

Mansfield Half Marathon 28th June

Mansfield was the stage for the 5th leg of the club Grand Prix, with 13.1 miles lying in wait for the four Retford athletes who took the challenge. With quite a number of the usual suspects missing for varying reasons Ollie Lord and Becky Duggan took advantage to become the first to complete a full quota of five results in the Grand Prix series and therefore place themselves at the head of the leaderboard for the time being. However, it was club debutant Jason Waring who led the Retford contingent home, recording an impressive 1:26:33, a time which earned him 59th position in the field of 795, this was a very strong performance and augers well for further improvements having just joined the club. Ollie once more achieved a personal best in a season that goes from strength to strength at all distances, 147th place his reward for his 1:34:27. Simon Lord also continues to improve steadily following his layoff and 1:42:58 represents a seasons best at the half marathon distance, Simon placed 257th. Becky Duggan finished in a solid 1:44:43, in 284th position, a result which realistically is already enough to see her crowned as Ladies Grand Prix Champion for the second successive year.

Sandall Beat 10km

Derek Marsh ran this inaugural trail race in Doncaster, starting from Doncaster Knights rugby ground, organised by Doncaster A.C. part of a series of 3 races. For a first running of this event there were 212 finishers of which Derek was placed 173rd in 57.58

Next up for club members is the 4th round of the Notts Summer League on Wednesday 8th July, this leg is being held at Worksop. Slightly further into the future the 6th Grand Prix event is the Sherwood Pines 10km to be staged on Sunday 19th July.