

# LITTLE STRETTON TO STIPERSTONES VILLAGE

## RESULTS: Time Trial on Foot – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003

### DARK PEAK RAIDER SWOOPS!

With Tim Davies resting, pre-race speculation focused on other Mercia Fell Runners and the possibility of a Shrewsbury AC challenge - but it was a Dark Peak Fell Runner, Rob Baker, who grabbed first place.

			<i>start</i>	<i>finish</i>	<i>time taken</i>	
1	<b>Rob Baker</b>	<b>Dark Peak</b>	<b>10:55:00</b>	<b>11:57:39</b>	<b>01:02:39</b>	<b>A1</b>
2	Andrew Yapp	Mercia	11:17:00	12:19:56	01:02:56	A2
3	Andy Davies	Mercia	10:47:00	11:51:55	01:04:55	A3
4	Ian Hughes	Shrewsbury	10:05:00	11:09:58	01:04:58	A4
5	Tim Werrett & Mike Boulstridge	Mercia (both)	10:20:00	11:27:27	<b>01:07:27</b>	<b>R1</b>
6	Haydn Jones & Edward Davies	Mercia (both)	10:51:00	11:58:48	01:07:48	R2
7	Graham Jones & Kevin Francis	Shrewsbury (both)	09:38:00	10:46:13	01:08:13	R3
8	Andrew Carruthers & Paul Cadman	Halesowen; Mercia	11:30:00	12:39:39	01:09:39	R4
9	Bob Couth	Mercia	10:56:00	12:06:53	01:10:53	<b>B1</b>
10	Lawrie Jones	Wrekin O	11:23:00	12:34:40	01:11:40	B2
11	Matthew Clewes & Noel Hogan	Mercia; Newport	09:43:00	10:55:17	01:12:17	R5
12	Russell Mapp	Ludlow	09:43:00	10:55:36	01:12:36	B3
13	Andrew Hearle	UA	11:29:00	12:42:51	01:13:51	B4
14	Andrew Clough	Wrekin O	10:00:00	11:14:25	01:14:25	B5
15	Chris Taylor	Mercia	10:42:00	11:57:58	01:15:58	B6
16	Graham Spencer	Mercia	10:10:00	11:26:36	01:16:36	<b>C1</b>
17	Vaughan Griffiths & Dave Cheshire	Newtown (both)	10:09:00	11:26:26	01:17:26	R6
18	Rick Robson & Polly Gibb	Mercia (both)	11:26:00	12:43:45	<b>01:17:45</b>	<b>T1</b>
19	Derek Owen	Shrewsbury	10:15:00	11:33:55	01:18:55	C2
20	Nick Jones	Shrewsbury	09:35:00	10:54:50	01:19:50	B7
21	Alan Morris	Shrops Shuff	11:11:00	12:31:04	01:20:04	<b>D1</b>
22	Gill Harris & Keith Richards	Mercia (both)	10:45:00	12:05:09	01:20:09	T2
23	Simon Madin	UA	09:36:00	10:57:09	01:21:09	A5
24	Andy Barton & Andy Birch	Shrops Shuff; Oswestry OI	10:42:00	12:03:24	01:21:24	R7
25	Chris Edwards	Dark Peak	10:01:00	11:23:34	01:22:34	A6
26	Brian Glackin	Wrekin O	11:21:00	12:43:53	01:22:53	B8
27	Jane Rowlands & Denis Rowlands	Ludlow (both)	09:51:00	11:14:14	01:23:14	T3
28	Chris Bowen & Al Drummond	Shrewsbury (both)	10:54:00	12:17:35	01:23:35	R8
29	Jenny York & Ron Ball	Shrops Shuff (both)	11:16:00	12:40:26	01:24:26	T4
30	Tim Jones	Shrops Shuff	11:03:00	12:28:06	01:25:06	B9
31	Tony Thompson	Mercia	10:02:00	11:28:08	01:26:08	C3
32	Graham Chidley	Mercia	11:15:00	12:41:13	01:26:13	A7
33	Graham Wood	Ludlow	09:48:00	11:16:17	01:28:17	B10
34	Andrew Wibmer	UA	09:50:00	11:20:26	01:30:26	B11
35	Phil Harris & Arthur Clare-Hay	Mercia (both)	10:48:00	12:19:17	01:31:17	R9
36	Mick Ward	Oswestry OI	11:04:00	12:35:50	01:31:50	D2
36=	Geoff Keenan & Mark Keast	Sidmouth RC	09:30:00	11:01:50	01:31:50	R10
38	Wendy-Jane Walton & Martin Jones	Shrops Shuff (both)	10:57:00	12:29:56	01:32:56	T5
39	Colin Lancaster & Anne Lancaster	Ludlow (both)	09:41:00	11:14:51	01:33:51	T6
40	Tim George	UA	10:57:00	12:31:03	01:34:03	A8
41	Barrie Nicholas	Mercia	09:53:00	11:27:23	01:34:23	D3
42	Alex Oliver	UA	11:02:00	12:38:35	01:36:35	A9
43	Mike Streetly & M Innes	Cuthbert; Mercia	10:21:00	11:58:42	01:37:42	R11
44	Phil Blatch & Penny Blatch	Mercia (both)	10:05:00	11:42:44	01:37:44	T7
45	Simon Atkinson	UA	10:40:00	12:18:40	01:38:40	A10
46	Mick Edwards	Dark Peak	09:46:00	11:25:03	01:39:03	D4
47	Richard Bailey	Shrops Shuff	10:27:00	12:06:16	01:39:16	C4
48	David Gould	TRA	09:42:00	11:21:22	01:39:22	C5
49	<b>Gwenda Roberts</b>	<b>Mercia</b>	<b>10:30:00</b>	<b>12:09:47</b>	<b>01:39:47</b>	<b>G1</b>
50	Keith Matthews	Last Inn	09:56:00	11:35:50	01:39:50	D5
51	Frank Whitley & Emma Johnson	UA (both)	10:25:00	12:04:52	01:39:52	T8
52	Julia Leventon	Shrops Shuff	11:01:00	12:41:16	01:40:16	<b>E1</b>
53	Graham Carless	UA	10:58:00	12:38:41	01:40:41	A11
54	Gordon Trevor	Shrewsbury	09:37:00	11:17:50	01:40:50	C6
55	Kath Preston	Shrops Shuff	10:59:00	12:39:54	01:40:54	<b>H1</b>
56	Chris Bowen	UA	10:21:00	12:02:32	01:41:32	C7
57	Graham Hughes & Joseph Hughes	Mercia; UA	11:20:00	13:02:12	01:42:12	R12
58	Jamie Drummond & Rob Tedcastle	UA (both)	10:24:00	12:06:59	01:42:59	R13
59	Anna Bartlett & John Williams	Shrewsbury (both)	10:00:00	11:44:32	01:44:32	T9
60	Grahame James & Steph Mackey	Mercia; UA	10:30:00	12:15:51	01:45:51	T10
61	Liz Hird & Richard Paddock	Shrops Shuff (both)	10:04:00	11:50:38	01:46:38	T11
62	Pam Matthews	Oswestry OI	09:58:00	11:45:17	01:47:17	H2
63	Rosie Turner	UA	10:03:00	11:50:25	01:47:25	<b>F1</b>
64	Sam Robson & Matt Donnelly	Oswestry OI (both)	10:12:00	12:02:03	01:50:03	R14

