

## **Summer 2015**

It seems quite some time since our last issue and what a year it is has been so far. I would like to extend a warm welcome all new members and encourage you all to get involved in all things that are Todmorden Harriers. There is loads going on and to keep up to date make sure you are a member of the forum and if you use Facebook we have Tod Harriers FB group. I hope to see you racing in the Club championship, marshalling at races, submitting contributions to the Torrier, training at Tod high on Tuesday at 6:30, joining the Gaddings swimmers, Captaining teams, racing in relays, attending committee meetings etc.....your thoughts and opinions are valued and all club decisions are based on a majority vote basis. Whatever you are doing many thanks as it all helps make Todmorden Harriers a great club.

The club championships and Grand Prix are still wide open with at time of writing Dave Collins holding the top of the fell champs and Richard Butterwick at the top of the road. With 9 races remaining anything could happen ....you could still qualify and line up to be commemorated at the end of year prize giving - you could even win! For more info regarding the separate championships and the Grand Prix check out <http://www.todharriers.co.uk/torrier/2015jan/15.pdf>

## **Dates for your Diaries**

### **Ian Hodgson Mountain Relay**

Sunday 4th October. Mandy has volunteered to be the ladies' captain but we still have vacancies for the men's captain and the teams! 4 pairs of 2 in each leg are needed

### **Red Rose XC league**

Will the boys be getting out in force for the first fixture and the following?

Sat 10th October, Leigh Sports Village

Sat 7th November, Hyndburn

Sat 21st November, Bolton (Leverhulme Park)

Sat 5th December, Rossendale

West Yorkshire Winter League?

## **British Fell Relay Championships**

Sat 17th Oct 2015 - leg 1 - 1 runner , legs 2 - 2 runners, leg 3 (nav leg) - 2 runners, leg 4 - 1 runner = 6

Men's and Ladies teams to be entered (TBC) Captains needed!

Venue - Barley, Pendle hill.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the Captains posts then please have a word at a pack run or post on the forum or on the FB page.

## **Ultra champs**

Over the course of the year there have been some incredible performances in the Ultra running scene with Toddies completing the Fellsman, Buddy competing in the Transvulcania Ultramarathon, Steve Pullen the Lakeland trails 110K race, Robin Tuddenham running the West Highland Way, Craig Stansfield and Elise Milnes in the LL100, Steve Radcliffe and Jill Davison in the LL50. These runs were the result of lots of hard training, and some great performances at build up events at increasing distances. I'm sure there are plenty more (sorry if I missed you). Also, big respect to Jon Wright and Andrew Horsfall, who did their own ultra, running the UK 3 peaks and cycling to each in between!!

It has been suggested that the club runs an Ultra Championship, which has been discussed with the Club's Committee. Like the XC Championship, it will operate separately to the existing Grand Prix, reflecting the growing interest in Ultras in the club, recognising some of the amazing achievements of Toddies at big distances, and putting the Ultra warriors up against each other. The committee welcomes a small group of those interested in developing the proposal for 2016. If you would like to participate, please email me at [youngbulltodharrier@gmail.com](mailto:youngbulltodharrier@gmail.com) to express an interest by September 30. And watch the forum for further updates!

**Thanks for all contributions please keep them coming in and send to [youngbulltodharrier@gmail.com](mailto:youngbulltodharrier@gmail.com)**