

The First Jon Williams Memorial Cleveland Classic Relay - Sunday 18th July 2021

Thanks again to all runners, spectators and helpers, especially Alan Robertson who drove round ferrying runners from A to B and Terry Coupland who having run his leg on the morning then cycled alongside Vince (who had driven back from London on Sunday morning in order to run) on the long Marjory Bradley to Juniper Gate leg.

Please find attached a summary of leg times from yesterday, points to bear in mind when interpreting the results and comparing with Mick's times are: -

- In general SmellyHelly runners on the day followed the advisory route for the Cleveland Classic whereas most runners in the Classic treated it more as an orienteering type event and used their ingenuity in going from control to control. This probably showed up mainly on Legs 6, 11 and 12, eg runners in the Classic used the road and not the CW between Skinningrove and Cowbar, they also avoided going up to Captain Cook's monument, and took a more direct line than the CW from Gribdale to Roseberry.
- My assessment of the shortcuts is that at best it would save 60 minutes, so our time of 10 hours 3 minutes could be rounded down to 9 hours which is still 1 hour 20 mins slower than Mick's 1986 record of 7 hours 40 mins. It just shows what a brilliant time it was. The only excuse we can have is that our average age must have been well into the 60's.
- Other notable sub 9 hour winners were Neal Heaton, three time winner Ray Stevenson (Best winning time was 7 hours 55 minutes), Dave Parry, Gerry Orchard and Bob Firth.
- Dave Allison's time is from where he took the baton in Cowbar and not the bridge, although Bob and Bred did continue onto the bridge a few minutes after the baton.
- Although Paul Haydon took the baton from Vince somewhere up the CW towards Burton Howe, Paul's time is from when he crossed Juniper Gate. Again Vince continued to Juniper gate after passing the baton over, arriving a few minutes after Paul.
- Tom Hodgson who paid an unexpected visit home this weekend suddenly found himself running a leg with Ian. A good job he kept the visit quiet otherwise he might have found himself on Marjory Bradley to Juniper gate leg. Also Ian and Tom on leg 8 encountered some nasty bracken and overshot the cafe which was the changeover point and had to backtrack.

Jon was always a keen supporter of UNICEF, so all the money raised will be donated to that charity. If anyone who has not donated and would like to make a contribution please pass your donation to Len or Steve before the end of the month.

CLEVELAND CLASSIC RELAY 2021 Results

Leg	Location		Grid Reference for start of leg	Distance of leg in miles	Amount of Climbing in this leg	Mick's time at CP	SmellyHelly expected time at CP after trial run	Actual time at start of leg	Actual Time for this leg	Athlete
	From	To			feet					
1	Great Ayton -Royal Oak	Roseberry Col	563107	2.4	770	7.00am	7.00am	7.00am	33 min	Mick Murphy/Ian MacPherson
1A	Roseberry Col	Highcliff Nab	583127	2.4	580		7.30am	7.33 am	26 min	Len Small/Terry Coupland
2	Highcliff Nab	Slapewath	610138	3.2	90		8.00am	7.59am	40 min	Steve Hutchinson
3	Slapewath	Saltburn	641158	4.9	575	7.58am	8.40am	8.39am	46 min	Mark Edwards
4	Saltburn	Skinningrove	669215	3.4	553	8.30am	9.15am	9.25am	43 min	Mick Garrett
5	Skinningrove	Staithes	714199	4.8	1164	9.13am	10.05am	10.08am	63 min	Bob Howe/Bref O'Rourke
6	Staithes	Scaling Dam	781189	5.8	921	9.36am	10.40am	11.11am	58 min	David Allison
7	Scaling Dam	Danby Beacon	757129	3.4	422	10.25am	11.20am	12.09pm	29 min	Caroline Glover
8	Danby Beacon	Botton Village	737092	5.7	857	10.52am	11.50am	12.38pm	60 min	Ian Hodgson
9	Botton Village	Marjory Bradley Stone	696041	3	933	11.41am	12.35am	13.38pm	30 min	Graeme Tweddle
10	Marjory Bradley Stone	Juniper gate	675012	9.2	512		13.05pm	14.08pm	95 min	Vince Connolly
11	Juniper Gate	Gribdale	615076	3.9	689	13.35pm	14.15pm	15.43pm	37 min	Paul Haydon
12	Gribdale	Roseberry Topping	592110	3.9	703	14.06pm	14.53pm	16.20pm	43 min	Trevor Symmonds
	Great Ayton-The Buck		556107			14.40pm	15.32pm	17.03pm		