

JK RELAYS

Thanks and well done to everyone who answered my call to represent AIRE in the JK relay races on Easter Monday at Middleton Park. As well as laying on an excellent event for all our fellow competitors from the UK and beyond we had 12 teams out racing hard. Results are as follows:

Women's Trophy	Sun bAIREs	Alice Leake Mary Fleming JoBuckley	8/16
Men's Short	Brown bAIREs	John Blatherwick Richard Cartwright Matthew Gray	mp
Senior Men (120+)	Kodiak bAIREs	Ewen Wilkinson Ian Marshall Rolf Crook	12/26
Senior Women (120+)	Koala bAIREs	Rebecca Gray Julia Crook Caroline Young	10/13
Veteran Men (165+)	Spectacled bAIREs	David Alcock David Williams Steve Webb	6/40
	Grizzly bAIREs	Simon Richardson Jez Wilkinson Rob Gatenby	15/40
Veteran Women (165+)	The hAIRE bAIRE bunch	Joyce Marshall Sue Stevens Pippa Richardson	8/16
Intermediate Men (48-)	The bAIRE necessities	Samuel Crook Ronan Hanley Ben Richardson	13/22
Intermediate Women (48-)	Polar bAIREs	Bethan Buckley Alethea Carr Katie Buckley	2/10
Mini Relay	Paddington bAIRE	Charlie Alcock George Ricketts Penny Pinker-Hull	2/9
	Pudsey bAIRE	Sebastian Carr Alfie Alcock Joby Pinker-Hull	5/9
	Rupert bAIRE	Oscar Branney Isobel Ricketts Kate Parkinson	7/9

A big well done to the Paddington bAIRE team of Charlie, George and Penny who stormed to a brilliant silver medal in the Mini Relay. It was great to see three AIRE teams in that race and they all did us proud: the way they all came charging down the long run in to the final control and the finish put some of us seniors to shame!

Alethea has now graduated from the Mini relay and teamed up with Bethan and Katie to also get a fantastic silver medal in the Intermediate Women's class. I think all of them are in the first year of their age groups so they can still compete in the same class relay next year.

It was great that we also had an Intermediate Men's team with Samuel teaming up with new club members Ronan and Ben. That team also promises well for the future as they are all M14s (total age classes 42 against a limit of 48) and were probably running against M16s and some M18s.

I also spotted some excellent individual results amid the team races: Bethan and Joyce were both first back from the mass start in their races. Also on first leg David returned in an excellent 3rd place while Alice showed she is back up to speed with a 4th place finish in the lead pack on Women's Premier. Meanwhile on the anchor legs Penny ran the fastest leg 3 in the Mini Relay and Katie was 2nd fastest on W48-.

Next up: British Relays at Bigland!

If anyone needs to be reunited with their maps from the JK then please let me know: I have the AIRE map bags from each day.

Steve