

ROSTREVOR TO NEWCASTLE RELAY Northern Ireland 21m/3700ft 27.3.94

Gale force winds and torrential rain meant that a revised course had to be used for the first time in the events' 13 year history. The second leg over Eagle Mountain was replaced by a hilly road leg to Spelga Dam and the other mountain leg over Slieve Donard was shortened by only climbing to the Donard - Commedagh col at a height of 1800ft.

Although it was disappointing to have to substitute a mountain leg with a road leg the organisers definitely made the right decision in the interests of safety as conditions proved very unpleasant even on the road legs.

The race itself however turned out to be as exciting and dramatic as ever. The hastily arranged alternative route was challenging enough in the conditions and without the risks of the Eagle mountain leg in the atrocious conditions.

Philip Healy gave Ballydrain a 50-second lead on the first leg to Leitrum Lodge but NACA All Ireland cross country champion Mark McAteer stormed up the road to Spelga Dam to put Armagh AC a minute ahead. By the end of the third leg Armagh had extended their lead to two and a half minutes over Ballydrain with Newcastle a further minute behind and had victory in their sights.

However things changed dramatically on the final leg through the mountains to Newcastle as both Armagh and Ballydrain went off course in the mist and Dermot McGonigle came through from third place to snatch victory for Newcastle just 5 seconds ahead of Ballydrain.

Mark Rigby recorded the fastest time on the final leg to bring Scottish visitors Westerlands up to third, ahead of long time leaders Armagh, while Westerlands ladies were the only ladies team to complete the course.

Brian Ervine

RESULTS

1. Newcastle AC	2.25.52
2. Ballydrain Harriers	2.25.57
3. Westerlands AC	2.27.05
4. Armagh AC	2.31.05
5. Oldpark Flyers	2.31.08
6. Newcastle 'B'	2.39.47
7. Barf 'A'	2.43.06
8. Newry	2.46.58
9. BFL	2.48.02
10. Albertville	2.48.35
11. Westerlands Ladies	2.50.46
12. Barf 'B'	2.54.26

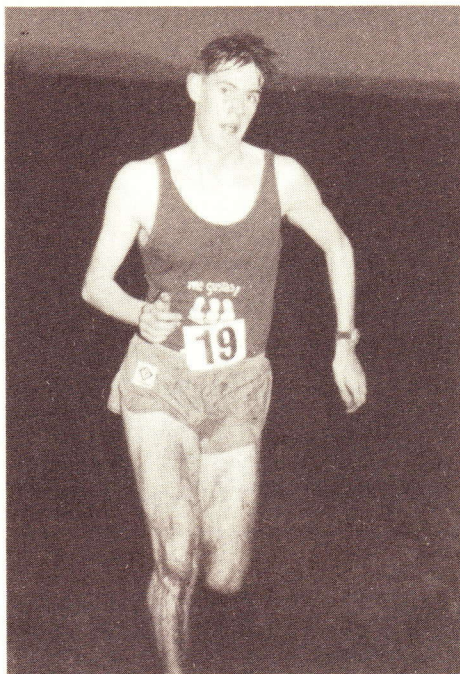
FASTEST LEGS

Leg 1 5.5m/700ft Road	P. Healey	Ballydrain	29.50
Leg 2 4.6m/800ft Road	M. McAteer	Armagh	28.06
Leg 3 4.6m/200ft Road	M. Patterson	Newry	23.59
Leg 4 6.6m/1800ft Fell	M. Rigby	Westerlands	53.09



One of the problems with results is the length of time they take to reach Dave Weatherhead. Loads of pictures of Long Mynd - here Clayton's Chris Urmston finishes - but no results from the 20th February event!

Photo: John Cartwright



Running in the Dark at the Bunny Run is Robert Jebb.
Photo: Allan Greenwood

BUNNY RUN ONE West Yorkshire CS/3m/300ft 29.3.94

"IN SAFE HAND" - The unusual cuddly rabbit perpetual trophies returned to the hutches of Gary Devine and Carol Greenwood, with Carol's name the only one on the three year old rabbits belly. Meanwhile, down in Oldham, veteran Harry Waterhouse is busy constructing his hutch.

