

Veterans' records tumble in tough fell race

# Stoop run

**RECORDS** were broken as over 200 runners raced over frozen ground in last weekend's Stoop Race from the Penistone Country Park at Haworth.

Ian Holmes swept to victory in the senior race to continue his domination of the event — with his eighth consecutive win. The race has been run over the last nine years and the only person to beat him was Boss Whalley, who won the first running with Holmes taking second place.

"Ian has decided he is going to continue winning the race as long as he can," said organiser Dave Woodhead.

Holmes was just outside his own record time, despite reporting that conditions were good with frozen ground leading to fast times.

"He was very quick on the way up to the top of the Stoop, but then he had to thread his way through over 200 runners making their way up. He went through the ice a couple of times and took two heavy falls which took their toll," Dave Woodhead said.

He completed the course in 27 minutes 43 seconds and was chased home by Mark Horrocks of Clayton-le-Moors Harriers who was just over a minute behind.

However older runners set new records with Ken Taylor setting a new mark for Over-50 runners with a time of 32mins 17secs.

Tracey Ambler, a housewife from Ilkley, enjoyed the run of her life to win the women's event and set a new over-35 women's time of 35mins 19secs. Lisa Lacon of Holmfirth was second woman and Wendy Barnes of Barnsley was third.

Unattached runner, Muriel Leeming set a new record in the women's over-50 section with a

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time of 43mins 23secs.

Jonnie Butler was the first of the local Keighley & Craven AC runners, in 12th place, followed by 25 Ian Hanson (Bingley), 28 Lawrence Hellawell (K&C), 32 Matt Woods (Clayton), 34 Shaun Addison (Clayton), 39 Ian Ferguson, 41 Colin Moses (Bingley), 53 Pete Bramham (K&C), 57 Tony Knowles (K&C).

There was also a bumper turn out of junior runners with Martin Hounslow of Keighley & Craven winning the Under-14 race followed by Ben Weeden. Robert Anderson won the Under-12 event with local runners Mark Addison and Jack Weeden leading the chasing pack. Orienteering specialist Freya Jagan was first Under-14 girl home.

Under-9's runner Penny Addison enjoyed a superb run in 17th place ahead of Tom Addison (Under-12) and Jenny Addison (U9) in a family battle with Jos and Rory Addison getting an early taste of competition running.

Mark Smith won the Under-16 race ahead of Sam Hounslow (K&C) with Anna Jagan (EPOC) in fourth place.

■ A total of £56 was raised for Airedale Cancer Support Group with an after-race raffle.



Stoop winner Ian Holmes (right) and Mark Horrocks celebrate

## NEW YEAR RUN

NEXT race in the Penistone Series is the Auld Lang Syne event on New Year's Eve. The six-mile event starts at 11.30am — and all the prizes are alcoholic.