

Congleton Harriers Race Reports.

The Summer Series of races is now drawing to a close with the running of the 8th and 9th races in the series. The 8th race was run at Birchall, Leek over one of the flatter courses on the calendar, though the course did entail running up Ladderedge Road out of Leek before resuming over the fields and along the canal banks.

James Pearce led the Harriers home, as he has done in many of the races, in an excellent 6th place with a time of 35min.21sec with Pete Newham just on place behind in 35.46 closely followed by James Wood in 36.59 (13). Gill Armstrong ran a storming race to finish 2nd lady in a time of 42.38 and achieving overall position of 57th in a field of 152 finishers. Armstrong just edged out Mick Fernyhough who finished one second and one place behind her. Richard Benson was next to finish in 42.53 (61) ahead of Seaton Kennerley 43.19 (64) and Debbie Hill 43.34 (66th and 1st FV45). Malcolm Jackson had the better of his wife, Sandre finishing the race in 67th position with a time of 43.47 with Mrs Jackson just behind in 44.15 (77). Jim Bradbury was just two seconds behind Sandre in 78th place followed by Pete Doyle 45.42 (90), Chris Tanner-Tremaine 45.59 (94), Derek Dale 46.10 (95) and Judith Newham 46.31 (96). Apologies to Judith who was missed out of the earlier report of the Snowdon race where she ran very strongly to finish the arduous course in 1hr.51min 53sec and achieved 309th position in a field on 465 finishers.

Harold Pinkney was next home achieving 100th place with a time of 47.35 closely followed by Paula Kennerley 47.54 (101), Austin Farr 48.51 (112), Derek Lucas 49.02 (115), Ella Lyman 51.03 (128), Len Frodsham 53.58 (137), Simon Wadsworth 56.47 (143), Caroline Partner 57.02 (144) and Katie Benson 65.53 (151).

In the one-mile junior fun run Josh Carr ran well to finish in 3rd place. Lizzie Newham finished in 9th place followed by Henry Foddy 13th and Ella Kennerley 15th

The penultimate race in the Summer Series took place on 9th August at Parkhall and again the Harriers had a large representation with Pete Newham the first Harrier to finish, achieving 6th place in a time of 24.18. James Wood ran well to finish in 12th place with a time of 25.19 followed by Jason Chappell 25.53 (15), Chris Moss 26.41 (22), Mick Fernyhough 28.21 (33) and Pete Ceuppens 28.49 (39).

Gill Armstrong went one better than the previous week when she was 1st lady in a time of 29.11 (45). Debbie Hill showed the strength of the Harriers ladies team when she again finished 1st FV45 in a time of 29.34 (51). Seaton Kennerley was next to finish in 29.57 (58), closely followed by Rich Benson 30.04 (63).

Sandre Jackson achieved bragging rights in the Jackson household this week when she revenged the defeat of the previous week with a time of 30.12 (68) with husband, Malcolm two places and twelve seconds behind.

Chris Tanner-Tremaine (in the O60's section) continues to show good form completing the hilly course in 30.42 (72) followed by Pete Doyle 31.30 (79), Derek Dale 31.48 (83), David Taylor 31.54 (86), Tony Smith 31.56 (87) and Harold Pinkney 32.30 (91). Len Frodsham just held off Caroline Partner with Frodsham finishing in 37.30 (123) and Partner in 38.01 (124). There were 138 finishers.

The Harriers had only one runner in the junior mile race where Lizzie Newham ran well to finish in 12th place.

The final race in the series took place last week but the results have not yet been published. A full report, including details of the prize-winners will follow next week.

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