

Records galore



Record breaker Ian Holmes completes the Stoop run

Records tumbled at Sunday's Oxenhope Stoop fell race which attracted its biggest-ever entry of over 200 runners.

Conditions were almost perfect for the event with a following wind helping to push runners up the 800ft climb of the famous Stoop.

"It was very cold for the start at Penistone Hill, but conditions could hardly have been better for the runners," said organiser Eileen Woodhead.

Haworth runner Ian Holmes kept up his domination of the event, winning the race for the fifth time, and setting a new record. He cut his own best time for the event from 26mins 50secs to 26:36.

Riddlesden teacher Jonnie Butler was also on top form, retaining the Veterans Trophy and slicing over two seconds off the previous best time, cutting the record from 31mins to 28:56.

Leeds City runner Lucy Wright also set a new Ladies Race record, trimming the time from 32:50 to 31:27. Former record holder and fell running international Carol Greenwood, who has been out of the sport for several months, was there to watch as her record fell.

A new record was also set in the Over-60 category when John Newby of Todmorden reduced the existing time from 44:11 to 42:05, and Ron Appleby of Bingley set an Over-70 time of 47:59.

But the most impressive record breaking run of the day came in the Under-18 girls section where Bev McWade of the Clayton-le-Moors club destroyed the existing time of 53:47, setting a new mark of 39:07.

German runner Jens Bitterling, who is studying at

Fell Running

York University also took part, together with a coach party from Barnsley Harriers who are planning to make an annual pilgrimage to the event.

Prizes with a Christmas theme were presented at the



Jonnie Butler

Clog and Cobbles Hotel, at Haworth.

Junior results: Under-14: 1 Carl Swire (Clayton) 5:40; 2 Ian Harvey (Halifax) 5:50; 3 Joshua Fuller (Keighley Road Runners) 6:02. Under-12's: 1 David Broadbent 6:47; 1st girl Anna Jagan (Stanbury) 7:06; 2 Freya Jagan (Stanbury) 8:15. Matthew Briggs (Keighley Hill Runners) 11:12. Under-16's: 1 Ben Crossley (Hulme Grammar) 10:55; 2 Adam Astin (Rochdale) 11:16; 3 Graham Pearce (Ilkley) 12:12.