

Brass Monkey
Sunday 23 January 2011
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley AC

After the recent postponement of races due to bad weather, runners from across the north relished the challenge of the 29th Brass Monkey Half-Marathon in York. With the snow and ice gone they enjoyed perfect conditions for road running – cool, dry and still.

Among the strong field of athletes were twenty-five members of Beverley AC, keen to compete in their first half-marathon of 2011. With many of them preparing for the London Marathon in April the race was an important milestone in their training schedule.

The flat course which starts and finishes at York racecourse offers a perfect opportunity for personal bests and Beverley runners were not disappointed. A number of new personal best times were recorded, among them Mark Dalton, Nicola Glover, Andy Johnson, James Pearson, Darren Rodmell and Lucy Stamford.



It was James Pearson's first road race since taking a break over the Christmas period to recover from injury. Although he claims to have taken it steady, he was the first Beverley runner to cross the line and he finished in seventeenth position overall, beating his previous best time by a minute.

Mark Dalton finished an amazing seven minutes faster than last year, setting a new personal best time of 1.21.15. Andy Johnson beat his previous best by four minutes and Darren Rodmell took two minutes off his personal best.

Alan Flint finished 2 minutes faster than last year and came second in the M60 category in a time of 1.31.39.

The first Beverley lady to finish was Julie Donald. She crossed the line in 1.38.12 just ahead of clubmate Lucy Stamford.

A new course record of 1.05.21 was set by the winner of the race, Paul Martelletti of Victoria Park Harriers and Tower Hamlets AC. The first lady to finish was Stacey Rogers of Heaton Harriers in 1.21.12.

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NB Ex-Beverley AC runner Darran Bilton, now with Leeds City AC, finished in sixth place in 1.12.23.

There were 1561 finishers.

Beverley AC finishing times:

James Pearson 1.14.51; Mark Dalton 1.21.15; Darren Rodmell 1.22.34; Andy Johnson 1.23.24; Neil Bant 1.26.05; Ian Husband 1.27.44; Alan Flint 1.31.49; Paul Burnley 1.32.07; Steve Evins 1.33.25; Rob Reid 1.36.17; Pete Watkinson 1.37.29; Julie Donald 1.38.12; Lucy Stamford 1.38.54; John Williamson 1.42.13; Phil Buckley 1.42.10; David Robinson 1.49.54; Jed Holden 1.49.43; David Muschamp 1.50.12; Nicola Glover 1.53.58; Andy Grainger 1.57.45; Claire Burcham 1.59.30; Paul Evans 1.59.32; Debs Brant 2.03.28; Jacqui Dickinson 2.11.46; Alan Glover 2.12.39.