



Hailsham Harriers

March 2007

GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONS 2006



BRIGHTON HALF MARATHON

18th February 2007

In a bid to defend their title of Sussex Grand Prix road running champions, Hailsham Harriers turned out well at Sunday's Brighton Half Marathon. The Harriers were led home by vice captain Paul Eccles, but it was Gill Wheeler that stole the headlines. Gill won the women's race in a personal best time (and the fastest time for a lady in Sussex for six years) although Ms Wheeler was almost tripped up by a stray black labrador on the course. The Hailsham Harriers ladies team enhanced their reputation of having one of the finest ladies teams in the county and finished behind strong opposition from London's Blackheath Harriers. Hailsham took third place and Gill was well supported by Samantha Alvarez, Fiona Bugler and Marion Underdown. Mention must also go to new member Simon Swift who also ran a personal best time.

An estimated 6,000 spectators filled the streets, lanes and seafront under overcast skies to witness the 1992 Olympic 400m hurdles champion Sally Gunnell and around 3,000 other competitors do their bit for the charity which helps people live with HIV. Star attraction Sally Gunnell hailed yesterday's Sussex Beacon Half Marathon as the perfect advert for Brighton and Hove. "It was lovely going through The Lanes and other places. It said to me: This is what Brighton and Hove is all about'. I really enjoyed it."

The international field - which featured runners from America, Croatia and France as well as Sussex athletes - reflected the city's cosmopolitan vibe as they sped past tourist attractions such as the Royal Pavilion, Brighton Pier and The Lanes. But the main winners were the Sussex Beacon who expect to raise £111,000. The race was run by a committee of four from the Sussex Beacon with the help of Phoenix Athletic Club and around 200 volunteers. (continued)

Brighton Half continued

Harriers finishing times were:- Paul Eccles (1.20.54) Gill Wheeler (1.21.38pb) Mike Ovens(1.26.28) Samantha Alvarez (1.26.55) Fiona Bugler (1.31.07) Neil Gausden (1.35.47) Simon Swift (1.37.18pb) Stephen Gilkes (1.41.01) Geoff Depper (1.41.12) Roberto Proietti (1.42.03) Marion Underdown (2.02.40)

CrossCountry League in Abbots Wood

Our club hosted the fourth race in the East Sussex CrossCountry League in Abbots Wood.

The race organisation was superb (led by none other than the marvellous Brian Winn) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out on the day (Abbi, Alfie, Bob Cripps, Geoff Depper, Sandy, Johann and Josie Fessey, Henry McCutchan, Lesley Underdown, Maria, Rosalie and her family, Alan Streeter and Pete Standen and Jitka Martin of Hastings AC).

Thanks and well done also to those Harriers who ran (Gill Wheeler, Andy Fessey, Andy Payne, Ian Weston and Jim Hennessy).

We are now lying in 4th place in the team category with 2 more races still to come (at Cross in Hand and Pestalozzi).

Latest news.....negotiations are under way to allow Harriers vets to run alongside Eastbourne Rovers in the Vets track league this summer, in a joint team

South Downs Relay

Could we please have some names for this year's event. Men to me (in the absence of Steve) and Ladies to Gill.

We are entering three teams. A Ladies team and Men's A team. Which leaves a choice of entering as a third team:-

Mixed B team
Men's vets team
Ladies B team
Ladies vets team

I think the best option is for a mixed B team, what do others think?

Peccles

Sussex Road Relay

Championships

Horsham 7th April

If you are interested in competing in this 4 x 2 mile relay please get in touch with Peccles or Gill

Chichester 07 Paul goes sub 36!

I took part with some other Harriers and have included below a note of the day together with the Harriers individual and team results (three to score).

I have taken the results info from the organisers web site www.chichester10krace.org.uk

"The first of the 2007 Sussex Grand Prix events was incorporated within the 16th Chichester Priory 10K Road Race held on Sunday 4th February.

A number of Hailsham Harriers took part with early signs of perfect weather cool and sunshine but this clouded over during the race with a cold edge to the temperature.

The event saw over 1400 runners participating with a quality field from within the UK.

The mens and ladies races were held separately within the overall event and Harriers performed exceptionally well in both with the Ladies A team scoring 4th with 45 points and the B team 20th with 311 points. The Mens A team was placed 10th with 191 points.

The winner of the mens race was Tony Lambert of Alton Runners (30m22s) who managed to keep 2nd place Andy Robinson Newham and Essex Beagles at bay by 5 seconds.

The Ladies race was exceptional with Linda Spencer from Chichester Runners and Karen Hazzlitt of Winchester A C both recording 34m 39s but the win being given marginally on the line to Spencer.

The individual Harrier placings were as follows:

Men

37th	Paul Payne	35m 30s	23rd Senior
59th	Andy Eaton	36m 58s	19th over 40
95th	Mike Ovens	38m 28s	31st over 40
139th	Bill Fraser	39m 27s	27th over 50
233rd	Brian Winn	42m 03s	42nd over 50
259th	John Taylor	42m 36s	5th over 60
286th	Neil Gausden	43m 16s	106th over 40
302nd	Stephen Webb	43m 43s	130th Senior
386th	Norman Harris	45m 26s	8th over 60
395th	Roberto Proietti	45m.45s	74th over 50

Women

7th	Gill Wheeler	36m 53s	pb	7th Senior
16th	Sam Alvarez	38m 47s		15th Senior
22nd	Rosalie Uphill	39m 45s		5th over 40
29th	Fiona Bugler	41m 12s		21st Senior
112th	Jane Barlow	48m 30s		47th over 40
168th	Sue Cooper	51m 19s		67th over 40
189th	Susan Hughes	52m 26s		91st Senior
Senior				
402nd	Fran Doe	60m 05s		41st over 50

Cheers

Norman.

Gill and Andy success in X- Country series.

Gill Wheeler and Andy Fessey, Eastbourne based Hailsham Harriers, collected trophies from the East Sussex X-Country series at the weekend. The series that runs all winter came to a conclusion at Pezzalozzi village on Sunday. Gill collected first place in the Senior Women's category and Andy was second in the Male Vets category. The awards were made after the final race of the series hosted by Hastings AC. Hailsham fielded a weakened team with many members electing to take part in the Eastbourne Half Marathon. Paul Payne finished an excellent 3rd overall with Gill taking the ladies race and finishing 7th overall. Andy Fessey was 9th. Also competing were Brian Winn, Dave Coulson and Lesley Underdown.

Picture- Gill and Andy collect their trophies



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newsletter or local
press**

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CLUB KIT

**Club kit can now be
purchased from Andy
Ruffell on club nights**

Reminder

Please remember to
send all new club
records to Geoff

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HAILSHAM HARRIERS AWARDS EVENING

Saturday 3rd March 2007.

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

'Don't forget annual dinner and awards night. It's going to be a cracker. I'm working on my speech and it could be my best one to date, although that's really not for me to say I know but I'm getting excited already!'

Paul Eccles

