

Coniston 14
Saturday 29 March 2014
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Fourteen Beverley Athletic Club runners made the trip to Cumbria last weekend to run fourteen miles around Coniston Water, at the annual Coniston 14 Road Race. The Race is Coniston's largest annual community event and is organised by a small committee from the village. Each year over £20,000 is raised from the Race and this is donated to about 30 local charities and clubs.

The race is held on a winding all-road course, and includes some hilly sections as well as some relatively flat lake-side running. The race is a popular annual event for Beverley's runners, some of whom have competed for several years. This year conditions were good for running, with cool and overcast weather.



Brian Richardson



Darren Rodmell

First home for Beverley was Darren Rodmell, who finished in a creditable time of 1:32:19, in 38th place overall and 11th in his M40 age group. Lucy Stamford was the first of Beverley's women to cross the line. She was 50th female finisher, and 10th in her F35 age group, with a time of 1:53:04.



Sarah Tock



Frank Harrison



Jan Stott

A good contingent of Beverley's older runners took part, and performed impressively. Gordon Kitchen and Brian Richardson were, respectively, 16th and 18th in the M65 category, recording times of 2:14:45 and 2:22:08. Three Beverley runners were represented in the M70 age group. They were John Boardley (2:34:50 and 9th in the category), Frank Harrison (2:41:31 and 10th), and Peter McNally (2:54:02 and 12th)



John Boardley and Elaine Julian



Lucy Stamford

This year there were 1044 finishers. The men's winner was Ian Harding (Morpeth Harriers) who crossed the line in 1:17:14. The winner of the women's race was Kerry Marchant (Staffordshire Moorlands AC), who clocked 1:32:01.

Beverley AC finishing times: Darren Rodmell 1:32:19; Adrian Messingham 1:38:09; Steve Parkinson 1:48:36; Lucy Stamford 1:53:04; Tina Wardropper 2:05:51; Jan Stott 2:08:00; Francesca Giuntini 2:12:30; Gordon Kitchen 2:14:45; Brian Richardson 2:22:08; Elaine Julian 2:33:48; John Boardley 2:34:50; Frank Harrison 2:41:31; Sarah Tock 2:43:35; Peter McNally 2:54:02