

## BUNNY RUN ONE

Keighley, West Yorkshire April 2

Once again Dave Woodhead's early-season Bunny Run series came up trumps, attracting a high quality field of 165, and was rewarded with outstanding course records in both races.

Lucy Wright collected her third course record of the year finishing an excellent 16th overall, again breaking one of Carol Greenwood's highly respected marks, this time taking 50 sec off the former world champion's 1993 time.

Wright has stated her intention of going for this year's domestic championships for the first time, adds this to the Half Tour of Pendle and the Ilkley Moor Race records this year.

World Cup international Greg Hull also got in on the record breaking act, taking 16 seconds off Ian Holmes' record, wasn't sure how close he was until the closing stages. But a shout of "16:30" from race organiser Dave Woodhead in the final 200m resulted in a furious sprint for the line and the first sub-17 minute clocking.

Hull said: "I didn't know whether Dave was winding me up near the end, so I just went for it."

Runner-up Mick Hill, a student at Leeds University, had a marvelous run to hold off former British champion and 1988 Ben Nevis Winner Gary Devine, despite having gone out for a 75 minute run with Hull, his training partner, earlier in the day.

Hill also took the Egg Stage prize en-route in 3:29 - just two seconds outside Holmes' year-old record, but had to settle for second as Hull pulled away in the second half of the race. "If I'd have known I was that close to the record, I would have gone for it," smiled the Bolton Harrier after the race.

Road runner Peter Carr, back in 17th - the leading M50 veteran over the half-marathon last year (71:47) - beat the over 40's as well. He has been talked into going for this year's English Champs in this his first season in earnest on the fells. Carr has certainly got the speed for a serious challenge, but can he cope with the tough schedule and equally tough terrain?

Hull, Carr and Wright all collected mega sized Easter eggs and blow-up large tortoises, the scenario being we didn't expect the trip to be so fast, remember the story of the tortoise and the hare

Runny Egg/Gareth Webb

1. G. Hull	Leeds	17:47 rec
2. M. Hill	Bol	17:15
3. G. Devine	P&B	17:30
4. A. Wrench	Todm	17:32
5. S. Livesey	C le M	17:57
6. J. Brook	Bing	18:15
7. S. Green	P&B	18:17
8. Paul Sheard	P&B	18:25
9. S. Oldfield	Brad Air	18:28
10. P. Davis	P&B	18:29

<b>M40</b>		
1. R. Crossland	Brad Air	19:41
2. G. Appleyard	Fellan	20:41
3. S. Houghton	Cald V	20:56

<b>M50</b>		
1. P. Carr	Keigh	19:25
2. T. Minikin	Keigh HR	22:28

<b>M60</b>		
1. M. Mahoney	St B	24:10

<b>U18</b>		
1. G. Blacklock	Wake	20:36
2. R. Hartman	Skyrac	20:59
3. R. Asquith	Holm	21:43

<b>Team</b>		
1. Pudsey & Bramley		18
2. Todmorden		30
3. Bingley		36

<b>Women</b>		
1. L. Wright	Leeds	19:16 rec
2. V. Wilkinson	Bing	21:25
3. A. Dennison	Brad Air	22:16
4. J. Rawlinson	C le M	22:50
5. P. Oldfield	Brad Air	22:58

<b>W50</b>		
1. C. Porritt	Ilk	27:26 rec

<b>U18</b>		
1. V. Denison	Bing	21:25
2. N. Holdsworth	Holm	23:23
3. N. White	Holm	23:42
4. S. Duniec	Wake	23:45

<b>Team</b>		
Bradford Airedale		32

## BUNNY RUN TWO

Keighley, West Yorks April 9

A day after earning the title 'World Coal Carrying Champion', medical secretary Pauline Oldfield placed second behind teammate Andrea Dennison to emulate husband Steve, who finished runner-up in the men's Bunny Run Two Race.

Carrying a 20kg half sack of coal over 1km of undulating terrain (in 5:32) in the 34th annual champs at Gawthorpe, Ossett in Yorkshire, clearly had little adverse effect on Oldfield who finished seven seconds ahead of last year's Three Peaks winner, Jean Rawlinson of Clayton.

The Gawthorpe "Mile" coal race may never become an olympic sport, but few would deny it ranks among the toughest events. Run every Easter Monday from the Royal Oak Pub to the Maypole in the West Yorkshire Village; fell-runners always feature in the fore, Richard Pallister, Gary Devine, Kath Drake, Joe Schreiber, Dave Jones, Dave and Eileen Woodhead to mention but a few.

