

## Road Races Thorney/Draycote



Pete Gray successfully switched his attention to the roads after his best cross country season to date by winning the veteran-50 section in this year's Thorney 10km.

The Corby AC Northern Irish veteran international won a close contest over a new course when he covered the distance in 39.32. Breathing down his neck in the closing stages was Cambridge & Coleridge's Leon Stone who was only four seconds adrift at the finish with John Noble (Notts AC) finishing third in the section in 40.07.

Gray's effort placed him 23<sup>rd</sup> overall in the race which was won in 34.38 by London Heathside's Michael Stocks from the Nene Valley Harriers pair of Nick Grimer (34.48) and John Nash (35.02).

Also competing for Corby was John Eames who ran his best race since returning from injury with his 40.10 clocking which gave him 31<sup>st</sup>.



Chris Curtis followed up his third place in the Stanwick 10km with another pleasing effort in the Draycote 5 mile road race. The Corby AC runner came home in fourth place with his time for the distance being 27.29.

Ahead of him Rugby & Northampton AC's Paul Birch took third in 27.17 – 11 seconds adrift of the runner-up Garry Payne (George Eliot Striders) as Coventry Godiva Harrier Harvey Speed won in 26.36.