

There was a good turnout of Ripon Runners for the latest race in the Black Sheep series at Burton Leonard last Sunday. The weather was fine for this tough part off road course but the previous days rain had added to the muddy and slippery conditions. First Ripon Runner to finish was Mike Appleton in ninth place in 39.58, he was followed by Paul Morgan 42.29, Gary Wilks (first local entrant) 43.06, Ray Raper 44.38, John Ward 46.25, Simon Merrin 47.33, Dennis Connor 47.35, Scott Wray 47.37, Ray Jonstone 47.59, Michael Hall 48.04, Allan Hansen 49.36, Matthew Holt 51.06, Mike Pennock 53.02, Robin Kehoe 55.31, Mel Dutka 57.01, Bob Mundy 59.35, Fiona Prestwich 62.52, Helena Conlin 63.01, Sharon Stoker 63.34, Vicky Clayton 66.50, Eleanor Hartas 83.22, Monty Munson 86.52.

Ripon Runners played host to the handicap race for the grand finale of the Harrogate District Summer Race League. The race was run on a new shorter course starting and finishing on the playing fields at Hell Wath. The race was well organised and even the weather held off with the torrential rain not arriving until all runners were back in the Ripon rugby clubhouse for a buffet and prize presentations. In those presentations Ripon Runner Pete Chapman was given the prize for first over 50 male in the league. First Ripon Runner to finish the handicap race was Gary Wilks who came in third overall in 35.22, he was followed by Simon Merrin 38.40, Vicky Clayton 50.08, Eleanor Hartas 61.22, Andy Matheson 43.17, Matthew Holt 41.36, Karen Cooper 47.39, Caroline Bentham 49.01, Heleln Pickard 47.48, Robin Kehoe 44.53, Helena Conlin 49.57, Martin Cummins 42.50, Suzanne Rickard 42.18, Lester Pickard 46.26, John Grundy 43.38.