

## 2013 Tinker Cup - Result and Report

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### ***Katie Walshaw runs into Tinker Cup record books***



In the 94<sup>th</sup> running of Holmfirth Harriers' annual Christmas Handicap race for the Tinker Cup, GB international Katie Walshaw led from start to finish, the first woman in the race's history to finish first.

Less than two miles into the 6 ½ mile race from Honley Cricket Club to Burnlee, Holmfirth and back, Walshaw had broken away from the rest and it appeared very unlikely that the Highburton First School Lunchtime Supervisor cum Sports coach would be caught.

As the field of 50 members and eight guests spread out across the fields between Thong Lane and New Road, international triathlete, Jonny McLean, was seen to be in hot pursuit followed by Phil Hewitt, who was evidently continuing his recent good form. Others having noticeably good runs were Chris Beadle and Helen Berry. Two newcomers to the race, Daniel Shaw and Mark Law, both having joined Holmfirth from other clubs because their

children had become members of the Honley-based club, came through to New Road strongly; also doing well was the sole over-seventeen Junior, Robert Hinchliffe-Smith competing for the first time. There were fewer ladies taking part compared with recent years, but prominent among them was Jordan Mullinger making her debut following a good autumn in the West Yorkshire Cross Country series of races.

A group of spectators of all ages at Netherthong eagerly awaited the runners on their return leg from Burnlee and enthusiastically greeted Katie Walshaw, who was running with great power and determination, and with an increased lead now over McLean.

Back at the finish in the recreation ground behind Honley Cricket Pavilion, a crowd had assembled to acclaim the outstanding performance of the Club's extremely talented international athlete. In excited conversations comparison was made between Walshaw and a former member and international world champion, the great Carol Greenwood (nee Haigh). There was equally warm applause for McLean, having given very good chase, and others who followed in order, namely Phil Hewitt, Dan Shaw, Dan Stewart, Chris Beadle and Helen Berry.

Interviewed after the race, Katie expressed thanks to her present Club coach, Kath Farquhar, for her recent successes, including her being twice selected for Great Britain in 2013. She said that her training is now more specifically aimed at her main disciplines of cross country and fell running.

As the officials and statisticians got to work on the results of the Tinker Cup sealed handicap, the competitors, marshals and supporters enjoyed the usual splendid refreshments provided by members under the supervision of Alison Whitelegg. Traditionally the results are declared in reverse order: in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Katie Walshaw; 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Berry, 1<sup>st</sup> and winner of the Tinker Cup Simon Edwards.

At the presentation Harriers President, John MacFadzean, expressed thanks to the chief race organiser, Norman Berry, who will be retiring as organiser after this year's race, and also to his wife, Hilary, who had organised the catering for many years. No-one could remember how long Norman had been organising the Club's oldest race but it stretched back well into the previous century, he thought! He went on to describe the importance that the former Club President had always attached to maintaining the goodwill of the many landlords and tenants, over whose land the race passes.

After thanking the many officials and marshals who assist him and most particularly Roger Bradley, who takes responsibility for managing the course, Honorary Life member Berry introduced and thanked his successors, Chris and Alison Whitelegg for taking on the role and to Alison for arranging the catering for the afternoon.

Finally thanks were expressed to Honley Cricket Club for making their facilities available to the Harriers, and to Tim Hirst, Hon Secretary of the Club, and his wife Heather for an afternoon spent 'on duty'.

*Tinker Cup* top ten: 1 S. Edwards (63.57 – 19.00: 44min 57sec), 2 Helen Berry (50.29-5.00: 45.29), 3 Katie Walshaw (47.35-1.30: 46.05), 4 Chris Beadle (50.22-4.00: 46.22), 5 Bill Hunter (67.25-21.00: 46.25), 6= Wayne Byram (52.46-6.00: 46.46), Paul Crowther (52.46-6.00: 46.46), 8 Phil Martin (57.52-11.00: 46.52), 9 Gareth Humphries (52.00-5.00: 47.00), 10 Martin Seddon (65.06-18.00:47.06)

