

Woodland Relays 2018.

On behalf of Sidmouth Running Club I would like to extend a vote of thanks to all the Clubs that entered: the competitors: their families and friends for supporting: organisers and helpers for making the event the success it was. On the previous Thursday we had 28 teams entered so expected around 30 on closing entries on Sunday, we ended up with 65! 63 teams ran on the night.

Monday was panic stations, more numbers, more water, more prizes and most importantly more cakes. A request to my cake makers to double their efforts met with an immediate response as you saw on Wednesday and the quality and diversity was a sight to behold. With 189 runners at the start and my two lap long course it was chaos to say the least but out of chaos came relative calm. A winner was the last minute change of parking to the scout field. A loser was we had a couple of nasty falls. I know at the end there was some disappointment that we couldn't get all the results out but it was obvious from some of the times that all was not as it seemed. You would have been more upset if your prize had gone to someone else. I will contact the clubs to arrange delivery of the outstanding prizes. The running community is alive and kicking around here and you are all proof of it. Thanks again.

I have prizes for The Rockets, The Super Novas and 1St Cranbrook Scouts. I can't find which club the first two are from or a contact for the third. Please let me know and I will arrange delivery.

I now pass the baton on to the next club for next year's Woodland Relays.

Now to my club. What a night for the Mighty Green. To the members who ran for their club and many were from this year's beginners group or newer members, two even joined on the night so they could represent the club, you were awesome. Congratulations to Toby Garrick who was the fastest senior male over the long course. Thank you to Jo and Bill who helped me set out the course and dismantle it afterwards. Every one of my marshals turned up and did an outstanding job from the feedback I have received. My cake makers you "raised" to the occasion, (a bakery term). The catering crew who were so organised and professional that when I open my new café there is a job for all of you.

My water lady Margaret with the help of her husband, I think it was her husband, but you know what I'm like, well organised, tidy, and brilliant with the runners. My timer, Nigel Dupain from Exmouth Harriers, Alexa Baker number recorder and Jessica Raynor, runner truly professional. My doctor, Kerry was on hand, knees and face for David who is recovering well, thank you. Prospective new member Alan Kay for the photography. And let's not forget Rob and Sarah who were under such pressure by the sheer number of entries at the signing on and the mayhem going on around them in the pavilion after, did a remarkable job in getting all the entries sorted on the night and the results for the senior team winners out. They were spot on in noticing some discrepancies with some of the other timings and absolutely made the right decision to hold off presenting any further prizes. My daughter Alexa for her help the following day sorting it all out and storing it all away for another day and another organiser.

You all showed the Club at it best.

Thank you all

Terry
Chair.