	L	51.5		1	51.5

	2006 ROAD /TRAIL TABLE		Lytham St Annes 10	Liversedge 1/2 M		Total
1	Melanie Blackhurst	LV35	72.9	74.1	2	147.0
2	Richard O'Sullivan	V40	71.0	70.3	2	141.3
3	Mel Siddal	LV40	70.0	65.5	2	135.5
4	Nigel Hanson	V45	67.6	67.0	2	134.6
5	Melanie Niicholls	L	67.2	63.2	2	130.4
6	Alex Whittem	М		89.3	1	89.3
7	Mark Goldie	M		85.8	1	85.8
8	Deon Bamford	V40	77.2		1	77.2
9	Stuart Boulton	M45		70.3	1	70.3
10	Francis Richardson	V55	64.8		1	64.8
11	Claire Duffield	L	63.5		1	63.5

200	6 GRAND PRI TABLE	likley Moor	Half Pendle	Lytham St Annes 10	Liversedge 1/2M	OPTIMUM POINTS	
1	Richard O'Sullivan	4	67	69.4	75.2	74.5	286.1
2	Mark Goldie	3	85.7	87.6	0	85.8	259.1
3	Melanie Blackhurst	3	0	77.9	84.6	86.1	248.6
4	Mel Siddal	3	0	68.7	84.4	78.9	232
5	Andrew Horsfall	2	90.3	90.1	0	0	180.4
6	Simon Galloway	2	81.3	84.6	0	0	165.9
7	Derek Donohue	2	76	83	0	0	159
8	Deon Bamford	2	76.3	0	80.6	0	156.9
9	Nigel Hanson	2	0	0	74.4	73.7	148.1
10	Melanie Niicholls	2	0	0	74.3	70	144.3
11	Claire Duffield	2	0	70	70.3	0	140.3
12	Stuart Boulton	2	64.9	0	0	74.5	139.4
13	Sharon Godsman	2	71.3	67	0	0	138.3
14	David O'Neill	2	61.7	66.3	0	0	128
15	Andrew Wrench	1	0	97.6	0	0	97.6
16	Christopher Smale	1	96.3	0	0	0	96.3
17	Shaun Godsman	1	0	92	0	0	92
18	Dave Collins	1	89.7	0	0	0	89.7
19	Alex Whittem	1	0	0	0	89.3	89.3
20	Keith Parkinson	1	0	86.2	0	0	86.2
21	Jane Smith	1	82.5	0	0	0	82.5
22	Nick Wigmore	1	79.2	0	0	0	79.2
23	Ben Crowther	1	0	77.8	0	0	77.8
24	Francis Richardsor	1	0	0	77.6	0	77.6
25	James Riley	1	0	75.9	0	0	75.9
26	Richard Leonard	1	73.8	0	0	0	73.8
27	David Wilson	1	71.4	0	0	0	71.4
28	John Page	1	70.8	0	0	0	70.8
29	Alice Heath	1	0	70	0	0	70
30	Peter Bowles	1	69.9	0	0	0	69.9
31 32	Wayne Morrison Janine Wigmore	1	0 64.4	68.3 0	0	0	68.3 64.4
33	Tina Smith	1	59.8	0	0	0	59.8
34	Helen Hodgkinson	1	56.9	0	0	0	56.9
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#### Race reports... Race reports... Race reports...

# 10 THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THE LYTHAM ST ANNES ULTRAFIT 10 (or that I wish I had known before Sunday!)

1. The start and finish (despite what the entry form says) are not at the fire station but a good 10 minutes walk across the to a car park by the sea

front!!.

2.The fire station is not on the main promenade road-as advised by no less than 4 locals-but set back in a quiet street surrounded by houses!! I am sure this helps keep the numbers actually registering down.

3. When you collect your number you receive your race "MEMENTO" without so much as running round the room!! Yes, that's a first your goody bag at the start!!.

