

It with great sadness that I have to pass on the news that Dave Parry passed away this morning (10th October 2016) at home with his family. For over a year Dave has battled against cancer, but in recent weeks his condition deteriorated and now the very sad conclusion.

For anyone who has been involved in running in Teesside and North Yorkshire in the last 50 years and you will have competed against Dave, been coached by Dave or competed in a race organised by Dave.

Dave has competed on the road, cross country and his passion on the hills and fells; on his day you had your work cut-out to beat Dave.

As a coach he has helped many to develop their potential and make their mark in running.

In the most recent edition of Fell Runner the Fell Running Association's magazine it was reported he had organised 1500 races.

As a race organiser Dave was prolific, what started out as midweek training runs, developed into the North East Hill Running Association Winter and Summer Fell Race Series, often involving 25-30 races each year.

Not only did Dave organise his own races he helped out other, adjudicating many road races for local running clubs.

Dave was never apparently fazed by anything when organising races, be it an issue minor or major, a local or national championship race.

Dave leaves a terrific legacy of hill running on the North Yorkshire Moors, as a person always good humoured, with a story to tell and a true gent.

Rest in peace Dave.



**Dave Parry – Guisborough
Guisborough Woods 2013**