

RR Harriers virtual Random Relay - Mon 8th March to Sun 14th 2021

Well done all that competed in this challenge. Great team event which saw the lead change hands many different times. Congratulations to The Horrible Hermits for their victory

Leg 1 – 3 miles

Gillian got '3 Ws and a P', using the teams joker card, off to a flying start. Cliff Cooper made full use of the age grading to bring 'Sting like a Bee' home in 2nd, just ahead of Kev Sutcliffe and 'AIDe TriKe' (still trying to work out what that means) in 3rd. Kev ran the fastest actual 3 mile time. Thanks to Richard Kerry for stepping in for the crooked Nigel Granville at short notice and getting 'The Fast and the Furious' off in 4th.

Leg 2 - 4 miles

No jokers played on this leg, and with Ian Page running the fastest leg time coupled with the age grading, it meant that '3 Ws and a P' extended their lead. The weather began to play a factor at this point of the race with a few people recording whinges and putting off their efforts, or getting their long legs out the way before the weather turned. (I won't mention names).

Leg 3 – 5 miles

Lots of change on this leg with the big guns beginning to show and a few more joker cards being played. Dean Smith celebrated starting his second half century with an excellent 5mile time which when coupled with the joker card, lifted the Trike boys from 2nd to 1st. 'The Fast and Furious' also played their joker, and Steve Roebuck made the most of it, lifting his team from 5th to 2nd. Russ Parkin ran the legs fastest time but couldn't move 'We like to move it, move it' up from 6th. Debbie ran the legs 2nd fastest time, but her team actually dropped one place – age grading playing a big factor.

I do have to report that 'The horrible hermits' runner on this leg didn't actually finish their leg due to injury, but fortunately had run a steady 6.5mile effort on Tuesday from which 5 miles could be extracted. The organiser is allowed to make these rules up 😊.

Leg 4 – 6 miles

Cometh the hour, cometh the man – or in this case, the Supervet! Making up for the 3rd leg crock on his team, Chris stormed round his 6 miles, used the joker card and lifted 'The Horrible Hermits' up from 4th to the Gold Medal position! Well done Hermits!

'Sting like a Bee' also played their joker card and Paul Spencer, running the legs fastest time, lifted his team from 5th to the Silver medal position.

Tristan ran a good solid leg for the Trike team but with minimal age grade benefit, it wasn't enough to maintain their lead and they finished in the Bronze medal position.

'We like to move it, move it' obviously liked 6th position and didn't move from it all through the competition!

Great fun all and thanks to everyone for taking part. See over for results and further analysis.

Leg 1

Team	Runner 1 (3 miles)	Age	Time	Joker Assisted Time	Age and Joker Graded Time
We like to move it, move it	Helen Payne	40	38min 48sec	n/a	00:37:46
Sting like a Bee	Cliff Cooper	68	27min 06sec	n/a	00:20:25
3 Ws and a P	Gillian Whiteside	54	27min 16sec	21min 48sec	00:18:38
The Horrible Hermits	Neal Fellows	51	28min 38sec	n/a	00:24:59
AIDe TriKe	Kev Sutcliffe	49	23min 38sec	n/a	00:20:57
The Fast and the Furious	Richard Kerry	34	24min 10sec	n/a	00:23:54

Leg 2

Team	Runner 2 (4 miles)	Age	Time	Joker Assisted Time	Age and Joker Graded Time
We like to move it, move it	Andy Norman	51	34min 10sec	n/a	00:29:55
Sting like a Bee	David Johnson	46	33min 28sec	n/a	00:30:30
3 Ws and a P	Ian Page	63	29min 28sec	n/a	00:23:15
The Horrible Hermits	Andy Ward	65	32min 15sec	n/a	00:24:59
AIDe TriKe	Alan Eccleston	68	35min 15sec	n/a	00:26:33
The Fast and the Furious	Martin Perry	46	30min 34sec	n/a	00:27:51

Leg 3

Team	Runner 3 (5 miles)	Age	Time	Joker Assisted Time	Age and Joker Graded Time
We like to move it, move it	Russ Parkin	58	32min 39sec	n/a	00:27:00
Sting like a Bee	Debbie Phelps	39	37min 06sec	n/a	00:36:02
3 Ws and a P	Steve Wakefield	57	47min 48sec	n/a	00:39:52
The Horrible Hermits	James Ward	55	42min 50sec	n/a	00:36:21
AIDe TriKe	Dean Smith	50	39min 56sec	31min 57sec	00:28:18
The Fast and the Furious	Steve Roebuck	41	38min 29sec	30min 47sec	00:29:18

