

Thomas sets new Bunny standard

ATHLETICS

JORGE Thomas set a new record in the first Bunny Run of the season around Penistone Hill – and the event also attracted record numbers.

A total of 286 competitors tackled the three-mile off-road trail running course and Thomas was first back in 14 minutes 41 seconds.

The 26-year-old Welshman, now living in Haworth, beat a field packed with international experience.

The two-time Welsh cross-country winner and reigning Yorkshire champion in the same discipline pipped Salford's Andi Jones, who was fractions behind him in 14.48.

Olympic triathlete Alistair Brownlee, of Bingley Harriers, was third in 15.10, with clubmate Ian Holmes – who has won the event an amazing 25 times – fourth in 15.12. Keighley's Holmes was first over-40 back.

Leeds City's Adam Osborne was fifth in 15.29 ahead of recent Bradford and Keighley 10K star Will Smith (15.41) in sixth.

First lady back was Blue Haywood (Lincoln Wellington) in 18.03 ahead of Keighley and Craven Athletics Club's Helen Glover in 18.36.

Third was Katy Walshaw (Holmfirth) in 18.44, with Helm Hill's Melanie Hyder fourth in 18.53. Hyder's position put her top in the under-16 bracket.

James Hall, of Bingley Harriers, finished second in the under-14s.

● Keighley & Craven's Pippa Barratt was first under-14 girl in the Pendle Hill Race at the weekend in a time of 25 minutes 23 seconds.

Club mate Erika Carter was second in the under-16s in 27:37.

Tom Addison of Helm Hill won the four-and-a-half mile senior main event in 33:06.

Other results: 2 Gary Devine (Gargrave) 33:34, 3 Tom Adams (Ilkley Harriers) 33:53, 7 Jonathan Bradshaw (Wharfedale Harriers) 35:28, 11 Lee Morley (Ilkley H) 33:52, 12 Jack Smith (Wharfedale H) 36:07, 15 James Senior (Bingley H) 36:37, 19 Paul Crabtree (K & C); Under-14s: 1 Ben Johnson (Wharfedale H) 22:11; 2 James Hall (Bingley Harriers) 22:17; U-12 3 Holly Carter (K&C) 18:51.