Easter Athletics Festival results

(the remaining results appeared in Tuesday's Examiner)

Sunday Relay men's individual times

1. Larry Matthews (Achilles A) 14 minutes 43 seconds: 2. Vincent Garner (AF&D) 14.57; 3, Mark Croasdale (Bingley Harriers) 14.58; 4=, Graham Clarke (Manx Harriers A) 15.06; 4=, Rob Berry (LP&S) 15.06; 6, Mike Hill (Leeds Uni Doss A) 15.07; 7, Greg Hull (Leeds City AC) 15.11; 8, Martin Roscoe (Leeds City) 15.20; 9, Nick Talbot (Achilles A) 15.23; 10, Andy Beevers (Leeds City) 15.27; 11, Mike Jubb (Derby Co) 15.33; 12, Gianni Epifani (MH A) 15.36; 13, Martin Hilton (Leeds City AC) 15.41; 14, David Gardiner (Mizuno RC) 15.43; 15, Stephen Smith (Glasgow Uni) 15.47; 16, Chris Quine (MH A) 15.48; 17, Nicholas Altman (Achilles A) 15.50; 18, Ian Lewis (Ramsey RR) 15.51; 19, Andrew Muir (Glasgow Uni) 15.54; 20, Ewan Mallock (Lanc and Morecambe) 15.55.

Other locals: 24, Andy Fox (MH B) 16.01; 25, Paul Clarke (MH A) 16.08; 28, Peter Costley (MH) 16.14; 40, Murray Lamden (MH B) 16.48; 43, Robbie Callister (UA) 16.52; 45, Paul Curphey (MHB) 16.53; 48, Richard Radcliffe (Northern Vets) 17.00; 50, Mick Hannay (MH B) 17.04: 54. Bernard Cannan (Northern A) 17.17: 59. Phil Cain (NV) 17.33; 61, Steve Kelly (NV) 17.37; 63, Alan Postlethwaite (NV) 17.39; 65, Peter Hughes (Northern A) 17.49; 66, Terry Bates (IoMVAC) 17.53; 88, Len Carr (MH Vets) 19.25; 89, Mark Corkish (MH) 19.31; 92=, Brian Goldsmith (MH Vets) 19.44; 92=, Matthew Callister (Huddersfield Uni) 19.44; 94, Alan Bagley (MH) 19.46; 98, Juan Wright (MH); 103, Dave Ronan (MH Vets) 20.19; 104, Lawrence Dyer (Northern Vets) 20.30: 105. Mark Bridson (Northern) 20.31: 112. John Wright (MH Vets) 21.46.



Middle age isn't all bad. Robbie Callister added £25 to his pension with the overall veteran's prize (JW)

Men's overall individual positions

1, Mark Croasdale (Bingley Harriers) nine points; 2, Larry Matthew (Achilles) 13; 3, Vincent Garner (Ald. Farn & Dst) 15; 4, Graham Clarke (Manx Harriers) 17; 4, Martin Roscoe (Leeds City AC) 17; 6, Greg Hull (LC AC) 18; 7, Mick Hill (Leeds Uni Doss) 19; 8, Mike Jubb (Derby Co AC) 20; 8, Rob Berry (Liv.Pen & Sefton) 20; 10, Andy Beevers (LC AC)

Other locals: 11, Gianni Epifani (MH) 42; 22, Andy Fox (M H) 72; 26, Paul Clarke (MH) 85; 39, Robbie Callister (unattached) 126; 40, Mick Hannay (MH) 46, Bernard Cannan





Individual Festival winners, Lucy Wright and Mark Croasdale (JW)

(Northern AC) 155; 48, Richard Radcliffe (NAC) 161; 53, Steve Kelly (NAC) 175; 54, Phil Cain (NAC) 176; 57, Alan Postlethwaite (NAC) 188; 60, Peter Hughes (NAC) 203; 63, Terry Bates (IoMVAC) 207; 75 Len Carr (MH) 258; 79 Brian Goldsmith (MH) 278; 88, Dave Ronan (MH) 300; 90 Mark Bridson (NAC) 307: 95 John Wright

Women's overall positions

1, Lucy Wright (Leeds/DOSS) 3; 2, Caroline Horne (Crawley AC) 7; 3, Jackie Ashman (Swindon Harriers) 8; 4, Sarah Bradbury (Ald. Farn. & Dst) 12; 5, Megan Smith (Hunters Bog) 16; 6, Hsu-min Chung (Achilles) 20; 7, Lesley Leavesley (Leeds/DOSS) 24; 8, Michelle Birdsall (Achilles) 25; 9, Caroline Ward (Leeds University) 29: 10. Megan Clark (Achilles) 36. Local finishers: 41 Nicola Kennaugh (Manx Harriers) 138; 43, Catherine Kelly (MH) 139.

