

2017 LITTLE STRETTON TO STIPERSTONES TIME TRIAL ON FOOT RESULTS & REPORT

Perfect Parry!



Ollie Parry 2017 Time Trial Winner 1:03:06

WEATHER: Glorious sunshine, some drizzle later on.

GROUND: Icy, some mud.

TIMING: Whilst we have had the benefit of computer aids for timing in recent years we are keen to ensure that the event is sustainable without reliance on access to technical kit and the expertise to use it. Therefore, this year we trailed a return to a manual paper based system, albeit still utilising the Mercia Fell Runners software to produce the results. There were a few glitches that were sorted on the day but ultimately a set of results have been produced and a few lessons learnt which means that we've achieved our objective. All being well the dibbers will make a return next year.

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TT NOTES:

A glorious morning greeted the Time Trialists, although it was a little icy underfoot!

181 people took part.

A fresh name has now been added to the winners list with Ollie Parry of Mercia Fell Runners (MFR) taking the win, in 01.03.06, Ollie admitting to a slight deviation from his planned route as he approached the road junction on the top of the Long Mynd, he believes he may have lost a minute.

Chris Atherton just missed to break the 67 minute barrier coming 2nd in 1:07:01, Chris also admitting to drifting to far left coming off (wouldn't you like to know!) with Philip Wilkinson 3rd just 12 secs down on Chris.

Former GB Athlete (Marathon PB of 2:40:43) Amanda Wright-Smith topped the ladies solo list finishing in 10th place on 01.16.14, Nicola Richards, MFR, and Melanie Funnel, Shropshire Shufflers, followed Amanda home on 1:29:00 and 1:29:09 respectively.

Former event winner and TT record holder (56:52!) Tim Davies MFR took the M40 category with 1:13:22. Shropshire Shuffler Bruce Blackman won the M50 prize and TT regular Lawrie Jones, Wrekin, finally managed to claim the M60 category after many 2nd places, Lawrie finished in 1:24:18. Stiperstones resident Geoff Sproson pipped brother John for the M70 award with 2:42:43.

With Amanda and Nicola picking up overall prizes Alison Hartshorne takes the W40 category in 1:36:35, Janet Jeffries won W50 with 1:43:08 and Gill Otto retained the W60 title with 2:10:24, 35 seconds quicker than 2016 so some consistent running from Gill. There were no W70 entries.

In the pairs competitions the records continue to be elusive. In the ladies category Melanie and Charlotte Bermingham, Chase Harriers, took the honours in 1:41:16, Richard and Kristan McKenna, Shufflers, joined forces to take the male pairs with 1:08:23 with Oli Cox Jules Toone (Club = Cox & Toone!) taking the mixed pairs, 1:19:27.

This means that the oldest records are still Sandra Butcher & Judith Witterick's 1992 pairs time of 01.28.43 and Polly Gibb's 1999 senior woman's record 01.10.06. Tim's record was set in 2005.

A full and up to date record of all category records and all Sub 66 minute runs and the Women's Sub 77 category can be downloaded from the web site at www.timetrial.org.uk

AGE PERFORMANCES:

Again number of youngsters took advantage of the Time Trial's pairing category, reportedly enjoying (most of) their trip across the hills – an excellent way to build up an interest in fell running.

Amber Cadman - Gibb (15) continues to flourish on the TT, once again taking the Junior Female award, Amber was accompanied by Dad, Paul Cadman, and finished in 1:36:33, a PB by around 4 minutes.

First Junior Male was William Kay (14) William is well known on the local fell running scene, he teamed up with Mark Agnew and completed the course in a very impressive 1:17:08

Well done to all of the other Juniors who took part.

At the other end of the age scale honourable mentions must be made for the septuagenarians who took part. Brothers and Stiperstones residents Geoff (70) and John Sproson (74) caught the bus and ran home in 2:42:43 & 2:54:49, whilst Chris Bowen (72) crossed the line in 3:10:43.

The Spirit of the Time Trial prize was awarded to Elaine Nichols who was pretty much thrown in at the deep end with the results and endured the human frailties of others around her with great composure! ☺

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Chris Bowen M70

PRIZE LIST: INDIVIDUALS CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE PRIZE, HENCE WHERE CATEGORY RUNNERS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED PRIZES AS A SOLO IN THE OVERALL SECTION THE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE NEXT FINISHER IN THE CATEGORY.

First three overall solo:	Ollie Parry, Chris Atherton, Philip Wilkinson
First three women solo:	Amanda Wright-Smith (W40), Nicola Richards (W40), Melanie Funnel
First M40:	Tim Davies
First M50:	Bruce Blackman
First M60:	Lawrie Jones
First M70:	Geoff Sproson
First W40:	Alison Hartshorne
First W50:	Janet Jeffries
First W60:	Gill Otto
First W70:	No entries.
First mixed pair:	Oli Cox & Jules Toone
First Male pair:	Richard & Kristan McKenna
First Female pair:	Melanie & Charlotte Bermingham
First Junior Male	William Kay (14)
First Junior Female	Amber Gibb (15)
The 'Spirit of the Time Trial' prize	Elaine Nichols: Registration and Results

Not claimed your prize yet? Call Phil on 01694 781405 or Email: pclarke677@btinternet.com

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THANKS: A huge thank you to all the helpers: Becky Clarke, Dave Nichols, Elaine Nicols, Jane Clarke, Mike Monteith on registration. Andy Clough, David Wright and Chris Roberts at the start. Charlie Leventon, Jan Robson, Rick Robson, Becky Clarke and Mike Monteith at the finish. Colin Williamson for capturing the event through his lens.

The junior prizes and were donated by **HIGH SPORTS** (www.highsports.co.uk) - with many thanks to Stuart Cathcart and the team.

Once again **THE STIPERSTONES INN** (www.stiperstonesinn.co.uk) did us proud as did Mick Boulton's (**BOULTON'S COACHES** www.boultonsofshropshire.com) 'Finish to Start' bus service which is very much appreciated - many thanks to both.



1st Female Pair Melanie and Charlotte Bermingham

Summary Accounts:

Income: £890

Expenditure: £687.75 Space Blankets, Tyvek Strips, Prizes, Village Hall, Competitor Start Sheets, Photo copying, Donation to Little Stretton Village Hall, (as runners/walkers we do tend to cause some minor chaos in the Village on occasion, the donation is just a small token of thanks - £40) Poster Design, Website, Sundry Items (Pens, laminating) Printing.

Banked £202.25

Total in Account: £682.03

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This fund will be used as follows:

- to update and support the infra structure of the event as and when necessary, eg, the purchase of timing equipment which we have to hire at the moment,
- donated to a local good cause,
- utilised to improve or look after the area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that the TT crosses

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