4.My "memento" bag contained a variety of delights which kept the boys happy all the way home-snickers bar, caramel finger,banana,2 small cartons of milk and the" piece de resistance" 2 aniseed Fishermen's friends. Any takers (the chocolate did not get as far as Burnley!!)

5.The start reminded me of the start of the Calderdale relay, dodging posts and bollards. The start involves running round a small carpark between bollards, which get squashed in the rush.! What's the point.

6.The race is pancake flat-I found this very dull and got quite excited when there was one slight rise of perhaps 10 feet as we turned on to the sea front from the Lake.

7.Some members of the club could argue that it was a multi terrain event-we ran on sand, mud and a few grassy slopes-my legs really appreciated the change, even if only short lived, from the concrete!.

8.Liquid refreshment is limited to one small cup of water at 5 miles! We were expressly asked to abandon the cups there and not throw them at the sea wall!(The sea was as usual keeping a distant profile.)

9.The course is fairly traffic free-some small stretches of main road only-but there were certainly plenty of dogs/pushchairs/old people to avoid. I was not sure whether to laugh or cry when an elderly man in an electric buggy offered to pace me!! The locals were certainly all out last Sunday afternoon!!. 10.The weather was not kind-very windy and a sleet/hailstorm about half way round did not do much to lift spirits!! A mass of purple legs!!

Still on a positive note all the Toddies who did the race seemed pleased with their performance. I am now waiting to see if I receive any takers for my Fishermen's friends. - Mel

(ED: Sounds like some toilet points earned here, Mel)

#### Madness on the Moor!

Can you remember your first time? Well Ilkley Moor Fell race on Sunday 26 February 2006 was mine! Having plucked up the courage to join a running club

back in December my next big step was to complete a fell race. Ilkley Moor I thought. Nice location, not too far from home, 5 miles, just the one for me. I proudly put on my Harriers vest and arrived at the registration area to see the friendly face of Helen Hodgkinson who advised me on such matters at how many layers to wear. Everything was going well until I met my old science teacher at the start line who said "Hello Tina, I didn't know you were into fell running." To which I quickly replied "I'm not! This is my first race". The response was one of sheer amazement and he relied "Oh! You've picked a right one here to start on!".

Panic soon went as we set off on a very narrow starting path where you could hardly manage to walk never mind run. After a steep climb to the Cow and Calf and then up again to the Pancake stone, descending steeply to the footbridge and then rising again on the far side of the beck I decided that I must be mad! I completed the course in 69minutes, really pleased with my first attempt at fell running. It was also confirmed to me that I had picked the best club to run for as the friendly faces of Jane, Stuart, Sharon and others were at the finish line cheering me on. Roll on the next fell!

Tina Smith

## TORRIER DEADLINE WEDS APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>

Keep those articles coming in.

And remember that your super soaraway Torrier now accepts photos too...

Email to mandy@todharriers.co.uk or andrew@andrewbibby.com

## What's coming up soon!



Tod Harriers school photo at Beefy's Nab in last year's GP.

#### Fell races

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Midgeley Moor Race. AS. 5m/1250'

11am from Booth Cricket Club, Booth, Halifax. £3.50 on day only

Partly navigational race, mainly on heather moorland, on and off paths. Full body cover, map and compass required.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Pendle Fell Race. AS. 4.5m/1500'

2pm from Barley Village Hall, Barley, nr Burnley. £3 on day only

Tough, steep climb to top of hill, be prepared to get your finger nails dirty! Pleasant descent to valley bottom.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Flower Scar. AS. 4m/1400'

11am from the Hare & Hounds pub, Burnley Road, Tod £3 on day only

Tod Harriers event. See elsewhere in this issue for further details and marshalling opportunities!!!

#### Road races

Sunday 19th March South Leeds 5 mile race.10.30am.

Wilmslow 1/2 marathon.Likely to be full unless pre-entered.