Men's overall team points

1, Leeds City AC 3; 2, Achilles A 6; 3, Manx Harriers A 9; 4, Aldershot, Farnham and District 15; 5, Trafford AC 16; 6, Manx Harriers B 24. Other locals: 10, Northern Vets 33; 13, Northern AC A 43; 16, Manx Harriers Vets 52.

Women's overall team positions

1, Leeds Doss 72; 2, Achilles 81; 3, Leeds University CCC 176; 4, Liverpool University A 210; 5, Manchester University A 226; 6=, Liverpool University B and Manchester University B 359.

Other prize winners: First veteran team, Northern AC Vets; First B team, Manx Harriers B; Veteran woman, Helen Sandelands; Veteram Man, Robbie Callister: Junior Man, Nick Talbot.

Mountain Marathon results

Elite Class: 1, Andy Hauser (Pudsey) 5 hours 4 minutes 35 seconds; 2, Shane Green (Pudsey) 5.08.03; 3, Paul Thompson (Blackburn) 5.13.40; 4, Tony Spicer (Rossendale) 5.16.37; 5, Tony Rowley (Manx FR) 5.21.47; 6, David Ashton (Salford) 5.31.27; 7, Bob Berzins (DPFR) 5.41.56; 8, Albert Sunter (Horwich) 5.53.13; 9, Peter Browning (Clayton) 5.56.30; 10, Ian Ronan (MFR) 5.57.38; 11, Richie Stevenson (MFR) 6.06.43; 12, John Crellin (Manx Harriers) 6.23.18; 13, Ado Tindle (Bow Street) 6.28.19; 14, Mike Cowbourne (MFR) 6.43.12; 15, Phil Davis (Pudsey) 6.58.30.

Standard class: 1, Andrew Massig (GSUOT) 5 hrs 31 mins 42 secs; 2, Parick Wooddiss (Liverpool) 5.36.40; 3, Mat Nuttall (Rossendale) 5.45.54; 4, Peter Kaneen (Manx H) 5.48.54; 5, Duncan Macdonald (GSUOT) 5.50.00; 6, Bryan Stadden (Bitton R) 5.54.44; 7, Dave Young (MFR) 5.55.06; 8. Mark Stapley (GSUOT) 5.56.48; 9. Richard Townsend (Saltwell) 5.57.26; 10, Geoff Bell (Calder V) 6.02.40; 11, Phil Crowe (Northern) 6.07.09; 12, Michael Cochrane (DPFR) 6.11.22; 13, Alan Yates (DPFR) 6.13.56; 14, Debbie Thompson (Kendal) 6.14.51; 15, Steve Jeffs 6.26.00.

Other locals: 16, Robbie Callister (MFR) 6.30.53; 18, Robert Webb (MH) 6.36.54; 20, Rose Hooton (MFR) 6.40.24; 23, Stuart Garry (MFR) 6.50.07; 25, Neville Jewell (MFR) 6.52.42; 26, Alan Bagley (MH) 6.53.39; 30, Steve Watt (MFR) 7.14.43; 36, David Davies (MFR) 7.21.40; 38, Stuart Temple (MFR) 7.27.44.

Walkers class: 1, Lionel Howarth 7 hrs 46 mins 36 secs; 2, Peter Newlands 8.12.41; 3, David Radcliffe 8.15.5; 4, Paul Dickson 8.15.05; 5, Mark Pilkington 8.24.32; 6, Philip Maltsby 8.33; 7, Robert Baxter 9.02.00; 8. Jason Tyrell 9.08.00; 9. Nicky Hulse 9.08.00; 10. Thomas D'Alesandro 9.30.00; 11, Shaggy Corkerill 9.30.00; 12, Denise Thomas 9.51.00; 13, David Parke 9.51.00; 14, Julie Towse 9.51.00; 15, Don Higgins 10.02.00; 16, Andrew Heys 10.17.00; 17, Bobby-Bellend



The backdrop of Peel bay always provides a spectacular and colourful setting for the second leg of the Easter Athletics Festival. Top local Graham Clarke (far left) keeps pace with eventual Festival winner Mark Croasdale (far right - no 6), Peel runner-up Mick Hill (95) and Vincent Garner (1) (JW)



CROASDALE'S FIRST WRIGHT'S FOURTH

MARK Croasdale of Bingley Harriers won the men's class of the Easter Athletics Festival for the first time with a string of third places, while Lucy Wright of Leeds University's DOSS took the women's prize for the fourth time, the third year in succession.

