

SCVAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS, SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER, REIGATE.

					<u>SCVAC</u> CHAMPS	<u>HOLLY</u> RUN
<u>W35</u>						
Briggs	Julie	822	Arena 80	18.57		4
<u>W40</u>						
Gee	Sarah	823	Bracknell Forest Runners	DNS		
<u>W55</u>						
Bath	Ann	834	26.2 Road Runners	27.38	1	46
<u>W65</u>						
Cushen	Bridget	843	Sutton & District AC	30.03		59
<u>W75</u>						
Norrish	Betty	844	SCVAC	DNS		
<u>M45</u>						
Thayre	Gary	952	PhoenixAC	38.00	1	18
Warren	David	956	Croydon Harriers	40.12	2	24
<u>M50</u>						
O'Connell	Thomas	995	Thanet Road Runners	39.00	1	19
Hill	Walter	960	Crawley	40.15	2	25
Connolly	Steve	958	Swindon Harriers	44.51	3	50
Carmichael	Gerry	42	Crawley	45.28	4	57
Stacey	Michael	973	Invicta East Kent	DNS		
Archer	Kevin	954	Reigate Priory	DNS		
<u>M55</u>						
Wilkins	John	972	Invicta East Kent	DNS		
Edgely	Trevor	974	Invicta East Kent	DNS		
<u>M60</u>						
Newton	Geoff	30	Tadworth	41.39	1	32
Matson	Alistair	4	Crawley	48.48	2	80
Fitzmaurice	James	2	Sevenoaks	49.41	3	84
Burgon	Chris	953	Watford Harriers	DNS		
<u>M55</u>						
Newland	David	955	South London Harriers	43.16	1	38
Taylor	John	959	Hailsham Harriers	46.21	2	61
<u>M70</u>						
Sheppard	Ken	994	South London Harriers	57.46		114
North	Gerry	957	City Of Portsmouth AC	DNS		

A REPORT ON THE CROSS COUNTRY, by Robert Murkin.

Due to the change of venue and date, this was in fact the second SCVAC Cross Country Championship in 2006. In the summer of 2006, we approached Reigate Priory A.C. about combining our championships with their Holly Run, and they were very happy to oblige. The change of venue proved very popular, as the course is only 1 mile from Junction 8 of the M25. It has the reputation of being a "real" cross country course, with lots of undulations. We were blessed with a glorious sunny day, and entrants were double those of recent years.

We had three lady competitors, and the fastest of these was Julie Briggs from Arena 80, with an impressive 18.57 on the three mile course. Julie's partner Gary Thayre produced the fastest time of the men, with 38.00 on the six mile course. The largest age group proved to be the M50, with a close finish, and Tom O'Connell from Thanet Road Runners winning in 39.00.

Due to the proximity of Christmas, our members enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine in the SCVAC tent after the race. The event, and indeed the whole athletics year were discussed for long afterwards as the sun set over Reigate Hill.

Due to the popularity of the date and the venue, we are hoping to stage the championships at the same place and time this year. Our thanks go to Reigate Priory A.C. for accommodating us, and for all their pre-race help.