



SECOND: George Ehrhardt of Tod Harriers who was in second place



MAKE HIS MARK: Mark Brown of Clayton Harriers who was in 12th position

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Same Auld story for 10 time winner Ian

When it comes to the Auld Lang Syne it's a race for second place where Ian Holmes is concerned.

So in that respect, Todmorden Harrier George Ehrhardt can take great pride in finishing runner-up behind a man who has completely dominated the event.

For the Bingley Harrier has won all 10 races since it began — and that does not include the 'ghost' race he won one year when 70 runners turned up despite the race being cancelled due to snow!

The four times British and five time English Fell champion confirmed his supremacy by setting a new record — knocking 19 seconds off his previous best he set seven years

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SIX MILE FELL RACE

from Haworth

ago.

The 37-year-old completed the six mile race in 34.01, more than a minute ahead of Ehrhardt who crossed the line in 35.22.

It was a day for records with five new best times set in the age group categories.

Paul Sheard, who was third, set a new V40 record when the Pudsey and Bramley runner finished in 35.42.

There were also records set in the V60, V70 and ladies under 18s and V50.

Tony Minikin of Keighley and Craven was first V60 in 128th place with a best time of 47.38. Jack Escritt proved there was life in the old legs when the V70 runner raced home in 58.45.

Emma Clayton of Scunthorpe was in record-breaking form to win the ladies under 18s in 48.32 as was East Pennine Orienteering Club's Margaret Jagan who was first V50 in 53.32.

Back at the top end, Pumlani Bangani of Scunthorpe was fourth in 36.01 with Pudsey and Bramley's Steve Bottomley fifth in 36.07.

Team-mate Gary Devine was sixth in 36.15 with Andy Peace of Bingley seventh in 36.36. Calder Valley's Karl Gray was eighth (36.51) ahead of another Pudsey and Bramley runner, Steve Neill ninth in 37.53.

Thomas Cornthwaite was the first of the East Lanes runners home when the Blackburn Harrier was 10th in 37.19.

The pick of the other local runners were Clayton pair, Mark Brown, who was 12th in 37.51 — he was also third V40 — and Gary Wilkinson who was 13th in 38.12.

Rosendale's Steve Clawson was 29th in 41.07 with West Pennine's Neil Holding 43rd in 42.05. And Gary Taylor was the first Darwen Dasher home in 46th in 42.20, one place ahead of club-mate Simon Smith in 42.33.

Sharon Taylor of Bingley was first lady in 75th place in 43.38 with Jackie Cannons the best local runner when the Clayton Harrier was 219th in 53.28.



TOP 10: Thomas Cornthwaite of Blackburn Harriers who finished in tenth place