

North Worcestershire Multi-Terrain 8

Sunday 2nd October 2005

Tom Kenderdine (Kidderminster & Stourport) repeated his victory from last year and took 4 minutes off in the process of winning the North Worcestershire Multi-Terrain 8 mile in 50 minutes and 47 seconds. A dry but fresh autumn morning greeted the 127 runners who took part in this tough Bromsgrove and Redditch A.C. promoted event around the Waseley and Lickey Hills. Conditions underfoot were good so times were generally faster than last year.



Left to right: Tom Kenderdine, Matt Hawcroft, Phil Carbutt & Patrick Noonan

Tom made his intentions clear by taking the lead immediately from the start on the school playing field and leading the runners up the first climb to the National Trust sign. He was never to be headed during the race. The chasing group comprised Matt Hawcroft (Birmingham Running and Triathlon Club), Phil Carbutt (B&R) and James Pickersley (Sparkhill Harriers) with the rest of the field strung out behind them. Matt finished second in 53.36 after a race long battle with Phil who recorded 53.49 in third place and first MV50. Pat Noonan (Kenilworth) was first MV40 in 55.27 with Gordon Orme (Birchfield Harriers) first MV60 in 67.58.



Left to right: Gordon Orme, Ann Brizzell, Jane Hawkins & Lucy Flanner

In a close ladies race Ann Brizzell (Midlands Vets) ran 62.25 to edge out Jane Hawkins (V35) in 62.31. First senior woman was Lucy Flanner (Solihull & Small Heath) 65.11 with Emma Hornby (K&S) second senior in 65.33. Joan Clarke (West Bromwich Harriers) came first V45 in 69.30. The men's team race was won by Kenilworth but no club fielded three women to qualify for the women's team prize.



Left: Phil Anderson (108) & Ian Keyte. Right: Steve James (55) & Roger Beacham

Understandably with many of our club members manning marshalling points on the hills and footpaths, there were very few red and blue B&R vests racing around the course. Phil Carbutt was first B&R man and further back there were two close contests between B&R runners. Ian Keyte ran below his usual form to finish 25th in 61.41 but still managed to hold off Phil Anderson (28th in 61-51). Phil had tracked him for 7 miles and passed him on the last big uphill only to give way again on the final stretch down from the ridge. Steve James (74th in 71-58) won an even closer duel with Roger Beacham (75th) by just 6 seconds. The trophy for the first B&R woman to finish was awarded to new recruit Jane Hawkins.



Left: Jane Hawkins & Phil Carbutt (first B&R finishers). Right: Edgar Nicholls is thanked by Mike Mole on behalf of the race organisers.

The race prizes were presented by B&R stalwart Edgar Nicholls - a founder member of Bromsgrove A&CC in the 1940's, he was considered for the 1948 London Olympics team and was a founder member of BRAC in 1962.



Left: Paul Jameson (52), James Douglas (112) & Brennan Lively (103) tackle the last hill. Right: Kenilworth's Martin Dorrill ignores the view from the top of Waseley.