



**SATURDAY (Peel Hill) Men's race** 1, Phil Mowbray (Hunters Bog) 21.27; 2, Peter Banks (Blackburn) 21.49; 3, Gianni Epifani (Manx Harriers) 21.56; 4, Alan Buckley (Newcastle Uni) 22.19; 5, Ian Harkness (Hunters Bog) 22.25; 6, Mick Hill (Leeds Uni Doss) 22.32; 7, Alistair Hart (Achilles Uni) 22.34; 8, Chris Maxwell (Leeds Uni Doss) 22.52; 9, Paul Clarke (Manx Harriers) 22.56; 10, Chris Quine (Manx Harriers) 23.04.

**Other locals** 24, Robbie Callister (Unattached) 24.53; 26, Mick Hannay (Manx Harriers) 24.59; 31, Ian Watson (Northern AC) 25.38; 35, Alan Postlethwaite (Northern AC) 26.04; 36, Steve Kelly (Northern AC) 26.24; 37, Dave Corrin (Manx Harriers) 26.35; 38, John Kewley (Glossopdale Har) 26.37; 39, Richard Radcliffe (Northern AC) 26.38; 42, Phil Cain (Northern AC) 26.49; 44, Peter Cooper (IOMVAC) 26.55; 45, John Crellin (Manx Harriers) 26.57; 47, Kevin Albinson (Manx Harriers) 27.07; 48, Juan Wright (Manx Harriers) 27.15; 53, Robert Webb (Manx Harriers) 27.50; 54, Bernard Cannan (Northern AC) 27.55; 63, Robbie Lambie (Western AC) 29.06; 65, Mark Bridson (Northern AC) 29.12; 66, Brian Goldsmith (Manx Harriers) 29.14; 67, Ray Kelly (Unattached) 29.30; 70, Alan Pilling (IOMVAC) 30.18; 72, Tony Duke (Manx Harriers) 30.32; 80, Jonathan Leece (Northern AC) 31.40; 81, Dave Gell (Northern AC) 32.02; 87, Trevor Coleman (Northern AC) 33.01. \* 93 finishers.

**Women's race** (shorter course): 1, Lucy Wright (Leeds Uni Doss) 18.08; 2, Jo Dunstan (Leeds Uni Doss) 18.48; 3, Karen Rushton (Southampton City) 19.01; 4, Anne McPhail (Glasgow Uni H&H) 19.36; 5, Sian Brice (Blackheath) 20.02; 6, Sheila Fairweather (Glasgow Uni H&H) 20.20.

**Other locals** 16, Jane Mooney (Manx Harriers) 22.12; 20, Sharon Corlett (Western Uni) 23.25; 26, Catherine Kelly (Manx Harriers) 25.06; 27, Dawn Watson (Northern AC) 25.24; 28, Dot Grainger (Manx Harriers) 25.40. \* 41 finishers.

(Left) Manx Harriers Gianni Epifani tried with all his might to get the better of Blackburn's Pete Banks in Saturday's hill race, but was forced to concede second place at the end of a tough event (JW)

### Report and pictures

by John Watterson



Lucy Wright of Leeds University's Doss AC leads Manx born Sian Brice (300) and local resident Karen Rushton in the early stages of Saturday's ladies race at Peel. Wright retained her Festival title (JW)

**SUNDAY — Relay team results** 1, Manx Harriers A (Epifani 15.19, Quine 15.50, Fox 15.58, Clarke 15.51) 1.02.58; 2, Hunters Bog Trotters (Blissett 18.04, Harkness 15.10, Farquharson 16.18, Mowbray 14.53) 1.04.25; 3, Doss AC A (Hill 15.50, Maxwell 16.00, Davies 16.24, Deegan 16.14) 1.04.28; 4, Hill View Harriers (Hart 16.00, Altman 17.04, Bryant 16.11, Naylor 16.03) 1.05.18; 5, Ye Olde Bastardes A (Murphy 16.12, Heap 16.10, Ediker 17.20, Pudney 15.45) 1.05.27; 6, Manx Harriers Athletic Club A (Curphey 16.48, Garrett 17.35, Hannay 16.58, Lambden 17.07) 1.08.28; 9, Northern AC Vets (Radcliffe 17.00, Kelly 17.49, Cain 18.16, Postlethwaite 17.31) 1.10.36; 14, Old But Not Past It Yet! (Albinson 17.21, Corrin 18.25, Crellin 18.04, Webb 19.25) 1.13.15; 19, Northern AC A (Watson 16.44, Bridson 19.12, Brew 21.29, Cannan 18.37) 1.16.02; 20, Manx Harriers C (Wright 18.12, Goldsmith 19.56, Jones 19.30, Duke 19.25) 1.17.03; Northern AC C Team (Leece 20.52; Gell 21.18, Coleman 22.47, Kewley 18.15) 1.23.12.

**Top 10 Individual Times** 1, Phil Mowbray 14.53; 2, Peter Banks 15.04; 3, Ian Harkness 15.10; 4, Gianni

Epifani 15.19; 5, Alan Buckley 15.35; 6, Paul Pudney 15.45; 7, Chris Quine 15.50; 8, Mick Hill 15.50; 9, Paul Clarke 15.51; 10, Andy Fox 15.58.

