

# RESULTS

LITTLE STRETTON TO STIPERSTONES TIME TRIAL: 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004

## DARK PEAK RAIDER SWOOPS AGAIN!

Once again Sheffielder, Rob Baker, took the title from under the noses of Mercia Fell Runners. Despite, or because of, his route choice, Rob posted a very respectable time given the conditions under foot, edging Pete Vale into second place by only four seconds.

	<i>Club</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Class</i>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Rob Baker</b>	Dark Peak FR	10:52:00	11:55:23	<b>1:03:23</b>	<b>A1</b>
2	Pete Vale	Mercia FR	10:55:00	11:58:27	1:03:27	A2
3	Tim Davies & Andrew Yapp	Mercia FR (both)	10:36:00	11:41:07	1:05:07	<b>R1</b>
4	Jamie Loxam & Andrew Davies	Stockport/Mercia FR	10:21:00	11:27:36	1:06:36	R2
5	Andy Davies	Mercia FR	11:13:00	12:20:37	1:07:37	A3
6	Steven Cale	UA	10:41:00	11:52:10	1:11:10	A4
7	John Bewley	UA	10:49:00	12:01:15	1:12:15	A5
8	Harry Matthews	Oswestry Ol	10:48:00	12:00:47	1:12:47	A6
9	Edward Davies	Mercia FR	10:25:00	11:37:53	1:12:53	<b>B1</b>
10	Russell Mapp	Ludlow Runners	09:50:00	11:03:02	1:13:02	B2
11	Matthew Clewes	Mercia FR	09:36:00	10:49:55	1:13:55	B3
12	Colin Lancaster	Ludlow Runners	10:13:00	11:28:36	1:15:36	B4
13	Bob Couth	Mercia FR	11:40:00	12:57:20	1:17:20	B5
14	Noel Hogan	Newport & Dist	09:34:00	10:51:50	1:17:50	A7
15	Ron Ball	Shropshire Shuff's.	11:02:00	12:20:29	1:18:29	B6
16	Graham Spencer	Mercia FR	10:10:00	11:30:25	1:20:25	<b>C1</b>
17	David Cheshire	Maldwyn	10:06:00	11:26:52	1:20:52	A8
18	Chris Bowen	Shrewsbury AC	11:07:00	12:28:49	1:21:49	A9
19	Alastair Drummond & Dan Jones	Shrewsbury AC (both)	11:03:00	12:25:07	1:22:07	R3
20	Darren Ellis	Ludlow Runners	10:32:00	11:54:14	1:22:14	A10
21	Gavin Stewart	Mercia FR	10:50:00	12:13:11	1:23:11	A11
22	Polly Gibb & Rick Robson	Mercia FR (both)	10:03:00	11:26:23	1:23:23	<b>T1</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Jenny York</b>	Shropshire Shuff's.	11:01:00	12:24:45	<b>1:23:45</b>	<b>G1</b>
24	Nick Jones	Shrewsbury AC	09:48:00	11:11:50	1:23:50	B7
25	Graham Chidley	Mercia FR	09:53:00	11:17:32	1:24:32	A12
26	Steve Turk & Sam Hutchinson	Shrewsbury AC (both)	10:54:00	12:18:35	1:24:35	T2
27	Tim Parker	Mercia FR	11:04:00	12:28:41	1:24:41	B8
28	Gill Harris & Keith Richards	Mercia FR (both)	10:45:00	12:09:53	1:24:53	T3
29	Rob Evason	UA	11:11:00	12:37:00	1:26:00	A13
30	Andy Barton & Andy Birch	Shrops Shuff/Oswestry Ol	10:27:00	11:53:14	1:26:14	R4
31	Derek Owen	Shrewsbury AC	10:33:00	11:59:15	1:26:15	C2
32	Janet Edwards & Tim Jones	Shrops Shuff's (both)	10:30:00	11:57:37	1:27:37	T4
33	Grahame Hughes & Michael Innes	Mercia FR (both)	11:26:00	12:53:48	1:27:48	R5
34	Neil Postans	Shropshire Shuff's.	09:55:00	11:23:08	1:28:08	A14
35	Arthur Clare Hay & Phil Harris	Mercia FR (both)	10:48:00	12:16:54	1:28:54	R6
36	John Sanders & Mark Fenn	Telford Harriers (both)	10:18:00	11:47:07	1:29:07	R7
37	Richard Buckle	UA	10:34:00	12:03:25	1:29:25	A15
38	Andy Smith & Paul Sanderson	Telford AC (both)	10:17:00	11:47:09	1:30:09	R8
39	Eddie Austrums	Mercia FR	10:30:00	12:00:48	1:30:48	C3
40	Jonathan Ollier	Oswestry Ol	10:09:00	11:40:04	1:31:04	A16
41	Alan Morris & Lorraine Hardy	Shrops Shuff's (both)	11:20:00	12:51:22	1:31:22	T5
42	Denis Rowlands	Ludlow Runners	10:15:00	11:47:41	1:32:41	C4
43	Rob Tedcastle & R Potts	Shrewsbury AC (both)	11:00:00	12:33:39	1:33:39	R9
44	Geoff Keenan & Mark Keast	Sidmouth RC (both)	10:04:00	11:38:20	1:34:20	R10
45	Julia Leventon & Matt Bond	Manchester Univ (both)	10:51:00	12:25:35	1:34:35	T6
46	Phil Clarke	Ludlow Runners	10:26:00	12:00:40	1:34:40	B9
47	Graham Parton & Tony Bothwell	Shrewsbury AC (both)	10:57:00	12:32:34	1:35:34	R11
48	Steve Atherton	UA	10:51:00	12:26:45	1:35:45	B10
49	Chris Edwards	Dark Peak FR	10:35:00	12:10:59	1:35:59	A17
50	Barbara Ward & Mick Ward	Oswestry Ol (both)	11:16:00	12:52:37	1:36:37	T7
51=	Robert Pugh & Will Errington	UA (both)	10:14:00	11:50:58	1:36:58	R12
51=	Will Nicholls	UA	10:14:00	11:50:58	1:36:58	A18

