

17th DECEMBER 2017 THE 29th STOOP 8km/250m

'Having not had any hot water in my house for the best part of a week the notoriously muddy Stoop fell race might have been an ill-advised choice, but with it being Dave and Eileen's last edition of this festive race, I made the trip up the M1. Wind, rain and mud were the order of the day on Penistone hill with a healthy (or unhealthy) amount of ice making any fast roady sections a potential bone breaking hazard. The Stoop's mandatory kit of a Santa hat can sometimes be a little bit annoying, flopping around as you run, but today it did add an extra layer of warmth in the icy head winds on route. At the start my only goal of the day was to keep out of ear shot of all the novelty Christmas costumes laden with bells, especially team mate James Woodman. A bad start saw me quite a way back in the field heading out of the quarry, but it did mean I managed to follow Ian's shortcut across the grass and catch the leaders by the road crossing. What an exciting race, the win could have gone any of three ways, with myself, Pudsey's new Fell Captain Joe Baxter and Keighley's U17 Yorkshire champion, English, British and Irish fells silver medalist plus rising England International Joe Hudson exchanging the lead many times. Joe B set the early pace before I managed to pass him on the moor. At this point I did try and kick on to prevent the Joe's from getting any advantage from me shielding them from the wind. This didn't work with Joe B passing me on the climb up to the Stoop. I took the lead again just rounding the standing stone. Joe H capitalised on falls in to the icy bogs taken by myself and Joe B and used some good technique to stay on his feet, leading almost back to the track where Joe B took the lead again. Joe B led down the track and across the road until I managed to take my chance and kick on up the final climb to the cricket club finish line,' said Withins Skyline and now Stoop winner Harry. The winning time was way outside eleven times winner Ian Holmes' 1995 record of 26.36 for racing straight up and down the Stoop which is only used when ice is an issue on the bridleways, although U17 Joe Hudson was only 18 seconds down on Bolton's Chris Caldwell's 1994 record, while V50 Ian finished fourth, but missed Rossendale's Ken Taylor's 1998 record by 14 seconds. Wilfred Bell won the V60's, Dave Tait the V70's and George Arnold set a new V80 record. P&B won the mens team with Harry Holmes, Joe Baxter and Matthew Seddon.

'Long gone are the days of doing the junior race round the quarry and then watching the santa hats bob along into the distance. I've been running on the fells for 12 years now, and in all those years Dave & Eileen have been involved, from being the junior co-ordinators during my very first junior championship in 2005 to organising the now famous Woodentops races. Thank you both for everything you've done for the sport! The Stoop is one of my favourite fell races as it's got a little bit of everything. This year a layer of ice coated the surface...it was going to be a battle of who could stay upright! We were off, the charge out of the quarry and straight over the slippery road onto the grass seemed to be the preferred option for most. The track before we got on to the moor was sheet ice, a few hardy souls tried their luck only to hop back onto the grass verge. The downhill section before we started the climb up t'Stoop was pretty good running, little did we know what was coming our way. The bogs were deep and freezing, with an ice topping which was particularly enjoyable against the shins. The last bit of the climb was met with a chilling wind, more ice, snow and frozen mud. I'd only fallen once on the way up, but my fortunes were about to change. The descent began and I soon found myself admiring the moor at a distance that wasn't pleasant on several occasions, glancing down my knees were covered in blood. Thankfully I was soon out of the man-eating bogs and onto the firmer path, one of my favourite sections of the race even if it is uphill! I opted for the grass ridge on the way back down and up the final climb to the finish...safe to say my Santa hat wasn't clean this year! Thrilled to win the last Woodentops Stoop race and for it to be my third win in a row makes it extra special. Special thanks to Eileen who tended to my bashed knees afterwards, and for all the marshals who helped on the day - you're the ones that make it happen.' Commented a jubilant Nichola who lives in Loughborough and works for Sustrans as a Schools Cycling Officer in Leicester...cycling around the city teaching children how to ride amongst other things! Nichola's winning time of 35.08 did beat her FU18 record for the race set way back in 2010 of 37.28, in second was Withins Skyline winner and fresh from running 33.50 at Leeds Abbey Dash 10k Emma Clayton of Leeds City with Ruby Sykes of Holmfirth third and Rachel Pilling of P&B fourth, before first FV40 Jo Buckley of Calder Valley, Sarah Gill of Harrogate won the FV50's and Aileen Baldwin of Stainland Lions set a new FV60 record beating Christine Porritts of Ilkley 2001 record by five minutes. Harrogate Harriers won the ladies team with Helen Price, Sarah Gill and Helene Whitaker.

