

East Yorkshire XC League 2011 – 2012
Race 2 Drewton Woods
Sunday 13 November 2011
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley AC



The second race in the East Yorkshire Cross-Country League took place last Sunday over a challenging 6.6 mile course around Drewton Wold near South Cave.

It was a misty and mild autumn morning and conditions were mainly dry underfoot with a couple of muddy sections. The undulating route took runners through woodland, along footpaths and round field edges. The scenery was spectacular and enjoyed by all athletes as they tackled the arduous course.



James Pearson, Aubrey Morrell and Nick Riggs

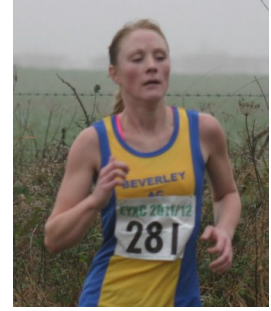
First and second places were taken by City of Hull with Beverley's James Pearson finishing in third place in 42:13. Aubrey Morrell and Nick Riggs secured fourth and ninth positions for Beverley in 43:14 and 43:31 respectively. It is Riggs' first cross-country season and he is proving to be a reliable and consistent athlete scoring valuable points for his team.

It was new member Ross Flood's debut in a Beverley vest and also his first cross-country race but despite his inexperience he finished in eleventh place overall. He found the course at Drewton very challenging and admitted "I struggled on the steep downhill and found them a bit nerve-racking." Nevertheless he enjoyed the race and hopes to complete the



series. His performance shows promise and as he gains experience he will be able to tackle the hills more confidently.

In only her second race for Beverley Carla Stansfield was the second lady to cross the finishing line. She was the first Beverley lady home and she finished in twenty-fifth place overall in 47:18.



Carla Stansfield

Ross Flood

The next Beverley lady to finish was Sam Allen, a very experienced cross-country runner and a reliable team member who has recorded a series of personal bests in recent road races. Allen was the ninth lady to finish. She was followed closely by Jeroen Pasman making his debut at cross-country for Beverley and finishing in a very respectable 52:24.



Sam Allen, Julie Donald, Lucy Stamford and Kate Ladell

Julie Donald, Lucy Stamford and Kate Ladell all finished within seconds of each other in 10th, 12th and 13th place respectively. It was Donald's first race at Drewton Woods and like Ross Flood admitted to finding the steep hills tough: "The inclines made your calf muscles burn and the muddy and slippery downhill section made your heart race with fear of tumbling."



Jeroen Pasman, Justine Anderson and Mark Walsh

Beverley fielded a strong squad of 44 which included some very experienced cross-country runners as well as new members in their first season with the club. Everyone is a member of the team but it is the first six men and the first three ladies to finish for each club who score points.

After two races Beverley lie in second place behind City of Hull in both the men's and women's league table.

The next race will be held on Sunday 11 December at Langdale End and will be hosted by Scarborough AC.

There were 186 finishers at Drewton Woods and the race was won by Jim Rogers of City of Hull AC in 41:31. The first lady to finish was Helen Cross of Pocklington Road Runners in 44:54 and in 14th place overall.



Charlie Culpan, Adrian Holland and Kristian Davis

Beverley AC finishing times:

James Pearson 42:13; Aubrey Morrell 43:14; Nick Riggs 43:31; Ross Flood 44:03; Jim McGivern 44:40; Stuart Little 46:32; Carla Stansfield 47:18; Andy Johnson 47:23; Steve Evins 47:46; Mark Walsh 47:47; David Millson 48:58; Kristian Davis 49:31; Neil Bant 49:46; Alan Flint 51:29; Pete Watkinson 51:35; Steve Williets 52:10; Sam Allen 52:12; Jeroen Pasman 52:24; Julie Donald 54:12; Lucy Stamford 54:27; Kate Ladell 54:55; Steve Hadley 57:20; Adrian Holland 57:41; Jayne Dale 58:04; Justine Anderson 58:30; Bill Grieve 58:54; Amanda Ritchie 59:21; Pete Myers 59:28; Carrie Smith 59:35; Tim Simpson 60:01; Angela Collins 62:30; Mark Oglesby 63:00; Jackie Hardman 63:29; Colin Sleight 64:04; Jane Goodchild 64:22; Charlie Culpan 65:17; Richard Crabtree 66:07; Sarah Crabtree 66:39; Pam Atkins 70:48; Jacqui Dickinson 72:01; Elaine Julian 72:40; Chris Hemingway 73:17; John Boardley 73:25.

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Alan Flint and Pete Watkinson, Carrie Smith and Mark Oglesby



Steve Evins and Neil Bant, John Boardley and Chris Hemingway



Colin Sleight, Bill Grieve, Pete Myers, Richard Crabtree



Jayne Dale, Amanda Ritchie and Pam Atkins



Jim McGivern, Steve Hadley and Pete McNally

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Jackie Hardman, Elaine Julian, Jacqui Dickinson and Jane Goodchild

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