

2020's annual Teapot relays had to take on a different format this year due to the dreaded Corona Virus making social

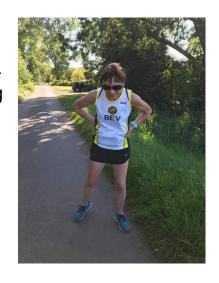
distancing the "in phrase" and meeting in a large group forbidden. Unfortunately Mick's mile (in memory of the late Mick Hall) was also a casualty of the virus. So why not combine the two events virtually? Hence the South Sea Lane Mile Teapot relays was born. Taking in

the mile segment, kindly remarked by Steve Green. Instructions were duly given of where to start - the big S in the middle of the road near the livery stables (not the small s in the side of the road, half hidden by grit - you know who you are! Ha ha!) and finish, so on the last day of July the first 16 names were drawn out of the teapot and given given the captaincy and the responsibility of choosing their team name. The relay was off.

Leg 1

After a false start, Steve Brewin took PG Tips (because every one needs a PB moment) into an early lead with an excellent time of 5:13. The next five captains all broke the 7 minute barrier. Dan Sylvester (Excel-Erators) next in, in 6:27, just holding off the fast finishing Allen Nicholson (Supareserves) 6:29 and a sprint to the line between Bev Evison (Teapot Terriers) 6:49, Andy Hill (Easier Said than Done) 6:55 and Jemma Anderson (Roger Bannisters Wannabees) 6:58.1

1 PG Tips 5:13 2 Excel-Erators 6:27 3 Supareserves 6:29



Leg 2



Chloe Amis started off well, trying hard to hold on to the lead, but was unable to hold off Jim Gibney who took his team (Roger Bannisters Wannabees) from sixth to first place. Sam Colbeck (Excel-Erators), held on for second place in 7:17 from the fast finishing Laura Taylor (Easier Said than Done) 7:05.

<u>Teams</u>		<u>Fastest Leg</u>	
1 Roger Bannisters Wannabees	13:00	1 Jim Gibney	6:02
2 Excel-Erators	13:44	2 Helen Robinson	6:51
3 Easier Said than Done	14:00	3 Laura Taylor	7:05

Leg 3

Mike Benson (Roger Bannisters Wannabees) set off in the lead, but Chris Burkitt (Excel-Erators) was hot on his heels and took the lead to the finishing line (6:04)). Meanwhile further down the road there was a battle going on, Tim Wilkins took the Teapot Terriers to second place with a team time of 21:09. Only 8 seconds separated the next 6 teams. Mike Harrison (The Determinators) dipped for the line 21:13 to take third just one second in front of Mike McDougall (R.I.O.T. Squad). There was then a procession of Mike Benton (Roger Bannisters Wannabees) 21:22, Rachel Portlock (PG Tips) 21:23 and Chris Sparkes (Sole Mates) 21:27.



<u>Team</u>		<u>Fastest Leg</u>	
1 Excel-Erators	19:48	1 Mike Harrison	5:44
2 Teapot Terriers	21:09	2 Mike McDougall	5:56
3 The Determinators	21:13	3 Chris Burkitt	6:04

Leg 4

So on to the final leg. Rachel Riley (Excel-Erators), in one of her first runs since lock-down, set off with determination, but was unable to hold off the pack gathering behind. Graham Colbeck (Sole Mates), set off fast and soon had Martin Young (PG Tips) in his sights. The final quarter of a mile proved decisive. Graham having a cracking run to beat the 6 minute barrier for the first time (5:54) and lead his team to victory. Martin held on to take second place (6:23) and Fay Fenwick (R.I.O.T Squad), completed the medal positions in 7:27. A special mention to 12 year old George Wilson on this leg. George is son of former Cleethorpes AC member Sam (nee Ely) and grandson of local legends George and Sharon Ely. He simply flew down the segment in a brilliant time of 5:09. His Uncle Andy told me he was a little disappointed not to break 5 minutes - only a matter of time George! Surely a name to look out for in the future!

Final Positions		Fastest Legs		
1 Sole Mates	27:21	1 George Wilson	5:09	
2 PG Tips	27:56	2 Graham Colbeck	5:54	
3 R.I.O.T Squad	28:43	3 Martin Young	6:33	

Thank you and well done to everyone who supported this event. I hope you all enjoyed it, you did our club proud.

Sue Anderson

The new club code for September is EERZH8 , valid until 2nd October 2020. 10% off and free delivery over £30 https://www.sportsshoes.com/

There is still time to run and donate to Barbara Browns Tealby Trail, see Facebook for details. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Barbara-Brown21
IF YOU CANNOT RUN PLEASE DONATE TO A GREAT CAUSE.

CLUB RUN MONDAY 7^{th} SEPTEMBER AT 18.30 FROM LUCARLY'S CLUB CAR PARK, WILTON ROAD.

THERE WILL BE A CONTACT NAME TO GIVE YOUR DETAILS ETC TO, KEEP AN EYE ON FACEBOOK

^{**}September challenge from Graham Colbeck coming soon**.