

Major Stone Half Marathon
Sunday 6 September 2009
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club

It is usually a scorching hot day for the Major Stone half marathon but conditions this year were perfect for the 201 runners who completed the course.

The race was won by Phil Taylor of Bridlington Road Runners in 74.26 and the first lady to finish was Caroline Hemming of Spectrum Spiders who completed the 13.1 mile course in 89.16.

The half marathon was a designated handicap race for Beverley Athletic Club and 27 club members tackled the gently undulating course around Lockington. With team and individual prizes it was a very successful day for the club.

Beverley won first prize in the ladies' team competition with new members Lucy Stamford (99.57), Claire Traynor (103.24) and club veteran Helen Storr (104.56).

With three runners in the top eleven, the Beverley men claimed second place in the men's team competition behind East Hull Harriers. Jonathan Leskiewicz finished in third position in 78.22 – an amazing six minutes faster than last year. Newcomer James Pearson was sixth in 80.21 and the third team member, club veteran Steve Peacock, finished in eleventh position in 84.10. Steve was also second in his age category.

Pam Atkins recorded another consistent performance finishing in 129.07 and coming second in the F55 category.

David Robinson proved that runners can still feel a great sense of achievement without winning prizes. He was delighted to record a new personal best for a half marathon. His time of 109.31 was three minutes faster than last year.

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Beverley AC finishers

Jonathan Leskiewicz 78.22; James Pearson 80.21; Steve Peacock 84.10; Olly Johnston 87.09; Johnathan Sage 88.10; Rob Singh 91.18; Andy Johnson 97.10; David Connell 98.26; Neil Bant 98.43; Lucy Stamford 99.57; Chris Dunn 100.35; Claire Traynor 103.24; Rob Reid 104.54; Helen Storr 104.56; Sam Allen 107.06; Neal Madden 107.09; Brian Richardson 107.49; John Williamson 108.59; Jackie Wright 109.13; David Robinson 109.31; Lucy Stamford 115.15; Colin Taylor 115.17; Amanda Ritchie 115.59; Andrew Grainger 116.11; Nicola Glover 118.29; Pam Atkins 129.07; John Boardley 131.08