Pauline Oldfield said: "I have always wanted to have a go. The atmosphere was incredible and to win first time out unbelievable. My shoulders are a little raw and sore, and I found tonight's race

ok." She carried away her large chocolate Easter with a 3 foot tall blow up bunny rabbit, and team egg with very little effort!!

Men's winner, Paul Sheard carried away the same, but added the egg/hill stage prize with a time of 3 mins 36 seconds in a solo run from the 159 starters.

Once again all runners collected a Cadbury's creme egg at the finish, to give them a quick energy fix, before the prize-giving chocolate feast.

Runny Egg/Gareth Webb

1. Paul Sheard	P&B	17:55
2. S. Oldfield	Brad Air	18:28
3. J. Cordingley	Todm	18:31
4. J. Brook	Bing	18:39
5. J. Wright	Todm	18:42
6. M. Horrocks	Cald V	18:45
7. R. Howarth	Midd	18:49
8. J. Butler	Keigh HR	18:52 rec
9. M. Ayrton	Hal	19:03
10. A. Maloney	Roch	19:10

<b>U16</b>		
1. S. Asquith	Holm	20:23
2. R. Hartman	Skyrac	20:58
3. A. Kennedy	Holm	20:59

<b>M40</b>		
1. J. Butler	Keigh HR	18:52
2. R. Crossland	Brad Air	19:34
3. G. Appleyard	Fellan	19:51

<b>M50</b>		
1. N. Bury	Holm	21:48
2. C. Drake	Spen	22:24

<b>Team</b>		
1. Calder Valley		39
2. Bingley		42
3. Todmorden		47

<b>Women</b>		
1. A. Dennison	Brad Air	22:07
2. P. Oldfield	Brad Air	23:01
3. J. Rawlinson	C le M	23:08
4. A. Lloyd	St B	23:18
5. A. Rees	Todm	23:21

<b>W40</b>		
1. J. Rawlinson	C le M	23:08
2. W. Dodds	C le M	24:14
3. C. Fawcett	Heigh RR	24:19
4. M. Ashton	C le M	24:39

<b>U16</b>		
1. A. Green	Spen	25:01

<b>W50</b>		
1. C. Porritt	Ilk	27:25 rec

<b>Team</b>		
1. Bradford Airedale		15
2. Clayton-le-Moors		19
3. Keighley RR		26

## BUNNY RUN THREE

Keighley, West Yorkshire April 18th

Although he admitted to feeling tired from his exertions in finishing fourth in the opening British and English Championships race at Wrekin just three days earlier, Ian Holmes pulled clear of the classy field in the early stages to cruise home in the third best time ever recorded in this race.

The wet and windy conditions made Holmes' performance even more remarkable, especially when you consider that he was just 4sec adrift of his best of 17:03 - a time that, until Greg Hull's 16:47 in the series opener, was the course record.

Steve Oldfield, who celebrated his 40th birthday on the night, shattered Jonny Butler's week-old vets/ record of 18:52 by 24 sec to finish fifth. Had Oldfield turned 40 before the championship race at Wrekin then he would have been leading the M40 category in the British Championships!

With only one short race in the British, he has little chance now of attaining the title, maybe a re-think is in order by the FRA and BAF committees.

To add to his 40th, Steve also showed how to drink a 'yard of ale', being a past straw race winner - 5 pints in 5 pubs with a bale of straw over 3 miles - it only took him 5 attempts, keep up the practice!!

Hopefully Steve is well on his way to the English title by the time this is in print, and brought more honour to the Bradford Airedale Club vest.

Last year's Three Peaks winner, Jean Rawlinson, won by 32 sec from Pauline Oldfield, to place 71st overall (from 171 finishers). With just one race remaining, former British champion Gary Devine leads with five points, ahead of Pudsey's recent recruit Mick Hill (formerly of Bolton).

Runny Egg/Gareth Webb

1. I. Holmes	Bing	17:07
2. G. Devine	P&B	17:40
3. Paul Sheard	P&B	18:05
4. Phil Sheard	P&B	18:17
5. S. Oldfield	Brad Air	18:28
6. M. Hill	P&B	18:34
7. J. Wright	Todm	18:37
8. M. Horrocks	Cald V	18:44
9. R. Jebb	Bing	18:46
10. D. Wilkinson	Roch	18:51

<b>U16</b>		
1. R. Hartman	Skyrac	20:47
2. G. Johns	Holm	21:53
3. A. Kennedy	Holm	22:46