1	181	31.07	HARRY HOLMES	P&B	
2	183	31.16	JOE BAXTER	P&B	
3	310	31.32	JOE HUDSON	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	U18
4	15	32.31	IAN HOLMES	BINGLEY	V50
5	102	33.36	NATHAN EDMONDSON	ILKLEY	
6	10	33.41	MICHAEL MALYON	BAILDON	
7	43	33.51	TYLER HUTCHINSON	CITY OF YORK	
8	81	34.26	KAI SUNMAN	HOLMFIRTH	
9	293	34.30	CHRISTIAN HOLMES	WHARFEDALE	V40
10	95	34.31	JACK CUMMINGS	ILKLEY	
11	184	34.51	MATTHEW SEDDON	P&B	
12	304	34.54	MARC SENNETT	WHARFEDALE	
13	193	34.57	RICHARD SHUTTLEWORTH	PRESTWICH	
14	77	35.05	BEN PROCTOR	HELM HILL	
15	202	35.06	PAUL SORRELL	RIPLEY RC	V40
16	200	35.08	NICHOLA JACKSON	RIBBLE VALLEY	F
17	182	35.36	JAMES WOODMAN	P&B	
18	209	35.45	MATTHEW RICHARDSON	SALTAIRE STRIDERS	

19	44	36.05	DAVID BAGOT	CLAYTON LE MOORS	
20	185	36.27	NEIL ARMITAGE	P&B	V40
21	100	36.47	MARTIN ARCHER	ILKLEY	
22	307	37.00	ROB FURNESS	WHARFEDAILE	
23	80	37.07	FIONN KERRY	HOLMFIRTH	U18
24	141	37.12	JAMES WHARBURTON	KNARESBOROUGH STRIDERS	
25	39	37.20	DARREN FISHWICK	CHORLEY	V40
26	145	37.28	EMMA CLAYTON	LEEDS CITY	F
27	89	37.32	TOM THOMAS	HYDE PARK	
28	134	37.50	JACK HIPKISS	KIRKSTALL	
29	299	37.54	JASON HEMSLEY	WHARFEDAILE	V40
30	290	38.07	SIMON VALLANCE	VALLEY STRIDERS	V50
31	286	38.09	MICK LOFTUS	VALLEY STRIDERS	V50
32	7	38.14	JEFF SINGLETON	BAILDON	
33	165	38.21	TIM BROOK	NORTHOWRAM PUMAS	
34	111	38.25	BEN TIMBERS	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
35	296	38.29	DAVE McGUIRE	WHARFEDAILE	V40
36	14	38.32	IAN FERGUSON	BINGLEY	V50
37	270	38.34	ROBIN BRADBURY	UA	V40
38	158	38.39	IAN FURLONG	NORTH LEEDS FR	
39	4	38.41	GARETH HOLME	BAILDON	
40	129	38.46	SHAUN WILKINSON	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V50
41	82	38.48	RUBY SYKES	HOLMFIRTH	F
42	41	38.49	JAMES TUCKER	CITY OF YORK	U18
43	288	38.51	RONAN LOFTUS	VALLEY STRIDERS	
44	236	38.52	DAVID FORT	TRAWDEN AC	V40
45	35	38.55	STEVE SMITHIES	CALDER VALLEY	V50
46	179	39.04	COLIN WALKER	P&B	V40
47	245	39.09	CHRIS SWINSON	UA	
48	84	39.11	DAVE MILLIKEN	HORWICH RMI	V50
49	180	39.11	GRAHAM PILLING	P&B	
50	57	39.15	PATRICK WARDLE	FELLANDALE	
51	126	39.19	RICK HARWOOD	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
52	187	39.22	RACHEL PILLING	P&B	F
53	144	39.57	TOM PRATT	LEEDS BRAD TRI	
54	118	40.04	IAN WILLIS	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
55	34	40.09	PAUL HAIGH	CALDER VALLEY	V40
56	199	40.14	BEN CLARE	QUEENSBURY	
57	250	40.17	DANNY THOMPSON	UA	
58	85	40.20	NEIL HOLDING	HORWICH RMI	V50
59	130	40.22	STUART WALTON	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
60	30	40.26	JO BUCKLEY	CALDER VALLEY	FV40
61	235	40.28	CRAIG STOROZUK	TRAWDEN AC	
62	124	40.33	PETE LLOYD	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	
63	237	40.38	JAMIE McILVENNY	TRAWDEN AC	
64	38	40.41	CARLOS BEDSON	CHESHIRE HR	V40
65	306	40.43	PETE DIMITRIJEVIC	WHARFEDAILE	V40
66	127	40.44	RUSSELL AYDON-BUTLER	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
67	104	40.45	RICHARD JOEL	ILKLEY	V40
68	3	40.51	CRAIG BLACKWELL	BAILDON	V40
69	257	40.56	JONATHAN WHITAKER	UA	V50
70	78	40.58	MAURICE O'BRIEN	HOLCOMBE	V40
71	223	41.02	IAN SUTCLIFFE	STADIUM R	V40
72	31	41.08	LINDSEY OLDFIELD	CALDER VALLEY	F
73	205	41.11	MICHAEL TOMAN	ROSSENDALE	V50
74	66	41.22	STEVE SLADDIN	HALIFAX	