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53	Andy Collins & Steve Westwood	UA (both)	10:15:00	11:52:47	1:37:47	R13
54	Alex Rankin	Shropshire Shuffs.	09:49:00	11:27:12	1:38:12	B11
55	Martin Godwin	UA	10:45:00	12:24:05	1:39:05	A19
56	Geoff Beech & Geoff Allinson	UA (both)	10:09:00	11:48:48	1:39:48	R14
57	Phil McVeigh	Shropshire Shuffs.	10:07:00	11:47:15	1:40:15	A20
58	Phil Blatch & Penny Blatch	Mercia FR (both)	10:33:00	12:14:56	1:41:56	T8
59	Jane Rowlands	Wye Valley	10:12:00	11:54:57	1:42:57	<b>F1</b>
60	Andrew Lewis & Sue Johnson	Shrews AC/Stafford Harr	09:51:00	11:34:55	1:43:55	T9
61	Dave Nichols	Mercia FR	10:31:00	12:15:40	1:44:40	C5
62	Pete Jones	Wrekin O	09:40:00	11:25:11	1:45:11	<b>D1</b>
63	Mike Callow	Wrekin O	10:40:00	12:25:14	1:45:14	D2
64	Sharron & Clive Richardson	Wrekin O (both)	10:39:00	12:24:39	1:45:39	T10
65	Adrian Donnelly & Tom Donnelly	UA (both)	09:38:00	11:24:42	1:46:42	R15
66	C E Bowen	UA	11:08:00	12:55:18	1:47:18	C6
67	Jan Jeffreys & Les Smith	Oswestry Ol (both)	11:10:00	12:57:29	1:47:29	T11
68=	Anna Bartlett	Shrewsbury AC	10:00:00	11:48:13	1:48:13	<b>E1</b>
68=	Rachael Wright & Mark Bollom	Mercia FR (both)	10:00:00	11:48:13	1:48:13	T12
70	Barrie Nicholas	Mercia FR	09:58:00	11:48:22	1:50:22	D3
71	Jo Penney	Mercia FR	09:52:00	11:43:44	1:51:44	G2
72	Simon Cathcart & Stuart Cathcart	High Sports (both)	11:30:00	13:21:46	1:51:46	R16
73	Peter Adams & Liz Hird	Shrops Shuffs (both)	09:41:00	11:33:47	1:52:47	T13
74	Andy Davey	UA	09:59:00	11:52:08	1:53:08	C7
75	Jane Mapp & Jo Sharpe	Ludlow Runners (both)	09:43:00	11:36:22	1:53:22	<b>S1</b>
76	Julie Cooper	UA	09:44:00	11:38:01	1:54:01	G3
77	Chris Roberts	High Sports	09:35:00	11:30:58	1:55:58	B12
78	Dianne Spencer & Sharon Davies	Mercia FR (both)	10:12:00	12:08:21	1:56:21	S2
79	Geoff Barre	Oswestry Ol	11:15:00	13:11:41	1:56:41	C8
80	Margaret Priestley	UA	09:43:00	11:40:17	1:57:17	G4
