

Toilet Seat 2009

Well, Congratulations are in order to a very worthy winner – **Alastair Rhodes Dawson** - the 2009 Toilet Seat Champion! Most of Alastair's points have been very painful ones – he seemed to earn most of them by bashing his head! I hope that you get as much pleasure, Alastair, out of winning this trophy as our many, previous champions have. Commiserations to our valiant runners-up and hard luck to all those who would have earned points if I'd been told their weary tales....there's always next year.....Merry Christmas to All.... and Have an Eventful 2010 please!

Yours,
Uncle Barry

Whose Vest is That Paula? "Skye Wilson's!" came the reply: our Paula had run the Stanbury Fell Race in a child's vest, having forgotten her own. Looked like she was wearing a tankini and the story goes that the vest will never look the same again! (5 pts)

Burning ambition? Uncle Barry and Trevor Smith both had fun and won points at Coniston trying to Barbie on Barry's collapsing Barbie (5 pts each plus 5 extra to Barry for bringing the thing)

Lost: Peter Ehrhardt thought he'd found a very nice trod to follow whilst running the Sedburgh Fell Race – only to find it led him the wrong way. Finally got to the finish a couple of hours late, just in time to prevent the Mountain Rescue team setting off to look for him (5 pts)

Don't put all your eggs in one basket: Johnny Medcalf, in the pub, bought some eggs from Rhys, then, still in the pub, managed to stand on the box! (5 pts) ps some eggs survived but no discount on the points, Johnny!

Bring your hi-viz vests next week: were Mandy's words of wisdom – the only problem was, the only person **without** a hi-viz vest was Mandy (5 pts).

Alastair's Three Shires: Arrived late, had to sprint to catch everyone, didn't see great big rock, fell over and spent remainder of race trying to run without his heel touching the ground – due to bruised ribs, left quad and painful right heel (5pts for lateness plus 5 pts for carelessness)

A Day at the Seaside: Alastair managed to lose a £250 pair of specs whilst playing in the sea with his son (an expensive 5 pts)

Forgetful David Baldaro finished Leg 4 of the Pennine Bridleway looking pretty kn***ered – then found he'd left his keys in Peter Bowles' car at the start of the leg – and had to run back again (for 5pts).

Dress code: Branny forgot to bring a change of shoes to a pack run and was forced to hide some very muddy feet from the staff at the Golf Club. (5 pts)

Paul Brannigan: Late at the Burnley 10K, only passing Uncle Barry after half a mile into the race, costing him Grand Prix points:

Paul (Late Again) Brannigan at Dentdale where he could have finished a place higher and gained greater points for the team in the English Championships (5 pts each count)

Paul's tale: "Woke up at 11.50am to race at Dentdale at 2pm! Set off with trusty SatNav – went North. Twas very tight and I was sure SatNav should have got me there by now. Quick look at normal map: hmmm...SatNav should take me off at next right. Nope. Further North we went...passed another right turn, then another. ETA now 1.50pm. Road got narrower, very narrow. Through farmyard, onto hillside, now a fork in the track – which way? Who knows! Tried left. Track got even narrower and passed through Sedburgh golf course. Sign ahead 'Very Narrow Bridge' – it was the size of the bridge on a child's train set. Pressed the button to retract the wing mirrors – golfers watching in amazement as I inched over. Phew! Made it into Dentdale at 1.54pm. Quick change, lock car, head down hill, forget pins, return to car, watch race starting, grab pins and slip of card to exchange for number – forget number and catch up rear of race. Hmmm, what if I get disqualified for no number? Aha – will put pins on and pretend number fell off. Hmmm, they'll never believe that. Aha, tear 4 strips off slip of card and pin to vest – looks convincing. It worked!" (*Right Paul: that's 5 extra pts for telling such a tall tale – ed. Ps: Paul also awarded 3 pts and a £60 fine from Lancashire Constabulary for speeding on way to Dentdale*)

Heading for trouble? Alastair managed to trip and fall head first into a load of cow muck on a pack run.(for 5 pts). On the Calderdale Way Relay Alastair then managed to run head first into a branch during the first half mile and finished the race with his head covered in blood (5 pts)

Give the girl credit....I'm told that Sue Roberts needs 5 pts for some tale of a credit card – you'll have to ask the girl herself for the details...

'ello 'ello 'allo: spotted by Uncle Barry, attempting to drive the wrong way out of the bus station...was our own PC Jon Wright (not on duty I hasten to add) (5pts)

LEAGUE TABLE

Alastair Rhodes-Dawson	40
Paul Brannigan	20
Mark Harris	20
Uncle Barry	15
Roger Hawarth	15
Sue Roberts	10
Clive Greatorex	10
Jon Wright	10
Jim Smith	5
Peter Ehrhardt	5
Martin Roberts	5
Paula Howarth	5
Helen Hodgkinson	5
Neil Hodgkinson	5
Trevor Smith	5
Colin Duffield	5
Johnny Medcalf	5
David Baldaro	5
Mandy Goth	5