75	225	41.25	ANDREW EARNSHAW	STAINLAND LIONS	V40
76	219	41.31	NICK ODDY	SKIPTON AC	V40
77	201	41.34	MATT JACKSON	RIPLEY RC	
78	261	41.41	MATTY BARNES	UA	V50
79	232	41.46	KEITH ALGER	TODMORDEN	
80	27	41.49	CALVIN FERGUSON	CALDER VALLEY	
81	177	41.54	BOFF WHALLEY	P&B	V50
82	157	41.57	DOM NURSE	NORTH LEEDS FR	V40
83	119	41.58	JACK WALTON	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	U18
84	83	41.59	LIO ACHARD	HORSFORTH	V40
85	190	42.02	COLIN SHUTTLEWORTH	PRESTON	V50
86	295	42.17	COLIN MOSES	WHARFEDALE	V50
87	249	42.24	CRAIG NEVILLE	UA	V40
88	189	42.24	JOHN TOMLINSON	PENISTONE FR	V40
89	93	42.27	COLIN WILLIAMS	ILKLEY	V50
90	309	42.30	PAULINE MUNRO	ILKLEY	FV40
91	208	42.38	MATTHEW BLAKELEY	ROUNDHAY	V40
92	86	42.42	WILFRED BELL	HOWGILL	V60
93	175	42.55	VICTORIA STAINBURN	OTLEY	F
94	176	43.05	BELINDA BAQUERO	P&B	F
95	163	43.11	TIMOTHY JACOBS	NORTH LEEDS FR	V40
96	268	43.15	ROB GROVES	UA	
97	99	43.19	MALCOLM PICKERING	ILKLEY	V60
98	128	43.29	SEAN TROTH	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	
99	170	43.38	CHRIS STACEY	OTLEY	V40
100	186	43.43	NEIL WALLACE	P&B	V40
101	210	43.46	RICHARD STONE	SALTAIRE STRIDERS	V50
102	253	43.58	HARVEY LEAH-SMITH	UA	U18
103	122	44.01	MATT HOUSE	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
104	260	44.04	MARK WEBB	UA	V50
105	42	44.06	PATRICK HINMAN	CITY OF YORK	
106	26	44.10	STEVEN BOOCOCK	BRAMLEY BREEZERS	V50
107	58	44.20	PAUL HEELEY	FELLANDALE	V40
108	73	44.22	RICHARD WILLIS	HARROGATE	V40
109	69	44.26	HELEN PRICE	HARROGATE	FV40
110	74	44.31	SARAH GILL	HARROGATE	FV50
111	239	44.43	ANDREW DALTON	UA	V40
112	215	45.02	JAYNE BUTTERWORTH	SKIPTON AC	FV50
113	168	45.13	SEAN HARRISON	OAKWELL	V40
114	172	45.15	LAURA McCABE	OTLEY	F
115	173	45.16	LOUISE WILLIAMS	OTLEY	FV40
116	300	45.32	JEAN POWELL	WHARFEDALE	FV50
117	70	45.38	HELENE WHITAKER	HARROGATE	FV50
118	281	45.44	AMANDA SEIMS	VALLEY STRIDERS	F
119	301	46.12	JOHN EGAN	WHARFEDALE	V40
120	233	46.16	MARK WHITAKER	TODMORDEN	V50
121	174	46.19	SHARRON SMITH	OTLEY	FV40
122	147	46.27	COLIN FEATHER	MARSH	V60
123	101	46.28	MARY GIBBONS	ILKLEY	F
124	72	46.49	MARTYN PRICE	HARROGATE	V50
125	308	46.52	TONY SHEPHERD	WHARFEDALE	V50
126	273	47.04	SARAH HAINES	UA	FV50
127	146	47.09	BOB BEATTIE	MARSH	V50
128	153	47.13	KEVIN NICHOLAS	NIDD VALLEY	V50
129	254	47.15	JANE HODKINSON	UA	FV50
130	88	47.16	ROBIN CULSHAW	HYDE PARK	F

