



# Battle at Boggy Bosworth

Leicestershire Cross Country Championships, Saturday 8th January



Dave Wilmot, Mike Stiff, Ray Draycott, Clive Jone, Colin Baxter



Clive looks like he is enjoying the mud!

## From a runner's perspective

Last year's County Cross Country Championships had a brilliant backdrop of a snow covered course and weaving through Brocks Hill County Park. This year it was back to proper Cross Country conditions of loads of mud. A bright day did not mean warm conditions and the chill factor was definitely a factor to contend with. Earlier in the day Julie Lamb was the sole Wigston Phoenix lady to compete and did a fine job representing the Club by coming 3rd in the Womens 6k Masters competition in a time of 28.09.

In the Mens team we only had a Master squad competing. After Ted Toft's death earlier on in the week a fitting minutes' silence was held before the start of the race. A combined Under 20's, Seniors and Masters field gave the race some bulk to the numbers. As this was the last race of the day we had the misfortune to encounter a very churned up course under foot due to all the races that had preceded us. In some stages it was very hard to get any momentum going. As the gun when off there was a very eager start and it felt more like a road

race in terms of speed for the first half mile. This came back to haunt me as the muddy fields made the going very tough. Unfortunately Alex Webster had to pull out after the first mile with a niggle making it unwise to continue. Andy Peet stepped up to the mark and led the Wigston Phoenix Mens squad round in an excellent time of 43.17. A few minutes later I thankfully finished with some very heavy, muddy legs. Mike Stiff in his usual capacity of results man also did well, getting round the course closely followed by Clive Jones and Dave Wilmot. Completing the team was Ray Draycott who like the rest of us, was glad to finish!

*Colin Baxter.*

## From the Chief Marshal's perspective

I had a marshals meeting at 11.00am and thankfully all the guys whose arms had been twisted appeared and we had a full set of marshals. Mark Thompson and Richard Pearson were amongst them but they had no favours from me as Mark was told to take up a position soon after the start to herd the masses round the first corner. Main drawback was that this was a pretty exposed part of the course and,

although the sun came out, there was a biting wind. Richard was despatched to the far end of the course, miles from anyone and detailed to see the runners safely round the corner where the mud was at its deepest. His main function turned out to be rescuing running shoes dragged off by the mud.

Some other parts of the course were equally bad. I was positioned close to the finish by the final gate and well able to encourage the Wigston Phoenix contingent. All got through pretty well except Alex Webster who pulled out during the first lap to protect a niggling injury. Dave Wilmot seemed about all-in but finished really well, despite trying to duck the tape at the end to try and do another lap!

A long day, but enjoyable and rewarding (I think!). Races started at 12noon and all were completed by 3.15pm. But then the course had to be dismantled and return to a condition fit for Richard to do battle on. Something everybody should do from time to time. My special thanks to Mark and Richard.

*Ramon*

# Annual Club Party

**Friday 28th January, Leicester Tigers Ground**

This year's party was a real success and combined the usual Annual Party and Presentation night into one event. Gathered at the Leicester Tigers ground gave us a great setting for the evening and Chairman Ian presented the Awards on the night with a slick delivery as always. We had a great turn out with over 60 members in attendance with a few partners as well. After the awards were presented this was followed by a rather tasty hot fork buffet, then the disco began taking us through the evening. There was much dancing done and no one was safe from being dragged onto the dance floor - thanks Anne! We hope that all that attended had a great time and hope that this sets a good agenda for next years party! Congratulations to all the award winners, make sure you display your trophy with pride. A big thanks to all the people involved in making this happen and helping support your Club.

See you next year!



Katy Goult



Craig Baker



Mike Stiff



Martin Hulbert



Jo Steane



Mel Prusek

## Presentation Evening Awards

Outstanding Female Performance	<b>Maxine Powell</b>
Outstanding Male Performance	<b>Alex Webster</b>
John Fraser Award (O/S Vet )	<b>Les Chesterton</b>
Best Newcomer Award Female	<b>Jo Steane</b>
Best Newcomer Award Male	<b>Martin Hulbert</b>
Most Improved League Female	<b>Carole Priestley</b>
Most Improved League Male	<b>Craig Baker</b>
Most Improved Marathon	<b>Katy Goult</b>
Most Improved Half Marathon	<b>Jo Steane</b>
Liz Mccaffrey Female Merit	<b>Mel Prusek</b>
Norman Bennett Male Merit	<b>Mike Stiff</b>

## Club Standard Awards

### Diamond Awards

Mark Powell Senior Men

### Emerald Awards

Alex Webster Male 40-44

### Gold Awards

Neil Carter Senior Men

### Silver Awards

Martin Hulbert Senior Men

Clive Jones Male 40-44

### Bronze Awards

Maxine Powell Female 35-39

Ron Walton Male 55-59

Dave Wilmot Male 55-59

### Copper Awards

Nigel Ayres Male 45-49

Julie Cornes Female 40-44

Phoenix Hoyle Male 45-49

Dave Muddimer Male 55-59

Tom Muddimer Senior Men

Karen Rogers Female 45-49

Jo Steane Female 35-39

## Presentation Night Thanks

Ramon & Janet Howe much appreciated the kind words said at the Presentation Night and would like to thank Chairman Ian, the Committee and all members for the generous gifts of a fine engraved tankard plus golf vouchers, and, of course, the splendid bouquet of flowers.

