

## **Maldwyn Harriers June Update**

### **Trail Marathon Wales, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012**

Maldwyn Harrier Andy Davies turned in another inspired performance to win the inaugural Trail Marathon Wales at Coed y Brenin forest in the Snowdonia National Park on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

The event was billed as Wales' first entirely off-road Marathon, the stunning scenery belying the difficult course, which Andy completed in 3 hrs 03:50, some five minutes faster than his nearest rival, Chris Steele of Barrowdale.

Reflecting on his achievement Andy said "this was such a well organised event and a thoroughly enjoyable atmosphere. They had to change the course a bit because of the bad weather the day before and it was one tough race. However it was well worth the effort and I'll definitely be back next year".

Fellow Maldwyn runners Glyn Fletcher and Paul Beeson finished in 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> places respectively out of 225 finishers.

### **Karrimor Great Trail Run Elite 10km, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

On the previous weekend, Andy Davies and Llandinam youngster Gwynant Jones travelled to Kewick in the Lake District to represent Wales in the Karrimor Great Trail Challenge Elite 10km against some very stiff opposition that included UK internationals Steve Vernon and Andi Jones. While Wales were unable to make much impression on the team results, Andy could at least take satisfaction from being the first Welsh athlete home in 7<sup>th</sup> place and a time of 33:10, while 16-year old Gwynant was 5<sup>th</sup> in the U-20 event, and highest placed U-17 runner, in 35:06.

### **Ras y Berwyn, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

At the same time as Andy Davies was spearheading the Welsh challenge in Keswick, his brother Tim was showing the rest of the field a clean pair of heels at Ras y Berwyn, the second leg of this year's Welsh Mountain Championship series, held at Llandrillo. Tim negotiated the 21.5 km course in a time of 1 hr 39:25, ahead of his close rival -

Welshpool based Richard Roberts (Eryri). Paul Beeson was 17<sup>th</sup>, while Ed Davies (father of Tim and Andy) finished in 22<sup>nd</sup> place and Glyn Fletcher was 29<sup>th</sup> out of 97 finishers.

### **Newtown Carnival 5km, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

The absence of a number of Maldwyn runners on international and Welsh championships duty meant that the result of the annual Newtown Carnival 5km on 15<sup>th</sup> June was always going to be wide open. In the event, it was Brecon athletes who coped best with the wet and windy conditions and a course which took in a difficult double-loop of Trehafren hill. Phil Kendrick was first home in a time of 17:58 with club mates David Davies in second and teenager Ffion Price in third.

First Maldwyn Harrier and first M50 to finish was Haydn Jones in 5<sup>th</sup> place and a time of 18:52 with Welsh U13 1500m champion Joseph Crutchley just two places behind in 19:42. Glyn Fletcher and Paul Beeson, doubtless with one eye on the gruelling Ras y Berwyn just two days later, were also top 10 finishers as was Sean Clarke. Megan Randell was the first Maldwyn woman home in 17<sup>th</sup> position and a time of 22:34.

Full results for this race can be found on the results page.