Liverpool 1/2 marathon 11am.Why not join Richard O'Sullivan and me at this well organised event which starts/finishes in Sefton Park. Wednesday 22nd March First Andy O'Sullivan race of the year. Vera Hirst 5K, Littleborough at 6.30pm.

Sunday 26th March Nearest race I have found-Great Grizedale Forest trail race, Hawkshead 12noon.

Wednesday 29th March-Jon Rhodes memorial 5k,Littleborough at 6.45pm.

Sunday 2nd April Besides Oldham 1/2 marathon (GP), Wilkinson Ackworth 1/2 and Baildon Boundary (open now only to walkers)

Sunday 9th April-Burnley 10k road race Wakefield Hospice city 10k at 11am

Sunday 16th April-Guiseley Gallop 10k near Leeds

Sunday 23rd April-Bolton 10k at 10am.A very dull run round suburbia which I would not recommend!!

Rothwell 10k near Leeds

London marathon-armchair viewing unless you have had a place for months!!

Your selectors this month: Claire & Mel

## Those Pennine Bridleway results in full...

	TEAM	LEG	1		LEG 2			LEG 3			LEG 4			LEG 5	
Pos.	Number	Runners	Time	Runners	Time	AggPos	Runners	Time	AggPos	Runners	Time	AggPos	Runners	Time	TOTAL
			Posn		Posn	Gain		Posn	Gain		Posn	Gain		Posn	Gain
	Bowland	Mick		Sean			Chris			Neil			Quentin		
1	FR A	Chippendale	00:58:06	Bolland	01:19:17	1	Reade	01:03:56	2	Shepherd	0:37:23	1	Harding	01:04:03	05:02:45
				Mike			Richard			Steve			Steve		
	17	Lee Pasco	6	Whyatt	2	5	Mellon	5	-1	Swarbrick	3	1	Sweeney	5	0
	Todmorden	Shaun		Andrew			Chris			Nick			Andrew		
4	Α	Godsman	00:58:03	Wrench	01:19:30	2	Smale	01:03:06	1	Wigmore	0:38:47	2	Horsfall	01:05:22	05:04:48
				Jon			Alex			Paul			Mark		
	13	Sean Willis	5	Wright	3	3	Whittem	4	1	Prescott	7	-1	Goldie	6	-2
	Todmorden	Rhys		Jeff			Ben			Angus			Mark		
22	В	Watkins	01:11:07	Walker	01:40:00	31	Crowther	01:16:18	27	Barclay	0:42:35	22	Anderton	01:13:40	06:03:40
		Lee		James			Dean			Simon			Simon		
	15	McClusky	28	Riley	30	-3	Bamford	25	4	Galloway	17	5	Anderton	18	0
	Todmorden	Richard		John			Jeff			Stuart			Neil		
39	All Stars	O'Sullivan	01:15:14	Lee	01:59:08	48	Anderson	01:21:33	45	Boulton	0:50:24	43	Hodgkinson	01:24:36	06:50:55
		Peter		Eric						Eric			Duncan		
	16	Bowles	33	Wrathall	50	-15	Jim Duffy	37	3	Emerson	32	2	Richie	40	4
	Todmorden	Sharon		Jane			Mandy			Moyra					
40	Ladies	Godsman	01:17:39	Smith	01:53:49	45	Goth	01:25:43	47	Parfitt	0:52:08	47	Kay Leigh	01:22:13	06:51:32
				Rachel			Claire			Lynn			Mel		
	14	Alice Heath	41	Skinner	46	-4	Duffield	44	-2	Griffiths	39	0	Blackhurst	35	7

#### Tod A team take fourth place

The 5<sup>th</sup> February the Pennine Bridleway Relay, after being somehow talked into being captain of the A team, I set about picking the team, it was quite easy really – pick the best 10 runners and pray nobody gets injured, it worked.