Top local performers were Graham Clarke, fourth overall in the men's, and Nicola Kennaugh in the women's

The festival was blessed with just about ideal weather conditions throughout, resulting in some excellent racing from the healthy

ing in some excellent racing from the healthy fields of runners.

The action started with a 5.3 mile road race round the houses in Douglas on Friday evening, won by 1996 champion Phil Mowbray of Hunter Bog Trotters in 25 minutes 50 seconds, who pipped Larry Matthews (Achilles A) by just one second at the TT Grandstand finish, after completing a full lap of Glencrutchery Road, Summerhill, Douglas promenade, Lord Street, Peel Road and Bray Hill.

Croasdale was third in 25.56, with Graham Clarke the leading local in seventh spot, followed by Chris Quine in 15th and Gianni Epifani five seconds in arrears in 16th.

Lucy Wright won the women's race in 30 mins 20 sees, some 15 seconds up on Crawley AC's Caroline Horne, with temporary local Jackie Ashman of Swindon Harriers a good third.

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The first local proper was Pauline Kennaugh in 29th place.

But, out of serious training for several months due to injury, Phil Mowbray was not in a position to defend his title any further, the final sprint over Bray Hill having taken it's toll, and he simply jogged round the Peel Hill course the following day

Here, in what was one of the closest races for years, Leeds City's Greg Hull won by a margin of three seconds from Leeds Uni's Mick Hill, with Croasdale third again. Graham Clarke improved one place to sixth, as did Gianni Epifani to 14th. Andy Fox just crept into the top 20 in 19th place.

Jackie Ashman had a

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a slightly shorter course than that completed by the men. With Lucy Wright predictably notching up win number two, Jackie outsprinted Caroline Horne for second to gain revenge for a reverse result the previous evening.

The best genuine local result came from the below par Jane Mooney, still suffering from a heavy cold, in 19th spot out of a strong field of 55 women.

So to the Sunday, and the series of 5km road races based on the NSC and Groves Road/Peel Road areas.

The men's race, which doubled up as a relay, was won by Larry Matthews in 14.43 from Vincent Garner of Aldershot, Farnham and District (14.57),

with that man Croasdale clinching the overall prize in a solid third place.

Graham Clarke improved further still to make doubly certain of the local prize, with Robbie Callister picking up the overall veteran men's award in 39th position overall, fifth local.

The relay race itself was won by Leeds City AC from Achilles A and Ballawin, with the Manx Harriers quartet of Graham and Paul Clarke, Gianni Epifani and Chris Quine forced to give up their 1996 title in fourth place.

Manx Harriers also slipped a place in the final men's team positions from second last year to third, behind Leeds City AC and Achilles A. 1996 champions, Hunters Bog Trotters, slumped to

The first veteran's team was Northern AC vets in 10th spot, Manx Harriers B taking the 'B team' award in sixth spot

Lucy Wright completed her hat-trick of wins over the 1997 Easter period with a clear victory in Sunday's women's 5km race. The battle for the runner-up slot went all the way to the wire with Caroline Horne finally getting the better of Jackie Ashman in the final race.

Jane Mooney was 18th on Sunday, but with a non-score in the first event lost the best local woman's prize to fellow Manx Harrier and comparative novice, Nicola Kennaugh.



