

Handicap Winner – John Gunnee  
Women's Handicap Winner - Jane Crowson

Senior Open – Tom Brunt  
M40 - Dave Taylor  
M50 – Gavin Williams  
M60 – Peter Gorvett  
M70 – Barry Needle

Senior Women – Nicky Spinks  
F40 – Kirsty Bryan-Jones  
F50 – Jane Crowson

The forecast for the day had been holding steady all week with cold and windy weather and heavy rain starting from midday. It is as well it played out almost exactly to plan; by the time the last runner left the hill, it was truly disgusting. If that had come in early, it would have been unpleasant for runners and really hard for marshals.

A big thanks to all of the marshals from both Nicky and I. Ian Fitz's perch looked uninviting, catching the wind that it was. Sally and Rose had a modicum of shelter from the lump that is Pike Low, but they didn't look warm. Chris and Tony might have had options about hiding behind a Cake, but with runners coming in from all angles, they opted for standing in plain sight, with not a lot of shelter.

I have no idea how Olwyn, Charmian and Mick managed to do such a good job of the results with fingers that must have been wooden. Mine were numb before I even started – only warming up with the hotches somewhere around Howshaw Tor. And that's another start tent that's fallen victim to the glorious weather we have for Dark Peak races.

John Gunnee won the handicap by four and a half minutes over Willy. John was a late entry and so, in theory he had a harder handicap than he might have done! But in reality, he had a brilliant run. All that secret road training has obviously paid off! Willy's run was really good as well. He was the only one of the front or mid-field to make an impact on the handicap result. The next best placed from the front half of the field was Rob Moore in 13<sup>th</sup>. Because of the way the handicap works, the winning time being less than the estimate was always going to favour the early starters. So next year's handicapper is going to have to really upset Willy with the start times.

Jane Crowson put in a great run to stay ahead of those starting just behind her and drag more than a few of them to good finished.

My vindictiveness over former winners must be slipping, Jim Paxman snuck back into the top ten, with a very good run. All that work to try and get on terms with the very capable sprint of his daughter Rose must be paying off.

In the other race, Tom Brunt managed to come in a fist full of seconds ahead of Dave Lund.

Nicky was comfortably ahead of Kirsty in the women's race. I'd split up Kirsty and Helen in the handicap, to prevent Kirsty following Helen on all those good fast lines she so loves. In the event, Kirsty pipped Helen by a very few seconds.

position	H'ca		Cat	target	Total Race time
1	39	Tom Brunt	M40	01:30:00	01:17:14
2	34	Dave Lund	M	01:32:30	01:17:46
3	47	Dave Taylor	M50	01:31:00	01:21:05
4	44	Jon Morgan	M45	01:32:00	01:21:33
5	46	Simon Patton	M45	01:33:30	01:23:24
6	40	Richard Hunt	M40	01:36:00	01:23:35
7	45	John Boyle	M45	01:34:00	01:23:53
8	42	Jon Pemberton	M	01:36:30	01:25:13
9	43	Laurence Piercy	M	01:37:00	01:26:17
10	23	Paul Fauset	M40	01:50:30	01:31:10
11	58	Gavin Williams	M50	01:35:00	01:31:12
12	50	Dave Sykes	M40	01:43:30	01:34:07
13	54	Simon Dixon	M45	01:42:00	01:34:56
14	62	Ralph Skrimshire	M	01:33:00	01:35:00
15	57	Simon Mills	M	01:41:30	01:35:37
16	32	Tim Tett	M55	01:31:15	01:35:53
17	2	Willy Kitchen	M45	02:07:30	01:36:05
18	33	Andy Barnett	M50	01:53:00	01:36:56
19	25	Charlie Elliot	M40	01:56:00	01:37:15
20	52	Kristian Groom	M	01:47:00	01:38:25
21	59	Nicky Spinks	F45	01:43:00	01:39:44
22	27	Matt Rigby	M45	02:00:00	01:41:35
23	60	David Allen	M55	01:44:00	01:41:53
24	49	Karl Marshall	M45	01:52:00	01:42:26
25	13	Robert Moore	M45	02:07:00	01:43:59