Early that morning we set off for the start, Shaun Godsman getting us there for 7.25am. I'm sure Shaun thought you could set off as soon as you got there, not to be for him they all had to start at 8.30am. Shaun and Sean Willis had a great start running the 8 miles from Fearns School, Water Foot over the moors to Causeway Road, Todmorden, to hand in 5<sup>th</sup> position and only 1 min 20 secs behind leaders Clayton.

John Wright and Andrew Wrench then raced off over Leg 2, the longest and toughest leg of 12.5 miles down to Callis Mill Bridge. I'd seen Andrew a few days before the race and he was hoping for the clag to be down, so fellow runners wouldn't be able to follow him, he got his wish, but his other partner Wrighty had other ideas leaving his own trail for runners to follow, having to stop three times for a crap! Nevertheless the two clocked the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest rime of the day, handing over in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (A BRILLIANT RUN!).

For leg 3 we had Chris Smales and Alex Whittem who flew over the 9.5 mile route from Mankinholes, the moor over Walsden and on to Calderbrook Road to take the lead and hand over in 1st position. Leg 4 was the 5.5 mile leg skirting from Brown Wardle Hill on to Lobden Golf Club. This had Paul Prescott and Nick Wigmore racing off into the lead, but by the end unfortunately Bowland had knocked them down to 2<sup>nd</sup> position, leacing Andrew Horsfall and Mark Goldie on Leg 5 chasing after them, and in turn being chased by Clayton and Horwich.

The race for the finish was now on, Horsey and Goldie put in a great run over the elevn mile leg, but could not gold off Clayton and Horwich. The latter overtook them with about only 400m to go, leaving Tod to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place. After 47 miles of hard running and with the first four team within two minutes of each other proved what a great race this had been, and I believe with a bit more luck on the day Todmorden Harriers could have WON IT.

Well done to all!

## More on the Pennine Bridleway

#### Peaches and porridge (PB Leg 3)

I'd never classed myself as a runner.I used to run round the block (about a third of a mile) as a kid with my mates and liked to copy 2 Scots on TV at the time, Ian Stewart and Ian McCafferty, especially their fast finish. That the finish in question for this 10 year old was about 30 metres was irrelevant. Also the fact that the local kids I ran with were all 7 or 8 probably explains why I used to win a lot! Entered a cross country at school a year later and finished halfway and I hadn't run competitively since. Roll on over 30 years and I'd started running on my own, just 2.5 miles at a time then 6 months ago was introduced to the club. Couldn't believe how easier and more sociable it was to run with others as well as being able to enjoy the surrounding environment. It certainly beats the A646. I did flirt with Calder valley runners at the beginning too but it was quite obvious Tod harriers drank more!

So after 3 months I did a couple of races and then the call came. Dave Wilson asked me if I'd like to run in one of the teams in the Pennine Bridleway relay. I was really flattered because I'd not been running seriously very long and hadn't thought for a moment I could be considered alongside some of the really fit and experienced members to represent the club. I said yes immediately but was also concerned that Dave may believe I was better than I really am. The last thing I wanted to do was let the side down. Anyhow I had two weeks to prepare and ran as often as I could leading up to the day. And I knew nothing about how a runner or indeed any athlete should prepare for an event concerning their training or diet. That is apart from not having 6 pints and a curry the night before! Fortunately that weekend there was a piece in the Saturday Guardian about how some foods can give your body an energy boost. Mentioned were tinned peaches (in own juice), pasta, porridge and black coffee. I settled on the peaches and porridge although I had no idea how long before running you should consume these propellants. I settled for the morning of the race. Also I knew nothing or indeed what was expected of the teams. I just hoped I was in a good one.

Dave rang and said I'd be running in the Allstars team on leg 3 with Jim Duffy. I felt really chuffed because I thought that sounds like a good team. Mandy and Claire were running the same leg for the ladies team and we receied it together the week before the relay, which was fantastic because we would have got lost. (Jim didn't know the way either).

