

Road Running 2009

John Thomas defied the atrocious weather conditions to lift the top prize in the over-65 section when a group of Corby AC runners competed in the Snowdonia Marathon.

In heavy rain at the start and in the closing stages, Thomas clocked 3.56.38 to finish 317th overall. Also in action for Corby on the male side was Norman Smith, who ran 4.40.40 for 800th overall and 36th veteran-55 and Steve Partridge, whose time of 4.40.40 brought him home in 801st place and 124th veteran-45.

Chester's Julian MacDonald won in 2.46.59 from Eryri Harrier Gwyn Owen (2.47.39) and Paul Lewis (Long Eaton) who clocked 2.48.03.



Turning in a fine performance for Corby on the women's side was Trudi Pike whose time of 3.48.46 clinched 18th position in the female section.

Also in action for the club was Jane Stedman who finished 99th overall and 18th in the veteran-45 age group in 4.28.41. Shan Roberts of Inqli Runners won in 3.17.03 from Eryri Harrier Andrea Rowlands (3.18.32).

Neal Humphreys declared himself happy with his run in the Dublin Marathon. The Corby AC runner ran an even paced race to come home in a time of 2.52.41 which slotted him into 70th place in the Senior Men's section as Ethiopian Feyisa Lilesa won in 2.09.12.

Danny Keating was the top local runner in this year's Fenland 10 mile road race. The Corby AC man ran 58.53 to finish in eighth place and a close runner-up in the veteran-40 section which was won in 58.42 by Stowmarket's Roger Aldis. Fifth in the same veteran age group was Corby's Alex Wright who clocked 1.05.24 for 30th overall.

Kettering Town Harrier Sam Blakeman also performed well and his time of 1.06.55 brought him home in 37th place. Robert Blakeman (KTH) recorded 1.32.28 for 246th overall.

Lincoln Wellington's Aaron Scott was the first male home when he ran 53.18 to finish ahead of Ipswich's Gavin Davies (55.54).

Loddington's Yvonne Scarrott finished a creditable fifth in the ladies race when running 1.08.47 for the runner-up spot in her veteran-40 age group behind Pitsea's Bev Mason (1.07.21). March's Melissa Neal won overall in 1.03.46 ahead of Werrington's Eli Scott (1.07.06).

The Corby pair of Catherine Wright (1.15.59) and Kym Wheeler (1.17.05) both secured high positions in their respective veteran age groups. The former was second in the over-55s and Wheeler was fourth in her over-50 age category. In the same age group Kettering Town Harrier Lesley Blakeman came seventh in 1.29.28.