

Braishfield Beer Race - 8 June 2014

There was a real buzz of excitement in the air as the sun rose on Sunday morning. With smiles and warm brows a record 303 runners finished the annual Braishfield 5 mile Beer Race, organised by the Romsey Road Runners. Conditions were dry and hot as the runners made their way around the stunning village course through the lanes of Braishfield. There was plenty of encouragement from marshals and residents alike.

First home was Andrew Griggs (Lordshill Road Runners) in a time of 27 minutes and 04 seconds, Andrew Griggs lead from start to finish. Ben Pitman (Lordshill Road Runners) was second in 28:55 with Max Costley (Southampton Athletics) in third place in a time of 29:06. First lady home was Karen Rushton (Southampton Athletics) in 32:22, ahead of Anna Giles (Eastleigh RC) in 35:27. Third Lady was Anna Smith-James in 35:50.

This is always a popular race as each of the runners receive a pint of 'London pride' beer, supplied by Fullers one of the main sponsors of the race, or if preferred, a soft drink. Thanks go to Mike and Sarah from the 'Old House at Home' in Romsey for their continued support in supplying and setting up the bar to ensure the beer was just right. Always a favourite is a piece of cake for all the finishers all freshly baked and supplied by members of the Romsey Road Runners.

Local world famous mineral water suppliers Hildon also sponsored the event with bottles of water for each of the runners as they crossed the finish line. Local running shop 'Up and Running' of Chandlers Ford for spot prizes to a number of finishers.

Romsey Road Runners wish to thank the above sponsors for their continued support, and the Parish Council, cricket club, landowners and residents of Braishfield for their support also.

Race figures:

- Entries topped 330
- There were 303 finishers
- 264 pre-entered
- As many as 66+ entered on the day
- Over 116 were attached
- And more than 188 unattached
- As with many events there were several DNSs
- And 1 DNF

These are the most impressive figures we have had since the race began.

We are very lucky to have such a fantastic membership at Romsey Road Runners and would like to thank members for all the support and hard work they put into making this event a race not to miss on the calendar.

Prize winners:

1st Male Overall Andrew Griggs 27:04 Lordshill Road Runners
2nd Male Overall Ben Pitman 28:55 Lordshill Road Runners
3rd Male Overall Max Costley 29:06 Southampton AC

1st Male Senior Andrew Griggs 27:04 Lordshill Road Runners
1st Male V40 Nick Salwey 30:41 Winchester AC
1st Male V50 Greg England 31:21 Overton Harriers

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1st Male V60 Paul Kirkpatrick 34:59 Royal Navy AC
1st Female Overall Karen Rushton 32:22 Southampton AC
2nd Female Overall Anna Giles 35:27 Eastleigh RC
3rd Female Overall Anna Smith-James 35:50 Entered as Unattached but we believe she's from Hedge End Running Club

1st Female Senior Anna Giles 35:27 Eastleigh AC
1st Female V40 Karen Rushton 32:22 Southampton AC
1st Female V50 Tracy Wyeth 38:18 Chineham Park RC
1st Female V60 Tessa Lock 51:18 Unattached

Christopher Stocks, Race Director

Due to a change of circumstances, Chris has stepped down from the role of Race Director and the position is currently vacant.