

## Lytchett 10- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023- Captains Report

The second race of the Dorset Road Race League for 2023 took place last Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb which was also the second race in this year's Club Champs- another strong showing of 30 Harriers donned their orange vests on what was a fairly fresh morning to tackle the undulating 10 miles course which started and finished at Lytchett Minster School. There were a few members making their racing debut for the club- well done to all of you! We hope you enjoyed the delicious selection of cakes afterwards!

For the ladies – we had a total of 11 runners

In first place, was **Maria Everett** in 1:13:48, closely followed in second place by **Philippa Shawyer** in 1:15:28, in third place was new member **Sophie Herbert** in 1:21:12 (a brilliant first performance in a race for the club), in 4<sup>th</sup> place was the ever strong **Jeli Davey** in 1:21:31, in 5<sup>th</sup> was another new runner, a great performance by **Rebekah Godden** in 1:23:49, in 6<sup>th</sup> was **Julie Cupit** with a strong performance of 1:23:49, in 7<sup>th</sup> was **Dani Dixon** in 1:29:44 (a great comeback after illness), in 8<sup>th</sup> was **Sonja Collins** in 1:31:14, in 9<sup>th</sup> was **Amanda Shephard** in 1:33:14 (a returning member, it's nice to have you back), in 10<sup>th</sup> was **Mary Corrigan** in 1:36:35 and in 11<sup>th</sup> was **Emma Rawson** 1:37:33.

A huge well done to all the ladies who took part in this race! 🍌

The Littledown Harriers ladies' team finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the league which was a great result as there were some very fast ladies out there on the day!

This performance has boosted our ranking up the leader board for the DRRL and we are now in 5<sup>th</sup> position within the First Division. Hopefully we will see lots of ladies running in Orange in subsequent DRRL races to keep/improve this ranking!

For the men, **Scott Blakeway** was first Harrier home in a PB of 1:03:48 and showing that his marathon training is clearly paying dividends. **Christian Rodiger** was second home also recording a PB of 1:04:53 and very closely followed by one of our newer members **John Haines** who ran a brilliant race to be third Harrier in a superb 1:05:10. Next home was **Dave Wilson** with another solid performance finishing in 1:05:39 and our fifth and final league scorer home was **Mark Packer** in 1:06:15. Next home was **Mark Everett** in 1:07:40; closely followed by **Jez Kelly** 1:08:45; **Simon Thatcher** 1:11:30; **Steve Williams** (having raced the cross country the previous day) 1:13:31; **Joe Hamblion** 1:19:42; **Kevin Cawley** 1:20:44; **Barry Telling** 1:23:05; **Chris Lane** 1:34:41; **Mike Terry** 1:42:29; **John Corrigan** 1:46:34; **Jim Kerr** 1:55:42; **Michael Chant** 2:06:10; **Dave Stokes** 2:46:45 and **Guy Burdett** 2:08:26.

The Mens team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> Place in the league and are currently 6<sup>th</sup> overall after the first two races.

Another excellent turnout and great to see so many men out there in orange 👍 - and remember every finisher can count towards our club position, as each finisher can push other clubs top finishers further down the field.

For the league tables and further details of the league etc. check out the website at <http://drll.co.uk/>.

The next DRRL race is the Marnhull 12k on 16<sup>th</sup> April – although not in this years club champs it would be great if we could get both a Mens and Ladies team! Please be sure to enter as a Harrier and wear your club vest so you count in the league.

If you have any questions regarding the Dorset Road Race League or about being an affiliated runner, please reach out to any of the team captains – Steve, Maria, Mark and Louise.