

The 19th Yorkshire Fell Running Championships

The 19th Yorkshire Fell Running Championships from Fold Farm Campsite in Kettlewell which were incorporated within the Wharfedale TTT Sunday race proved challenging being run over the slopes of Langliffe with the longer races running over Whernside Pasture and Hag Dike. These races were also the final event in the FRA English Junior championship six race series.

Six times senior English champion Simon Bailey was given honorary Yorkshire membership for the day to present the winning medallists their awards and of course boxes of Roses chocolates.

Although medals cannot be awarded in the U8 and U10 races, we always recognise them with boxes of Roses and hope they will become future champions, like Callum Durrans BU10 winner in 2012 and Lilli Carr GU10 winner last year.

Lilli Carr and Louis Hudson both from Keighley & Craven were overjoyed to win the U12 trophies, Gold medals plus the chocolate, Louis had last years winner Callum Durrans chasing only five seconds behind, but Louis is a mean descender just like his dad Robert who was Yorkshire senior bronze medallist in 2000 and is a former BOFRA champion. Louis has now finished sixth in the English champs with Callum ahead in fifth, while Lilli has an English bronze medal on the way. Silver medallist Charlotte Barrett was only six seconds behind Lilli whilst Lucy Fryers was another ten seconds adrift collecting bronze.

Yorkshire runners filled the first four positions in the BU14's race with Nathan Smith having the edge to become champion over City of York team mate Joshua Dickinson, while 2012 BU12 champion Thomas Nelson chased hard to collect the bronze, with Elliot Hutchinson just out of the medals. Nathan and Thomas will now collect English silver and bronze medals. Katie Atkinson moved away from Track and Field to win the GU14 Sarah Rowell trophy ahead of Olivia Roper and Poppy Cooke, Poppy last year won the GU12's title ahead of Katie. Katie recently finished with a silver medal in the Yorkshire Track and Field 800m and has improved her time by ten seconds since February.

Scarborough's Emma Clapton twice a winner at GU14 won the GU16 trophy having had to dig deep on the last climb after 2014 English silver medallist Lucy Haines had descended like a demon.

Lucy's great rival and friend Jemima Elgood finished with the bronze and will improve even more after her first ever fell season. Emma was another who competed at the Yorkshire Track and Field finishing with a bronze in the GU17 1500m in a new pb of 4-43-12. Emma has recently been selected for the European Triathlon Youth Relay championships in Russia, after having collected a silver medal at the Blenheim Palace Triathlon and a silver in the British Duathlon championships at Youth level. 2013 BU14 champion and BU12 bronze medallist from 2010, Tyler Hutchinson lifted the BU16 trophy with 2010 BU12 champion Seth Waterman in silver and James Lund the BU12 champion in 2011 in bronze. Tyler is another star of the future having finished second in both the Yorkshire and Northern Cross Country championships this year at BU15, and is an accomplished track runner and triathlete having won Youth bronze at Blenheim Palace.

Calder Valley Fell Runner Issy Wharton has only ever won one other Yorkshire fell medal and that was a silver at GU12, so it was fantastic to see her with the GU18 gold medal to go with her Yorkshire Fell Inter Counties vest she attained this year. Lucy Williamson won the silver with Ellie Crownshaw the bronze. James Hall first won a Yorkshire title in 2007 at BU12, he now has six titles to his name winning here ahead of Lewis Byram, last years BU16 champion in a battle royal, Lewis' team mate George Green won the bronze.

Thanks again to Deborah and Wayne Byram for their sponsorship of these championships and their involvement in the sport of fell running, triathlon, cross country and basically anything sporting!

2014 19th Yorkshire Fell Running Championships
at Wharfedale TTT Kettlewell races in North Yorkshire
sponsored by 'Byram Construction Ltd'

Girls Under12

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| Champion | Lilli Carr | Keighley & Craven |
| Silver | Charlotte Barrett | Wharfedale |
| Bronze | Lucy Fryers | Keighley & Craven |

Boys Under12

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| Champion | Louis Hudson | Keighley & Craven |
| Silver | Callum Durrans | Holmfirth |
| Bronze | Jack Muir | Wharfedale |

Girls Under14

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| Champion | Katie Atkinson | Keighley & Craven |
| Silver | Olivia Roper | Bingley |
| Bronze | Poppy Cooke | Leeds City |

Boys Under14

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| Champion | Nathan Smith | City of York |
| Silver | Joshua Dickinson | City of York |
| Bronze | Thomas Nelson | Wharfedale |

Girls Under16

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| Champion | Emma Clapton | Scarborough |
| Silver | Lucy Haines | Ilkley |
| Bronze | Jemima Elgood | Ilkley |

Boys Under16

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| Champion | Tyler Hutchinson | City of York |
| Silver | Seth Waterman | Holmfirth |
| Bronze | James Lund | Keighley & Craven |

Girls Under18

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| Champion | Issy Wharton | Calder Valley FR |
| Silver | Lucy Williamson | Ilkley |
| Bronze | Ellie Crownshaw | Bradfield RC |

Boys Under18

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| Champion | James Hall | Wharfedale |
| Silver | Lewis Byram | Holmfirth |
| Bronze | George Green | Holmfirth |