

## Worcester Pitchcroft 10K & Fun Run – Sunday 19 July 2015

Venue: Worcester Racecourse

### RACE REPORT

After an early morning shower had passed through, the event enjoyed blustery, but fine sunny conditions.

The 10K race was preceded by the Fun Run at 10.30am and a small but fast field of runners was led home by George Beardmore of Worcester AC in a time of 9:47. The first girl Ruby Taylor, also of Worcester AC was just a minute behind George finishing in 10:47.

Traditionally the 10K race does not get underway until the last Fun Runner finishes and this year there was only a slight delay as the waiting field parted and graciously applauded our regular entrant - 84 year old Charles Morley - as he made his way to the finish.

Just over 200 runners were then sent on their way for the 3 laps of Pitchcroft Racecourse. The race attracts experienced and novice runners alike, but it was the club runners who set up the early pace with Adam Peacock of Bromsgrove & Redditch AC leading the pack. Adam relinquished his lead during the second lap to 2014 winner Stuart Hawkes of Kidderminster based club Amazing Feet, who then pressed on to defend his title and finish in a time of 32:31 – the fourth fastest time on this course! Adam Peacock held on to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and was followed home by Tom Stock 3<sup>rd</sup> (JM) and unattached runner James Richards (M40) in 4<sup>th</sup>.

The female race was led from start to finish by Shona Crombie-Hicks of Bourton Road Runners who crossed the line in 32<sup>nd</sup> place in a time of 39:05. Marie Voice of Kenilworth Runners - 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lynne Hill of Tipton Harriers - 3<sup>rd</sup> had maintained their positions throughout the race with strong even-paced running.

All finishers received a specially minted medal, and a Western Power Distribution sports bottle.

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> running of this event organised by Worcester Athletic Club and the awards presentation (see below) was made by Derek Cowdrey – WAC Club Chair – when prize winners and Masters Category winners were awarded engraved salvers and bottles.

#### Prizewinners

##### MALE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stuart Hawkes	Amazing Feet RC	32:31	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adam Peacock	Bromsgrove & Redditch AC	34:19	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Stock	Worcester AC	34:31	JM
4 <sup>th</sup>	James Richards	U/A	34:37	M40
M40				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dean Hill	Tipton Harriers	36:10	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Simmer	U/A	37:11	
M50				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Hughes	Hereford Couriers	37:20	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Keyte	Bromsgrove & Redditch AC	38:13	

continued

M60

1<sup>st</sup> Tony Lewington Teme Valley TC 41:11

1<sup>st</sup> Team **Hereford Couriers** Charlie Jones 37:17 - Richard Hughes 37:20 - Russell James 37:46

**FEMALE**

1<sup>st</sup> Shona Crombie-Hicks Bourton RR 39:05 F35

2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Voice Kenilworth Runners 39:50

3<sup>rd</sup> Lynne Hill Tipton Harriers 39:58 F35

4<sup>th</sup> Caroline Whitehouse Spa Striders 42:19 F35

F35

1<sup>st</sup> Louise Andrews Kenilworth Runners 43:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Seward Black Pear Joggers 43:31

F45

1<sup>st</sup> Jude Glynn Bournville Harriers 49:54

2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Gallagher Malvern Joggers 53:22

F55

1<sup>st</sup> Julie Caseley Malvern Joggers 49:21

1<sup>st</sup> Team **Kenilworth Runners** Marie Voice 39:50 - Louise Andrews - 43:00 - Rachel Miller 43:47

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