Race organisation like true love rarely runs true… and so it proved for the 2014 Will Ramsbotham Badgerstone Relays. But the sun shone, the atmosphere was wonderful and the running fast and furious - with Willie Gaunt giving a wonderful talk at the start of the event reminding us to make the most of every day.

My apologies for everything that didn’t run smoothly – all of which was my fault. My gratitude to all of the helpers who did all of the jobs that made the event so wonderful - none of which involved me!

Massive thanks to the following individuals:

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Anna and Sally Pickering for organising the finishers

Dan Wilkinson for timing

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Paddy Hagan for sweeping

Andrew Wilson for first aid cover (thankfully not needed)

White Wells café for their support of the event

And absolutely enormous thanks to Triss Kenny for designing and implementing an electronic timing system. The system worked really well and we learned much that can be used to improve the system downstream – which will hopefully make life much easier for race organisers downstream.

Finally, thanks to all runners for supporting the event – please do return next year for another beautiful evening of racing over Ilkley moor. We will be tweaking various aspects of the organisation to iron out issues identified in this year’s race.

1. I’m aware that a group of runners on leg 1 followed a leading runner who headed off into the great unmarked unknown at the Badgerstone. I don’t think this was an issue with the flagging as the flagging was the same as last year and the issue only affected one group of runners – but I think we need to emphasise that runners need to turn 270 degrees around the badgerstone and be more directive in the marshalling at this point. I’m sorry for all those affected – but you’ll reap the benefits of the extra mileage downstream…
2. We need to ensure that the sweeper follows the last runner and not the penultimate one… apologies to the runner who ended up in an orienteering race– but you’ll reap the benefits of the navigational practice downstream…
3. We need to get the results calculated faster. Ironically the new timing system generated the results instantaneously but we had not anticipated the huge number of potential category permutations (14 team types in the end!) and this caused us all kinds of difficulty. We’ll fix this for next year.

Thanks again to everyone – I look forward to seeing everyone again next year (the good news is that the weather forecast is even better)

**Mark Mon-Williams**

**Team results**

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|  | **Open** |  |  |
| 1 | Leeds City Polka Dot | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:43:53 |
| 2 | Leeds City Yellow | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:45:33 |
| 3 | Leeds City Green | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:46:03 |
| 4 | Hyde Park Hillbillys | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:51:51 |
| 5 | Training for winter | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:54:17 |
| 6 | The Atristes | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:55:33 |
| 7 | Fast Team | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:55:53 |
| 8 | Fellosophy | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:56:24 |
| 9 | The Ogden Rippers | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:58:10 |
| 10 | Hyde Park Villains | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:58:31 |
| 11 | Hyde Park Heros | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 00:59:16 |
| 12 | IBRC | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:02:03 |
| 13 | Pudsey Pacers – Hill Haters | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:02:19 |
| 14 | Fellandale Mens | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:03:23 |
| 15 | Awesome Striders | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:03:36 |
| 16 | Romeo and Juliette | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:05:06 |
| 17 | 51 | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:10:12 |
| 18 | Mainly Nicks | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:10:24 |
| 19 | Ilkley Tootlers | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:13:03 |
| 20 | 193 OK | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:14:16 |
| 21 | Superhero Striders | (2M/2M/2M) Open | 01:27:12 |
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|  | **Female** |  |  |
| 1 | Ilkley Fell Girls | (2M/2M/2M) Female | 00:54:59 |
| 2 | Pudsey and Bramley Queens | (2M/2M/2M) Female | 00:59:49 |
| 3 | Pudsey Pacers Ladies | (2M/2M/2M) Female | 01:05:38 |
| 4 | Horsforth Fellandales | (2M/2M/2M) Female | 01:06:01 |
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|  | **Junior Girls** |  |  |
| 1 | LCL Fans | (2M/1M/1M) Junior Girls | 00:41:53 |
| 2 | The Bingley Badgers | (2M/1M/1M) Junior Girls | 00:42:08 |
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|  | **Junior boys** |  |  |
| 1 | Wolfs | (2M/1M/1M) Junior Boys | 00:38:26 |
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|  | **Family** |  |  |
| 1 | Bushwhacker | (2M/2M/2M) Family | 00:49:46 |
| 2 | Still here!! | (2M/2M/2M) Family | 00:56:16 |
| 3 | Westville | (2M/2M/2M) Family | 00:56:33 |
| 4 | Fionnola vs Little Ern | (2M/2M/2M) Family | 01:02:48 |
| 5 | Little Ern vs Fionnola | (2M/2M/2M) Family | dnf |
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|  | **Mixed 211** |  |  |
| 1 | Chocolate | (2M/1M/1M) 1 AM + 2 JF | 00:51:54 |
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|  | **Mixed 222** |  |  |
| 1 | The Smiths | (2M/2M/2M) 1 AM + 2 JB | 00:54:02 |
| 2 | Bucko Burns | (2M/2M/2M) 1 AM + 1 AF! | 00:54:56 |
| 3 | Haircut 100 | (2M/2M/2M) 3 JB | 00:57:23 |
| 4 | The Generation Game | (2M/2M/2M) 1 AM + 1 AF + 1 JB | 01:00:54 |
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|  | **Mixed 221** |  |  |
| 1 | Pudsey and Braml(ish) | (2M/2M/1M) 2 AM + 1 JB | 00:46:54 |
| 2 | Odd One Outs | (2M/2M/1M) 2AF + 1JG | 00:57:24 |
| 3 | Jammie Dodgers | (2M/2M/1M) 2 AF + 1 JG | 00:59:29 |
| 4 | Ilkley Harriers Hola | (2M/2M/1M) 1JB + 2JG | 00:59:35 |

