

Hornsea Third Marathon Sunday 3 April 2011 Report by Kay Farrow



Claire Traynor leads the way at Hornsea just in front of Helen Storr and Lucas Meagor

Athletes from local running clubs gathered at Great Hatfield last Sunday to take part in the Hornsea Third Marathon.

The race which is organised by the Rotary Club of Hornsea and East Riding to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care also attracted a significant number of unattached runners keen to raise money for the charity.

It was a lovely spring day and conditions were perfect on the 8.74 mile course which follows rural roads around Great Hatfield.



James Pearson

First to cross the finishing line for Beverley AC was James Pearson. Now fully recovered from an Achilles injury he finished in fourth place in 48.21, beating last year's time by almost thirty seconds. He maintained a steady 5.30 min/mile pace and felt comfortable throughout the race.

The next Beverley runner to finish was Mark Dalton who is currently on excellent form. He completed the course in 52.25, almost 1½ minutes faster than last year.

He was followed by Andy Johnson who recorded a new personal best for the distance, finishing in 54.45.



Lucas Meagor who is training hard to run four marathons on four consecutive Sundays recorded his third personal best time in eight days, finishing 2½ minutes faster than last year. This has given a big boost to his confidence for the first marathon in Paris on Sunday. Meagor is a very experienced marathon runner and his target is to break the elusive 3½ hour barrier. With four marathons in four weeks he has four opportunities to do this.

Claire Traynor was the first Beverley lady to finish and seventh lady overall. She had an excellent run completing the course in 63.44. Sam Allen followed in 65.09.

It was Howard Davies' first race since a knee operation last April. It has taken a long time to build up to running this distance again but he took the race in his stride and is already looking forward to his next event.



Jackie Wright and Howard Davies head for the finishing line

There were 250 finishers and the race was won by Mike Burrett of Leeds City AC in 46.07. The first lady to finish was unattached runner Angela Bullingham in 59.33.

Beverley AC finishing times

James Pearson 48.21; Mark Dalton 52.25; Andy Johnson 54.45; Olly Johnston 55.06; Lucas Meagor 63.24; Claire Traynor 63.44; Sam Allen 65.09; Neil Sergeant 67.59; Helen Storr 69.42; Jackie Hardman 71.49; Debs Brant 72.54; Jackie Wright 73.30; Howard Davies 73.48; Andy Grainger 74.17; Jo Dewar 74.56; Lindsey Brittain 82.28; Maria Brittain 83.48; Pete McNally 84.39; Jacqui Dickinson 84.55; Rachel Cope 90.52.