81	Grace Hough & Mike Pierpoint	Telford Harr/LDWA	09:34:00	11:32:14	1:58:14	T14
82	Bill Ross	LDWA	10:08:00	12:06:23	1:58:23	C9
83	Carol O'Callaghan & Les Rowlinson	Shrops Shuffs (both)	10:05:00	12:03:41	1:58:41	T15
84	Barbara Cave	UA	09:37:00	11:35:43	1:58:43	F2
85=	Andrew Green	Warrington	10:42:00	12:41:09	1:59:09	B13
85=	Tracey Green & Sam Barnes	Warrington (both)	10:42:00	12:41:09	1:59:09	T16
87	Fiona Martin	Shropshire Shuffs.	10:03:00	12:03:41	2:00:41	G5
88	Will Priestley	UA	09:42:00	11:44:13	2:02:13	C10
89	Roger Drummond	Shrewsbury Mountaineers	10:56:00	12:58:23	2:02:23	C11
90	John Hall	UA	09:56:00	12:00:04	2:04:04	C12
91	Elizabeth Salisbury & P Rowland	Shrops Shuff/Oswestry Ol	10:24:00	12:31:19	2:07:19	S3
92	Chris Dawes	LDWA	11:06:00	13:13:20	2:07:20	D4
93	Pauline Richards	Mercia FR	09:31:00	11:38:50	2:07:50	<b>H1</b>
94	Geoff Sproson	UA	10:16:00	12:24:17	2:08:17	C13
95	Peter Sheldrake	UA	10:02:00	12:10:28	2:08:28	D5
96	Ashley Gray	Shrewsbury AC	10:46:00	12:56:10	2:10:10	A21
97	Graham Hardy	Wrekin O	10:11:00	12:22:10	2:11:10	D6
98	Richard Bishop	Shropshire Shuffs.	10:17:00	12:29:17	2:12:17	C14
99	Alison Bradley & Olivia Glackin	UA (both)	11:05:00	13:30:12	2:25:12	S4
100	Steph Mackey & Jan Robson	UA (both)	09:47:00	12:12:17	2:25:17	S5
101	Kurt Finnigan	UA	10:18:00	12:53:47	2:35:47	B14
102	Julia Lewis & Richard Lewis	Wrekin O (both)	10:06:00	12:58:43	2:52:43	T17
103	John Sproson	Mercia FR	09:46:00	12:40:17	2:54:17	D7
104	Bess Robson & Amy Finnigan	UA (both)	09:30:00	13:06:14	3:36:14	S6
105	Elinor Sadowski & Joseph Sadowski	UA (both)	09:57:00	14:12:11	4:15:11	T18
106	Sandra Sadowski & Alek Sadowski	UA (both)	09:54:00	14:12:38	4:18:38	T19
107	Carol Williams & Alex Williams	UA (both)	09:33:00	14:36:14	5:03:14	S7
108	Megan Holgate & Megan Over	UA/Sby. Mountaineers	09:25:00	14:39:00	5:14:00	S8
109	Tony Callow	Wrekin O	10:53:00		Retired	A