Lucy Wright (L01) leads Sarah Bradbury up the early part of Peel Hill in

Athletics Festival results

Friday — 5.3 mile road race

Men's results: 1, Phil Mowbray (Hunters Bog) 25 minutes 50 seconds; 2, Larry Matthews (Achilles A) 25.51; 3, Mark Croasdale (Bingley Harriers) 25.56; 4, Mike Jubb (Derby Co AC) 26.00; 5, Martin Roscoe (Leeds City AC) 26.07; 6, Vincent Garner (Ald Farn & District) 26.08; 7, Graham Clarke (Manx Harriers A) 26.11; 8, Rob Berry (Liv Pen & Sefton) 26.28; 9, Andy Beevers (LCAC) 26.48; 10, Greg Hull (LCAC) 27.10; 11, Mick Hill (Leeds Uni DOSS A) 27.20; 12, Raymond Keeney (AF&D) 27.21; 13, Nicholas Altman (AA) 27.21; 14, Mike Hutchinson (Trafford AC) 27.24; 15, Chris Quine (MH) 27.25; 16, Gianni Epifani (MH A) 27.30; 17, Paul Harwood (AF&D) 27.34; 18, Nick Talbot (AA) 27.41; 19, Rob Herpies (Hunters Bob) 27.43; 20, Martin Hilton (LC) 27.47.

Other locals: 28, Paul Clarke (MH A) 28.09; 29, Andy Fox (MH B) 28.12; 41, Robbie Callister (Unattached) 29.18; 44, Paul Curphey (MH B) 29.32; 50, Mick Hannay (MH B) 29.54; 51, Richard Radcliffe (Northern AC Vets) 30.05; 52, Bernard Cannan (Northern AC A) 30.08; 59, Steve Kelly (NAC Vets) 30.25; 62, Alan Postlethwaite (NAC Vets) 30.36; 65, Phil Cain (NAC Vets) 30.57; 68, Peter Hughes (NAC A) 31.11; 74, Terry Bates (IOMVAC) 31.39; 75, Phil Motley (IOMVAC) 31.44; 77, Errol Watson (Unattached) 32.06; 83, Alan Bagley (MH) 32.54; 93, Len Carr (MH Vet) 34.01; 104, Brian Goldsmith (MH Vet) 35.14; 106, Dave Ronan (MH Vet) 35.14; 107, Jack Murphy (MH) 35.33; 108, Mark Bridson (NAC A) 36.09; 111, Matthew Callister (Huddersfield Uni) 36.32; 112, Alan Pilling (IOMVAC) 36.41; 120, Lawrence Dyer (NAC Vets) 38.03; 132, Alan Connor (IOMVAC)

43.30. Women's results: 1, Lucy Wright (Leeds/DOSS) 30 mins 20 secs; 2, Caroline Horne (Crawley AC) 30.35; 3, Jackie Ashman (Swindon Harriers) 31.02; 4, Sarah Bradbury (Ald Farn & Dist) 31.13; 5, Megan Smith (Hunters Bog) 31.52; 6, Hsu-min Chung (Achilles) 31.56; 7, Michelle Birdsall (A) 31.57; 8, Jane Clark (Pudsey & Bramley) 32.53; 9, Lesley Leavesley (L/D) 33.07; 10, Sheila Fairweather (Glasgow Uni) 33.27.

Other local performances: 43, Dot Grainger (Manx Harriers) 42.34; 46, Nicola Kennaugh (MH) 42.49; 47, Catherine Kelly (MH) 43.23; 51, Sue Keown (MH) 46.00.

Saturday — Peel Hill race
Men's results: 1, Greg Hull (Leeds City AC) 21 mins 28 secs; 2,
Mick Hill (Leeds Uni DOSS A) 21.21; 3, Mark Croasdale (Bingley
Harriers) 21.24; 4, Martin Roscoe (LC) 21.26; 5, Mike Jubb (Derby Co AC) 21.31; 6, Graham Clarke (Manx Harriers A) 21.44; 7, Vincent Garner (Ald Farn & Dist) 21.55; 8, Rob Berry (Liv Pen & Sefton) 22.03; 9, Andy Beevers (LC) 22.19; 10, Larry Matthews (A A) 22.23; 11, Raymond Sweeney (AFD) 22.30; 12, Chris Maxwell A) 22.23, 11, Ayrilloffu Swelley (Arthy 22.30, 12, Chills Waxwell (A A) 22.39; 13, David Gardiner (Mizuno RC) 22.44; 14, Gianni Epifani (MH A) 22.46; 15, Mike Hutchinson (Trafford AC)•22.59; 16, John Heap (Liverpool Uni A) 23.00; 17, Nick Talbot (A A) 23.04; 18, Ian Lewis (Ramsey Road Run) 23.07; 19, Andy Fox (MH B) 23.10; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.07; 19, Andy Fox (MH B) 23.11; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.07; 19, Andy Fox (MH B) 23.11; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.07; 19, Andy Fox (MH B) 23.11; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.07; 19, Andy Fox (MH B) 23.01; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.07; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.00; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.00; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.00; 20.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.00 Pb. Microsci (Marthy Road) 23.00

