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Harrison wins Parish Walk

DEREK HARRISON magnificently won the Parish Walk at the week-end by over 2½ hours, literally miles ahead of a string of competitors led by John Adair of Northern Ireland, who recorded a personal best time for the 85-mile event.

But even these great performances were overshadowed by a member of the fair sex—Irene Corlett. She won the 32-mile ladies' event by 32 minutes and at the end of her race at Peel she was placed second on the road behind overall winner, Derek Harrison.

For the early part of the race Irene had allowed her five-minute lead to slip away and Harrison and two other men overtook her. But she bravely fought back and at Peel she was second behind Harrison with the men left bewildered behind her.

This magnificent walk by Irene gave her the ladies' prize in a record time of 6 hrs. 32 mins. 50 secs., a time of over eight minutes faster than the previous best for this event.

Cyril Evans of Leicester won

the veterans' race to Peel for the third year in succession and continued for the remaining 48 miles of the walk battling against wet and misty conditions to finish in fourth place overall within half-an-hour of Birmingham walker, Dudley Seddon, who finished in 19 hrs. 26 mins. 50 secs.

Dudley was a winner of the Parish Walk two years ago.

John Bradley of Northern Ireland, who was second in the veterans' race, also kept going for the full 85 miles, but could not pass Cyril Evans and finished in fifth place overall in a very creditable time of 20 hrs. 43 mins. 55 secs.

Steve Gardener of Castletown (21 hrs. 17 mins. 52 secs.), and Kenny Cross of Douglas (21 hrs. 44 mins. 15 secs), finished in sixth and seventh positions respectively—exactly the same as their placings in last year's Parish Walk.

The ladies' race to Peel produced one of the closest finishes for years. Between second and fifth places there was only a

matter of 50 minutes.

Northern Ireland competitor, A. Telford, took third place in 7 hrs. 4 mins. 10 secs., only eight minutes ahead of Brenda Kneale who finished in 7 hrs. 12 mins. 15 secs. Gladys Teare took a well-earned fourth place in 7 hrs. 43 mins. 50 secs., followed by last year's winner, Roberta Moore, in a time of 7 hrs. 54 mins. 45 secs. Sixth place went to Mrs Callister in 8 hrs. 25 mins. 30 secs.

FULL RESULTS

Senior race—1, D. Harrison, 16 hrs. 19 mins. 15 secs; 2, J. Adair, 18-54-10; 3, D. Seddon, 19-26-50; 4, C. Evans, 19-50-02; 5, J. Bradley, 20-43-55; 6, S. Gardener, 21-17-52; 7, K. Cross, 21-44-15.

Ladies' race—1, I. Corlett, 6 hrs. 32 mins. 50 secs. (record); 2, A. Telford, 7-04-10; 3, B. Kneale, 7-12-15; 4, G. Teare, 7-43-50; 5, R. Moore, 7-54-45; 6, Mrs Callister, 8-25-30.

Veterans' race—1, C. Evans, 6 hrs. 32 mins. 55 secs.; 2, J. Bradley, 7-10-00; 3, A. Jones, 7-34-35; 4, W. Thompson, 7-52-00.

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