We thought the evening went really well and perhaps will set the trend for the future. Congratulations to the organisers.

*Ramon Howe*



# Barrow 6 - LRRL Race 1

## Barrow Race Report 23.01.11

### WOMEN

A good start for the ladies with Julie Lamb (1st vet) in just over 40 minutes in 12th place, but a lack of numbers throughout the race led to a 5th team position for Women (Division 2) and 2nd place for Veteran Women (Division 2). Kirsty Walker was our next counter in 63rd place in 46.34 with Jo Steane following in 92nd place in 49.37. Heidi Rose, making her club debut, finished in 52.15 in 11th place, followed by Carole Priestley in 120th place in 52.39 and Julie Cornes in 54.27 and 130th position. A total of 178 female runners took part.

### MEN

Neil Carter and Alex Webster made a good start to the Winter League series with 14th and 15th places respectively in times just over 34 minutes. We were missing some of the usual runners so the team positions were 5th for Men (Division 2) and 6th for Veteran Men (Division 2). Mike Stiff was next in 84th place with Tom Drake making his club debut in 124th place in 39.34. Clive Jones was one place ahead of Rob Pullen in 171st position in a time of 41.28. This was followed by Rob Burgin in 185th place in just over 42 minutes followed almost a minute later by Dave Wilmot in 206th place and Phoenix Hoyle in 220th place. Dean Hassall finished in just under 47 minutes in 276th place and Jon Hunt made his club debut in 292nd place in a time just under 48 minutes. Ray Draycott came next in 307th place in 49.23 with Mark Thompson in 333rd place in 54.29. Bob Pople completed the team in 343rd position in just under 58 minutes. A total of 355 male runners completed the race.

## news in brief

### New Members

Welcome to **Jason Tyler, Tom Drake** and **Jon Hunt** who joined the club recently.

### Membership Update

For 2011 the Membership Fee has been agreed by the Committee to be kept at £18 with a 50% concessionary rate. This is to be payable from the date of the AGM 15th February 2011. Members are asked to renew their membership by the end of April. It is also possible to pay via internet banking, please contact Mick Jordan for further details if you wish to pay by this method.

### Rainbows 100 Lap Challenge

This year's event will take place on Friday 15th July at Saffron Lane at 7.00pm. Please put the date in your diary as we would like to enter a Wigston Phoenix team for the event.

### Club Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 15th February 2011

The second Wigston Phoenix RC AGM will be held at 8.30pm on Tuesday 15th February 2011 in the Lounge at Wigston British Legion.

The Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer will need to be elected for 2011 as the principal Officers of the club. Reports will be presented by the Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captains and any motions proposed will be discussed.

Please take an interest in your club by attending.

## Club Kit

The following items are available to be purchased by members - Shirts available in different sizes, Mens & Ladies:

**Vests** - £13.50 from Mike Stiff.

**Short-Sleeve Tops** - £14 from Ian Fraser.

**Long-Sleeve Tops** - £16 from Ian Fraser.

**Beanie Hats** - £5 from Mark Thompson.



Short Sleeve (Mens)



Long Sleeve (Womens)



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# 2011 fixtures & club dates

## FEBRUARY 2011

- Sun 6th** Charnwood Hills Fell Race, 13 miles, Anstey (10.00 am)
- Sun 6th** Avalanche Adventure Run 10K, Sibbertoft, Market Harborough (11.00 am)
- Sun 13th** Leics Road Running League, race no. 3, Markfield 10K (10.30 am)
- Tue 15th** **Wigston Phoenix RC Club AGM (8.30 pm)**
- Sat 19th** National XC Championships, Alton Towers
- Sun 20th** Derby Runner XC, race no. 5, Bosworth Battlefield (11.00 am)
- Sun 27th** Leics Road Running League, race no. 4, Desford 10K (10.30 am)

