

# Toilet Seat 2008

*It's been a while since I reported on your antics, but I have to say that, although thin on the ground, these are all exceptional tales of idiocy and drama and well worth the wait! I haven't been out and about too often of late so my thanks go to Mandy, our intrepid reporter, always ready to plumb the depths for the best dirt to dish on you all.*

*Yours,  
Uncle Barry*

**She just gets worse...** The Scene: 5 minutes prior to start of Bronte Way. Characters: Branny, Sue Roberts and Jim Smith. Branny: "Sue, your number appears to be blank". Sue: "Oops! I've pinned it on back to front" 5 points Sue **...and worse...** After an evening out, Mandy and Phil got a taxi home, and Sue kindly dropped Mandy's car off first thing Monday and decided to run home to Oxenhope with Sammy the dog. On reaching Heptonstall, Sammy disappeared into the distance (as he often does). Sadly, he went a different way to Sue and by the time she realised this he had retraced his steps and was running up and down the main street in Heptonstall. Sammy was then picked up by the people from Hebdon Bridge pet shop: they phoned Martin and he drove over to pick him up. Sue retraced her steps to Louise's - still no Sammy. Sue phoned Martin (no answer: he had gone to pick Sammy up). Sue phoned Jane and Richard and they came over to help search for him. They all then spent the next two hours looking for Sammy - even enlisting help of the local postman and anyone else who was prepared to help. Sue had now phoned Martin on at least 10 occasions, leaving messages on their answer-phone. Meanwhile, Martin was wondering where Sue was - had she fallen and broken something? Martin eventually returned home - with Sammy, picked up numerous answer-phone messages before finally managing to contact Richard to call off the search!!! Another 5 points Sue!  
**How do they do it?** Derek left his shoes behind his car after a pack run. Luckily they were picked up by Sean Godsman the next day. 5 points Derek.  
**Easy Rider:** Mark Anderton's bike fell to bits on the Three Peaks Cyclocross Challenge. Undeterred, Mark dug his fixed wheel bike out of the car and rode up Pen-y-ghent on that! I'd call that nothing short of miraculous! But he still collects 5 points for being daft enough to attempt it! (Full report October Torrier)

**Drinker with a running problem?** Stuart Boulton dropped out half way through the Lakeland 50 in Ambleside at the Lakes Runner checkpoint. Strange, how he then managed to summon up the energy to rush round to Threshers to buy 3 bottles of red wine isn't it? He proceeded to drink one in the shop whilst waiting for his lift, (well it was 3 for £10), and then shared the second with Janet and Mandy at race HQ. Hmmm. Collect 5 points Stuart.  
**Another drinker with a running problem?** Hazel prepared a lovely dinner, set the table and then reached for the wine. On asking Uncle Barry where the half full bottle of wine from the previous night was, he denied ever having seen it...and then quietly disappeared into the garden. He returned triumphant, waving the missing bottle, and stating that it was especially chilled and ready to drink. It most certainly was: he'd "tidied up" earlier in the day with his usual gusto, not bothered to check the contents, and chucked the bottle into Branny's recycling bin! Here's a tidy 5 points for you Uncle Barry  
**Gate crasher** Ray Poulter parked his motor on a client's drive and walked away. He returned two hours later for some gear, no probs, and walked away. On his return half an hour later, no motor. The motor had done a runner-- through the electric security gates and down the drive!!!! The result? 7K of damage to the gates, the motor a complete write off, and a 10 point award (for gates & motor) from Uncle Barry.  
**'Allo 'Allo!** Suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion during much of the Verdon Canyon Challenge, Phil eventually collapsed in the first aid tent at the finish, blacked out, suffered a couple of fits, and awoke minutes later to find he was on oxygen and being interrogated by a French medic..." Do you know who you are? Do you know *where* you are?". Collect 5 points for living dangerously Phil. (Read the full report in the September Torrier)

**Don't try this at home:** Ben Crowther nearly blew himself up on the Bonfire night Bat Run. He had a rocket in a piece of drainpipe and unfortunately it slipped down inside the pipe and then blew up. He said he was OK but his ears hurt a bit! 5 points for crass stupidity Ben.  
**And finally:** Neil & Helen are going on a church trip to Scarborough when the Tod Do is on! (Neils mum is very involved) . Worse - they've also talked Roger & Paula into going. I've never witnessed such an act of disloyalty to the Harriers before and so am awarding 5 points to each and every one of you (*Uncle Barry*)

## League Table

Phil Hodgson	20
Sue Roberts	15
Jane Leonard	15
Martin Roberts	15
Paul Brannigan	10
Colin Duffield	10
Richard Leonard	10
Barry Chapman	10
Kath Brierley	5
Mark Harris	5
Derek Donohue	5
Rhys	5
Stuart Boulton	5
Mark Anderton	5
Ben Crowther	5
Neil Hodgkinson	5
Helen Hodgkinson	5
Roger Haworth	5
Paula Haworth	5