

**2nd AUGUST 2008 HELLIFIELD GALA RACES 3.5MILE/800FT**  
**YORKSHIRE JUNIOR FELL RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP Sponsored by Burton Safe Ltd**

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It was a record day out at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Hellifield Gala, the sun shone brightly as the competitors took part in the 13<sup>th</sup> Yorkshire Junior Fell Running Championships which were incorporated in the races. Ten new course records were set, from youngster Jack Hardacre in the under 10's all the way up to the oldest competitor Peter Duffy a young 73 year old. GB international orienteer, 21 year old, Joe Mercer who is studying medicine at Oxford University won from 2006 winner Harry Coates, to also win the under 23 Yorkshire Championship and in the process he recorded the third fastest ever time behind World Triathlon Champion Alistair Brownlee and GB International Jonathan Hare set by them last year. Joe showed no signs of fatigue from his Thursday win at the 9 mile 3000ft Rydal Round race in the Lake District, and is probably in the best form of his life. He broke away from the previous under 23 champion Harry Coates just before the turn at Newton Moor Top trig point, and although he was worried climbing back over Haw Hill as Coates is a renowned climber he crossed the finish line with nearly a minute in hand. In third came James Mountain who carried off the under 18 title, having previously won the under 14 title in 2004, this gave Skipton AC a clean sweep in the race, and made it a record 18 Yorkshire titles for the club. Third under 23 was Malham Falconer Matthew Hurst who finished ten seconds behind the much acclaimed Long Preston athlete Mary Wilkinson who took nearly one minute off her own course record to finish sixth overall in a time of 26.39. The 27 year old international has a long association with this race having first competed in 1993 as an under 14 year old, then finishing second to Sarah Dugdale, Mary too had competed at the Ambleside Sports on Thursday, winning the prestigious Guides race, even though her legs were sore, the three times Snowdon winner and three times Yorkshire senior champion displayed her prowess on the fells. **'Not a lot of people know this'**, if Mary had run in the 2003 race then she would have won the race outright! Second lady was Scunthorpe's Emma Clayton the British under 23 champion and now newly crowned under 23 Yorkshire champion, only 23 seconds behind, in third was Ilkley's Jenny Dybeck the new under 18 champion, who in 2006 won the under 16 title. Second in the under 23 champs this time was Lucy Griffiths a previous twice winner of this category, and second in the under 18's was 2007 champion Claire Lilley of Skipton. Keighley & Craven's Thomas Sessford the current English uphill champion, and a junior winner at Ambleside Sports showed his growing potential by retaining the under 16 Yorkshire title, taking 29 seconds off his own record, but he was made to work hard by Wharfedale's Jonathan Bradshaw, and Cowling junior winner Billy Pinder of Skipton who took silver and bronze as all three bettered the record. Preston's Lancashire bronze medallist Nichola Jackson won the girls in a new record taking nearly two minutes off Holly Craig's record time, as did new Yorkshire champion Roberta Jenkinson in second, whilst Cowling Gala ladies winner Fiona Jordan won the silver medal. Yorkshire born Richard Powell of Leigh Harriers won the under 14 championship with a runaway victory, and not surprisingly set a new record with Jack Paige and Hellifield local Ben Dakin collecting silver and bronze medals. Keighley & Craven's Rosie Hellowell took her Yorkshire title tally to three, retaining the under 14 championship, having won the under 12's in 2006, impressively Rosie finished second overall, Keighley made it a clean sweep with Charlotte Cox collecting silver and Chelsey Holder the bronze. All the championship perpetual trophies have been donated by various Yorkshire international athletes, and in the under 12's James Hall retained probably the most poignant of these, the John Taylor stained glass window award, it was donated by John's parents after he tragically died at the age of 32, he was a young Bingley athlete who progressed through all the age categories to attain international honours. James also broke his own record by 26 seconds as did Wharfedale's William Smith the new silver medallist and Rossendale's Callum Davidson, fourth and bronze medallist in the Yorkshire's was Keighley's Josh Ferguson. Another to retain her trophy was Emma Wilkinson, and guess what she also broke her old course record, silver went to swimming sensation and triathlete Abby-Mae Parkinson of Bradford Grammar School. One of the performances of the day has to go to Rotherham's Georgina Spencer who gallantly picked herself up off the Gala field after a tumble on the start line which left her in last position heading out towards the fell, the 12 year old showed true Yorkshire grit and determination and was rewarded with a bronze medal, although who knows what she could have achieved had she stayed on her feet. It was a marvelous day of athletics, and thanks must go to Stephen Moor and his girlfriend Jo for their tireless efforts in organising such a successful and enjoyable days racing.