**Ladies Road Race** 1, Lucy Wright (Leeds Uni Doss) 17.03; 2, Jo Dunstan (Leeds Uni Doss) 17.41; 3, Karen Rushton (Southampton City) 17.43; 4, Sheila Fairweather (Glasgow Uni H&H) 17.50; 5, Anne McPhail (Glasgow Uni H&H) 17.58; 6, Sian Brice (Blackheath) 18.10.

**Other locals** 24, Dawn Watson (Northern AC) 22.28; 25, Catherine Kelly (Manx Harriers) 22.34; 26, Dot Grainger (Manx Harriers) 22.44; 32, Ann Cain (Northern AC) 24.03; 34, Niamh O'Donoghue (Unattached) 24.28; 35, Miriam Cooil (Northern AC) 24.29; 39, Sue Webster (Unattached) 25.48; 40, Nicky Kennaugh (Unattached) 25.48. \* 43 finishers.

**Overall points for Festival — Senior Men** 1, Mowbray 3 points; 2, Banks 6; 3, Harkness 11; 4, Epifani 13; 5, Pudney 20; 6, Buckley 23; 7, Clarke 23; 8, Hart 24; 9, Quine 25; 10, Naylor 28.

**Other locals** 20, Watson 75; 21, Hannay 79; 32,

Cannan 128; 41, Bridson 16643, Duke 176.

**Veteran Men over 40** 1, Callister 4; 2, Radcliffe (Northern AC) 6; 3, Kelly (Northern AC) 11; 4, Albinson (Manx Harriers) 12; 5, Cain (Northern AC) 16; 6, Crellin (Manx Harriers) 17. **Over 45** 1, Postlethwaite 3; 2, Webb 8; 3, Goldsmith 12. **Over 50** 1, Corrin 3; 2, Gell 8; 3, Coleman 11. **Junior Men** 1, Hill 3; 2, Caldwell 10; 3, Warren 11. **Locals** 4, Wright 12; 7, Leece 22.

**Senior Ladies** 1, Wright 3; 2, Rushton 8; 3, Dunstan 8; 4, McPhail 12; 5, Brice 16; 6, Fairweather 18. **Other locals** 19, Kelly 67; 21, Watson 70; 24, Grainger 74; 27, Cooil 99.

**Overall Men's team positions** 1, Hunters Bog Trotters 4 points; 2, Manx Harriers A 5; 3, Doss AC A 11; 4, Achilles 12; 5, Liverpool A 13; 6, Northern AC Vets 25; 7, Glasgow University 28; 8, Manx Harriers Vets 35; 9, Northern AC 40; 10, Newcastle University A 42; 11, Newcastle University A 44; 12, Liverpool University C 60; 13, Manchester University B 64.

**Overall Ladies team positions** 1, Doss AC A 3; 2, Glasgow University 6; 3, Strathclyde University 9; 4, Liverpool University 13; 5, Doss AC B 19.



# FESTIVAL CLEAN SWEEP

Locals well featured in three day athletics spectacular

**PHIL** Mowbray of Edinburgh University's Hunters Bog Trotters and former ladies champion Lucy Wright of Leeds University's Doss AC dominated last weekend's Easter Athletics Festival, scoring three individual wins apiece.

Making his Island debut, Mowbray won the 5.389 mile road race around Governor's Hill and Willaston on Good Friday evening by some 15 seconds from Manx Airlines half marathon winner Pete Banks of Blackburn.

First local home was Gianni Epifani of Manx Harriers in sixth place, with Paul Clarke eighth and Chris Quine tenth.

Castletown's Robbie Callister, in his first competitive outing of the year, was the quickest veteran over 40 in 27th place, while Lucy Wright was the first woman home in 33rd spot, matching strides with local veteran Richard Radcliffe.

The latter man's Northern AC club-mate, Alan Postlethwaite, was the leading veteran over 45 in 40th position, with Karen Rushton the second woman to finish in 45th spot, one ahead of Steve Kelly.

Win number two came for both Mowbray and Wright in the following afternoon's hill race at Peel, where competitors and spectators were blessed with wall to wall sunshine.

Recently returned from the World cross country championships,

chase on the initial ascent, Mowbray had the race in the bag by the time he commenced his descent from Corrin's Folley.

Gianni and Pete Banks had a sprint to the finish for second, a battle the Blackburn man won by just seven seconds. Paul Clarke and Chris Quine both made it into the top ten again, while Robbie Callister and Alan Postlethwaite repeated their veteran's class successes from the previous evening.

Lucy Wright won the ladies race by a clear 40 seconds from Doss AC team-mate Jo Dunstan, with Karen Rushton third and Manx born Sian Brice (nee Pilling) a good fifth in a rare local appearance.

Mowbray and Wright completed a cleansweep with further victories in Easter Sunday's 5km road race based at the NSC, but whilst there was no outright individual success for the local contingent, the Manx Harriers quartet of Epifani, Andy Fox, Quine and Clarke comfortably took the honours in the men's team relay.