An impressive one hundred and sixty four turned out on a windy but bright evening, with even former FRA editor, John Reade from Fife, finding the Guide Inn. Off hopped the Bunny suited athlete before the mass charge, especially for the Easter Egg stage prize, which Mervyn Keys took from the clutches of Devine.

After a short and long lap of Harden Moor, involving one hands and knees crawl, the runners hared back to get their hands on the Cadbury's creme egg memento. With over fifty Easter Eggs as prizes the only choice was Bounty, Aero, Mars, Toblerone, Galaxy etc. Within the time it took Gary to win the race, chocolate wrapper and boxers made the pub resemble a scene out of Willy Wonkas Chocolate Factory.

Runny Egg

RESULTS

1. G. Devine	P&B	18.10
2. A. Wrench	Tod	18.16
3. G. Cudahy	Stock	18.21
4. M. Keys	Ross	18.24
5. C. Metcalfe	LdsCty	18.37
6. C. Saint	LdsCty	18.45
7. P. Sheard	P&B	18.56
8. S. Green	P&B	18.58
9. S. Oldfield	Bfd/Aire	19.06
10. P. Mitchell	Bing	19.22

VETERANS O/40

1. H. Waterhouse	Sadd	19.57
2. G. Appleyard	Fellan	20.38
3. E. Hepson	Tod	21.15
4. K. Parkinson	Tod	21.23
5. A. Green	Bfd/Aire	21.28

VETERANS O/50

1. E. Blamire	Tod	23.24
2. M. Coles	Skyrac	24.09
3. B. Ogden	Skip	25.33

VETERANS O/60

1. J. Newby	Tod	26.21
2. B. Hargreaves	Tod	27.35
3. G. Garnet	Bing	28.21

LADIES

1. C. Greenwood	Bing	20.20
2. K. Drake	Spenn	21.50
3. J. Rawlinson V	Clay	23.00
4. J. Shutter	Fellan	24.04
5. L. Bostock V	Clay	24.13
6. W. Dodds V	Clay	24.51
7. P. Oldfield	Bfd/Aire	25.12
8. J. Schrieber	P&B	25.29

JUNIORS U/16

1. T. Turner	Bux	20.07
2. D. Bryson	Bing	20.44
3. A. Burnett	LdsCty	20.52
4. R. Slater	Unatt	21.05
5. J. Hart	Oldham	21.21

MANX MOUNTAIN MARATHON Isle of Man AL/30m/8000ft 2.4.94

It was a case of same again in this years Silver Jubilee Manx Mountain Marathon with the Yorkshire duo of Andy Hauser and Shane Green finishing first and second respectively, a repeat of last years result.

Weather conditions were very similar to 1993 also, with plenty of sunshine and clear skies although the very strong westerly wind blew in the occasional snow shower and meant slow times for most of the seventy or so runners who made their way from Ramsey in the North of the Isle of Man, to Port Erin in the South, a distance of thirty miles.

First casualty of the race was four time previous winner, Brent Brindle, who was forced to retire at the Black Hut due to a knee injury picked up in the previous weeks Edale race.

Only two runners were able to seriously challenge the Hauser-Green tandem, Horwich veteran Rupert Leggett and leading standard class competitor Darren Blackhurst from Leeds, hanging on gamely until the steep ascent to Slieauwhallian at about the eighteen miles mark where he gradually started slipping back.

The race was finally decided on the steep descent from Cronk-ny-Aree-Laa to the Sloc, where Green, who had appeared to be the strongest runner all day, suddenly started to labour with sharp attacks of cramp. Hauser sensed victory was his and he forced the pace over the final few miles to eventually arrive at the Bradda Glen finish with a five minute advantage, he being the only runner under five hours to prove the difficulty of the windy conditions.

It was a fine performance by thirty eight year old Hauser in a race he rates as one of the best in the British Isles; his impressive Manx record now reads completed four times, won three, and second on the other occasion.

Green maintained his second place but was obviously very disappointed at the finish. With his undoubted talent, his turn for victory will surely come sooner rather than later.

Third to complete the course was Standard winner Blackhurst, who knocked a massive forty five minutes off his previous best time, with Rupert Leggett next to finish to give him the veterans award.