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**RACE NOTES:** Although he spent a lot of time scrutinising maps and a couple of hours the day before “reccyng” route possibilities, Rob Baker stuck to his 2003 route – via Pole Cottage and Medlicott. It was good that his confidence in his route gave him success, as it once again begs the (probably un-provable) question as to which way is quickest. Whilst Pete Vale could have been disappointed to miss by such a narrow margin he can be justly pleased with his performance - 1 minute 42 seconds faster than his only previous (2002) effort when he also finished second.

Jenny York capitalised on her experience from previous years (running in pairs) to take the Women’s title with a time faster than she has ever before completed the course. Her time of 83 minutes 45 seconds was nearly 20 minutes quicker than her nearest challenger, Jane Rowlands, and only 22 seconds behind Mixed Pair winners Polly Gibb and Rick Robson.

Times recorded in the Men’s veteran categories were, as ever, very competitive. Graham Spencer retained his Vet o50 title for the third year running but will have to work hard next year if he is to beat this year’s o40 winner, Ed Davies, who will (at last) move up an age category! Wrekin Orienteer, Pete Jones, took the o60 category title by just 3 seconds. A defeated Mike Callow now understands the cost of passing the time of day with Pete when he encountered him making his way back to Little Stretton.

A new record was set for the Men’s Pair by Tim Davies and Andy Yapp, who took a 2 minutes 20 second chunk from the time set last year by Tim Werrett and Mike Boulstridge. Andrew Davies, running with Jamie Loxam, couldn’t catch his brother Tim but still managed to record the second fastest ever time for a Pair. Competition in the Mixed Pair category was particularly keen with the first three recording times within the span of one and half minutes. In the Women’s Pairs Ludlow Runners, Jo Sharp and Jane Mapp, once again managed to keep Mercia Fell Runners Sharon Davies and Dianne Spencer in second place and retain their title for a third year.

It was good to see a number of wayfarers taking part and pleasing to note the usual number of youngsters – many making year on year progress. I hope each will be encouraged to return with personal targets for next year.

**A NOTE ON PRIZES:** The prizes for First Man and First Woman were, this year, signed copies of *‘FEET IN THE CLOUDS’* a fascinating book about fell running by Richard Askwith. I would like to thank Richard for signing copies and for his interest in our race. If you have not read ‘Feet In The Clouds’ it is to be highly recommended having received very good reviews. A third signed copy of the book was set aside for award to the person whose achievement is adjudged to have made been outstanding. Having looked closely at the results (and looked back through his past results) I have decided this special prize should go to **Mick Ward**. I hope Mick doesn’t mind me revealing that his run, achieved in a time of 96 minutes 37 seconds (with Barbara), marks his graduation to the over 70’s. Mick has competed with remarkable consistency in each of the last three years’ Time Trials producing results that, by any age handicapping system, serve as inspiration for the rest of us and deserving of the special prize.

**WEATHER:** Early rain cleared mid-morning. **GROUND:** Wet and muddy – probably accounting for generally slower times.

**STATISTICS:** 153 competitors – 42 women and 111 men. 65 solo competitors – 9 women. Clubs - Mercia Fell Runners: 32 competitors; Shropshire Shufflers: 17; Shrewsbury AC: 14; Oswestry Olympians: 9; Wrekin Orienteers: 8; Ludlow Runners: 7.

**THANKS:** A number of people make an unfailing and regular contribution to the success of the Time Trial. Many thanks go to **HIGH SPORTS, THE STIPERSTONES INN** and **BOULTONS COACHES** and to the following individuals: Jill and Clare Leventon (Finish), Bob Couth and Stuart Cathcart (Start) and to the Robsons (logistics).

**ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:** Income £306; Prizes £182; Expenses £64; Donation to ‘Youngsters in the Mountains’ fund £60.

**‘YOUNGSTERS IN THE MOUNTAINS’** is a **HIGH SPORTS** initiative to help young people expand their horizons and experience in the hills through the award of small grants. This could include assistance for young fell runners, orienteers and adventurers in the hills – call in at the shop (Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury) for more details.

**NEXT YEAR:** The 18<sup>th</sup> Time Trial is planned for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005 – but check nearer the time.

**FEEDBACK PLEASE:** More competitors took part this year than in any previous year and it is very gratifying to receive many compliments to the effect that the Time Trial offers a unique experience and an excellent social occasion. I enjoy organising it because the format doesn’t involve too much work or complicated arrangements – turn up and register on the day, no way-marking or marshals, choose your own route, minimal rules – and all for £2. However, we might be at the limits of what can work without taking the organisation up a gear. This could involve such as a Portaloo at the start, parking facility in Little Stretton, pre-entry and allocation of start times – more helpers and a significantly higher entry fee. Furthermore, the format of the event precludes it from being registered with the FRA. Hence I have no access to insurance and I’m not sure for how much longer this is tolerable. So it is important that I receive your views on the future of the event – either supportive or those suggesting change.

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