

East Yorkshire Cross Country League 2009
Bishop Wilton
Sunday 4 October
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club



The East Yorkshire Cross Country League got off to a fine start at Bishop Wilton last Sunday with 134 runners from eight local running clubs taking part.

The race was won by Phil Taylor of Bridlington Road Runners in 37.15 - a minute clear of his nearest rival.

Beverley Athletic Club fielded a large squad of 28 runners. Newcomer, James Pearson, competing in his first cross country race for the club, finished in sixth position in 39.32. James' excellent performance helped push the Beverley men into third position in the league. After such a good start it will be interesting to see how James develops as he becomes more experienced.



Teams from Scarborough, City of Hull and Driffield dominated the top ten positions in the ladies' competition with Scarborough's Katy Rawnsley (42.19) finishing first. Beverley ladies were led home by Helen Storr in 51.50 and the team finished in fifth position overall. With some of the faster Beverley ladies not competing this year the team will have to work hard to mount a challenge for the team trophy.

Dianne Coleman and Elaine Julian were also competing in their first cross country race and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They both recorded very respectable times on what is a very challenging course.

The East Yorkshire Cross Country League is open to members of participating clubs and consists of six races of approximately six miles each held monthly from October to March. As the season progresses the weather and conditions add to the challenge. It was warm, sunny and dry at Bishop Wilton last Sunday but cold, mud and more mud are expected later in the season when tactics, shoes and stamina will determine the winners.

Beverley hosts the next race at Drewton Woods near South Cave at 11.00 on Sunday 8 November.

Photos

Beverley AC and James Pearson

Beverley AC finishing times:

James Pearson 39.32; Jim McGivern 40.06; Aubrey Morrell 41.36; Steve Jackson 42.29; Paul Clark 44.48; Kristian Davis 45.16; Andy Tate 46.16; Pete Watkinson 46.33; Andy Collinson 46.40; Andy Johnson 46.43; Tim Simpson 46.56; Neil Bant 47.30; Steve Williets 47.57; Rob Reid 49.49; Steve Hadley 51.35; Helen Storr 51.50; Brian Richardson 52.12; Jayne Dale 52.13; Sam Allen 55.33; Colin Sleight 57.58; Dianne Coleman 58.47; Amanda Ritchie 60.09; Pam Atkins 61.22; John Boardley 66.07; Kay Farrow 67.06; Elaine Julian 67.13; Pete McNally 67.28; Richard Tomlinson 74.39