<b>M40</b>		
1. S. Oldfield	Brad Air	18:28
2. R. Crossland	Brad Air	19:48

**M50**

1. N. Berry	Holm	21:29
2. D. Quinlan	Bing	22:18
3. T. Minikin	Keigh HR	22:37

**M60**

1. M. Mahoney	St. B	23:45
2. B. Hargreaves	Todm	27:15

**Team**

1. Pudsey & Bramley		9
2. Bingley		30
3. Calder Valley		39

**Hill Stage: Holmes 3:31**

**Women**

1. J. Rawlinson	C le M	22:25
2. P. Oldfield	Brad Air	22:57
3. A. Lloyd	St B	23:25
4. S. Duniec	Wake	23:36
5. J. Krol	Holm	23:40

**Team**

1. Clayton-le-Moors		18
2. Holmfirth		26
3. Bradford Airedale		31

**Overall after 3 races (best 3 from 4 to count).**

**Men:**

1. Devine	(3, 2) 5
2. Hill	(2, 6) 8
3. Paul Sheard	(8, 1) 12

**Women:**

1. Rawlinson	(4, 3, 1) 8
2. Oldfield	(5, 2, 2) 9
3. A. Dennison	(3, 1, 12) 16

## BUNNY RUN FOUR

Keighley, West Yorkshire 23rd April

To the finale of the Bunny Run series, all races are definitely for manic chocoholics. Manic because the same 3 mile/300ft race is so fast and furious it's over before you have settled into a rhythm. Chocoholic because the organisers, the Woodhead's, inflict vast amounts of the notorious health food on their running guests. Nobody is safe, all four races awarded all finishers a Cadbury's creme egg in total 730, add to this over 70 prize eggs each race, 50 overall eggs plus spot prize eggs. It's a weight-watcher's nightmare!

Over 210 finished the series off with Ian Holmes forced to a new egg/hill stage record of 3:22 by Dale Wilkinson of Rochdale. While Holmes carried his speed and pace on to victory, Wilkinson's oxygen debit forced him back to 51st overall, but still had the reward of an Easter egg for his gallant effort.

Gary Devine took the series honours with Jean Rawlinson the ladies, but pushed hard by Andrea Dennison who only 24 hours earlier had clocked 3 hours 8 mins in the Flora London Marathon. Once again the 'yard of ale' featured in the Guide Inn, with P & B and Leeds Uni the only takers. Mick Hill, P & B's new signing showed the way, with Angela Srivastava only a doctor since 4pm raising the raucous to a new level.

A profit gained from the entry fees made the impressive buffet possible once more.

Hope you runners are now on a more nutritional diet as Paul Sheard says "the only time I eat chocolate is if I win it as a prize, my yearly quota is now complete."

Runny Egg

1. I. Holmes	Bing	17:13
2. S. Hawkins	Bing	17:21
3. M. Hill	P&B	17:26
4. G. Devine	P&B	17:35
5. L. Warburton	Spen	17:35
6. R. Laurence	Bing	18:15
7. G. Patten	P&B	18:18
8. P. Sheard	P&B	18:31
9. R. Jebb	Bing	18:36
10. J. Brook	Bing	18:37

<b>M40</b>		
1. J. Butler	Kly RR	19:20
2. S. Houghton	Calder	20:22
3. J. Winder	Calder	20:40

<b>M50</b>		
1. P. Carr	Kly RR	19:32
2. N. Jennings	Bing	21:27
3. N. Berry	Holm	21:33

<b>U16</b>		
1. G. Johns	Holm	22:02
2. D. Stanforth	Skipton	22:03

**Women**

1. L. Wright	Leeds Cty	20:00
2. V. Wilkinson	Bing	21:40
3. J. Rawlinson	Clem	22:26

**OVERALL WINNERS**

1. G. Devine	9	<b>V60's</b>	
2. M. Hill	11	1. M. Mahoney	3
3. P. Sheard	12	<b>U16's</b>	
4. S. Oldfield	16	1. R. Hartman	3
5. J. Brook	20	2. A. Kennedy	7
		3. G. Johns	8
<b>V40's</b>		<b>Ladies</b>	
1. J. Butler	4	1. J. Rawlinson	7
2. R. Crossland	6	2. A. Dennison	8
3. S. Houghton	10	3. P. Oldfield	9
4. J. Winder	13	4. A. Lloyd	13
5. E. Emerson	19	5. A. Rees	19
<b>V50's</b>		<b>V50's</b>	
1. N. Berry	4	1. P. Collier	4
2. T. Minikin	8	<b>U16's</b>	
3. R. Blakeley	12	1. S. Duniec	5
		2. N. White	6
		3. A. Green	7