Fourth Elite runner was Clayton-Le-Moors Mr Consistency, Peter Browning who recorded his seventh consecutive finish just getting the better of Manx Champion Tony Rowley, who took the Snaefell Trophy for top local.

Jean Shutter took the ladies award on her debut in the Manx, whilst sixty years young guest of Honour, Geoff Oliver, was top super veteran as he completed the course for the twentieth time.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of local brewery Okells, all finishers were awarded commemorative certificates, medallions and t-shirts.

Many thanks to race organiser Arthur Jones and his loyal band of helpers, especially Dough and Rosa Drown, who delayed their departure to Romania where they are doing so such marvellous charitable works, in order to ensure the race had its usual detailed result sheets.

The annual beer drinking race took place on the Easter Sunday night with Brent Brindle's Mountain Men team consisting of Brent, Alan Bagley, George Matuszewski and Richie Stevenson progressing smoothly through the early rounds. However, Brent's ambition of victory in the most sought after competition of the weekend was dashed in the semi-finals where Birmingham University narrowly came out on top. In the final Alehouse 'A' (Manchester University) beat Birmingham after a controversial re-run.

Richie Stevenson

RESULTS - ELITE

1. A. Hauser	Fellan	4.55.59
2. S. Green	Doss	5.00.40
3. R. Leggett V	Horw	5.20.14
4. P. Browning	Clay	5.35.48
5. T. Rowley	Manx	5.38.19

RESULTS - STANDARD

1. D. Blackhurst	Leeds	5.05.40
2. D. Corrin V/40	Manx	5.52.54
3. D. Bawden	Manx	5.56.38
4. D. Ashton V/40	Salf	5.59.52
5. R. Townsend	Unatt	6.01.35
6. P. Davies	Leeds	6.23.45
7. G. Oliver	100K	6.28.30
8. D. Findel-Hawkins V/40	Stock	6.29.21
9. E. Jack	Glas	6.30.29
10. D. Young V/40	Manx	6.31.11

VETERANS O/50

1. I. Chrystal	Loch	7.28.44
2. E. Brew	Nort	7.36.01
3. R. Baxter	Manx	8.51.00

LADIES

1. J. Shutter	Fellan	7.09.12
2. J. Stewart	Glas	7.58.52

JUNIORS U/16 - BOYS

1. A. Turner	Bux	17.45
2. A. Davies	Merc	17.59
3. G. Lamb	P&B	18.00
4. J. Hart	O&R	19.12
5. C. Hodgson	Wirral	20.44

JUNIORS U/16 - GIRLS

1. V. Wilkinson	Bing	20.52
2. G. Adams	Brist	21.30
3. M. Leck	L&M	22.15
4. J. Walsh	P&B	22.26
5. H. Matthews	Horw	23.26

JUNIORS U/14 - BOYS

1. C. Livesey	Prest	13.43
2. M. Cain	Horw	14.03
3. J. Robertson	Horw	14.10
4. A. Sutton	Prest	14.34
5. J. Blyth	Wirral	14.42

JUNIORS U/14 - GIRLS

1. N. Jones	Chor	15.53
2. S. Clark	G.Rnrs	16.02
3. S. Dunnier	Holm	16.08
4. K. Lamb	P&B	16.18
5. L. Brindle	Horw	16.32

JUNIORS U/12 - BOYS

1. L. Barnard	Telf	14.42
2. S. McCain	Wirral	14.53
3. S. Edwards	Wirral	15.01
4. K. Masser	Ross	16.16
5. I. Ramsdale	Horw	16.39

JUNIORS U/12 - GIRLS

1. S. Jones	Chor	18.02
2. N. White	Holm	18.25
3. H. Wightman	Horw	18.31
4. C. Boardman	Horw	19.28
5. H. Atherton	Horw	19.46

WOUND WITHER WOOD WELAY WACE West Yorkshire 10.4.94 CL/14m/1400' (4 x 3.5 legs)

This race was put on as a charity event to raise money for the purchase of a local ancient woodland by the Woodland Trust. Barnsley AC came with the intention of swiping the various splendid prizes on offer but reckoned without Pudding and Brambles all star line up, more ex Champions, record holders and excessive beer drinkers than you could shake a stick at! They pipped Barnsley by 42 seconds on a course that was made extra interesting by the foot of snow that was rapidly melting. Some splendid individual times considering the conditions and the fact that it is a 'thick' three and a half.

