Planners Notes Elland

It felt like the dawn of a new era for EPOC today. There were some teething problems but on the whole people seemed to enjoy their run (bike ride!).

This system, once mastered, should mean training and introductory events can be held as many times as we have people willing to take on much simpler organising and planning duties. I believe it will bring some additional members into the club and be a vehicle for would be planners to give it a go.

Registering at a control is a bit more difficult without a kite and SI unit with the phone beeping (bleeping?) sometimes before you get to a control and other times after a lap of the feature. Aligning the map to Google Earth and the placement of pins is not an exact science. The tolerance allowance (beep diameter) can be altered by the administrator for each event and we may do this dependent on how accurate we feel the map is. We could leave courses up for longer but felt one day to be enough for this series as we have another event coming up soon. There are also varying issues that can happen from day to day and risk assessment considerations.

I apologise for control 103 the building site in the car park. I have to say I did check most sites before the event but not that one. I put it down to rushing to get the series going.

The results will be put on the website (they are on the MapRun website) when the missed punches are sorted out and we learn how to upload the information. Hopefully plus routegadget.

My thanks go to James who was involved jointly with myself in making the event happen and to David Harrison for his endeavours with the website.

Turnout was not as good as I had hoped but the weather was unkind and interest will probably grow as the series progresses. We had only one taker for the short course. Do we think Long(Quickies) Medium (Less Quicks and more Elderly) and Short is the right combination for courses. My course was 6.2kn for Long but I ran 9km!

This is an experimental series so let's have your feedback and any questions you may have about MapRunF.

Richard