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AULD HEADS TRIUMPH

ALMOST 300 runners celebrated the end of the year by running the Auld Lang Syne Fell race at Haworth. Clayton Harriers took the team race as they so often did in 1998, their successful men were Mark Horrocks (third), Mark Brown (sixth) and Mick Proctor (17th).

The Rossendale Harriers team of Jason Howard (eighth), Andrew Preedy (15th) and Ken Taylor (25th) tied with Bingley for second, but the Yorkshire club won the prize because the third counter in the team was in before Rossendale's. It couldn't have been closer though, Ken Taylor was one place and one second behind Bingley's Robin Lawrence. Taylor was unlucky twice over as Clayton's Peter McWade beat him to the over 50 prize by just four seconds.

This was the fifth official Auld Lang Syne race, and there was one 'ghost race' when it was cancelled due to bad weather, but 70 runners raced anyway. Bingley's British champion Ian Holmes has won all six and he led from start to finish this time. Mark Horrocks had a good battle with Shaun Winstanley of Leeds for second place, but lost ground on the faster parts of the course and had to settle for third.

Carole Greenwood won the ladies race easily to complete a double for Bingley.

Todmorden's John Wright finished seventh, Kieran Carr of Clayton was third over 50, with Rossendale's Barry Rawlinson fourth. Ross Jaques and John Barker who both run for Clayton were second and third over 60s.

The winner's trophy was a hand-pump, and every runner won a bottle of beer. One of the runners, Paul Briscoe owns a small brewery, and he will be making a special seven per cent brew to commemorate next year's race on the eve of the millennium. The prizewinners this time received a sample, this year everyone will get a bottle.

Results: 1 Ian Holmes (Bingley) 36.29, 2 Shaun Winstanley (Leeds) 38.12, 3 Mark Horrocks (Clayton) 38.33, 4 (first vet) Steve Oldfield (Bradford) 39.22, 32 (first lady) Carole Greenwood (Bingley) 42.58. **Teams:** 1 Clayton, 2 Bingley, 3 Rossendale.

East Lancs — Clayton: 6 Mark Brown 39.50, 17 Mike Proctor 41.41, 22 Peter McWade 42.00, 35 Andy Orr 43.15, 40 Matthew Woods 43.48, 44 Kieran Carr 44.03, 46 Paul Brannon 44.09, 51 Matthew Carr 44.36, 71 Nigel Clark 46.28, 72 Lee Aspin 46.37, 88 Shaun Addison 47.44, 103 Francis Judge 49.07, 120 Andrew Dugdale 49.48, 134 Derek Lee 50.46, 162 Ross Jaques 52.09, 165 Peter Dugdale 52.20, 175 John Barker 53.32, 177 Craig Eccles 53.33, 182 Andrew Baxter 53.50, 226 Geoff Newsam 57.08, 228 Robert Hirst 57.21, 233 Linda Bostock 57.42, 245 Jim Whalley 58.37, 246 Brian Leathley 58.50, 263 Jack Maguire 63.59, 268 Ed: Moore 67.39.

Rossendale: 8 Jason Howard 40.00, 15 Andrew Preedy 41.28, 25 Ken Taylor 42.04, 31 Gary Sumner 42.55, 50 David Holt 44.28, 54 Barry Rawlinson 45.02, 60 Andrew Lee 45.37, 69 Andy Hewitt 46.15, 80 Keith Masser 47.03, 83 Declan Callan 47.18, 94 Graham Wright 48.04, 166 Adrian Watts 52.32, Geoff Fletcher 52.31, 213 Alan McGuinness 56.07, 241 Jan Kempson 48.22.

Todmorden: 7 John Wright 39.55.
Hyndburn: 33 Andy McFarlane 43.00, 256 Andrew Biddle 60.17.

Darwen Dashers: 63 Neil Holding 45.47, 89 Julian Donneley 47.46, 205 Dave Shorrock 55.38, 248 Les Littlefair 59.11, 266 Mick Heath 66.38.



FIRST FOOTING:
Pete McWade first in
the Vet 50 section