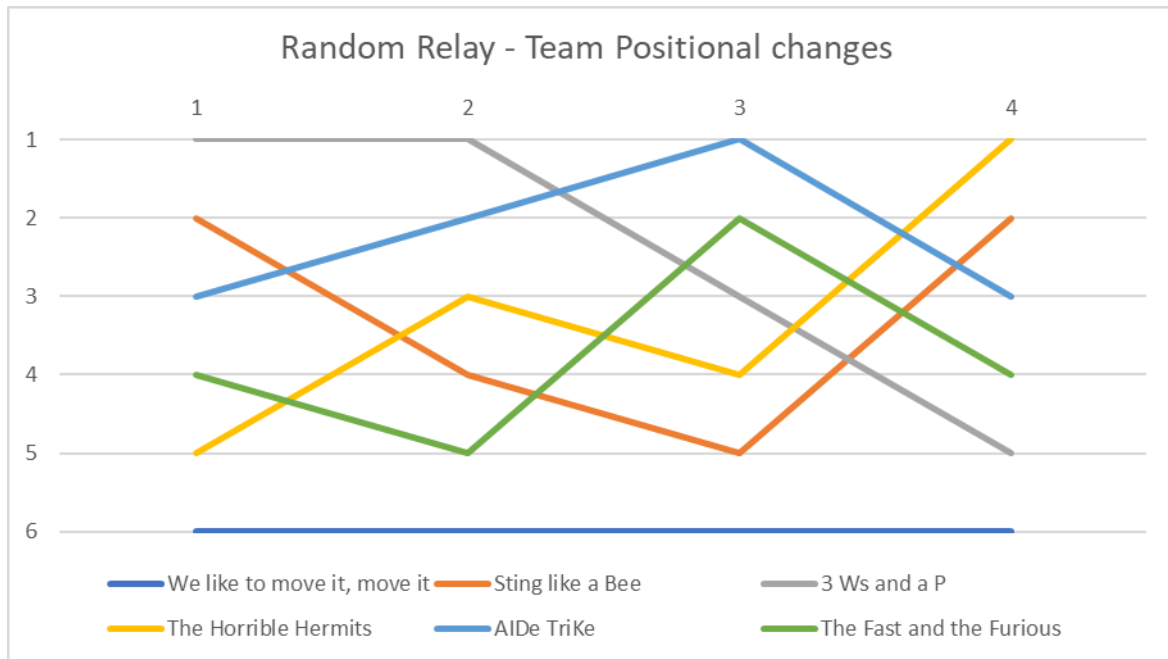
Leg 4

Team	Runner 4 (6 miles)	Age	Time	Joker Assisted Time	Age and Joker Graded Time
We like to move it, move it	Jon Kinder	52	42min 30sec	34min 00sec	00:29:41
Sting like a Bee	Paul Spencer	49	40min 03sec	32min 04sec	00:28:43
3 Ws and a P	Howard Williams	32	42min 11sec	n/a	00:42:07
The Horrible Hermits	Chris Morrison	65	44min 12sec	35min 21sec	00:27:26
AIDe TriKe	Tristan Cooper	35	41min 05sec	n/a	00:40:16
The Fast and the Furious	Clare McKittrick	49	40min 39sec	n/a	00:36:17

Final Positions

Position	Team	Legs Ran	Time	Joker Played
1	The Horrible Hermits	4	01:53:45	y
2	Sting like a Bee	4	01:55:40	y
3	AIDe TriKe	4	01:56:04	y
4	The Fast and the Furious	4	01:57:20	y
5	3 Ws and a P	4	02:03:52	y
6	We like to move it, move it	4	02:04:22	y

Now if it had been a proper real relay race, it would have quite exciting to see how the race unfolded. A little graph below showing the positional changes;



And now an interesting table. If the relay had been run on actual times, then 'The Fast and The Furious' would have come out on top. Interesting that they had the lowest total age of the teams. Also interesting is that The Horrible Hermits had the highest total age. Just shows how much of a leveller the age grading is, and how you must choose wisely who to play your joker on!

Position	Team	Legs Ran	Time	Total Age
1	The Fast and the Furious	4	02:13:52	170
2	Sting like a Bee	4	02:17:43	202
3	AIDe TriKe	4	02:19:54	202
4	3 Ws and a P	4	02:26:43	206
5	The Horrible Hermits	4	02:27:55	236
6	We like to move it, move it	4	02:28:07	201