

Race: Alwinton

County: Northumberland

Category: BL/22.5K/1830m

Date: 06/06/15

Despite the event being held in stormy conditions with gale force winds and a wind chill that meant it felt close to freezing on the tops, the ground was generally dry and this led to some good times and a close finish. Graham Simpson (Alnwick) clung on to a short lead to cross the line five seconds ahead of Garry Robson (NSP) and first vet 40, in a time of 1:45:07. They then began behaviour that an unknowing observer would have thought as ritualistic.

Before jumping into the stream to cool off they first engaged in animated conversation then bowed to each other and held their arms behind themselves in a V shape. They were joined by third man Lee Bennett (Elswick) and first V50 Adam Fletcher (Alnwick). They too went through the same display. What was all this about? Others soon joined them; Paul Appleby (NFR) devastated to find he not managed to beat the two hour mark and Karen Robertson (NFR) first lady in 2:06:40 despite suffering a hair crisis on the descent from Cushtat Law both acknowledged the arm gesture. Then Phil Green (NFR) introduced a new behavioral element by holding his mouth open at the corners and baring his teeth. Enquires revealed that runners had been describing their experiences as they climbed the stile on Cushtat Law and launched themselves downhill against the gale, mouths open Wallace and Grommet style. (See Photos)

Nina Cameron was second lady and Henrietta Carter (Wooler RC) was third lady and first LV50.

Sue Mitchell's taping of the course was praised for its clarity and this ensured that, on what was a really wild day, no one went astray.

This has been my final Alwinton Fell Race as organiser, ending an association with the race that began with its inception in 1983. Many thanks to all those who competed and who have helped today and in past years. It seems likely the race will continue under new management and possibly with a new format. All the best.

Signed

KS Cooper

TOTAL NUMBER OF RACE FINISHERS = 29

POS.	NAME	CLUB	CAT.	TIME
1.	Graham Simpson	Alnwick	SM	1.45.07
2.	Garry Robson	North Shields Poly	MV40	1.45.12
3.	Lee Bennett	Elswick	MV45	1.47.33
4.	Adam Fletcher	Alnwick	MV50	1.51.39
5.	Stephen Ireland	UA	SM	1.53.41
6.	Chris Rowe	North Shields Poly	SM	1.55.42
7.	Lawrence Johnson	Low Fell	MV50	1.56.30
8.	William Robson	North Shields Poly	U23	1.57.23
9.	Richard Garland	Northumberland Fell Runners	SM	1.59.57
10.	Paul Appleby	Northumberland Fell Runners	M50	2.01.21
11.	Karen Robertson	Northumberland Fell Runners	LV45	2.06.40
12.	Scott Watson	Elvet Striders	MV50	2.09.27
13.	Phil Green	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV45	2.15.15
14.	Barry Young	North Shields Poly	MV50	2.15.27
15.	Nina Cameron	Northumberland Fell Runners	LV45	2.15.28
16.	Clive Short	Tynedale	MV50	2.16.38
17.	Henrietta Bolton Carter	Wooler RC	FV50	2.16.46
18.	Robert Shepherd	UA	SM	2.16.54
19.	Keith Lombard	Tynedale	SM	2.17.31
20.	Gary Mason	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV40	2.18.09
21.	David Ailand	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV45	2.23.28
22.	Katherine Davis	North Shields Poly	LV45	2.25.22
23.	Graeme Jobling	Westmoor Harriers	SM	2.29.32
24.	Glen MC Williams	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV50	2.29.33
25.	Steven Studley	UA	SM	2.29.33
26.	Chris Oliphant	North Shields Poly	MV60	2.39.31
27.	Ian Richardson	North Shields Poly	MV65	2.40.58
28.	David Gilthorpe	Saltwell Harriers	MV55	3.20.49
29.	Sue Mitchell	Northumberland Fell Runners	LV50	3.24.15

INDIVIDUALS – LADIES CATEGORY

POS.	POS. O/A	NAME	CLUB	CAT.	TIME
1.	1/11	Karen Robertson	Northumberland Fell Runners	LV45	2.06.40
2.	2/15	Nina Cameron	Northumberland Fell Runners	LV45	2.15.28
3.	3/17	Henrietta Bolton Carter	Wooler RC	FV50	2.16.46
4.	4/22	Katherine Davis	North Shields Poly	LV45	2.25.22
5.	5/29	Sue Mitchell	Northumberland Fell Runners	LV50	3.24.15

INDIVIDUALS – VETERANS O/40 CATEGORY

1.	1/02	Garry Robson	North Shields Poly	MV40	1.45.12
2.	2/03	Lee Bennett	Elswick	MV45	1.47.33
3.	3/13	Phil Green	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV45	2.15.15
4.	4/20	Gary Mason	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV40	2.18.09
5.	5/21	David Ailand	Northumberland Fell Runners	MV45	2.23.28

INDIVIDUALS – VETERANS O/50 CATEGORY

1.	1/4	Adam Fletcher	Alnwick	MV50	1.51.39
2.	2/07	Lawrence Johnson	Low Fell	MV50	1.56.30
3.	3/12	Scott Watson	Elvet Striders	MV50	2.09.27
4.	4/14	Barry Young	North Shields Poly	MV50	2.15.27
5.	5/16	Clive Short	Tynedale	MV50	2.16.38

INDIVIDUALS – VETERANS O/60 CATEGORY

1.	1/27	Chris Oliphant	North Shields Poly	MV60	2.39.31
2.	2/28	Ian Richardson	North Shields Poly	MV65	2.40.58
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INDIVIDUALS – VETERANS O/70 CATEGORY

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TEAMS

M	Garry Robson, Chris Rowe, William Robson	North Shields Poly		
F	Karen Robertson, Nina Cameron, Sue Mitchell	Northumberland Fell Runners		