

**Isle of Man Marathon
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Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club**

Veteran marathon runner Pete Watkinson of Beverley AC travelled to the Isle of Man last week to take part in the annual marathon organised by the Isle of Man Veterans Club.

Although only a small marathon with 111 finishers, the standard was high and several course records were broken.

Watkinson won third prize in the V55 age category, finishing 28th overall in 3.23.56. The course record for this age group was broken by Dave Potter of Leamington C & AC who finished in 2.55.04.



Competing for the second time in this event, Watkinson commented that the race is friendly and well organised, “everyone got a big cheer as they crossed the finishing line in Ramsey football stadium.”

The marathon followed an undulating scenic route along the coast in the north of the island and incorporated some of the TT route. Runners were welcomed back with a huge buffet after the race.

A new course record was set by the winner, Ian Mcilwee. He completed the 26 mile course in 2.46.51.