

Sunday 26th April saw over 4,500 runners take part in the Sheffield half marathon, amongst these were three Ripon Runners. Gary Wilks completed the course in a personal best time of 1.29.21 proving that his training for the Edinburgh marathon is going well. Andy Matheson finished in 2.05.13 and Lorraine Matheson who was raising money on behalf of a young friend of her daughter who has had Leukaemia finished in 2.41.05 despite getting cramp.

On the same day the Black Sheep Series kicked off in its usual style with the Fountains 10k run from Grantley. There was quite a good turn out from Ripon and everyone was in good spirits. Conditions were sunny but breezy and the moor section although less muddy than in previous years was very rutted so you had to tread carefully to avoid turning an ankle. It is a tough hilly non PB course with that long pull back into Grantley but all very scenic! Ray Johnstone was the first Ripon Runner to finish in 45.21 he was followed by Michael Hall 45.32, Bruce Symmonds 46.11, John Ward 47.43, Scott Wray 47.55, Karen Jones 51.15, Robin Kehoe 51.18, Start Wallace 51.39, Jo Wallace 52.28, Matthew Holt 52.37, Suzanne Rickard 52.44, Anna Ashfield 53.11, Chris l'Anson 53.48, Mel Dutka 55.41, Lester Pickard 57.01, Fiona Prestwich 57.30, Leah Horner 57.38, Helen Pickard 57.41, Helena Conlin 1.02.46, Graham Green 1.03.25, Victoria Clayton 1.04.01, Eleanor Hartas 1.12.31.

Sunday 3rd May was the Kirkbymoorside 10k. The weather was sunny but windy, with runners running into a head wind for the first 2.5 miles. There was a long steady uphill pull to the 2 mile point, but then this was compensated by a mainly downhill course. There was a Brass band playing to greet the runner on their return, along with a drink in the memento mug! The Ripon Runners completing this race were Robin Kehoe 50.03, Chris l'Anson 50.33, Matthew Holt 51.40, Victoria Clayton 62.52, Eleanor Hartas 71.22.

Also on 3rd May Ripon Runner Helena Conlin completed the Keswick Half Marathon in a time of 2.18.09.