**May Queen F(un) run**

A gratifying number of runners, 37 in total, aged from 6 to over 70 did not gather to not run the May Queen fell race on Friday evening but many of them did actually gather by Zoom for a virtual post-race warm down.

Great thanks goes to all those from Pennine and Govt Valley who answered the challenge and devised their own alternative route. We had some inventive route and runner names, some cracking runs with several PBs and some excellent headgear, some of which were reported on the Zoom call. Special thanks to all the Goyt Valley runners for taking part with such enthusiasm.

The invitation to Glossopdale was obviously a bit too virtual and didn’t reach its intended destination – sorry about that but if this is repeated I will try again next time.

It was never intended that routes had to be submitted from Strava and apologies to anyone who thought this was necessary. An email with your results was fine.

The final results after absolutely no independent scrutiny are now available and are summarised here:

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| **Real prizes** |
| Fastest adjusted time | Paul Rowley |
| Fastest time with a dog | Paul and Isla Hills |
| Fastest siblings | Amy and Lucy Whelan |
| Fastest parent and child | Kieran and Wilf |
| Best pair of fairy wings | Helen and Julia |
| Best race names | Werneth Slow |
|   | Brian May Queen Tribute race |
| Best runner name | Lert  |
| Best photo shopped 'hat' | Brian Brentnall |
| Best hats | Jo Dunn and Mark Fermer |
| Wonkiest photo | Jo Dunn |
| Smiliest photo | Julia |

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| **Men's virtual results** | Time | Club |
| 1st | Paul Rowley | 23.02 | PFR |
| 2nd | Lucas Jones | 23.67 | GVS |
| 3rd | Dave Ahearn | 23.92 | PFR |
| M6 | Wilf D'Cruz | 30.04 | GVS |
| M40 | Stevie Knowles | 26.10 | PFR |
| M50 | Tim Oliver | 24.53 | PFR |
| M60 | Ian Warhurst | 25.24 | PFR |
| M70 | Alan Brentnall | 35.37 | PFR |

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| **Ladies virtual results** | Time | Club |
| 1st | Imogen Jones | 25.54 | PFR |
| 2nd | Sarah Warhurst | 25.57 | PFR |
| 3rd | Joanne Ellis | 26.82 | PFR |
| F8 | Julia Davis | 49.09 | GVS |
| F12 | Lucy Whelan | 32.34 | Buxton |
| F15 | Amy Whelan | 27.66 | Buxton |
| F40 | Mary Jones | 31.64 | GVS |
| F50 | Ita Kelly | 31.34 | GVS |
| F60 | Sue Holland | 34.64 | GVS |
| F70 | Alison Brentnall | 39.31 | PFR |
| Canine | Isla Hills | 51.00 | PFR |

As all entrants will know the organiser’s decision is always final but I know that many of you will want to know how the results were adjusted. The raw race times were equalised for different ascents using a newly established and soon to become iconic formula known as the EQ – standing for ‘Edgerton’s quandary’ using data from the Pennine’s Sandy Heys uphill time trial. Those who submitted routes of a greater length varying from the specified route distance were penalised with a time addition of seconds using a semi-arbitrary eyeballing method based on age, recent form and whether the organiser was in a good mood when your results came in. Those whose route was shorter were deducted seconds in a similar way.

As they say, there is no progress without trying new things and making mistakes, so this has been a fun experiment – I’m sure it could be done better next time – if anyone wants to try a repeat anytime soon. Who knows – we could have a virtual Pennine championship series.

Mary, 24 May 2020.