So the big day arrives and I turn up full of peaches and porridge, met Jim and waited for our leg 2 pair at the changeover. At the start of the leg the Ladies team had about a 3 minute advantage going into Callis wood. I thought we'd catch them up at some stage so Jim and I found a comfortable pace and wondered how long it would be before we saw Mandy and Claire. We knew they were only 2 places ahead. After about a mile and on crossing the river the immediate pair ahead went the wrong way. Jim suggested we'd have to split on them but after about another 2 miles they reappeared in the

distance behind us so it wasn't really cheating and certainly wasn't a short cut! We covered another mile or so and still no sign of Mandy and Claire. And then for a while there was no sign of anyone, just me and Jim running along chatting away (we got on great) but with no idea of how we were doing and me just beginning to wonder had we come the right way.

Thankfully we then reached the path that leads down to the Top Brink Inn so I knew we were okay. Still no sign of the girls though. Maybe they'd read the piece in that Saturday Guardian too. We finally spotted them on the climb up to the Shepherds Rest and after about two thirds of the leg managed to overtake. As we passed they asked us to leave the gates open and although not sure if this was race etiquette (I'd always followed the country code) I thought if the chair of the club is asking me it must be alright although I hoped no-one saw us. It didn't matter because we didn't see anyone else at all until we approached the very last gate which was just being opened by the pair ahead who had slowed to a walk. We ran straight through and left it open saying to them our clubmates were just behind and that I didn't normally leave gates open and always followed the country code. Although we were now running away I could feel them staring at me as if unsure what to make of this statement so I shouted back 'in fact I'm really law abiding.' I think this made it worse! One of them glanced at my club vest as if it might explain my behaviour and developed a rather knowing look maybe thinking that all the inbreeding in the valley in times gone by, some traces obviously still remained. I felt like shouting back 'I'm not even from round here' but by that time we were too far away, over the last hill and on the wide, swinging, fast, downhill stretch to the finish where we handed over to our clubmates.

And then suddenly after running over 9 miles including a few hills we were just standing there not really doing very much. Felt a bit weird really. I felt quite tired but also radiant and probably a bit excitable. Fantastic in fact. It was then I realised I was a convert and was already looking forward to next time. I hope I get picked again.

> Jeff Anderson

#### Even more on the PB...

#### Ladies team report

One night during a pack run Jane Smith mentioned that we needed a captain for the ladies PBW relay. I didn't put myself forward at that point but I mentioned it to Rachel Skinner to see if she would help me organise it. Things went a bit quiet, nothing more said until I had had a drink in the Masons after another pack run and Mandy asked if I would do it so I thought what the hell give it a go. Picking the 10 ladies was easy enough the pairing up on what leg was the hardest part ......Oh dear poor Shaun he was calling names of the ladies team out in his sleep, I didn't think at the time that I wittering on that much. Even Bert our dog walked out of the room at the mention of the Pennine bridleway relay.

One afternoon Mark Goldie called around and he made me feel better as he was also stressed out (in his words) about his team like me and Rachel and he couldn't decide who to put onto which leg. At this point Shaun put on the kettle and went for a extra long run it was bad enough for him hearing me going on and on but not Mark as well. Mark and I both decided after a few cups of coffee and talking about each others team that it would all come together in the end. Shaun was relived to hear that, we had a good nigh'ts sleep that night

Next day my thoughts were what if somebody gets injured? What if I get start times wrong? (And I did originally) Then I get a call from Kath Brierly, great Kath could run a leg that's leg 2 sorted ....oh no now that changes it all I would have to run with Rachel Skinner on leg 1, oh I was unsure that this being captain was good for the Blood Pressure. So I Phoned up Rachel and she called up 1 evening with Jeff and a bottle of wine...or 2 ....to finalise the team, all that came out of that evening was Jeffers was totally ass holed and fell into a unconscious state on our settee.

After speaking to Rachel Mandy and Jane I decided I needed to chill out about it and I did and it did all came together in the end despite the team changing a few times. ... it was a great day the ladies team ran really well and the main thing was we all enjoyed ourselves Would I do it again?.....Shaun hopes not.