A=Senior Man; B=Vet o40 Man; C=Vet o50 Man; D=Vet o60 Man  
 E=Senior Woman; F=Vet o35 Woman; G=Vet o45 Woman; H=Vet o55 Woman  
 R=Men Pair; S=Women Pair; T=Mixed Pair

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65	Jean Bollom & Rick Moule	UA (both)	11:10:00	13:00:25	01:50:25	T12
66	Joanna Sharp & Jane Mapp	Ludlow (both)	09:47:00	11:37:34	01:50:34	S1
67	John Hall & Andrew Barbut	UA (both)	09:57:00	11:48:38	01:51:38	R15
68	Sharon Davies & Dianne Spencer	Mercia (both)	10:08:00	12:02:00	01:54:00	S2
69	Phil McVeigh & Carol O'Callaghan	Shrops Shuff (both)	10:03:00	11:57:25	01:54:25	T13
70	Geoff Barre	Oswestry Ol	10:53:00	12:47:39	01:54:39	C8
71	Alison Bradley & Olivia Glackin	UA (both)	11:00:00	12:55:35	01:55:35	S3
72	Margaret Priestley	UA	09:34:00	11:29:39	01:55:39	G2
73	Andy Davey	UA	09:55:00	11:51:02	01:56:02	B12
74	Geoff Sproson	UA	09:49:00	11:45:39	01:56:39	C9
75	Adrian Donnelly & Jo Donnelly	UA (both)	10:14:00	12:11:09	01:57:09	R16
76	Graham Hardy	Wrekin O	09:31:00	11:28:22	01:57:22	C10
77	Pauline Richards	Mercia	09:40:00	11:40:18	02:00:18	H3
78	Tony Ashcroft	Shrops Shuff	09:44:00	11:45:53	02:01:53	D6
79	Chris Dawes	LDWA	11:25:00	13:27:09	02:02:09	D7
80	Clare Greener & Andrew Henderson	UA (both)	09:54:00	12:01:54	02:07:54	T14
81	Eliz. Salisbury & Pam Rowland	Shrops Shuff; Oswestry Ol	10:36:00	12:44:05	02:08:05	S4
82	Roger Drummond	UA	10:45:00	12:58:50	02:13:50	C11
83	Richard Bishop	Shrops Shuff	09:52:00	12:10:45	02:18:45	C12
84	Simon Yates & Julie Jones	UA (both)	09:25:00	11:46:20	02:21:20	T15
85	Stuart & Alison Cathcart	High Sports (both)	11:23:00	13:58:15	02:35:15	T16
86	Nicola Sherratt & Mark Sherratt	UA (both)	09:34:00	12:11:03	02:37:03	T17
87	Angie Walshaw & Terry Davies	UA; Mercia	09:33:00	12:11:03	02:38:03	T18
88	Simon Cathcart & Will Otto	High Sports (both)	11:05:00	13:52:00	02:47:00	R17

