



## Ramblings from Your President

Well, I've been in post almost 3 months now, so how have things changed for me? I'm now doing Induction sessions, with the help of Tim Cock and Phil Hanson and have rewritten the notes that go with it, after consulting various committee members. I have also updated much of the website via the web editor, Andrei Vais. If anyone notices anything that still needs updating then let me know.

Neil Midgley is sharing the Welcome Desk duties with me so he is there most Tuesdays and I do Thursdays and any Tuesdays he can't make.

I certainly seem to be getting more general enquiries from prospective members and new members, which I deal with direct or pass on to section secretaries etc. if more appropriate. There has also been a couple of EA matters I've dealt with but otherwise things have been pretty quiet (that's tempting fate!).

One of the things I have been trying to do for years and will continue trying as President is encouraging members to get more involved in the club, whether by taking part in events, helping at events or with training nights or even just getting involved with the socials. To use the club just as a fitness club where you just come, train and go home and that's it, seems a waste of the opportunities offered but I accept that is perhaps that all some may want.

Since June as well as many opportunities to take part in open events with other club members on the road, fell, T&F, triathlon and multi-terrain the club itself has put on the Club 10, Junior Triathlon, Holme Moss FR, James Blakeley FR (Harden Moss), Denis Stitt FR, Junior Gynn Lane Races, Junior Duathlon and Ian Roberts FR. All of these give members the opportunity to take part or help on the day. I was only available to be involved in 3 of the events but it was great to see the enjoyment of those taking part and those helping on the day.



*Some of the helpers at Holme Moss. Still smiling after several hours marshalling*



*Some of the helpers at the Junior Triathlon (left)*



*Members on the social ramble in July*

There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved in club events before the end of the year. On September 24<sup>th</sup> it is the Ian Roberts FR from Marsden Cricket Club and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October there are the Holmfirth 10K and 15 mile race from Holmfirth High School. On 15<sup>th</sup> December there are the Junior Christmas Handicap Races from Brooklands Garden Centre and on 23<sup>rd</sup> December the Tinker Cup from Honley Cricket Club. This is a “must do” race for all members, first run in 1908 and this year will, I think, be the 98<sup>th</sup> running of the event. Everyone should have a go at this event, even if only once! As well as a great running event it is a great social event. If you can't run then help, if Chris Whitelegg, who organises the event has enough help when you offer, then go out and support round the route.

The route takes in fields, tracks and even a stretch or two of road and involves climbing walls, crossing streams and finding your way (or keeping others in sight!) and will leave you muddy, tired, maybe with a few scratches but happy to have got round.



*The first obstacle, careful Neil!*



*Finished!*

After the event there will be a superb spread of food for competitors, marshals and supporters.

Later that evening is the Holmfirth Harriers Christmas Party for which I'm sure details will be available at the club and on the website shortly.

As well as these club organised events there are fell races and fell relays, road races and road relays, the WY Cross Country League events all before Christmas. Keep an eye on the club website [www.holmfirthharriers.com](http://www.holmfirthharriers.com) and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com> for information as well as my monthly Races Coming Up email.

## **Recent matters decided at Committee Meetings include:**

- For new members wishing to join in January, February and March their membership will take them through to the end of March of the following year. This means for example any new member joining January 2018 will not need to renew till the end of March 2019. This will both simplify the present system, since it will mean we can do away with the present vouchers and be fairer to those joining late in the year, without increasing the workload for our Membership Secretary, Jaqueline France. Since EA also operate a similar scheme for EA registration, new members joining during these months will also be registered for the whole period as well.

Don't forget if there is anything you want to know about, in connection to the club, or any concerns you have, then you can use me as a first point of contact, if you are not sure who to go to. If I don't know the answer or can't help direct I'll try and put you with someone that can help / sort out the problem.

Hopefully see you at the club and an event sometime soon,

Best wishes,

Rob

## **Late News**

I've just heard that Craig Sheard has won the Young Volunteer of the Year, and the Saturday Morning Club, organised by John McFadzean has won the Innovation Project of the Year in the EA Regional Awards. Congratulations to all involved.