

The Welcome Return of the BMAF 5 km Championship

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Last Sunday the British Masters 5 kilometres road championship was revived in what had become its home, the Lancashire town of Horwich. Due in no small measure to the sterling efforts of Adrian Edwards and Eric Horwill, the renaissance was dubbed a great success by competitors, officials and spectators alike. The facilities were excellent and the lap course on paths near to the Bolton Wanderers ground deemed to be very satisfactory. As you might hope, given the geography of the venue our club was well represented on and off the field, so to speak. So too, Zeus, the Greek god of weather smiled upon the afternoon's exploits. I did have a word with him.



BMAF 5k Road Walk Championship

RESULTS - LADIES

- 1 Grazia Manzotti (1W50) time 28.15mins, age graded 82.1%
- 2 Melanie Peddle (2W50) 28.43mins, 80.7%
- 3 Carolyn Derbyshire (1W45) 29.37mins, 72.8%
- 4 Penelope Cummings (2W45) 31.25mins, 69.2%
- 5 Julie Bellfield (3W50) 33.10mins, 70%
- 6 Helen Elleker (1W65) 34.02mins 79.3%
- 7 Lynn Bellfield (1W55) 35.34mins 67.9%
- 8 Noel Blatchford (1W75) 35.54mins 85%
- 9 Ann Wheeler (2W65) 35.58mins 76.1%
- 10 Andrea Lennon (1W80) 43.26mins 77%



Adrian with Grazia Manzotti



Ian Richards with our very own remarkable Andrea Lennon

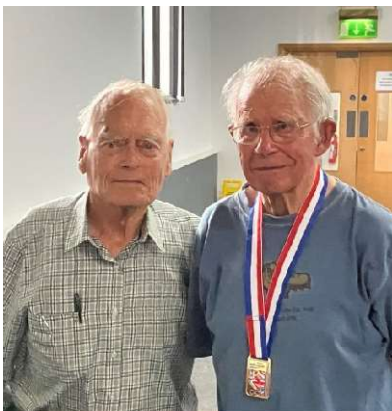
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RESULTS - MEN

- 1 John Laste (1M60) 27.48mins 81.5%
- 2 Ian Richards (1M75) 28.53mins 92.5%
- 3 Matt Henney (1M50) 29.25mins 70.9%
- 4 Steve Uttley (1M65) 29.50mins 80.1%
- 5 Hardeep Minhas (2M65) 31.25mins 75.2%
- 6 Tony Bell (2M60) 32.39mins 68.7%
- 7 Ian Torode (3M65) 33.12mins 72.8%
- 8 Sean McMullin (2M75) 34.01mins 80.9%
- 9 Roy Gunnett (3M75) 35.30mins 76.4%
- 10 Ray Robinson (1M45) 36.19mins 55.9%
- 11 Greg Smith (1M70) 36.27mins 69.5%
- 12 Sailash Shah (1M55) 36.34mins 60.8%
- 13 Tony Malone (2M70) 36.37mins 70.1%
- 14 Nigel Gates (3M70) 36.56mins 68.5%
- 15 John Crahan (4M70) 37.04mins 71.1%
- 16 Joe Hardy (4M75) 37.12mins 76%
- 17 Ian Hilditch (1M80) 37.14mins 80%
- 18 Julien Rosen (3M60) 39.07mins 58.5%
- 19 Guy Goodair (1M85) 45.16mins 71.6%
- 20 Edmund Shilabeer (2M80) 45.52 mins 66.8%



Adrian with John Laste, the overall winner from across the waters



Eric Horwill with the amazing Guy Goodair

Age Graded - TEAMS %

LADIES

1. **England Ladies;** Total 247.8 - Blatchford 85%, Manzotti 82.1%, Peddle 80.7%



Ian Richards with the irrepressible Noel Blatchford

Age Graded - TEAMS %

MEN

1. **England Men** Total 252.6% - Richards 92.5%, Uttley 80.1%, Hilditch 80%
2. **Ireland Men** Total 232.5% - Laste 81.5%, McMullin 80.9%, Malone 70.1%



Ian Richards with Steve Uttley, a well-respected member of Lancs Walking Club in the 70s

Age-graded – INDIVIDUAL %

1. Ian Richards 92.5%
2. Noel Blatchford 85%
3. Grazia Manzotti 82.1%

PHOTOGRAPHS

More photos from the successful relaunch of the BMAF 5km championship in Horwich or more of Bill Sutherland's tongue-in-cheek 'Golden Oldies'.



Adrian opening proceedings



Ian Hilditch with Eric Horwill



Joe Hardy with Eric



Roy Gunnett with Eric



Sailash with Ian Richards



Greg holding off Roy



Ian holding off a determined John Crahan – great to see John on the road. We've missed his wit!



Tony Bell on his way to second in the O60 category