Fastest times: Female: 1 Katie Walshaw 47.35, 2 Helen Berry 50.29

Male: 1 Jonny McLean 48.24, 2 Phil Hewitt 49.28

Novices 1 Dan Shaw 49.36 2 Mark Law 51.48

#### 2013 Tinker Cup results:

Pos.	Forename	Surname	Actual time	Handicap	H'cap time	H'cap pos.	Award
1	Katie	Walshaw	00:47:35	00:01:30	00:46:05	3	Norman Haigh Trophy
2	Jonny	McLean	00:48:24	00:01:00	00:47:24	13	Ian Roberts Trophy
3	Phil	Hewitt	00:49:28	00:02:00	00:47:28	14	2nd male
4	Daniel	Shaw	00:49:36	00:01:30	00:48:06	20	3rd male,1st Novice
5	Dan	Stewart	00:50:06	00:03:00	00:47:06	11	
6	Chris	Beadle	00:50:22	00:04:00	00:46:22	4	
7	Helen	Berry	00:50:29	00:05:00	00:45:29	2	2nd female
8	Gavin	Baxter	00:51:09	00:00:00	00:51:09	38	
9	John	Ewart	00:51:34	00:03:00	00:48:34	24	
10	Mark	Law	00:51:48	00:04:00	00:47:48	17	Second Novice
11	Gary	Graham	00:51:55	00:03:00	00:48:55	31	
12	Gareth	Humphries	00:52:00	00:05:00	00:47:00	9	
13	Wayne	Byram	00:52:46	00:06:00	00:46:46	6	
14	Paul	Crowther	00:52:46	00:06:00	00:46:46	7	
15	David	Roberts	00:53:21	00:05:00	00:48:21	22	
16	Geoff	Hall	00:54:10	00:07:00	00:47:10	12	
17	John	Levick	00:54:44	00:03:00	00:51:44	42	
18	Robert	Hinchliffe-Smith	00:54:46	00:06:00	00:48:46	28	1st u/20
19	Chris	Gorse	00:54:55	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
20	Paul	Fearns	00:54:56	00:06:00	00:48:56	32	
21	Berry	Duncan	00:55:21	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
22	Phil	Hobbs	00:55:44	00:08:00	00:47:44	15	
23	Andy	Hauser	00:56:10	00:05:00	00:51:10	39	
24	John	Robinson	00:56:30	00:08:00	00:48:30	23	
25	Richard	McLeod	00:56:43	00:08:00	00:48:43	26	
26	Jordan	Mullinger	00:56:49	00:08:00	00:48:49	30	
27	Kevin	Yewlett	00:56:57	00:08:30	00:48:27	22	
28	Marwan	Khoeiry	00:57:42	00:08:00	00:49:42	34	
29	Ian	Goulding	00:57:44	00:09:00	00:48:44	27	
30	Phil	Martin	00:57:52	00:11:00	00:46:52	8	
31	Jenny	Muston	01:01:33	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
31	Shaun	Coggon	01:01:37	00:10:00	00:51:37	41	

32	Andy	Shaw	01:03:01	00:02:00	01:01:01	48	
33	Ian	Arnold	01:03:35	00:11:00	00:52:35	45	
34	Andrew	Dyson	01:03:56	00:16:00	00:47:56	19	
35	Simon	Edwards	01:03:57	00:19:00	00:44:57	1	Tinker Cup
36	Jon	Hoyle	01:04:38	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
37	Debbie	Hall	01:04:45	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
39	Martin	Seddon	01:05:06	00:18:00	00:47:06	10	
40	Phil	Senior	01:05:10	00:15:00	00:50:10	35	
41	Jean	Shotter	01:05:17	00:16:00	00:49:17	33	3rd female
42	Pete	Butterfield	01:05:22	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
43	Sean	Doyle	01:06:18	00:17:30	00:48:48	29	
44	Wil	Valovin	01:06:22	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
45	Chris	Whitelegg	01:07:00	00:15:00	00:52:00	43	
46	Bill	Hunter	01:07:25	00:21:00	00:46:25	5	
47	Richard	Hook	01:07:55	00:17:00	00:50:55	37	
48	Tony	Mullinger	01:08:53	00:21:00	00:47:53	18	
49	Frank	Morgan	01:08:57	00:00:00	00:00:00	Guest	
50	Neil	Harrison	01:09:35	00:21:00	00:48:35	25	
51	Mark	Owen	01:09:35	00:16:00	00:53:35	46	
52	Clare	Ash	01:09:46	00:22:00	00:47:46	16	
53	Steve	Hewitt	01:10:34	00:20:00	00:50:34	36	
54	Neil	Midgley	01:10:42	00:19:30	00:51:12	40	
55	Roger	Bradley	01:12:27	00:20:00	00:52:27	44	
56	Richard	Smith Snr	01:17:26	00:20:00	00:57:26	47	
57	Louise	Mullinger	01:41:35	00:27:00	01:14:35	49	
58	Steve	White	01:41:42	00:20:00	01:21:42	50	

Photographs of a wonderful day were taken by Norman Berry and are available to view on Flickr under the 2013 Tinker Cup photo set.

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