

Veterans AC 5km Walk, Battersea 1st Aug 23

The last of the regular Battersea Park races had an average field this time in indifferent humid weather but luckily the rain held off for the duration. As usual Surrey Walking Club had two competitors in the 12 starters.

Coming in as men's winner was Dave Annetts from N Herts RR in a fast time just outside his personal best, with Ian Richards from Steyning AC not far behind.

The ladies' winner for the third time running was Melanie Peddle from Loughton AC, in her usual highly respectable time.

Veterans AC were pleased to welcome two guests from Hong Kong, Min Yee Michelle Lee and For Yau Fung who had chosen the race while holidaying in the UK.

In addition, the other guests were Paul Hawkins from Stratford upon Avon AC, and promising junior athlete Trejan Checheku-Boamah from Blackheath & Bromley AC and part of Shaun Lightman's coaching group. who completed in a good time; going under 30 minutes for this distance is now a realistic target for him. On this occasion David Hoben had a good performance while Chris Flint was rather down and the usual one minute gap widened to one minute twenty seconds rather than the usual one minute.

Results: (12 starters overall)

5 km Mixed

1. D.Annetts (N Herts M55) 23 min 32 sec; 2. I.Richards (Steyn M70) 27 min 43 sec; 3. M.Peddle (Loughton W50) 28 min 11 sec; 4. T.Checheku-Boamah (B&B U13B) 30 min 18 sec; 5. P.Cummings (AFD W45) 30 min 20 sec; 6. M.Noel (Belg W55) 32 min 24 sec; 7. F.Bishop (AFD W60) 34 min 26 sec; 9. P.Hawkins (Strat M65) 36 min 20 sec; 10. D.Hoben (Sy WC M65) 38 min 7 sec; 11. C.Flnt (Sy WC M75) 39 min 27 sec..