

BUNNY RUN RELAY Keighley, W Yorks

PUDSEY & BRAMLEY scored double victories in the inaugural running of this event, *Gareth Webb reports.*

The West Yorkshire outfit's victory in the men's race was pretty much straight forward with their three-man team claiming the fastest times of the evening.

Steve Neill set them on their way on leg one in 13:31 to hand over to Shane Green (13:25) with former British champion Gary Devine, in the day's best time of 13:07, bringing Pudsey home over a minute clear of Pudsey Dale.

Holmfirth U16s were delighted to beat Holmfirth A (all seniors) by three places as they finished an impressive 10th overall.

Gareth Johns, 14, the oldest runner in the team, brought Holmfirth home well clear on the anchor leg with a time of 15:51 after storming runs by 13-year-old Nicky Holdsworth and Mark Smith who is just 12.

Star of the day (or madman, depending on how you look at it!) was Pudsey Pacers' Mick Lolley who ran all three legs. He opened with 17:54 for 20th place overall and followed that up with a somewhat slower 19:16 (to remain in 20th spot) before feeling the pace on the last leg (19:30) and slip back a further five places to 25th from 28 teams who finished.

Anne Buckley produced arguably the run of the day on leg one as she came home in sixth overall with the day's fastest clocking (14:43) to set Pudsey on their way to a comprehensive victory.

Buckley handed over to 21 year old Helen Purdey, the 1996 British Isles Ironman Triathlon silver medalist (competing in her shortest race ever) before Jane Clark brought Pudsey home in eighth on the final leg in the second quickest time of the evening (15:25).

Two days after winning the 23.5 mile Three Peaks Race, Carol Greenwood helped the mixed 'Mad Hatters' team to sixth with the third best time of the day (15:46).

Men (2.5M, 250ft; teams of three)

- 1 Pudsey & Bramley 40:03 (S Neill 13:31; S Green 13:25; G Devine 13:07);
- 2 Pudsey Dale 41:06 (R Pallister 13:51; A Maloney 13:44; D Wilkinson 13:31);
- 3 Keighley Road Runners 42:00 (D Woolley 13:44; L Spencer 14:21; J Butler M40 13:55);
- 4 Ilkley B 43:08 (M Pickering M40 14:07; N Pearce M40 14:59; J Hemsley 14:02);
- 5 Bingley 44:24 (G Smith 15:02; P Whelan 15:44; P Crabtree 14:08);
- 6 Mad Hatters 44:31 (D Woodhead 14:17; S Addison 14:28; C Greenwood W 15:46);
- 7 Calder Valley Vets 45:34 (S Houghton 15:09; D Thompson 14:46; M Wardle 15:39);
- 8 Pudsey & Bramley Women 46:10 (A Buckley 14:43; H Purdy