

Sandy 10 Mile Race and 2-Mile Fun Run

Venus rises brightly over Sandy! and the Drinkwater brothers do the Treble!

The Sandy 10 Mile race and 2-mile Fun Run once again proved a resounding success with over 400 entries. The weather was perfect for running, apart from a strong headwind on the way out towards Everton and Potton, and all the runners enjoyed the run. Runners came from far and wide, with 7 runners from Erlensee in Germany, several entries from Sussex and Hampshire, and a competitor from Perth in Scotland.

Sandy Mayor Richard Froot and his wife Jackie kindly started the event and stayed behind to present the runners with their medals and fruit bars (donated by W Jordans Cereals) and the prize giving. The event was won by Andrew Venus, an unattached runner from London, closely followed by David Marshall from the Road Runners Club, and Mick Lane of Ranelagh Harriers. The ladies event was won by Martha Hall of Garden City Joggers (Welwyn), followed by Suzanne Prtichard (St Albans Striders) just 19 seconds behind, and Eugenia Carr (unattached) in 3rd place. First Sandy Man home was Andrew Pilling from Beeston in 9th place, with Biggleswade AC's Gavin Elliot just 9 seconds behind in 10th place. Biggleswade AC's ladies team of Sarah Parsons, Emily Woodfield and Jackie Tutt were just pipped for the Ladies Team prize by Garden City Joggers.

In the 2-mile Fun Run, James Drinkwater led home his two brothers Christopher and Jonathon (all members of Biggleswade AC) for a family treble. Emma Wright of Bedford & County AC was the first female in the Fun Run, with Aileen Russell leading home the Biggleswade AC female athletes in 8th place overall.