

Mucky Duck
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Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley AC

A group of 22 runners from Beverley Athletic Club took part in last Sunday's Mucky Duck 8½ mile multi-terrain race from Driffield Rugby Club. They performed well on the challenging hilly course despite the high temperatures and came home with a number of prizes.

Beverley's men won first prize in the team competition in the face of strong competition from Pudsey Pacers and City of Hull. The first three finishers for each club score points for their team and Beverley AC was represented by James Pearson, Elliot Hakner and Mark Dalton. They all finished in the top 10 and were rewarded with a team trophy and individual plaques.

It was the first time that James Pearson had run the Mucky Duck race and he finished in second place in 48:20. New member Elliot Hakner and club stalwart Mark Dalton finished within a split second of each other in 55:20 in eighth and ninth places respectively. Although Hakner only joined Beverley AC in February he has run the Mucky Duck many times and used to use the route regularly for training. Mark Dalton also won first prize in the MV50 category.

In the ladies' competition Zoe Dale finished in fourth place and was also second in the LV40 age group. Having run both the Hull and London marathons last month she enjoyed the shorter distance and challenging hills of the Mucky Duck. She said: "It was very hot but I felt OK all the way round. I think it is a result of my marathon training."



Photo: Zoe Dale

It was the first race in a Beverley vest for new member Pam Gale. Despite walking 50 miles in Rosedale a few days before the Mucky Duck she finished in an excellent time of 67:54 and won second prize in the LV55 category.

Prizes were also awarded to Pete Watkinson – second MV55 and 35th overall; Tanwen Gray and Miranda Hunt – second and third LV35.

It was a pity that veteran prizes stopped at age 60 for men and 55 for ladies. Beverley AC has a number of older athletes such as Frank Harrison and Pam Atkins who continue to perform well in races and who deserve recognition. Atkins finished in 83:25 and Harrison in 84:56.

There were 184 finishers and the race was won by Phill Taylor of Bridlington Road Runners in 47:12. The first lady was Emma Brown also of Bridlington Road Runners. She crossed the line in 59:21 in 23rd place overall.

Beverley AC finishing times:

James Pearson 48:20; Elliot Hakner 55:20; Mark Dalton 55:20; Neil Husband 58:05; Andy Arnold 58:21; Steve Parkinson 61:34; Zoe Dale 62:24; Michael Anderson 64:14; Steve Dale 66:22; Pete Watkinson 67:12; Pam Gale 67:54; Tanwen Gray 70:59; Miranda Hunt 72:08; Andy Grainger 73:20; Jackie Hardman 73:58; Tony Beck 75:30; Rachel Woolner 76:39; Pam Atkins 83:25; Frank Harrison 84:56; John Boardley 87:43; Pete McNally 91:54; Cat Williamson 97:54.

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Andy Grainger, Michael Anderson and Pete Watkinson



Jackie Hardman, Tanwen Gray and Steve Parkinson



Ian Husband and Zoe Dale