

# The Esker – Summertime 3

Esk Valley Fell Club's Blog



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View from Wainstones towards Cold Moor

## Racing/Training

Tuesday 30/08/2011 19.00hrs – Training – Black Swan X-Roads, Kirkby in Cleveland

Tuesday 06/09/2011 19.00hrs – Training – Car Park, High Green, Great Ayton – Beer and Chips social after

Saturday 10/09/2011 13.30hrs – Castleton Show Race – Summer Series event 11, pre-entry available if quick!

Sunday 25/09/2011 10.40hrs – Viking Chase 4 Peaks – Winter Series event 1, English Junior Fell Champs counter and Club Championship race 12.

## News

With the fell racing completed in the Northern Runner/Esk Valley Fell Club/NEHRA Summer series for another year, and only the road based traditional series finale the Castleton Show Race to round off the series we have some winners.

Leaving it until the penultimate race of the series, **Kay Neesham** of **New Marske Harriers** took overall victory in the ladies series, claiming victory in 4 of her 6 counting events and second in the remainder, Kay was a worthy winner. After sitting out Roseberry Topping, Katy Rawnsley of Scarborough AC lost her chance to claim the series .

Over in the mens overall, **Paul Butler** of **Loftus and Whitby** dominated, claiming 5 victories in his six counters, only an early season injury threatened his chances, Paul showed age was no barrier as he had just moved to the M45 category. An improving Cameron Taylor of Esk Valley claimed an impressive second place in the series with six top-5 positions in his counters and one victory in new event Levisham Limping. Awards of Wine and Cut Glass to the ladies and men champions.

## Results

The summer series fell running finale **Roseberry Topping** race (23/08/2011) saw 93 hardy-souls enter in what became an increasing wet and gloomy evening, but still an enjoyable evening, for an excellent write-up read an FRA post from one of our further afield visitors. In the race there was an Esk Valley ladies first with victory in the team event, a tremendous achievement for Jill Libby, Katie Arnold and Alison Rolfe beating Sunderland Strollers and Quakers ladies.

Antony Moss of Topley AC claimed victory overall in a time of 13.01, bettering his mark from last year, first junior this time was Bronwen Owen (9<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> lady) of Scarborough AC in an excellent 15.09. Bronwen was one of seven juniors in the race, good to see you all. For the Eskers Thomas Hodgson was best placed in 23<sup>rd</sup> overall and a time of 16.41, bettering last years time by two and a half minutes, keep up the training. Next home just behind Thomas was Clive Thornton in 24<sup>th</sup> and making up the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed 'A' team were Richard Lindsay (35<sup>th</sup>) and Mark Brown (41<sup>st</sup>).

In the team competition, **Acorn** took first from NYMAC in a close second. Esk Valley 'B' came in ninth, with Ben Jones (49<sup>th</sup>), James Brooks (59<sup>th</sup>), Sid Bolland (66<sup>th</sup>) and Chris McClaren (80<sup>th</sup>). Martin Hunt celebrated a year of fell racing in 81<sup>st</sup>, Chris Jamieson back on home territory after racing in most regions of the UK, came in 82<sup>nd</sup>, and Richard Milne (83<sup>rd</sup>) posted an M60 EVFC record.

A full round up of the Local and less local events to follow soon.

## Advance Entries

**Langdale Horseshoe** – 11.00hrs – 08/10/2011 – 14m/4000' Final event in the Lakeland Classic Trophy, entries are limited so advance entries here.

## Next Time

And coming soon a round up of the event results, summer series results and winter series preview.



Fell Pic courtesy Dave Aspin

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