

Shakespeare Marathon
26th April 2009

Corby AC's Kym Wheeler and John Thomas both won their respective veteran age sections at the Shakespeare marathon which was held at Stratford-upon-Avon. The former clocked her second fastest time over the distance when she came home in 3.30.45 to take the over-50 ladies section. Her effort slotted her into tenth position overall as Kathleen Sincock (South West Road Runners) secured top place in 3.03.33 from Serpentine's Jennifer Armson (3.13.41).

Trudi Pike also performed well for the club when she set a new best of 3.33.32 to finish runner up in the Veteran-35 group. Her fine effort gave her 14th place in the overall standing.

Thomas turned in his fastest time for a number of years when his typical gutsy run brought him home in 3.36.43. This effort gave him pole position in the over-65 section and slotted him into 195th place overall.

Corby's top male runner home was debutant Chris Dunne who ran well to finish 40th in 3.08.53 while also running well on his first outing over the distance was Steve Peden who clocked 3.16.07 for 65th.

Larry Wise (355th in 3.56.48) ran a new best for the distance while also in action for Corby was Brian Farrar (400th in 4.02.26) and Norman Smith who, despite falling heavily off his bike a few days earlier, gamely ran round in 4.09.46 to finish 436th.

Paul Mountford (Tipton Harriers) won in 2.39.04 with Mark Shepherd of Team Kennet taking second in 2.44.01 just ahead of Riverside's Paul Veirch (2.44.27).

Held in conjunction was a half marathon in which Corby's Catherine Wright did very well to take second spot in the over-50 veteran group behind Garden City Runner Leslie Andrew (1.34.12). She clocked 1.39.17 which placed her 28th overall in the race which was won in 1.20.28 by Rachael Elliott (Team Kennet) from Birchfield Harrier Sophie Williams (1.25.45).

Steve Craker (2.01.18) and his wife Tracey (2.01.19) also represented Corby.