

**Mucky Duck
Sunday 29 May 2011
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley AC**



Gary Batley of Pudsey Pacers and Nicholas Riggs approach the finish

Fourteen members of Beverley Athletic Club took part in last Sunday's Mucky Duck multi-terrain race at Driffield.

Conditions were good on the challenging 8½ mile course which follows a circular route from the rugby club with an off-road section across the Wolds.

New member Nicholas Riggs was the first Beverley runner to finish. He was sixth overall and first in the M40 age group. He completed the course in 51:37.



Pete Fielding-Smith was the next Beverley runner to cross the finishing line. He finished in 54:18, in eleventh place overall and won second prize in the M40 age category – a remarkable achievement considering he had not planned to run. Fielding-Smith had cycled to Driffield to look after his children while his wife Rebecca took part in the race. Rebecca was not feeling 100% and decided not to run after all. Pete did not want to waste an opportunity to race but running was impossible in his cycling shoes. This problem was solved by a sports retailer at the race who sold Pete some new running shoes. He thoroughly enjoyed the race and winning a prize was a bonus.

Pete Fielding-Smith approaches the finish

Several other Beverley runners were also awarded prizes. Pete Watkinson, Alan Flint and Pam Atkins all won second prize in their age category.

Beverley AC's chairman, Rob Reid, continued a run of personal bests by taking three minutes off his previous best in the Mucky Duck. Since the start of 2011 he has recorded new personal best times at 5k, 10k, 8.5 miles, half-marathon and marathon. Delighted with his excellent form after setbacks due to injury he said "I appear, like a fine wine, to be improving with age!"

There were 158 finishers and the race was won by Phill Taylor of Bridlington Road Runners in 47:03. The first lady was Louise Brown of Scarborough AC in 53:01.



Rob Reid approaches the finish

Beverley AC finishing times:

Nicholas Riggs 51:37; Pete Fielding-Smith 54:18; Rob Reid 60:39; Andy Johnson 56:55; Alan Flint 61:13; Pete Watkinson 61:31; Miranda Hunt 71:01; Steve Hadley 73:42; Paul Evans 74:31; Rachel Woolner 77:59; Jo Dewar 78:00; Pam Atkins 82:47; Elaine Julian 90:23; Rachel Cope 90:23.

Prize winning vets



Pete Watkinson



Pam Atkins



Alan Flint