



Bourton Roadrunners
Bourton-on-the-Water, Cheltenham, Glos

VETS ON FORM FOR LONDON

Amongst the top Bourton men, brows were furrowing that they might be the one to let the team down, but each one had no need for concern, as they all performed superbly and should be awarded first Veteran Men's team. Mike Smith lead them home in 66th position overall and a Vet/40 placing of 5th with a time of 2:31:24. Dennis Walmsley used his vast marathon experience to pull away from Alistair Lockey in the final miles to gain him 2nd Vet 45 position and a silver London Marathon medal in 2:35:8. However, Alistair was far from disappointed as he achieved a personal marathon best by 7 minutes for 2:35:39. Ian MacDougall was never far from the equation in 6th Vet 45 placing with 2:39:35.

Andy Chapple, hoping to beat the 3 hour barrier, timed it perfectly to finish in 2:59:07, while marathon man, Steve Edwards did 3:02:35. Tony Goodwill was delighted with his 3:07:10. Ewen Smith, running for NSPCC used it as a training run for Lochaber in 2 weeks. Hope he didn't go too fast, as he finished in 3:30:14! Richard Bufton, slightly down on miles, had a fine run in 3:43:11.

Lynn Hudson's dedication paid off with an excellent time of 3:47:58, only 3 minutes off her PB, despite being a couple of years older. Andy Green ran round in combat gear carrying a back-pack aiming for sub 4, which he did with ease for 3:52:51.

Gill Carrick on her marathon debut stuck to the pace with team mate Julia Rutherford, finishing in a very commendable 4:14:26 together. Chris Bence again defied the rule books by only training up to 10 miles, but finished very comfortably in 4:28:12.

First time marathoners Rachel Griffin and Roisin Wood were fortunate to have the experienced John Gibson in his Hamlet costume escort them round and they thoroughly enjoyed the day finishing hand in hand with a time of 4:30:16.

Brittany Teague represented Gloucestershire in the Mini Marathon, finishing in an excellent time of 18:54 in 88th position.