



TRI-ADVENTURE RACE REPORT

THURSLEY 12 MARCH 2016

Thursley saw the start of the Spring Series and gave us a Triple First – new venue, our first Saturday event, and thick fog!

We woke up to a blanket of fog covering the whole of the South East of England. Thursley CC is set well back from the road, and couldn't be seen from the main Car Park, so we quickly had to put out additional banners, arrows, and flags to direct people to the venue. We had a similar problem with fog on Friday, as we started laying out the course, but it lifted pretty quickly, and left us with an absolutely gorgeous day. This time, it lingered a lot longer, and it was a bit eery, starting the event at 10am, and watching runners disappear into the fog. When it eventually lifted, we were left with a beautiful Spring day, and very good conditions for a challenging event.

We don't know why, but the turnout was unusually low this time, with only 33 Adventurers making it to the start line. They were rewarded with some of the best weather we've had recently (once the fog had gone), and the numbers didn't stop some of the categories being contested very fiercely.



Thursley CC pavilion is smaller than some of the other venues we use, and it looked really cosy and animated as maps were studied and strategies planned before the start. Although small, it's a great venue for creating some fabulous courses, and it's also got loads of parking. Feedback on the venue would be very welcome.

Highlight of the day has to be the **Male Experience** event, in which Ross Remnant, Richard Wilkes, and Magnus Mills all collected 25 of the 30 CPs on offer. Magnus's late arrival back cost him dear, and Ross just managed to squeeze Richard out of first place by 8 seconds! Well done, Ross!



The **Female Experience** was won by Laura Ashfield. The records will show that, for once, Pat Daas did not have the fastest Transition Time, even though she was in and out in 22 seconds. Sid Hardy beat her with a time of 4 seconds, but that doesn't really count, because he dived in and out at the same time!



Only 2 ladies took part in the **Ladies' 2 hour Sprint**, and Carys Holloways managed to win this convincingly.

The same can be said about the **Men's Sprint**, which is usually a very keenly contested affair, Nigel Davison, pulling off the best score of 119.



Both the Trail events were well contested. Kimberly Krupanski just pipped Katherine Everard in the **Ladies' 2 hour Trail**, beating her by just over 3 minutes.

Well done to Jeremy Worthington who bagged all 15 CPs and back to winning ways in the **Men's Trail**, although he ran over his Time Limit, finishing with a net score of 125 points. Simon Holroyd pushed him hard, and reflects all the excitement and challenge of Adventure Racing; one more CP, and finish within the time, and it could have been Simon in first place!

EXPERIENCE (4 HOUR EVENT)

| MALE | POINTS/TIME |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st Ross Remnant | 250 03:45:42 |
| 2 nd Richard Wilkes | 250 03:45:50 |
| 3 rd Magnus Mills | 233 04:08:14 |
| FEMALE | POINTS/TIME |
| 1 st Laura Ashfield | 180 03:46:21 |
| 2 nd Pat Daas | 160 03:48:18 |
| Pairs | Points/Time |
| 1st Rob Burridge/Katie Burridge | 190 03:49:13 |

SPRINT (2 HOUR EVENT)

| MALE | POINTS/TIME |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st Nigel Davison | 119 02:00:23 |
| 2 nd Andrew Beattie | 110 01:51:41 |
| FEMALE | POINTS/TIME |
| 1 st Carys Holloways | 108 02:00:42 |
| 2 nd Christine Glew | 42 02:13:47 |

TRAIL (2 HOUR EVENT)

| MALE | POINTS/TIME |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st Jeremy Wormington | 125 02:12:29 |
| 2 nd Simon Holroyd | 115 02:02:21 |
| 3 rd Joe Selby | 90 01:53:00 |
| FEMALE | POINTS/TIME |
| 1 st Kimberly Krupansky | 90 01:53:01 |
| 2 nd Katherine Everard | 90 01:56:12 |
| 3 rd Laura Sleightholme | 60 01:59:31 |

Plenty of cakes available as ever for our finishers, and the Butternut Squash soup provides welcome heating and sustenance after the exertions during the events. As the weather gets warmer, I think it's time for the soup to stop, but the cakes will continue! However, let us know if you still want the soup next time.

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 [here](#).

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

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!

STOP PRESS

As a result of some enquiries, we've decided to open up the **12 hour Night & Day Event**, on **16/17 July**, to **SOLO** entries, as well as pairs. So, this will no longer be a Pairs only event, and more information can be found [Night and Day 12 Hour](#). Join the [Facebook N&D Event page](#) to chat and find other people to pair up with, if you still want to take part as a Pair, but have not yet found a partner. Design of the course is well on the way, and online entry is already [open](#).

OUR SATURDAY EXPERIMENT

We tried out a Saturday start yesterday as a result of some requests and, quite frankly, the result seemed to be a drop in numbers. Why do you think that was? Wrong day? 6 Nations Rugby? Other sports activities? The fog? Do let us know, please. [email](#).

We're going to try another Saturday in May, at Mickleham, and then we'll evaluate the results, so do let us know what you think [email](#).

NEXT EVENT

We're back with a Sunday for our next Event, which sees a return to EFFingham on Sunday 17 April. Entries are open, so do take advantage of the Early Bird discounts finishing on the 4/4/16. We look forward to seeing you there.

We will also be exhibiting at the National Triathlon Show at the Lee Valley Velodrome (9-10 April). Where we will again be motivating more people to come and try out this wonderful sport of Adventure Racing.

Don't forget, in addition to collecting a Tri-Point stamp for every event you take part in, you can also collect a Tri-Point stamp for every person you introduce to one of our events. 6 stamps qualify you for a free entry into a **Trail** or **Sprint** event, or 50% off entry into an **Experience** event. Just click [HERE](#) for more information.

The dates for the next 12 months are now confirmed, and can be found on our website [here](#), so please put them in your diaries. There will be trophies and prizes at the end of each series (as for the **WINTER SERIES**), and I'll also do something for those who have collected the most points over the nine months.

For those of you who, from time to time, like to take a break from navigation, I can confirm that we'll again be running the **Whiteley Village Races**, 5k and 10k Runs on **Sunday 5 June**, and **The Hurtleberry** off-road Duathlon on **Sunday 4 September**.

Once again, thanks for coming along to Thursley on Sunday, and thanks to the Tri-Adventure team of Registration Liz, Cake Girl Chris, and Transition Boss Leszek. I know I say this in every Report but, quite simply, without you, there would be no Tri-Adventure. Please spread the word about these great weekend events, and I look forward to seeing you again at **Effingham**.

Yours in Adventure,

Adam