Epifani finished fourth in the overall standings, Clarke seventh and Quine ninth, while Robbie Callister led the home domination in the over 40s, Alan Postlethwaite the over 45s, and Dave Corrin of Manx Harriers the over 50s.

Running in the colours of her home town club, Southampton City, Karen Rushton finished runner-up to the impressive Lucy Wright in the ladies, with Sian Brice fifth, representing



Alan Postlethwaite, on his favourite hill (17) leads a posse of locals in the early stages of Saturday's second leg of the Easter Athletics Festival at Peel. Alan was the best veteran aged over 45 in each leg of the festival, while Northern AC team-mate Steve Kelly (no 16) was second to Alan at Peel and third overall. Juan Wright (102) was the best local junior, fourth overall, while behind (left) is veteran over 50s champion Dave Corrin. Also pictured is Northern AC's Bernard Cannan (JW)

**FRIDAY — Road Race** (5.3 miles) 1, Phil Mowbray (Hunters Bog) 26 minutes 12 seconds; 2, Peter Banks (Blackburn) 26.27; 3, Ian Harkness (Hunters Bog) 26.53; 4, Paul Pudney (Liverpool Uni) 27.05; 5, Donald Naylor (Achilles Uni) 27.16; 6, Gianni Epifani (Manx Harriers) 27.29; 7, Mick Hill (Leeds Uni Doss) 27.35; 8, Paul Clarke (Manx Harriers) 27.55; 9, Alistair Hart (Archilles Uni) 27.57; 10, Chris Quine (Manx Harriers) 27.59.

**Other locals** 11, Andy Fox (Manx Harriers) 28.00; 21, Paul Curphey (Manx Harriers) 29.08; 26, 27, Robbie Callister (Unattached) 29.36; 30, Ian Watson (Northern AC) 29.45; 31, Richard Radcliffe (Northern AC) 29.50; 35, Murray Lambden (Manx Harriers) 30.00; 36, Mick Hannay (Manx Harriers) 30.09; 38, Kevin Albinston (Manx Harriers) 30.16; 39, Bernard Cannan (Northern AC) 30.21; 40, Alan Postlethwaite (Northern AC) 30.25; 42, Phil Motley (IOMVAC) 30.37; 45, Karen

Rushton (Southampton City) 30.52; 46, Steve Kelly (Northern AC) 31.03; 48, Andrew Garrett (Manchester Harriers) 31.30; 49, Ian Gale (Manx Harriers) 31.33; 54, Phil Cain (Northern AC) 31.49; 57, Paul Cubbon (Manx Harriers) 31.58; 62, Dave Corrin (Manx Harriers) 32.26; 64, Sian Brice (Blackheath) 32.36; 66, Robert Webb (Manx Harriers) 32.55; 68, Juan Wright (Manx Harriers) 33.00; 69, John Crellin (Manx Harriers) 33.02; 86, Mark Bridson (Northern AC) 34.09; 87, Tony Duke (Manx Harriers) 34.10; 93, Simon Latham (Unattached) 34.53; 94, Brian Goldsmith (Manx Harriers) 35.00; 95, Peter Holden (Unattached) 35.04; 96, Alan Pilling (IOMVAC) 35.13; 99, Garry Callister (Unattached) 35.26; 104, Brian Draper (Unattached) 35.46; 108, Jane Mooney (Manx Harriers) 36.04; 120, Jonathan Leece (Northern AC) 37.38; 123, Dave Gell (Northern AC) 38.00; 126, Paul Brew (Northern AC) 38.06; 133, Trevor Coleman (Northern AC) 39.25; 134,

Catherine Kelly (Manx Harriers) 39.35; 135, Alan Connor (IOMVAC) 39.37; 138, Dawn Watson (Northern AC) 41.07; 140, Dot Grainger (Manx Harriers) 41.40; 146, Ann Cain (Northern AC) 42.45; 152, Sonia Callister (Unattached) 45.10; 153, Miriam Cooil (Northern AC) 45.12. ● 161 finishers.

**Men's Race Walk** (5.38 miles): 1, Kevin Walmsley (Manx Harriers) 38.50 mins; 2, Steve Taylor (Manx Harriers) 41.31; 3, Allan Callow (Manx Harriers) 42.12; 4, Simon Cox (IOMVAC) 45.13; 5, Terry Bates (IOMVAC) 45.15; 6, Brian Brough (Manx Harriers) 59.56.

**Ladies 1**, Cal Partington (Manx Harriers) 42.33 mins; 2, Karen Kneale (Manx Harriers) 44.18; 3, Elizabeth Corran (Manx Harriers) 44.26; 4, Maureen Cox (Manx Harriers) 48.43; 5, Donna Davies (Unattached) 59.56; 6, Sue Keown (Unattached) 60.54; 7, Sue Partington (Manx Harriers) 61.04. Juniors (2.69 miles): Steven Carridge (Manx Harriers) 22.18 mins.

Photographs from the Easter Athletics Festival on sale from IoM Newspapers reception