**Individual results**

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| **One Mile** | **Leg** | **Distance** | **Time** |
| William Thompson | 3 | 1 | 00:08:33.00 |
| Bethan Morley | 3 | 1 | 00:08:38.00 |
| Alexander Thompson | 2 | 1 | 00:09:15.00 |
| Lucy Miller | 3 | 1 | 00:09:50.00 |
| Keera Nelson | 3 | 1 | 00:10:37.00 |
| Katie Smith | 2 | 1 | 00:10:44.00 |
| Ella Shouler Harris | 2 | 1 | 00:11:04.00 |
| Adam Powell | 2 | 1 | 00:11:27.00 |
| Harry Stead | 3 | 1 | 00:11:43.00 |
| Lyra Weston | 3 | 1 | 00:12:03.00 |
| Georgia Weston | 2 | 1 | 00:14:22.00 |
| Daisy Gilroy | 3 | 1 | 00:17:37.00 |
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| **Two Mile** | **Leg** | **Distance** | **Time** |
| Adam Osborne | 1 | 2 | 00:14:05.00 |
| Allen Bush | 1 | 2 | 00:14:28.00 |
| Chris Birchall | 2 | 2 | 00:14:47.00 |
| Simon Deakin | 1 | 2 | 00:14:49.00 |
| Adam Osborne | 3 | 2 | 00:15:01.00 |
| Tom Edwards | 2 | 2 | 00:15:02.00 |
| Martin Roscoe | 3 | 2 | 00:15:11.00 |
| Ian Bush | 3 | 2 | 00:15:21.00 |
| James Walsh | 1 | 2 | 00:15:23.00 |
| Leon Foster | 2 | 2 | 00:15:29.00 |
| Greg Hull | 3 | 2 | 00:15:42.00 |
| Matt Newell | 3 | 2 | 00:16:00.00 |
| Dave Alcock | 3 | 2 | 00:16:11.00 |
| Tom Burns | 2 | 2 | 00:16:23.00 |
| Paul James Carman | 3 | 2 | 00:16:27.00 |
| Luke McGuane | 3 | 2 | 00:16:29.00 |
| Stu Saunders | 3 | 2 | 00:16:52.00 |
| Colin Tranter | 2 | 2 | 00:17:08.00 |
| Shane Green | 2 | 2 | 00:17:09.00 |
| Addam Connell | 3 | 2 | 00:17:10.00 |
| Thomas Nelson | 1 | 2 | 00:17:13.00 |
| Daniel Cross | 1 | 2 | 00:17:14.00 |
| Jemima Elgood | 3 | 2 | 00:17:19.00 |
| James Turland | 1 | 2 | 00:17:21.00 |
| Robert Paradise | 3 | 2 | 00:17:22.00 |
| Matt Pullen | 2 | 2 | 00:17:26.00 |
| Scott Henderson | 3 | 2 | 00:17:29.00 |
| Sarah Pickering | 2 | 2 | 00:17:43.00 |
| Stuart Saunders | 1 | 2 | 00:17:45.00 |
| Cameron Reilly | 3 | 2 | 00:17:47.00 |
| Malcolm Pickering | 3 | 2 | 00:17:49.00 |
| George Hardesty | 3 | 2 | 00:17:49.00 |
| Lucy Jacques | 2 | 2 | 00:18:09.00 |
| James Turland | 3 | 2 | 00:18:10.00 |
| Tom O'Haire | 3 | 2 | 00:18:14.00 |
| Mick Chambers | 3 | 2 | 00:18:14.00 |
| Jamie Richardson | 2 | 2 | 00:18:16.00 |
| Boff Whalley | 3 | 2 | 00:18:24.00 |
| Andy Green | 2 | 2 | 00:18:38.00 |
| Jo Buckley | 3 | 2 | 00:18:54.00 |
| Rachel Pilling | 2 | 2 | 00:18:59.00 |
| Arthur Reilly | 2 | 2 | 00:19:00.00 |
| Darryl Stead | 2 | 2 | 00:19:12.00 |
| John Powell | 1 | 2 | 00:19:16.00 |
| Evan Fraser | 2 | 2 | 00:19:18.00 |
| Tom Worboys | 3 | 2 | 00:19:26.00 |
| Charlie Jackett | 3 | 2 | 00:19:29.00 |
| Lucy Haines | 1 | 2 | 00:19:31.00 |
