

Hogweed Trot 2006

The Hogweed Trot 22nd May 2006

Well done to all those who ran on not the best of nights but at least the worst of the weather managed to hold off. Despite the weather there was another good turn out with 259 finishers.

The race was won once again by Vitto Graffagnino in a time of 33.20. With the winning lady Ann Singer finishing 9th overall with a time of 37.53.

And some good Hogweed Ladies results with Emma Dalton having a great run to finish 2nd Lady in a time of 38.58 and Jenny McCallum was the first LV50 in a time of 51.46.

The winners were:

1	Vitto	Graffagnino	none	MS	33.20
2	Lee	Rankin	Stroud & District Athletics	MS	33.51
3	Mike	Blackmore	Bitton RR	MS	34.09
1st MV4	G	Hughes	City of Bath	MV4	35.33
1st MV5	Gareth	Jones	Chepstow Harriers	MV5	39.41
1st MV6+	Patrick	Slavin	Bitton RR	MSSV6 +	41.15
1st Lady	Ann	Singer	none	FS	37.53
2nd Lady	Emma	Dalton	Hogweed Trotters	FS	38.58
3rd Lady	Claire	Sapwell	Bristol AC	FS	42.08
1st Lady V4	Judith	Llewellyn	Chepstow Harriers	FV4	40.35
1st Lady V5	Jenny	McCallum	Hogweed Trotters	FSV5	51.46
1st Lady v6	Carole	Bishop	Thornbury Running Club	FSSV6+	52.48

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8	Justin	Littlechild	Hogweed Trotters	MS	36.34
19	Emma	Dalton	Hogweed Trotters	FS	38.58

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And special thanks to all the marshals and helpers without whom no event could take place. These include Colin Rathbone, Todd Cozens, Jason Haselhan, Mark and Shirley Wolf, Mandy Spedding, Mr Grimstead, Pat Hall, Mike Mitchell, Julian Shipp, Linda Morgan, Ann Hudson, Julian Lewis, Rothery Harris, Suzanne Cropper, Mrs Lund, Dave Morgan, John Killen, Ron White, Andy May, Ian Cross, Mike Hallgarth, Gordon Butters, Tom Scott, Bob Bell, Adrian Howell, Will Gray, Veronica Stanley, Nicki Davies, Ray Maddock, Justin Littlechild, Sue Hutchinson, John and Leslie Perret and kids, Sarah Richards +son, Ian Sollieux, Amanda Richardson, Kevin Robbins, John & Pat Curtis, Jo Wilson, Dom Hurford, Shaun McLaren, Sean Hutchinson, Jack Bonnick, Nigel Chapman and daughter, Lyn and Serena Griffiths, Sue Mundy, Sally Hewison, Mike and Philippa Green.

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Thank you very much to all marshals and helpers who made the race a great success. And well done to all those who competed, 250 runners.

The Hogweed Trot Report 2004

The summer series of evening races continued this week when the first ever Hogweed Trot road race was held on Monday 24th and proved to be a resounding success. All expectations were exceeded when over two hundred runners entered the 10K event. Well supported by local clubs, there were also runners from as far afield as Macclesfield and Portsmouth who arrived at the Race Headquarters of Yate Town F.C. for the fast, flat course through quiet and pleasant country lanes.

In hot and humid conditions Andy Hawkins from Swindon Harriers was the clear winner in a time of 32:53. Just two minutes behind, Tanith Maxwell, from the Liberty Nike Club, was third overall and the first lady back in an outstanding time of 34:52. Prizes were awarded in many categories including Super Super Vet (over 60's) where Bitton member Pat Slavin produced another excellent run.

First Hogweed to finish, but just outside the prizes, was Tim Lund. Peter Willoughby was the first Hogweed veteran to finish, whilst Sarah Richards who is competing in her 1st Marathon in two weeks won first prize overall for first Female veteran.

Jonathan Wells finished well up the field and won the prize for being first Under 17 whilst at the same time beating both his parents !

A large number of Hogweed novices, most of whom had only taken up running during the past few months, competed and all did themselves proud on an excellent evening of racing that produced many personal best performances.

Club members marshalled the route and manned the water stations, but great credit must go to the Race Director, Philippa Crocker, who put in a tremendous amount of hard work over many months to

help ensure the event ran so smoothly.