

The 20th anniversary running of the Burn Valley Half Marathon took place in Masham on Sunday. Before the main race there is an off road run of approximately 2 miles, repeating his victory from last year was 16 year old Ripon Runner Joe Lofthouse. The main race of 13.1 miles which includes many climbs including Kell Bank and Breary Banks is regarded as one of the toughest in the area and blustery conditions added to the difficulty this year. A solid performance by Ripon's Mike Appleton saw him finish in 7th position overall and receive the prize for first O35 male in a time of 1.23.45. Prizes were also awarded to Chris Brown, Doug Tooth and Gary Wilks as runners to participate in the first and 20th editions of the race. Following Mike into Masham were Gary Wilks 1.42.05, Martin Gabriel 1.43.44, Keith Hawkins 1.45.12(pb), Ray Johnstone 1.46.17, John Ward 1.47.58, Chris Brown 1.48.50, Adam Johnstone 1.49.02, Matt Newsome 1.49.15, Dave Cooper 1.49.50, Matthew Holt 1.54.25, Chris Bennett 1.55.39, Bridget Baldwin 1.58.49, John Grundy 2.01.51, Anneke Imeson 2.02.30, Jill Holt 2.07.49, Hilary Gillam 2.07.57, Leah Horner 2.09.01, Robin Kehoe 2.09.01, Mandi Ross 2.10.41, Lisa Sorby 2.12.02, Mel Dutka 2.13.40, Lena Conlin 2.15.25, Vicky Clayton 2.18.49, Julie Merrin 2.20.33, Bob Mundy 2.25.37, Lorraine Matheson 2.33.54, Doug Tooth 2.41.57, Rosemary Hart 2.46.15.

Dave Jelley had a great run in the Osmotherley Phoenix on Saturday. The 33 mile long course starting and finishing at the village hall as part of the Osmotherley Summer Games has 4000ft of climbing on route. Dave had a strong run finishing in 10th position, ahead of the third placed runner in the Ultra marathon league.

The final race in the Harrogate District Summer Race League took place on Thursday 1st July at Hudswell, near Richmond. It was perfect summers evening for the five mile out and back road race, that is uphill on the way out and downhill back to the village. Mike Appleton was the first of Ripons finishers in third position in 28.02, Richard Schofield was 29th in 31.32 and Dave Jelley in 31st in 31.41, Andrew Turner 33.02, Simon Merrin 34.51, John Ward 35.38, Scott Wray 36.32, Rebecca Turner 38.16, Gary Wilks 38.17, Matthew Holt 39.19, Edward Greenwood 39.25, Suzanne Rickard 39.29, Claire Mumford 39.38, Chris Bennett 40.35, John Grundy 42.38, Jill Holt 43.05, Mandi Ross 43.10, Helen Pickard 43.46, Lesley Willoughby 44.27, Hilary Gillam 45.10, Julie Merrin 45.25, Jackie Turner 46.48, Vicky Clayton 46.49, Lena Conlin 47.09.

Sunday 27th May was the annual running of the Rainton 10k. The course takes the runners from Rainton towards Topcliffe and then back via Queen Mary's school with running mostly on tarmac with a few off road sections finishing across two fields before returning to the village. The conditions for this years race were hot and humid, Paul Munson was first Ripon Runner home in 41.39, he was followed by Steve Oates 41.44, Joe Lofthouse 42.14, Gary Wilks 44.03, Keith Hawkins 44.18, Ray Johnstone 45.08, Allen Hansen 45.48, John Ward 46.47, Chris Brown 46.58, Pete Wright 48.11, Matthew Holt 48.13, Dave Nicklas 48.19, Emma Oates 48.38, Paul O'Rourke 49.03, Dave Cooper 49.09, Matthew Newsome 49.24, Jo Wallace 49.03, Chris Bennett 51.37, Chris l'Anson 53.25, Jill Holt 53.38, Penny l'Anson 53.45, D. Horne 55.42, Anneke Imeson 55.54, Hilary Gilliam 56.34, Robin Kehoe 57.12, Mel Dutka 58.28, Graham Green 58.38, Vicky Clayton 58.52, Julie Merrin 59.52, Mandi Ross 59.55, Pam Dean 60.17, J.Bush 62.11, Lena Conlin 62.28, Diana Williams 70.51, Patricia Garbutt 88.50, Monty Munson 95.54.