Sharon Godsman

### Todmorden off to great start in English championship

With the first English championship counter falling on the same day as the Noonstone preparation was not ideal, just getting a team out was in jeopardy, however Tod showed great commitment to the cause and sent down a strong contingent. The race itself was from Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, Shropshire. Its classed as a 4 mile race with 1800ft of climb. Well I can believe the 1800ft of climb but if the course is 4 mile then its possibly the hardest 4 mile I've ever ran! Its now Monday night and my legs feel like lead weights!

The race starts with a short road section which leads to the first steep ascent of Cow Ridge. As usual with championship races there is plenty of pushing and shoving with people jostling it out for position, this race was no different- i recall Shaun Godsman pushing Mark Goldie out of the way and running off into the distance like a man possessed battling it out with the likes of Ian Homes and Simon Bailey!!! After the initial climb fast running on tracks, grass and heather take you around the first half of the course over the Devil's Mouth and onto Burway Hill. As you descend to the valley floor you see the views of Stanyeld, Bodbury Ring Roman hill fort and Haddon Hill, unfortunately your next objective is to climb these! At this point running past my car which was parked at the 1/2 way point was a bit disheartening as a lie down on the back seats was most tempting!

After the grueling climbs there's a long, fast descent down Mott's Road to finish through streams into the top car park. Congratulations to Chris Smales - first Toddy back. I heard there was an interesting sprint finish between Jon Wright and Andy Wrench, Unfortunately they was way ahead of me to witness it. The race was won by Tim Davies of the promoting Mercia Harriers in a time of 42.33, with Pudsey and Bramley taking the team prize. Todmorden Harriers results were as follows: (22) Chris Smales, 48.04, (29) Jon Wright, 48.49, (30) Andrew Wrench, 48.50, (36) Alex Whittem, 49.36, (37) Shaun Godsman, 49.53, (62) Andrew Horsefall, 51.35, (69) Mark Goldie, 51.51, (123) Dave Collins, 55.57.

I hear we finished 4th in the team prize, not bad considering the competition, well done to everyone. Alex Whittam

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### Minutes of recent committee meetings

#### 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006: AGM

There were 13 members present

Treasurer's Report

Income: £3680.10 Outgoings: £2782.25

Balance: £1774.05

High Interest a/c: £2000.00

#### Chairman's Report

Mandy praised club members for taking an active part in 2005; their assistance in organising event, as team captains, etc. has allowed her to take a step back compared with previous years.

2005 was a fantastic year for both teams and individuals, with notable performances from Moyra Parfitt, Derek Clutterbuck, Greg Parkin, Lynn Griffiths, and Andrew Horsfall and Jon Wright on the Saunders.

Todmorden Harriers are now well and truly on the map, as evidenced by the men's A team placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Pennine Bridleway Relay, just 2 minutes behind the leading team, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Calderdale Way Relay.

The percentage of active membership is presently very high and quite a few members are participating in regular structured training at Rossendale.

Graham Wrench was welcomed as trainer and it was noted that Eileen Miles is hoping to restart a junior section.

Tod's 2005 races were well organised and well attended, with the Hot Toddy being the club's main money spinner. The junior race at the Shepherd's Skyline was well received.

All in all, 2005 was a good, active year and the fantastic camaraderie makes Tod Harriers a pleasant club to be in.

#### **Club Constitution**

The Constitution was last revised in 1988.

Phil has revised it in 2006. Major changes were outlined, such as to the minimum age for junior participation and the addition of a disciplinary procedure. However, most of the changes are only minor.

May need amending in future to include junior section details and child protection policy.

The Constitution can be amended at either an AGM or an EGM.

#### **Election of Club Officials**

John Crummett proposed a vote of thanks to all club officials for their work in the previous year.

All officials remain as before, there being no new nominations.