1	JOE MERCER	U23	SKIPTON	23.46	Y
2	HARRY COATES	U23	SKIPTON	24.31	Y
3	JAMES MOUNTAIN	U18	SKIPTON	25.47	Y
4	STEVEN BAYTON	U18	HALIFAX	25.57	Y
5	DAVID ROOME		BOWLAND	26.17	
6	MARY WILKINSON	F	BINGLEY	26.39R	
7	MATTHEW HURST	U23	SKIPTON	26.49	Y
8	ANDY MOUNCEY	V40	BOWLAND	27.01	
9	KIERAN HERRINGAN	V40	UA	27.08	
10	MATTHEW FRETWELL	U18	SETTLE	27.12	Y
11	MATTHEW ATHERSMITH	U23	SKIPTON	28.23	Y
12	MARTIN GREEN	V40	UA	28.30	
13	STEPHEN WILLIAMS	V50	N.VETS	29.12	
14	PHIL CLAYTON	V40	FRA	29.29	
15	NIGEL CROSSFIELD	V40	HALIFAX	29.39	
16	NEIL PENN		UA	29.46	
17	GEOFFREY HOWARD	V60	ILKLEY	29.48R	
18	DOUG FLEMING	V40	HORWICH	29.53	
19	DICK BALLANTINE	V40	KLY & C	30.00	
20	LUKE MAUDE	U18	SKIPTON	30.09	Y
21	STUART SUMNER	V40	ROSSENDALE	30.10	
22	RICHARD TAYLOR	V40	UA	30.11	LOC
23	EMMA CLAYTON	FU23	SCUNTHORPE	30.15	Y
24	IAN COLDICOTT		RRC	30.21	
25	JENNY DYBECK	FU18	ILKLEY	30.32	Y
26	NICK DYBECK	V40	UA	30.48	
27	SARAH DUGDALE	F	SKIPTON	31.28	LOC
28	PAUL HOBBS		UA	31.46	
29	JOHN SPENCER	V40	ROTHERHAM	32.12	
30	RUTH WHITEHEAD	F	BINGLEY	32.18	
31	ADRIAN RUSHWORTH	V40	BINGLEY	32.21	
32	ANDY HOLDEN	V40	WHARFEDAILE	32.45	LOC

33	ANDREW HINDE	V50	SETTLE	33.00	
34	PAUL JACKSON		UA	33.33	
35	PETER METCALFE	V50	WHARFEDAILE	33.53	LOC
36	LUCY GRIFFITHS	FU23	HOLMFIRTH	34.17	Y
37	CLAIRE LILLEY	FU18	SKIPTON	34.19	Y
38	CAROL MORGAN	F	NIDD VALLEY	35.02	
39	KARL SPEIGHT		SPEN	35.03	
40	JEREMY WILKINSON	V40	CALDER	35.06	
41	JOHN THOMPSON	V50	WHARFEDAILE	35.25	
42	IAN LEWIS		KLY & C	35.47	
43	DAVE MERRITT	V60	BINGLEY	36.16	
44	RICK MOORE	V40	CLAYTON	36.33	
45	TIM POCOCK	V40	HARROGATE	36.41	
46	ROBERT HIRST	V50	CLAYTON	36.57	
47	RAJ MADHAS	V40	UA	37.04	
48	ERIC MORLEY	V50	NIDD VALLEY	37.06	
49	EDWARD WILKINSON	V40	SPEN	37.08	
50	JENNY GARSIDE	F	UA	37.13	
51	LYNN WHITAKER	FV40	WHARFEDAILE	37.18	LOC
52	SUE MORLEY	FV50	NIDD VALLEY	37.44	
53	JERRY KIFT	V50	ROTHWELL	39.48	
54	JACKIE CARTER	FV40	SPEN	40.55	
55	BRIAN HUGILL	V40	WHARFEDAILE	40.59	LOC
56	KATH WILLIAMS	FV50	N.VETS	41.50	
57	CHRISTOPHER JAMIESON	V50	FELL PONIES	42.13	
58	MIKE McDONALD	V60	BOWLAND	43.08	
59	PETER DUFFY	V70	N.VETS	44.26R	
60	MICHAEL BEN COFFEY	U18	BINGLEY	47.50	Y
61	DIANE SPENCER	FV40	ROTHERHAM	48.17	
62	MICHAEL COFFEY	V40	BINGLEY	53.10	
63	IAN STANSFIELD	V60	TODMORDEN	53.38	

UNDER 10 RACE				
1	JACK HARDACRE		UA	4.40 R
2	TODD HALSEY		CALDER	4.52
3	JAKE STEADE		UA	4.55
4	JACK HORSFALL		SETTLE	5.03
5	THOMAS SUMNER		ROSENDALE	5.05
6	CHARLIE LOWRIE		WHARFEDALE	5.10
7	LUKA MORRIS		CALDER	5.11
8	ROBBIE JOHNSTONE		WHARFEDALE	5.16
9	HENRY CARTER		SPEN	5.31
10	CAMERON HARDIE		KLY & C	5.37
11	DAEMON METCALFE		PENDLE	5.37
12	JACK GARSIDE		PENDLE	5.39
13	ANGUS WALTON		UA	5.48
14	TOM HORSFALL		SETTLE	5.51
15	JAMES STAPLETON		UA	5.56
16	LOGAN HARGREAVES-MADHAS		ILKLEY	6.07
17	CHARLIE PAIGE		UA	6.19
18	MADELEINE PAIGE	G	UA	6.20
19	EMILY COX	G	KLY & C	6.25
20	MOLLY HOLDER	G	KLY & C	6.30
21	DANIEL NETHERWOOD		BINGLEY	6.34
22	ELISE BAILEY	G	UA	7.13

