

Unstoppable Smith claims second win

FELL RUNNING

IN ATROCIOUS weather with sleet, hail and heavy rain 258 competitors turned out for Bunny Run Three.

It was virtually impossible to finish the race clean but showing a clean pair of heels to the rest for a second week running was Willy Smith.

He finished in 15.54 to again take the scalp of Ian Holmes.

England runner Rob Shaw won the egg stage prize again in a time of 3.35 despite the bad weather and finished third overall.

Willy, a recent winner of two 5K races in Lancashire, said: "These conditions were horrible, not only was it wet but it was also freezing.

"I was really worried about Ian and his fell running ability but I felt very confident on the climbs which made the difference in the end.

"My fitness has improved recently since we acquired two springer spaniels who want exercise morning, noon and night!"

Silsden's Tom Sessford won the youths U-16 race in 17.36, again from Wharfedale Harriers' Jonathan Bradshaw, second in 17.48.

Recent birthday boy Bingley's Jon Cordingley ran 18.13 to win the V50 prize while 28 year-old Sharron Taylor of Bingley

Harriers made it three straight wins in the series in 19.01 for the ladies.

Anna Anderson of Pendle was second in 19.28 and Helen Glover of Keighley third in 19.55.

Second local lady was Wharfedale Harrier Tamara Hird in 21.50, eighth overall, followed by Keighley pair U-14 Pippa Barrett 11th overall and Rebecca McLean 14th.

Next week sees the overall decider in the series with a start time of 7.30pm and registration from the Old Sun Hotel at Haworth.

See www.woodentops.org.uk for full 4results.

● Wharfedale Harriers are again promoting the Dick Hudson's Fell Race this coming Wednesday, April 23.

Registration will be at the Ilkley Millennium Gardens Car Park from 7pm.

The race will start at 7.30pm from the Lower Tarn and finish at the gate at the bottom of the track to White Wells.

Runners can take any route to Dick Hudson's pub and back, covering about six miles.

The route will not be flagged so organisers warn that a little bit of local knowledge at the start and finish is useful.

Further details from Bob Hamilton on 01943 816776.

GOOD EFFORT:
Keighley's Rob Shaw finished third overall.