B) 23.11; 20, Rob Herpies (Hunters Bog) 23.13. Other locals: 38, Mick Hannay (MH B) 24.33; 41, Robbie Callister (Unattached) 25.05; 48, Murray Lambden (MH B) 25.22; 49, Bernard Cannan (Northern AC) 25.27; 52, Bbil Col. (1997)

mit their named players to secretary Greg Tomlins in the old Cronkbourne clubhouse. All clubs are ren THE next meeting of the Island Executive will be THE Stan Foster memorial match is now down William's College will play a select side from the result of the second and Grasshoppers host Valkyres at Jurby. Chung (Achilles) 19.39; 8, Michelle Birdsall (A) 20.11; 9, Caroline

Ward (Leeds Uni) 20.20; 10, Megan Clark (A) 20.29.

Other locals: 19, Jane Mooney (MH) 22.14; 48, Catherine Kelly (MH) 27.38; 49, Nicola Kennaugh (MH) 27.58; 51, Jackie Kennaugh (MH) 28.51.

Sunday — men's 4x5km relay

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1, Leeds City AC (Greg Hull 15 mins 11 secs, Andy Beevers 15.27, Martin Hilton 15.41, Martin Roscoe 15.20) 1 hr 1 min 39 secs; 2, Achilles A (Nick Talbot 15.23, Nicholas Altman 15.50, Chris Maxwell 16.22, Larry Matthews 14.43) 1.02.18; 3, Ballawin AC (Mark Croasdale 14.58, David Gardiner 15.43, Ian Lewis 15.51, Ewan Mallock 15.55) 1.02.27; 4, Manx Harriers A (Graham Clarke 15.06, Gianni Epifani 15.36, Paul Clarke 16.08, Chris Quine 15.48) 1.02.38; 5, Trafford AC (Mike Hutchinson 16.53, David Keeling 16.00, Vinny Booth 16.37, John Booth 16.48) 1.06.18; 6, DOSS A (Mick Hill 15.07, Graham Evans 17.20, Chris Needham 17.34, Simon Deskin 16.30) 1.06.31: 7, Manx Harriers B (Andy Fox 16.01) Simon Deakin 16.30) 1.06.31; 7, Manx Harriers B (Andy Fox 16.01, Paul Curphey 16.53, Murray Lambden 16.48, Mick Hannay 17.04) 1.06.46; 8, Eamen's Cruisers 1.07.02; 9, Aldershot, Farnham & District 1.07.14; 10, Glasgow University Hares and Hounds - Sarah's Hairies A 1.07.56.

Sarans Hairles: A 1.07.5b.

11, Berry's Bumbers 1.09.42; 12, Northern AC Vets (Richard Radcliffe 17.00, Phil Cain 17.33; Steve Kelly 17.37, Alan Postlethwaite 17.39) 1.09.49; 13, Achilles B 1.10.51; 14, Lancaster and Morecambe 1.10.58; 15, Derby and County AC - Easter Mad Men 1.11.41; 16, Hunters Bog Trotters 1.11.57; 17, DOSS C 1.13.57; 18, Liverpool A 1.14.06; 19, BTCC (Terry Bates 17.53, Vernon 18, Liverpool A 1.14.06; 19, BTCC (Terry Bates 17.53, Vernon Thomas 19.50, Alan Bagley 19.46, Robbie Callister 16.52) 1.14.20; 20, Manx Harriers - Odds and Sods (Peter Costley 16.14, Juan Wright 19.50, Alan Bagley 19.46, Mark Corkish 19.31) 1.15.21; 21, Northern AC A (Peter Hughes 17.49, Mark Bridson 20.31, Martin Packard 19.49, Bernard Cannan 17.17) 1.15.26; 22, Manchester University - Alehouse B 1.17.02; 23, Preston Harriers 1.17.13; 24, DOSS B 1.18.43; 25, Trafford AC 1.19.22; 26, Cheltenham Harriers - Craggy Island Feckers 1.19.46; 27, Manx Harriers Veterans (Brian Goldsmith 19.44, Dave Ronan 20.19, John Wright 21.46, Len Carr 19.25) 1.21.14; 28, Stockport 1.22.08; 29, Glasgow University Hares and Hounds - Sarah's Hairies B 1.26.35; 30, Manchester University Alehouse A 1.29.28; 31, Liverpool University B 1.29.33.

