



TRI-ADVENTURE RACE REPORT

THURSLEY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

A lovely Autumn morning welcomed everyone to our first event after the Summer break in August. There was a pretty good turnout, especially in the Trail event, and there were some pretty awesome performances in all the categories. Andy Jones seemed to be on fire as he raced round in the 4 hour **Experience** event, collecting 220 points, including all the Bike CPs, and fully deserving the admiring comments from his fellow competitors. Ian Cartwright also did an amazing job in the 2 hour **MTBO** event, visiting 19 of the 20 CPs available, and just going over the time limit. Nor can we forget Pat Daas' 13 second transition time in the Ladies' **Experience**, although Chrissie Glew wasn't too far behind with a 23 second stop to pick up her bike. Molly Baker deserves a special mention, being our youngest competitor yet to come first in a category – Ladies' **MTBO**.

We've been to this venue before because it offers up the possibility of setting some exciting courses, and we weren't disappointed. This time, we also used the lawned area at the back of the Village Hall for our transition area, although we weren't expecting a huge marquee in the middle of the grass (there'd been a concert there the night before).

There was an unusually large number of racers who collected penalty points for arriving back outside their allotted time. I don't know if the summer break had anything to do with fitness levels, or whether the sandy areas on the course proved to be more challenging than people thought, but there were a lot of late finishers, especially in the **Trail**.



We again had a good number of first timers taking on the challenge of navigating to the various checkpoints. The general reaction was that those new to our style of events loved the experience and will definitely be back for more. It was also good to see 3 Canicross participants, with one of them bravely running round with two dogs. All 3 were new to Tri-Adventure, and really enjoyed the

experience. Judging by the looks on their faces, the dogs seemed to have a great time as well. We look forward to welcoming you back to our other events.



We hope to see more youngsters coming with their parents and taking part, as they'll grow into our next generation of Tri-Adventurers. We currently don't charge for youngsters and, if they want their own map and dibber, we just ask for a £5 administration charge. So, do please spread the word round.

We trialled a flexible start time in the **Experience** category, and some took advantage of this option. Those who did thought it was a great addition to our events and, since it did not cause us any problems with race administration, we'll continue with this arrangement for the foreseeable future.

We had 50 Tri-Adventurers setting off in the various categories. Andy Jones won the **Male Experience**, with Laura Ashfield coming first in the **Female Experience**.



Nicola Waters/Ashley Beevers won the **Experience Pair**.



Despite just coming back from a holiday in Canada, Sid Hardy pushed himself hard in the Men's 2 hour **Sprint**, collecting 110 points, with Phil Gubby coming in second. Well done to Nicola Ellingham for her first Sprint win, achieving 60 points.



As mentioned earlier, there was some good racing in the **MTBO** section. Ian Cartwright was impressive in the **Male MTBO** event, collecting 19 of the 20 checkpoints, leaving everyone else in his wake. The **Ladies' MTBO** event saw our youngest ever winner in Molly Baker, whose achievement will go towards her DofE qualification.



Both the Men's and Ladies' 2 hour **Trail** event was keenly contested, with many of the participants taking part in their first Tri-Adventure race. It was a pretty tough course, and quite a number of racers incurred time penalties. One of these was Pete Jones, who won the **Male Trail**, despite collecting 13 penalty points along the way, beating July's winner, Tom Frost, by 9 points. The **Ladies' Trail** was won by one of our regulars, Natasha Trasi.

Experience (4 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 st Andy Jones	220 03:23:21
Female	Points/Time
1 st Laura Ashfield	139 04:00:29
Pairs	Points/Time
1 st Nicola Waters/Ashley Beevers	50 03:58:59

Sprint (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 st Sid Hardy	110 01:47:42
Female	Points/Time
1 st Nicola Ellingham	60 01:54:20
Pairs	Points/Time
1 st Lawrence Luscombe/Marine Richard	40 01:53:29

MTBO (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 st Ian Cartwright	186 02:01:40
Female	Points/Time
1 st Molly Baker	80 01:50:26

Trail (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 st Pete Jones	97 02:06:28
Female	Points/Time
1 st Natasha Trasi	51 02:04:19

Congratulations to all our worthy winners!

The full race results, with splits and transition times, are available on the Tri-Adventure website [here](#).

Photos taken at the event can be found and tagged in our [Facebook album](#).

If you have photos to add from events, please do [email](#) them, tweet them to [@tri_adventure](#), or post them on [Facebook](#).

I am really grateful to **Rob Smart**, who helped me out enormously by going out and collecting 10 CPs while the duathletes/mountain bikers were on the bike section of the course. Once the event is over and everyone goes home, we have to go out and collect the CPs, and it can be quite a challenge to get them all in before the light goes. As we head into Autumn/Winter/Spring, we won't be able to complete this task in one go, which means we'll be back on the Monday to finish off. So, if anyone does fancy helping us out by going back out on the course and collecting the running CPs once they've finished their race, that would be really helpful.

As usual, thanks to those who shared their thoughts and made suggestions on the day. I am always open to suggestions to improve and expand the Tri-Adventure experience for more and more people. If you have had a thought to add since Sunday, please pop it in an [email](#) now!

NEXT EVENTS



For those of you who, from time to time, like to take a break from navigation, we are again running **The Hurtleberry** off-road Duathlon on **Sunday 17th September**. This is a fund raising event for helping to maintain the beautiful grounds of the Hurtwood Estate, so do come along and support this worthwhile cause. Full details are on the [The Hurtleberry website here](#).



We're at Tilford on **15th October**, with the Experience, Sprint, MTBO and Trail events. On line entry is already [open here](#).

Do keep an eye on our website [here](#) for the latest dates for the events we have coming up. Please put them in your diaries.

Once again, thanks for coming along to Thursley on Sunday. I know I say this in every Report but, quite simply, without you, there would be no Tri-Adventure. Please help us to spread the word about these great weekend events so that we can get the numbers up, and I look forward to seeing you again later this month, and then at our next Tri-Adventure event in Tilford.

Finally, please use Social Media to tell others about Tri-Adventure – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. We want to keep putting on fantastic events, which challenge people whilst making them feel good (as those of you who take part will confirm), and we need to get our participation levels up to make this happen.

Yours in Adventure,

Adam

