

**East Yorkshire Cross Country League**  
**Race 2 Drewton Woods**  
**8 November 2009**  
**Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club**

Beverley AC hosted the second race in this season's East Yorkshire Cross Country League at Drewton Woods near South Cave last Sunday. Conditions were perfect – mild with sunshine and a reasonable amount of mud.

Fresh from the English National Cross Country Relay Championships the previous weekend, James Pearson was Beverley's fastest man, finishing in fifth position in 39.31. James is having an excellent first season with Beverley and is proving to be a very consistent runner.



The times of the first six men to finish for each club count towards the team competition. After two races the Beverley men lie in fourth position. City of Hull and Scarborough are fielding very strong teams this year but with another 4 races to complete the Beverley men will be mounting a fierce challenge.

Carrie Smith, née Millson, competing in her first race since getting married at the end of October, led the Beverley ladies home. She finished in eighth position in a time of 49.53 and boosted the team performance. The times of the first three ladies count towards the team competition and Beverley is currently in fifth position. Helen Storr, Sam Allen and Jayne Dale have worked hard to keep up with the leaders and if Carrie continues to compete Beverley ladies will have a good chance of moving up the league table.



Out of the limelight and at the back of the field, Beverley was represented by a group of dedicated and determined slower runners both male and female. They all enjoy cross country running and the opportunity to represent their club. Their achievements over the six mile course at South Cave, up and down some very steep hills, through woods and mud also deserve recognition.

First man to finish was City of Hull's Stuart Carmichael in 37.51 and the first lady was Katy Rawnsley of Scarborough in 43.08.

**Finishing times for Beverley AC men**

James Pearson 39.31; Jim McGivern 42.11; Aubrey Morrell 42.30; Steve Jackson 44.08; Ian Husband 44.56; Kristian Davis 46.42; Andy Tate 47.28; Paul Clark 47.40; Andy Johnson 47.44; Andy Collinson 49.20; Pete Watkinson 49.27; Steve Williets 51.03; Rob Reid 52.00; Steve Hadley 53.41; Brian Richardson 54.11; Eddy Moore 57.35; Tony St John 59.07; Alex Gymer 59.47; Pete McNally 66.15; John Boardley 67.37.

**Finishing times for Beverley AC ladies**

Carrie Smith 49.53; Helen Storr 52.55; Sam Allen 54.41; Jayne Dale 55.37; Dianne Coleman 58.53; Amanda Ritchie 61.17; Pam Atkins 63.26; Kay Farrow 64.58; Elaine Julian 67.37.

**Photos**

James Pearson clear of the pack

Carrie Smith fends off the opposition