Rob Baker's time (the 12<sup>th</sup> fastest of all time) is notable as it was achieved after just a couple of hour's route familiarisation the day before, albeit under the guidance of last year's Women's winner. Snailbeach resident Andy Yapp continued his year on year improvement only to be pipped by 17 seconds. I suspect next year might be his with a sub-62 minute goal.

Gwenda Roberts sliced more than eleven minutes off her last year's time to take the women's title and restore Mercia pride. Shropshire Shufflers Julia Leventon and Kath Preston challenged hard - just 29 and 67 seconds respectively, behind Gwenda. The veteran men were headed by Bob Couth - the winner of the very first Time Trial in 1988. Bob's 2003 time was only 2 minutes 25 seconds slower than in 1988 - representing an average slowing of only 9 seconds per year! Graham Spencer retained his Vet o50 title with exactly the same time he recorded last year! Meanwhile Alan Morris continued his domination in the Vet o60 category by once again going even faster!

**New records** were set for the Men's Pair - Tim Werrett and Mike Boulstridge (by a single second) and for the Mixed Pair - Polly Gibb and Rick Robson. Competition in all three pair categories was particularly keen. The first four Men's Pairs places were only separated by a couple of minutes; Gill Harris and Keith Richards put in a very determined effort but Polly and Rick proved just that little bit stronger and; Ludlow Runners Joanna Sharp and Jane Mapp managed to keep Mercia Fell Runners Sharon Davies and Dianne Spencer at bay and retain their title. Rivalry in the Women's Pair category will be, no doubt, intensified next year with the return from injury of the dream (on) team of Jan Robson and Steph Mackey.

The Time Trial continues to attract hill running novices as well as a very able bunch of locally grown (supervised) youngsters. The impressive first time results posted by Penny Blatch and Joseph Hughes respectively are particularly encouraging.

**Fascinating(?) facts:** 8 persons competed this year having also competed in the first (1988) event. In addition to Bob Couth they are: Jean Bollom (1988 winner - making a rare appearance); Rick Robson; Tony Thompson; Barrie Nicholas; Gordon Trevor; Denis Rowlands and; Chris Dawes. Competitors were attracted from as far afield as Sheffield, Surrey and Sidmouth.

**Weather:** Fine - some sun; early mist. **Ground:** Good - wet/soft in places after rain the day before.

**Statistics:** 127 competitors - 33 women; 94 men. 49 solo competitors - 7 women. Clubs - Mercia Fell Runners: 29 competitors; Shropshire Shufflers: 17; Shrewsbury AC: 10; Ludlow Runners: 7; Oswestry Olympians: 7.

**A complaint:** A member of the public made a complaint that her dog was "attacked" by a competitor's free-ranging dog. Whilst I don't think it should be necessary to impose rules about such things I do ask everyone to consider that the public and landowners do not separate the responsibilities of individuals from the reputation of the event.

**Thanks:** Many thanks to **HIGH SPORTS, THE STIPERSTONES INN** and **BOULTONS COACHES** who each play a part in the success of the event. A number of people made sure that things worked smoothly on the day: a very big thank you to Jill and Clare Leventon with Nick and Sue Holden (Finish), to Bob Couth and Stuart Cathcart (Start) and to the Robsons (logistics).

**Accounts summary:** Income £254; Prizes £139; Expenses £44; Donation to 'Youngsters in the Mountains' fund £71. 'Youngsters in the Mountains' is a High Sports initiative to help young people expand their horizons and experience - call in at the shop (Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury) for more details.

**Next Year:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Time Trial is planned for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2004 - check nearer the time.

**Feedback:** Please send any comments to me at the address below or via email: [charles.leventon@btinternet.com](mailto:charles.leventon@btinternet.com). Views on prizes would be particularly welcome - this year we featured Shropshire produce (with help from Wroxeter Vineyard).