

Spring (Bob Smith) Handicap 2018

It was the marshals wot made it!

Another well attended and successful Harriers' event held at the St Ives Estate, Bingley on April 19th, 2018!

Nearly cancelled due to lack of marshals - three were really not enough - but thanks to the sterling efforts of those who knew which buttons to press, a flood of marshals came forward, which adding to the sunshine, made for a stirring and enjoyable evening. The day was hot and dry with many red faces crossing the finish line!

The winner was Peter Ellerton, second was Theo Clay and Alison Franks was placed third.

The first junior back was Katie Buckley with Bethan Buckley second and Alistair Truselle third.

Fastest man was Tim Midgley, who shaved six seconds off the course record finishing in 23:02. The fastest woman was Lesley Watson, and the fastest over the junior course was Rebecca Flaherty.

Forty members ran the senior course and ten the junior course, roughly the same as last year, but with all the marshals, helpers, supporters and, of course, the weather, it almost made for a festival atmosphere. It showed the club in a very good light to the many other park users.

All the food, snacks and fruit were demolished and plenty of tea and coffee was consumed. After costs, £25 went back into the club.

A massive than you to all the marshals and helpers far too numerous to mention – I did wonder whether there might be more marshals than competitors on the night! Special thanks to John and Tony for an excellent job timekeeping, never easy with high numbers coming in thick and fast, and to Martin Peace for handicapping, registration, being a star runner himself and then awarding the prizes!

I'm afraid I won't be available to organise the race next year so hopefully someone else can step forward, now that the race has essentially been restored.

Many thanks to everyone again.

Martin Bijl