Chairman Mandy Goth
Secretary Derek Donohue
Treasurer Richard Leonard
Membership Secretary David Wilson
Press Secretary Claire Duffield

#### 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006: Ordinary meeting

There were 13 members present.

#### **Pennine Bridleway Relay**

Good results this year. Teams congratulated and thanked. Noted that some teams may have gone the wrong way on leg 3 where there are presently 2 route options due to changes being made to the PBW, cutting off a significant section of the route. Simon Anderton proposed that, if the problem is likely next year, we offer to post a marshal on that section of the course.

#### Thermal tops

Shaun Godsman has had a sample made up in dark blue, with red and blue stripes. A number of each size is to be made up.

#### AOB

Eric Stuttard, club President, nominated Mandy for Todmorden Sports Personality of the Year 2005.

#### **New members**

Tina Smith Andrew Pooler (1<sup>st</sup> claim Achille Ratti) Kirsty Lapish Heather Simpson

#### 6th March 2006

There were 11 members present.

Treasurer's report Balance: £1583.55

#### **Noon Stone**

The race was a success, thanks to Andrew Horsfall's organisation and David Wilson's hard work on the day (ably supported by Helen). There were 112 entries, which was pleasing considering the clash with an English Championship race.

#### **New Members**

Ashley Wright (Junior)

#### **English Athletics**

It was agreed that we should remain affiliated to English Athletics rather than join a newly formed breakaway group.

#### **Race Equipment**

Andrew Horsfall wondered if we should find a secure, dry store for all our race day equipment. Race organisers often have difficulty collecting it all together, and then have to store it at home. Richard will look into the cost of self-storage units in Walsden. Derek pointed out that we save a great deal of money by not having a club house, and so the club could justify spending money on storage.

#### **Junior Section**

Eileen Miles, a qualified coach, is starting up a junior section after a break of 12 years. Beginning after the Easter holiday there will be two sessions every Monday evening: 5 – 6pm for 6 to 11 yr olds, and 6 – 7pm for older children. The sessions will be at Todmorden High School and will be open to all local youngsters. Eileen is putting a lot of effort into this and deserves our full support. Derek has offered to be the club's nominated child protection officer.

#### Results

Tod ladies were 1<sup>st</sup> ladies team in the High Peak Marathon. Tod men were 4<sup>th</sup> in the Carding Mill Canter (Eng champs race).

#### Torrier

There is now a team putting together the Torrier:

Mandy (editor), Andrew Bibby and Claire Duffield.

#### Club Archivist

Claire Duffield has volunteered to be club archivist and will shortly be asking members to contribute.

Committee meetings are open to ALL members and are currently held at The Hollins Inn, Walsden, on the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

Derek

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## LORDSTONES/WAINSTONES RACE (AM)

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Numbers are limited so Pre-entry essential (First come first served.)

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Closing Date for Entries:- as soon as the limit is reached!

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Signed	Date

#### **Best Estimate 2006**

A small select group of Harriers (and one visitor) enjoyed a pleasant morning's running, excellent food, and company, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – the rest of you missed a treat. Not how I would describe the present I was set up to receive, however.

Unlike last year, the weather was fine, there was little wind, the route had been well marked – and here's where the problem arose. Just like last year, there had been vandalism and theft of markers in the region of Strines Clough: but this year the interference was much more extensive. Not a surprise, then, that all runners came in slower than they had estimated – best quote of the day, from the Harrier who made best use of the course, was 'I'd fancied a longer run today in any case'.

One runner did attempt to set off wearing a watch – apprehended by a sharp eyed Harrier. His excuse? – first to set off, didn't realise. And Roger got rid of his dog – presumably means we will have to repeat this event again in 12 months time.

Thanks again to Steve & Claire at the Sportsmans.

#### Results

Estimated Time	Actual time	Difference
67.21	70.55	3.34
55.30	63.39	8.09
57.23	68.35	11.12
59.30	70.58	11.28
65.30	77.05	11.35
54.20	67.59	13.39
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