

Danielle blasts Women's Sandy 10 course record by over 2 minutes

International Marathon runner Danielle Sanderson from Watford Harriers, obliterated the Sandy 10 women's course record in a new time of 60 mins 27 secs, over 2 minutes faster than the record set in 2001. Danielle came 4th overall in a record entry of over 400 runners in the 21st running of the Sandy 10.

Men's winner this year was Andy Holt from Herts Pheonix AC, who raced home well clear of 2nd and 3rd placed runners Angus Crosby (Garden City runners) and Alan Broughton (Harlow RC), in a time of 57 mins 12 secs.

The ladies minor placings went to Mandy Livingstone (Garden City Runners) and Michelle Friend (Stopsley Striders).

The day was bright and sunny for the 350 starters, although the strong south westerly wind slowed the runners as they turned back towards Everton and Sandy. Many of the runners were using the race as their last outing before the London Marathon on the 18th April, and found the course and event organisation to their liking.

Sandy Mayor Colin Osborne took part in the 10 mile event for the 1st time, and ran comfortably to finish in just outside 90 minutes. He then joined his wife Diane to help distribute the commemorative Tee-Shirts and Jordans cereal bars. A big thank you to Colin and Diane for their support on the day, and to Jordans for their generous sponsorship.

In the keenly contested "Bush Team" race, youngest member of the family Duncan managed to beat his Dad for the first time, with Peter and Helen not far behind.

In the 2 Mile Fun Run, which attracted over 50 runners, Biggleswade AC's running sensation, 12 year old Nick Gilbert, raced home to win in 11 mins 12secs. Leading female was Natasha Peters in 12mins 15 secs.

With over 30 course marshals and many more officials working at the race HQ in Sandy Upper School, Biggleswade AC can be justifiably proud of another successful event. If you feel the urge to come along to the club, but feel that you are not "up to the required standard" don't hold back. We accommodate runners and joggers of all standards, and you will be warmly welcomed. From the 13th April we will be meeting at Sandy Upper School on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 7pm. Contact Stuart Galloway on 01767 223942 for more information, or see our new website at www.biggleswadeac.org.uk