## MARCH 2011

- Sat 5th** Belvoir Challenge, 15 or 26 miles multi-terrain (9.00 am)
- Sun 6th** Derby Runner XC, race no. 6, Shelton (11.00 am)
- Sun 6th** Silverstone Half Marathon (12.00)
- Sun 13th** Stafford 20 (10.30 am)
- Sun 13th** Ashby 20, Ashby de la Zouch (10.00 am)
- Sun 13th** Retford Half Marathon (10.00 am)
- Sun 13th** Milton Keynes Half Marathon, 10K & 5K (10.00 am)
- Sat 19th** Midland 12 & 6 Stage Road Race Relays, Sutton Park
- Sun 20th** Newtons Fraction \_ marathon, Grantham (10.30 am)
- Sun 20th** Leics Road Running League, race no. 5, Kibworth 6 (10.30 am)
- Sun 20th** Stafford Half marathon (10.30 am)
- Sun 20th** Farmyard Frolics 10K, Brooksby College (11.00 am)
- Sun 20th** Full & Half Kilomathon, Derby (9.00 am)
- Sat 26th** Charnwood Marathon, 15 or 26 miles, Quorn (9.00 am)
- Sun 27th** Derby Runner XC, Final, Hatton Darts (11.00 am)

## APRIL 2011

- Sun 3rd** Leicester 10K, Abbey Park (9.30 am)
- Sun 3rd** City of Lincoln 10K (11.00 am)
- Sun 3rd** Belvoir Half Marathon & 4.5 mile Fun Run, Hose (10.00 am)
- Sun 3rd** Derbyshire Building Society 10K & Fun Run, Pride Park, Derby (9.30 am)
- Sun 17th** London Marathon
- Sun 24th** Livingston Relays, Braunstone Park (10.30 am)
- Mon 25th** Stanwick 10K, Northants (10.30 am)

## results // dec 10 - jan 11

### Wigston Phoenix Xmas Handicap, 4 miles XC (time order). 19.12.10

1	Martin Hulbert	26.40	14	Malc Merrifield	34.00
2	Andy Peet	27.27	15	Rob Burgin	34.22
3	Colin Baxter	28.23	16	George Rogers	34.53
4	Andy Johnson	28.25	17	Ron Walton	35.15
5	Rob Nurse	29.55	18	Dean Hassall	35.39
6	Rob Gregory	30.11	19	Ian Fraser	36.42
7	Mike Stiff	30.33	20	Jo Steane	36.44
8	Clive Jones	30.38	21	Julie Palmer	37.49
9	John Mason	31.17	22	Glen Conroy	41.03
10	Mick Jordan	31.24	23	Anne Boulger	41.12
11	Dave Wilmot	31.34	24	Jon Gunnell	41.37
12	Ken Piggin	32.59	25	Karen Rogers	41.59
13	Jane Fraser	33.22	26	Pete Greer	44.02

### Huncote Hash XC, 6 miles. 02.01.11

23	Andy Peet	46.52	166	Jane Fraser	65.22
77	Rob Pullen	54.22	179	Jon Gunnell	66.52
79	Dave Wilmot	54.30	206	Carole Priestley	71.09
149	Richard Pearson	62.30	246	Bob Pople	84.10
165	Tania Brandon	65.20			

### Leics XC Championships – Masters Women 6K. 08.01.11

3	Julie Lamb	28.09
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### Leics XC Championships – Masters Men 10K. 08.01.11

17	Andy Peet	43.27
29	Colin Baxter	46.46
33	Mike Stiff	47.51
37	Clive Jones	48.29
43	Dave Wilmot	49.26
62	Ray Draycott	59.19

### Derby Runner XC 4, Grace Dieu School. 16.01.11

#### Men

37	Andy Peet	35.06
80	Rob Gregory	37.58
91	Clive Jones	38.34
111	Mike Stiff	40.00
117	Nigel Ayres	40.11
122	Les Chesterton	40.33
124	Dave Wilmot	40.36

234	Pete Sylvester	50.55
235	Ray Draycott	52.21
245	Bob Pople	58.01

#### Women

30	Sadie Murphy	43.41
85	Carole Priestley	54.22

### LRRL Winter League race 1, Barrow 6. 23.01.11

#### Men

14	Neil Carter	34.03
15	Alex Webster	34.12
89	Mike Stiff	37.23
134	Tom Drake	39.34
189	Clive Jones	41.28
190	Rob Pullen	41.29
211	Rob Burgin	42.13
235	Dave Wilmot	43.04
255	Phoenix Hoyle	43.33
344	Dean Hassall	46.53
369	Jon Hunt	47.56

394	Ray Draycott	49.23
464	Mark Thompson	54.29
489	Bob Pople	57.51

#### Women

149	Julie Lamb	40.02
336	Kirsty Walker	46.34
402	Jo Steane	49.37
437	Heidi Rose	52.15
442	Carole Priestley	52.39
462	Julie Comes	54.27

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