

Humber Bridge Half Marathon
Sunday 14 June 2009
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club

The 10th Humber Bridge Half Marathon took place in glorious sunshine last Sunday with its biggest field yet. Over 2,000 runners made their way from the bridge car park on the north shore, through Hessle, over the bridge, around Barton-upon-Humber and then back across the bridge to the finish.

18 members of Beverley Athletic Club took part and their efforts were rewarded with a number of prizes. Third prize in the men's team competition was awarded to Beverley's Roger Tomlin (1:24:35), Aubrey Morrell (1:25:33), Mark Dalton (1:27:32) and Steve Jackson (1:29:11). Aubrey Morrell also won first prize in the MV40 - 45 category. In the MV55 - 59 category Tony Hunter (1:29:29) won first prize and Pete Watkinson (1:34:21) came second. David Connell had a personal best time of 1:39:42 - coming fourth in his age group.



Tony Hunter



Julie Donald and Lucas Meagor

Julie Donald was the first Beverley lady to finish, crossing the line in 1:43:49 and picking up third prize in the FV40 - 44 category.

It is always a hot day for the Humber half and as it was not designated as a handicap race for Beverley AC this year a number of members chose to cheer on their club mates rather than run. This support was much appreciated. The people of Barton always turn out in large to watch the race, some of them cooling the runners down with hosepipes and sprinklers.

The race was won by Steve Bateson of East Hull Harriers in 1:11.45. The first lady to finish was Amanda Crundall of Doncaster Athletic Club in

Other Beverley results: Roger Tomlin 1:24:35; Aubrey Morrell 1:25:33), Mark Dalton 1:27:32; Steve Jackson 1:29:11; Tony Hunter 1:29:29; Pete Watkinson 1:34:21; Andy Arnold 1:35:04, ; David Connell 1:39:42 Jordan Arnott 1:42:07; Julie Donald 1:43:49;

Lucas Meagor 1:44:49; Ted Leath 1:51:03; Steve Hadley 1:54:34; Neil Sergeant 1:56:08; Tony Beck 1:57:40; Wayne Wild 1:57:34; Carole Rimmington 2:07:55; Jörg Hardege 2:11:00.