131	241	47.17	ASHLEY WILLIS	UA	V40
132	305	47.17	CORIN WILLIS	UA	V40
133	90	47.17	ALISON WESTON	ILKLEY	FV50
134	113	47.27	CHRIS WHITTEL	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V50
135	16	47.33	JOHN LYNCH	BINGLEY	V50
136	298	47.35	IAN PAGE	WHARFEDAILE	V50
137	164	47.37	ALLY CANNING	NORTHOWRAM PUMAS	F
138	75	47.39	SIMON CHILDS	HARROGATE	V50
139	280	47.50	AILEEN LOFTUS	VALLEY STRIDERS	F
140	117	48.10	IAN RODGERS	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V40
141	24	48.24	JOHN ORRELL	BLACKBURN	V50
142	49	48.28	FREYA REYNOLDS	CRAVEN ENERGY	F
143	285	48.35	MATTHEW ALLEN	VALLEY STRIDERS	V40
144	178	48.39	CAROLINE HARDING	P&B	FV40
145	256	48.45	JOHN COATES	UA	V50
146	218	48.49	MICHAEL McINNES	SKIPTON AC	V40
147	226	48.55	HELEN HUDSON	STAINLAND LIONS	FV50
148	217	48.57	MELANIE STEVENSON	SKIPTON AC	F
149	211	48.59	SIMON FURLONG	SALTAIRE STRIDERS	
150	302	49.08	JOHN THOMPSON	WHARFEDAILE	V60
151	94	49.15	GEOFFREY WHITE	ILKLEY	
152	5	49.41	GED FUTTER	BAILDON	V40
153	152	49.44	JONATHAN EASTON	NIDD VALLEY	
154	107	49.48	STEVE WESTON	ILKLEY	V40
155	220	49.49	SUE MARSHALL	SKIPTON AC	FV50
156	29	49.55	JEREMY WILKINSON	CALDER VALLEY	V40
157	17	49.58	JOHN MERRICK	BINGLEY	V50
158	244	50.03	CHARLOTTE HARDEN	UA	FV40
159	224	50.05	AILEEN BALDWIN	STAINLAND LIONS	FV60
160	294	50.18	CHRISTINE WHITAKER	WHARFEDAILE	FV50
161	230	50.20	JANE LEONARD	TODMORDEN	FV60
162	311	50.23	SHARON HUDSON	KEIGHLEY 7 CRAVEN	FV40
163	188	50.25	STEPH WILSON	P&B	F
164	169	50.32	ANDREW WEBSTER	OTLEY	V40
165	133	50.41	GARY CARLISLE	KIRKSTALL	V50
166	19	50.51	PETER STONE	BINGLEY	V40
167	50	50.57	MARGARET JAGAN	CRAVEN ENERGY	FV60
168	68	51.01	CAROLINE OLDFIELD	HARROGATE	FU18
169	23	51.14	VICTORIA MERRICK	BINGLEY	F
170	12	51.36	ROB MYERS	BAILDON	V60
171	52	51.38	DAVE TAIT	DARK PEAK FR	V70
172	61	51.44	ANDY MONK	FRA	V60
173	149	51.54	ROBERT BANCROFT	MARSH	V50
174	166	51.55	VICTORIA OWEN	NORTHOWRAM PUMAS	F
175	227	51.57	CLAIRE ALGER	TODMORDEN	F
176	109	52.12	ALAN TURNER	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V50
177	6	52.22	IAN HARTMAN	BAILDON	V60
178	137	52.36	NIAMH JACKSON	KIRKSTALL	F
179	251	52.46	GILES CASSON	UA	
180	20	52.48	RHYS NORTH	BINGLEY	V50
181	63	52.51	TIM WHITCOMBE	FRA	V50
182	154	53.02	ANDREW BYROM	NORTH LEEDS FR	V50
183	36	53.48	LIGA MAGDALENOKA-KEEN	CHAPEL ALLERTON	FV40
184	37	53.51	NICK KEEN	CHAPEL ALLERTON	
185	2	53.52	RICHARD HOBSON	ABBAY	V50
186	248	53.53	CLAIRE TUCKER	UA	FV40