Women's 5km road race: 1, Lucy Wright (Leeds/DOSS) 17 mins 7 secs; 2, Caroline Horne (Crawley AC) 17.26; 3, Jackie Ashman (Swindon Harriers) 17.35; 4, Sarah Bradbury (Ald Farn & Dist) 17.42; 5, Sheila Fairweather (Glasgow Uni) 18.07; 6, Megan Smith (Hunters Bog) 18.23; 7, Hsu-min Chung (Achilles) 18.39; 8, Caroline Ward (Leeds University) 18.49; 9, Lesley Leavesley (L/D) 18.53; 10, Michelee Birdsall (Achilles) 19.03.

Local performances: 18, Jane Mooney (Manx Harriers) 19.57; 31, Anne Cain (IOMVAC) 22.24; 42, Dot Grainger (MH) 23.38; 43, Nicola Kennaugh (MH) 23.46; 44, Catherine Kelly (MH) 23.58; 45, Sue Keown (MH) 24.09; 56, Wendy Fallon (Unattached) 29.40.

Men's overall team noints:

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Sport, has only attract-The event, run in con-junction with the Student Festival of

this Saturday, April 5. East Coast triathion

Athletics team named for Island Games

A 29-strong team of athletes and three officials has been named to represent the Isle of Man in the seventh biennial Island Games in Jersey this summer.

The backbone to the entire Manx team bid in Gibraltar two years ago, the 1997 athletics squad will, however, be without several of it's leading medal hopes in Jersey.

Sprint star Danaa Callow has taken a year out of competition, while the multi-talented Cheryl Done is being posted to the Falklands with the RAF.

Women's half marathon champion Karen Rushton is moving off the Island to live, and there's no place for top race walker Cal Partington, who was hoping to be considered for the 10,000 metres but has been hit by an ankle injury.

The squad named is as follows:

Women) Julie Moore, Jane Ryder, Deirdre McLoughlin, Danielle McCarrick, Jane Mooney, Alix Morrey, Gemma Green, Louise Kneen and Janet Corlett. (Men) Alistair Audsley, Paul Berquist, Dave Mitchell, Kevin Furlong.

Gary Hunter, Dave Anderson, Chris Quine, Andy Fox, Paul Clarke, Graham Clarke, Bernard Cannan, David Teece, Gianni Epifani Kevin Wynne-Smythe, Ross Perriam, Glen Townsend, Gareth Leather, Trevor-Christian, Neil Kelly and Alistair Mazzone.

Newcomers to the squad are: Gary Hunter, Trevor Christian, Neil Kelly, Alix Morrey, Gemma Green, Dave Mitchell, Bernard Cannan and David Teece.

The three team officials are manager, Di Shimell, assistant team manager Steve Kelly, and team official Joan Powell.

• For news of the Island Games badminton squad, turn to page 48.



The race started ten minutes prior to the run and in fading light Steve Partington soon pulled away from the rest of the field. He held off the runners till the top of the Blackberry Lane climb, winning comfortably in a time of 38 minutes 42 seconds. This performance shows Steve's form is gradually returning though not yet back to the high standards he normally produces.

Second place was decided on the Summerhill/Blackberry Lane climb as Allan Callow put enough daylight between himself and Gordon Vale to hold on for the last kilometre along Glencrutchery Road to the finish.

Three minutes in arrears of Allan and Gordon were leading ladies Liz Corran and Karen Kneale who completed the course together - Liz being given the verdict on the line. Third place went to Bridget Kaneen who outpaced fourth man Dave Tasker on the Blackberry Lane hill. Ralph Martin, Brian Brough and Donna Davies completed the field and all all the walkers managed to finish ahead of the back markers in the run.

Thanks to all the timekeepers and officials and

especially the marshals who did a fine job in difficult conditions

Results: Men's race walk (all Manx Harriers) - 1, Steve Partington 38 minutes 42 seconds; 2, Allan Callow 42.18; 3, Gordon Vale 42.27; 4, Dave Tasker 52.21; 5, Ralph Martin 54.32; 6, Brian Brough 59.12. Ladies (all Manx Harriers) - 1, Elizabeth Corran 45.26; 2, Karen Kneale 45.26; 3, Bridget Kaneen 51.55; Donna Davies 58.14.