26	<b>20</b>	Greg Rimmer	M50	02:05:00	<b>01:44:18</b>
27	<b>19</b>	Paul Walwyn	M	02:05:30	<b>01:44:38</b>
28	<b>26</b>	Kirsty Bryan-Jones	F45	02:03:30	<b>01:44:50</b>
29	<b>31</b>	Helen Elmore	F40	02:01:30	<b>01:44:59</b>
30	<b>41</b>	Dave Holmes	M55	02:02:00	<b>01:48:33</b>
31	<b>37</b>	George Yates	M45	02:04:00	<b>01:50:06</b>
32	<b>38</b>	Tim Hawley	M55	02:06:00	<b>01:50:55</b>
33	<b>18</b>	Rob Cole	M	02:12:00	<b>01:51:00</b>
34	<b>56</b>	Phil Crowson	M50	01:57:30	<b>01:51:32</b>
35	<b>17</b>	Loxley Crawshaw	M45	02:13:00	<b>01:51:55</b>
36	<b>12</b>	Tim Ray	M40	02:15:30	<b>01:52:24</b>
37	<b>8</b>	Adrian Davis	M	02:17:30	<b>01:52:30</b>
38	<b>3</b>	Jane Crowson	F50	02:21:00	<b>01:53:38</b>
39	<b>14</b>	Peter Gorvett	M65	02:16:30	<b>01:53:55</b>
40	<b>9</b>	Tom Westgate	M55	02:18:00	<b>01:54:04</b>
41	<b>5</b>	Jim Paxman	M55	02:21:30	<b>01:54:48</b>
42	<b>48</b>	Russell Beresford	M50	02:04:30	<b>01:54:51</b>
43	<b>16</b>	Sarah Broadhurst	F45	02:20:00	<b>01:57:45</b>
44	<b>6</b>	Roy Small	M60	02:26:00	<b>02:00:17</b>
45	<b>10</b>	Penny Collier	F45	02:24:30	<b>02:00:41</b>
46	<b>36</b>	Lewis Ashton	M45	02:15:00	<b>02:00:52</b>
47	<b>22</b>	Julia Nolan	F45	02:23:00	<b>02:03:15</b>
48	<b>7</b>	Fiona Fulwood	F	02:30:00	<b>02:04:54</b>
49	<b>15</b>	Victoria King	F	02:28:00	<b>02:05:30</b>
50	<b>1</b>	John Gunnee	M55	02:43:00	<b>02:06:53</b>
51	<b>51</b>	Kenny Turner	M55	02:17:00	<b>02:07:57</b>
52	<b>11</b>	Maurice Musson	M60	02:33:00	<b>02:09:35</b>
53	<b>55</b>	Mike Bourne	M45	02:16:00	<b>02:09:55</b>
54	<b>21</b>	Ruth Batty	F40	02:31:00	<b>02:11:10</b>
55	<b>4</b>	Dave Lockwood	M65	02:41:00	<b>02:14:10</b>
56	<b>67</b>	Mark Harvey	M55	01:44:30	<b>02:19:30</b>
57	<b>29</b>	Richard Hakes	M55	02:40:00	<b>02:22:10</b>

58	<b>64</b>	Eoin Connaughton	M50	02:19:00	<b>02:25:18</b>
59	<b>24</b>	Barry Needle	M70	02:45:00	<b>02:25:45</b>
60	<b>53</b>	Jim Fulton	M60	02:35:00	<b>02:27:47</b>
61	<b>30</b>	Robert Marsden	M65	02:50:00	<b>02:33:20</b>
62	<b>63</b>	Simon Bacsich	M40	02:32:30	<b>02:34:51</b>
63	<b>66</b>	Paul Keen	M60	02:11:00	<b>02:36:00</b>
64	<b>35</b>	Mike Browell	M60	02:52:30	<b>02:38:04</b>
65	<b>28</b>	Stephen Martin	M50	03:00:00	<b>02:42:00</b>
66	<b>61</b>	Andy Harmer	M65	02:44:00	<b>02:42:53</b>
67	<b>65</b>	Roger Baumiester	M70	03:30:00	<b>03:33:50</b>
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999	<b>999</b>	Ian Winterburn	M50	01:42:30	<b>Rtd</b>