187	53	53.55	CARL PRENDERGAST	FELLANDALE	V70
188	114	53.57	DIANA STEEL	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	FV40
189	276	54.07	SUSAN BROWN	UA	FV40
190	55	54.18	GARY BURNS	FELLANDALE	V50
191	263	54.20	MICHAEL LYON	UA	V50
192	136	54.24	LOUISE O'BRIEN	KIRKSTALL	FV40
193	240	54.45	ARTHUR TIMMINS	UA	
194	125	54.46	RICHARD HINDLE	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	V60
195	64	54.58	HAZEL BERRETT	HALIFAX	FV50
196	283	55.02	BETHANY LOVELL	VALLEY STRIDERS	F
197	162	55.59	ROSE GEORGE	NORTH LEEDS FR	FV40
198	222	56.15	TAO LIU	ST.THERESA	FV40
199	131	56.48	TRACY BAILEY	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	FV40
200	161	56.54	MEG GALSWORTHY	NORTH LEEDS FR	F
201	8	57.06	JULIE POTTER	BAILDON	FV40
202	289	57.11	SARAH SMITH	VALLEY STRIDERS	FV50
203	203	57.28	ANDREW BIDDLE	ROSSENDALE	V60
204	79	57.43	BILL HUNTER	HOLMFIRTH	V70
205	60	58.06	TANYA SHEPHERD	FELLANDALE	F
206	242	58.31	BEE EVANS	UA	F
207	207	59.09	ALYSON BLAKELEY	ROUNDHAY	FV40
208	65	59.30	SARAH SLADDIN	HALIFAX	F
209	91	59.44	AMANDA NEWMAN	ILKLEY	FV50
210	151	59.47	DAVE SEAMAN	NIDD VALLEY	V70
211	213	60.11	STEPHEN BLAND	SAM'S CAKE BARN UK	V40
212	206	60.36	SARAH WAITE	ROTHWELL	F
213	159	60.49	JENNY COOPER	NORTH LEEDS FR	FV40
214	212	60.56	PAUL MOZ MORRIS	SAM'S CAKE BARN UK	V50
215	247	61.17	CLAIRE ADAMS	UA	FV40
216	197	61.19	LINDA BULLOCK	PUDSEY PACERS	FV40
217	198	61.21	MARTIN BULLOCK	PUDSEY PACERS	V50
218	259	61.24	KATHRYN JACOBS	UA	FV40
219	116	61.39	DONNA CHESTER	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	FV40
220	272	61.46	SAMANTHA REEDAY	UA	FV40
221	297	62.32	GEOFF THOMPSON	WHARFEDAILE	V50
222	194	62.43	ANDREW ALLAN	PUDSEY PACERS	V40
223	238	63.34	ABIGAIL SCHOFIELD	UA	F
224	279	63.35	WENDY BURROW	UA	F
225	252	63.55	GILLIAN CASSON	UA	F
226	140	64.33	VICKI HIPKISS	KIRKSTALL	FV50
227	76	66.08	SUE MOUL	HARROGATE	FV50
228	139	66.10	SEAN O'HALLORAN	KIRKSTALL	
229	71	66.10	JODIE PEARY	HARROGATE	F
230	54	66.45	DEBI NICHOLSON	FELLANDALE	FV40
231	228	67.22	EMILY ANNISON	TODMORDEN	F
232	204	67.40	HILARY FARREN	ROSSENDALE	FV50
233	115	68.26	DIANE McDONALD	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	FV40
234	121	68.27	JENNIFER STELL	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN	FV50
235	92	68.38	ANNA PICKERING	ILKLEY	F
236	287	69.23	RICHARD CLOUGH	VALLEY STRIDERS	V40
237	284	69.34	ELAINE CRAIGGS	VALLEY STRIDERS	FV40
238	258	69.39	KATHERINE ROGERS	UA	FV40
239	25	70.53	PHIL MARTIN	BOWLAND	V70
240	191	71.31	GEORGE ARNOLD	PRESTON	V80
241	46	76.40	ROBERT HIRST	CLAYTON LE MOORS	V60
242	278	76.44	VICKI MILLER	UA	F

243	221	76.48	JASON NEWELL	SPEN BORO'	V40
244	87	79.53	MAIKA OHNO	HYDE PARK	FV40
1 RETIREMENT					

TEAMS	
M	P&B 1 HARRY HOLMES, 2 JOE BAXTER & 17 JAMES WOODMAN = 20
F	HARROGATE 11 HELEN PRICE, 12 SARAH GILL & 17 HELENE WHITAKER = 40