

Rainow '6' Race : Smithy Lane, Rainow : 6th July 1989

Smithy Lane, Rainow was the venue for the first Rainow '6' race on 6th July 1989. The race route, which was almost all on bridle tracks and footpaths, included the steep climb up White Nancy from Ingersley Vale and the complete length of Kerridge. The race was decided on the climb to White Nancy where the eventual winner, Martin Skirvin of Macclesfield, established a clear lead over second placed Malcolm Fowler and third placed Andrew Whalley. Martin extended his lead along the ridge and on the second half of the course, along the side of the ridge, through the grounds of Savio House and on the bridle track to Rainow. The start and finish on Smithy Lane provided the spectators with a fine view of the runners, outlined against the sky along the ridge, and for most of the route.

The race results were;

1st	M Skirvin	MHAC	36min	37sec	
2nd	M Fowler	Pennine	38	04	
3rd	A Whalley	MHAC	38	24	
4th	A Hulme	Pennine	38	51	1st male o/40
7th	P Bryant	Stockpt	40	02	1st male junior
34th	A Harris	Stockpt	45	11	1st lady
58th	A Burrows	unatt'd	49	43	1st local