My thanks to all our supporters and sponsors from Buffalo to Patrick the chocolate man and John the pub (who reckoned that it might have cost him less money if he'd just gone out and bought the wood himself!) Cheap entry, loads of food, loads of beer, loads of merriment, loads of prizes and still a healthy £200 to give the Trust at the end of the day.

What was to have been a one off may well become an annual event but beware, the entries will be strictly limited.

RESULTS

1. Pudsey A	88.27
2. Barnsley AC A	89.09
3. Pudsey B	97.05
4. Denby Dale A	101.05
5. Helsby RC	101.26
6. Longwood Vets	103.48



Wither Wood Marshall!



Mark Kinch - winner at the Wrekin and putting in a bid for the Championship.
Photo: Steve Bateson

LADIES

1. Denby Dale A	125.10
2. Barnsley AC	128.29
3. Denby Dale B	132.52

FASTEST LEGS

Men

1. Shane Green	21.40
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Ladies

1. J. Ingman	27.40
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BUNNY RUN TWO

West Yorkshire CS/3m/300ft 12.4.94

HAIL TO THE RUNNERS! - On an evening not even fit for your pets to be out, one hundred and twenty eight hardy and obviously keen athletes toed the start line on Harden Moor. Fell shoes were the order of the day, as International, Jeff Hornby, can truly testify finishing a mere sixteenth, two minutes down on Ian Holmes. 'Holmseyy' is the first runner to complete the double, i.e. win the egg stage and the race itself. Up in to the Stage Rocks, Hornby chased hard, but on the long lap found the descent as slippery as an eel.

Even in these elements, Ilkley Harrier, Christine Porritt managed to set a new over fifty's record, taking over three minutes off Liz Spence's record.

Once again over fifty Easter Eggs were 'dished out' along with a dozen spot prize eggs, and being for the fairer sex, Cadbury's creme eggs for each at the finish.

Let's just hope the hail prevails for Bunny Run III on this fortnightly Tuesday evening slot.

Runny Egg

RESULTS

1. I. Holmes	Bing	18.06
2. P. Mitchell	Black	19.14
3. P. Thompson	Black	19.18
4. S. Oldfield	Bfd/Aire	19.21
5. G. Damiani	Spen	19.26
6. J. Logue	Horw	19.30
7. G. Oldfield	Bfd/Aire	19.34
8. M. Bruce	Bing	19.35
9. R. Pallister	P&B	19.39
10. A. Whalley	P&B	19.47

VETERANS O/40

1. M. Pickering	Otley	19.51
2. H. Waterhouse	Sadd	20.02
3. D. Rhodes	Bfd/Aire	21.33
4. E. Emerson	Tod	21.36
5. A. Green	Bfd/Aire	21.38

VETERANS O/50

1. D. Quinlan	Bing	22.25
2. R. Hill	Clay	26.34
3. R. Cutts	L'wood	27.09

LADIES

1. C. Greenwood	Bing	21.15
2. K. Drake	Spen	22.18
3. J. Rawlinson V	Clay	23.18
4. N. Wilkinson	Black	23.32
5. A. Isdale V	Bing	23.39
6. S. Malir	Fellan	24.06
7. L. Pickles	Unatt	24.48
8. L. Bostock V	Clay	25.02

JUNIORS U/16

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2. I. Wellock	Unatt	21.07
3. G. Hird	Unatt	21.37
4. O. Belby	Unatt	22.20
5. J. Hart	O&R	22.28

MOELWYN PEAKS

Gwynedd

AM/9.5m/2800ft 16.4.94

Good day for the race, clear but windy on the peaks. Entries around the average, considering the London Marathon the following day and three fell races on the same day. When can this be considered as a British or Welsh Championship Race?

E. Hughes

RESULTS

1. E. Roberts	Eryri	1.16.42
2. P. Hague	Eryri	1.19.07
3. G. Williams	Eryri	1.22.46

VETERANS O/40

1. J. Birchenough	Bolt	1.27.42
2. P. Jones	Eryri	1.28.27
3. D. Williams	Eryri	1.32.06