UNDER 16 RACE 3M/600FT				
1	THOMAS SESSFORD		KLY & C	16.31 R
2	JONATHAN BRADSHAW		WHARFEDALE	16.37
3	BILLY PINDER		SKIPTON	16.47
4	DANIEL COLLINS		SCARBORO'	17.12
5	SEAN CAREY		TODMORDEN	17.44
6	JOSH SCHOFIELD		SCARBORO'	18.00
7	DAVID JEPSON		CITY OF SHEFFIELD	18.15
8	JOSEPH CROSSFIELD		HALIFAX	18.37
9	ADAM SAMPLE		SCARBORO'	18.44
10	BEN MARRIOTT		BINGLEY	19.03
11	DOMINIC COYLE		TRAFFORD	19.27
12	THOMAS POWELL		LEIGH	20.21
13	NICHOLA JACKSON	G	PRESTON	20.48 R
14	ROBERTA JENKINSON	G	SKIPTON	22.19
15	FIONA JORDAN	G	ILKLEY	23.20
16	MATTHEW COFFEY		BINGLEY	34.24

UNDER 12 RACE 1.5MILE/300FT				
1	JAMES HALL		BINGLEY	8.15 R
2	WILLIAM SMITH		WHARFEDALE	8.29
3	CALLUM DAVIDSON		ROSENDALE	8.38
4	JOSH FERGUSON		KLY & C	8.48
5	MAX WHARTON		CALDER	8.54
6	PHIL DONE		KLY & C	8.58
7	JOE STAPLETON		UA	9.00
8	SAM CONVERY		BINGLEY	9.08
9	EMMA WILKINSON	G	SPEN	9.11 R
10	ABBY-MAE PARKINSON	G	BRAD GRAMM	9.29
11	ROBERT POWELL		LEIGH	9.34
12	ROBERT THOMPSON		KLY & C	9.51
13	HARRY PAIGE		UA	10.05
14	LORNA NUNWICK	G	HELM HILL	10.12
15	JAKE BROUGHTON		BLACKBURN	10.16
16	GEORGINA SPENCER	G	ROTHERHAM	10.22
17	CAMERON WALTON	LOC	UA	11.01
18	ISSY WHARTON	G	CALDER	11.19
19	ODIN HARGREAVES-MADHAS		ILKLEY	11.21
20	GEORGE BECKWITH		UA	11.53
21	JODIE SMITH	G	UA	12.11
22	JOSEPH BAILEY		HERTS & PHOENIX	12.52
23	JOSHUA NETHERWOOD		BINGLEY	13.20
24	HOLLY CROSSFIELD	G	HALIFAX	13.28
25	OLIVIA COFFEY	G	BINGLEY	14.23

UNDER 14 RACE 2MILE/500FT				
1	RICHARD POWELL		LEIGH	10.46 R
2	ROSIE HELLAWELL	G	KLY & C	12.30 R
3	JACK PAIGE		CALDER	13.15
4	BEN DAKIN	LOC	UA	15.13
5	CHARLOTTE COX	G	KLY & C	15.21
6	CHELSEY HOLDER	G	KLY & C	16.25

BOYS UNDER 12 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	JAMES HALL	BINGLEY
S	WILLIAM SMITH	WHARFEDAILE
B	JOSH FERGUSON	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN
GIRLS UNDER 12 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	EMMA WILKINSON	SPENBOROUGH
S	ABBY-MAE PARKINSON	BRADFORD GRAMMAR
B	GEORGINA SPENCER	ROTHERHAM

BOYS UNDER 14 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	RICHARD POWELL	LEIGH
S	JACK PAIGE	CALDER VALLEY
B	BEN DAKIN	UA
GIRLS UNDER 14 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	ROSIE HELLAWELL	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN
S	CHARLOTTE COX	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN
B	CHELSEY HOLDER	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN

BOYS UNDER 16 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	THOMAS SESSFORD	KEIGHLEY & CRAVEN
S	JONATHAN BRADSHAW	WHARFEDAILE
B	BILLY PINDER	SKIPTON
GIRLS UNDER 16 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	ROBERTA JENKINSON	SKIPTON
S	FIONA JORDAN	ILKLEY

BOYS UNDER 18 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	JAMES MOUNTAIN	SKIPTON
S	STEVEN BAYTON	HALIFAX
B	MATTHEW FRETWELL	SETTLE
GIRLS UNDER 18 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	JENNY DYBECK	ILKLEY
S	CLAIRE LILLEY	SKIPTON

MEN UNDER 23 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	JOE MERCER	SKIPTON
S	HARRY COATES	SKIPTON
B	MATTHEW HURST	SKIPTON
LADIES UNDER 23 YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP		
G	EMMA CLAYTON	SCUNTHORPE
S	LUCY GRIFFITHS	HOLMFIRTH