| Jo Buckley | 1 | 2 | 00:19:39.00 |
| Paul Gibson | 1 | 2 | 00:19:41.00 |
| Claire Green | 1 | 2 | 00:19:43.00 |
| Alison Weston | 2 | 2 | 00:19:45.00 |
| Ian Jones | 3 | 2 | 00:19:46.00 |
| Oscar Stapleton | 1 | 2 | 00:19:48.00 |
| Harry Barker | 2 | 2 | 00:19:48.00 |
| Jann Smith | 2 | 2 | 00:19:49.00 |
| Richard Pooley | 1 | 2 | 00:19:54.00 |
| Steve Weston | 1 | 2 | 00:19:55.00 |
| Scott Henderson | 1 | 2 | 00:19:56.00 |
| Norman Bush | 2 | 2 | 00:19:57.00 |
| Simon Fraser | 1 | 2 | 00:19:58.00 |
| Graham Pilling | 1 | 2 | 00:20:00.00 |
| Joe Treasure-Jones | 2 | 2 | 00:20:01.00 |
| Becks Newell | 2 | 2 | 00:20:02.00 |
| Anthony Riley | 1 | 2 | 00:20:12.00 |
| Scott Leach | 3 | 2 | 00:20:19.00 |
| Ian Ringrose | 1 | 2 | 00:20:20.00 |
| Sally Corbin-Smith | 3 | 2 | 00:20:24.00 |
| Maomi Wigglesworth | 1 | 2 | 00:20:27.00 |
| Nick Small | 2 | 2 | 00:20:28.00 |
| Phil Hancock | 2 | 2 | 00:20:29.00 |
| Steve Newell | 1 | 2 | 00:20:31.00 |
| Cicero Felipe | 1 | 2 | 00:20:35.00 |
| Logan Hargreaves Madhas | 1 | 2 | 00:20:38.00 |
| James Pickering | 1 | 2 | 00:20:44.00 |
| Fionnola Swann | 2 | 2 | 00:20:55.00 |
| Suzanne Sharman | 3 | 2 | 00:21:07.00 |
| Laura Marchant | 1 | 2 | 00:21:07.00 |
| Malcolm Coles | 3 | 2 | 00:21:28.00 |
| Tony Mawson | 1 | 2 | 00:21:33.00 |
| Olivia Roper | 1 | 2 | 00:21:34.00 |
| Kathryn Fisk | 3 | 2 | 00:21:37.00 |
| Jonathan Mason | 2 | 2 | 00:21:43.00 |
| Caroline Clarke | 2 | 2 | 00:21:47.00 |
| Andy Wilson | 1 | 2 | 00:21:49.00 |
| Robin Culshaw | 2 | 2 | 00:22:02.00 |
| Will Worboys | 2 | 2 | 00:22:02.00 |
| Stuart James | 2 | 2 | 00:22:02.00 |
| Mark Smith | 3 | 2 | 00:22:08.00 |
| Emily Elmes | 1 | 2 | 00:22:11.00 |
| Kez Roo | 3 | 2 | 00:22:22.00 |
| Jeremy Inge | 1 | 2 | 00:22:24.00 |
| Ben Watts | 1 | 2 | 00:22:35.00 |
| Molly Jeffreys | 1 | 2 | 00:22:37.00 |
| Nige Melwin | 2 | 2 | 00:23:15.00 |
| Suzy Beck | 1 | 2 | 00:23:27.00 |
| Lynn Donahue | 1 | 2 | 00:23:27.00 |
| Steve Turland | 1 | 2 | 00:23:43.00 |
| Christine Addison | 2 | 2 | 00:23:57.00 |
| Keith Wood | 3 | 2 | 00:24:00.00 |
| Ann Marie Roper | 1 | 2 | 00:24:08.00 |
| Lynda Hargreaves | 2 | 2 | 00:24:44.00 |
| Nick White | 3 | 2 | 00:24:45.00 |
| Nea Weston | 2 | 2 | 00:25:15.00 |
| Bernadette Cobi | 2 | 2 | 00:25:24.00 |
| Sheena Picklesgill | 2 | 2 | 00:25:36.00 |
| Amanda Newham | 1 | 2 | 00:25:36.00 |
| Rachel Parker | 2 | 2 | 00:26:01.00 |
| Eric Morley | 2 | 2 | 00:26:17.00 |
| Sue Morley | 1 | 2 | 00:26:31.00 |
| Darren Longhorn | 3 | 2 | 00:27:09.00 |
| Paul James Carman | 1 | 2 | 00:28:50.00 |
| Lucy Barnett | 1 | 2 | 00:38:01.00 |
| Steve Turland | 3 | 2 | dnf |