

# BLUE AND GREEN ARMY ON TOUR

## ROAD RACE LEAGE REPORT EPPERSTONE – 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

### LADIES ARE AWESOME IN EPPERSTONE SUN

**THE LADIES PRODUCED ONE OF THEIR BEST PERFORMANCES IN RECENT YEARS WITH 15 LADIES IN THE RACE PROVING WHATEVER THE MEN CAN DO THEY CAN DO TOO.**

**SENIOR LADIES WON ON THE NIGHT AND ALSO FINISHED WITH THE B TEAM IN 13<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.**

**VETERAN LADIES FINISHED SECOND ON THE NIGHT AND BACKED THIS UP WITH TWO OTHER COMPLETED TEAMS IN 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> PLACES.**

**Liz Lilley** proved to everyone that she is still a force in athletics less than a year after giving birth. She stormed around the course to beat the field by over a minute and a half and was inside the Top 40 finisher's in the entire race. Liz has worked so hard to regain her fitness since the birth and nobody deserved this performance more than her. Knowing Liz she still won't be happy and we will see bigger and better things from her as the season progresses. **Jackie Massey** made a welcome return to the race circuit and ran a superbly paced race to win the Vets Section and win the battle with her rival Helen Burrell from Redhill. We all know how talented Jackie is but sometimes she needs to remind herself to get the best results. **Lisa Farquharson** is going from strength to strength even though she says she is not a serious runner. I think her husband will have to be careful or Lisa will produce the best results of the family in the future. **Jo Bettison** was next back for the club with her best finish ever in a road race league of 13<sup>th</sup> and just behind Lisa. Anyone who watches Jo in training will see how much work she puts in and has become a vital member of the Ladies section. The ever present and ever consistent **Tina "the tiddler" Green** again had a strong run to sneak into 30th place and defeat her club mate, Gemma **Curley**. Tina never misses a race for the club and always produces the goods whilst Gemma is on her big comeback from a catalogue of injuries. Gemma you know how good you can be so knuckle down and deliver the goods we all know you are capable of. **Julie Grainger** and **Julie Potts** had another exciting club tussle to finish in 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> places respectively. Julie G has improved so much from her debut season last year and with a few more races will get the experience and race fitness to move up to the next level. Julie P is another athlete who always competes for the club and never lets anyone down. The ever green **Maddy Collinge** was next back for the club in 56<sup>th</sup> place. Maddy has run more road race leagues than most and again produced one of her usual solid runs. **Vanda "the suntan queen" Curley** who has become chief organiser and did a brilliant job at the recent 6 stage proved that she can run a bit also with a fantastic 67<sup>th</sup> place just in front of her team mate **Jane Stafford** who is making

fantastic improvements and her training with Lisa will only help her as the season goes on. **Denise Winfield** came home in 73<sup>rd</sup> on the night and Denise like Tina Green above has never missed a race for the club in all my time as team manager. She always has a smile on her face and never seems to be disheartened whether she has a good run or an indifferent run. **Angela “ Jester pants” Davies** was next up and the colourful wife of the Ginger Prince worked hard throughout the race to finish 92<sup>nd</sup> which meant we had 13 runners in the Top 100, a feat I haven't known for the ladies in a very long time. The ladies team was completed by the two comedians of the club **Chris Huntington** and **Julie Bell** who finished 128<sup>th</sup> and 129<sup>th</sup>. There is never a dull moment when these two ladies are about and it is characters like these and the other ladies that competed on the night that are driving the ladies section to new heights

**WELL DONE LADIES. NOW LETS SEE YOU CARRY ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE INTO THE NEXT FIXTURE ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT HOLME PIERREPONT**

**LOVE CARL**