

Withernsea 5 and Fun Run
A grand day out
Sunday 4 July 2010
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club

Beverley AC athletes enjoyed a trip to the seaside on Sunday to run the Withernsea 5 and fun run, organised by Withernsea Harriers. There was a record entry for both races and the offer of free fish and chips for all finishers in the 5 mile race proved a big attraction for Beverley runners.



Beverley AC Juniors lead the fun run

Beverley Juniors dominated the 3k fun run, with 13 runners in the first 14 positions. Prizes were presented to Ethan Dalton, second boy, and Oliver Cockerill, third boy. The first three girls to finish were all from Beverley - Nicole Dawson, Dayna Arnott and Jessica Chapman. All received special commemorative medals.

On a rare occasion when the juniors and seniors ran at the same location there was good representation from families within the club.

The Arnotts were the most representative family with Corey, Kelvin and Kendall in the main race and Curtis, Dayna and Taylor in the fun run. The Arnotts have been running for Beverley Juniors for several years and it was good to see the older teenagers progressing from the fun run to the 5 mile distance.

Teenager Andrew Harding also moved up to the main race and had a brilliant run, finishing in 11th place in 31.09 in front of some very experienced male athletes.

James Pearson took third prize and was the first Beverley runner to finish. On form Mark Dalton finished 20 seconds faster than last year and was awarded the V45 prize for the second successive year.

Beverley ladies won 3 of the 5 veteran's prizes: Lucy Stamford V35, Jackie Wright V45 and Jayne Dale V50. Prizes were presented by Ann Blake, Mayor of Withernsea.



James Pearson, Jayne Dale, Lucy Stamford and Mark Dalton

Withernsea sea front looked great in the sunshine but conditions were very hot with temperatures around 26 degrees. Runners were buffeted by a strong breeze but at least it helped to cool them down.

182 runners completed the 5 mile course and the race was won by Steve Bateson of East Hull Harriers in 26.01.

Beverley AC finishing times:

James Pearson 28.20; Mark Dalton 30.16; Steve Peacock 30.45; Andy Johnson 30.55; Andrew Harding 31.09; Ian Husband 32.17; Mark Dawson 34.02; Andy Tate 34.19; Corey Arnott 34.36; Tim Simpson 35.24; Lucy Stamford 35.42; Lucas Meagor 35.59; Rob Reid 36.08; Jayne Dale 38.07; Kelvin Arnott 38.09; Neil Sergeant 38.16; Sam Allen 38.39; Andrew Brant 39.35; Steve Hadley 40.10; Kendall Arnott 40.26; Jed Holden 40.38; Jackie Wright 40.54; Debs Brant 41.08; Amanda Ritchie 42.24; Andy Grainger 43.20; Pam Atkins 43.50; Kay Farrow 44.09.

Beverley Juniors finishing times:

Ethan Dalton 11.20 (2nd boy); Nicole Dawson 11.44 (1st girl); Oliver Cockerill 12.13 (3rd boy); Dayna Arnott 12.33 (2nd girl); Jessica Chapman 12.39 (3rd girl); Alex Park 12.42; Curtis Arnott 12.44; Edward Prew 12.48; Kelly Dawson 12.59; Taylor Arnott 13.01; Luke Chapman 13.06; Morgan Dennis 13.07; Eleanor Boyd 13.39; Lauryn Garwood 14.15; Jacob Chastney 14.50; Francesca Brittain 15.56.

There were 64 finishers in the 3k fun run which was won by Jonathan Shields of Sheffield in 11.03.