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## Tri-Adventure Race Report

### Whiteley Races Report

11 June 2017

Despite the cloud and damp in the air early in the morning, by the time Registration opened, we were enjoying another beautiful, warm summer's day. I don't know what it is about our event at Whiteley, but this is the fourth year in a row that we've had glorious weather to welcome our runners. Whiteley Village is such a beautiful setting, and when the sun is out, and the rhododendrons and other flowers are in bloom, there are few more attractive places in the Surrey Hills.



This year is a special year in the life of the Village, as 2017 celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first resident moving in. We wanted to make this day one for all the family, so it was great to see so many of you with your kids, grandkids, and so on. The weather also played its part in getting the numbers up, with the result that, at times, our Registration Desk struggled to cope with all the Entries on the Day. There were over 50 people who decided to enter on the day, making it the best turnout yet since Tri-Adventure took over the managing of this event.



Building on the success of the new events last year, we further added the 2.5k Youth run, as well as a 5k Walk. So, we had a whole range of races, from the well tested 5k and 10k runs and the 5k Obstacle Race, to the Scoot, 1k, 2.5k runs and the 5k walk.

It was great to see so many youngsters enthusiastically taking part in the Scoot and 1k runs. Melissa was on hand again to take the youngsters through their warm up routine, and then I led them off on their challenge at 9.30am. It seemed that, no sooner had the starting klaxon sounded, the first 1k runners were crossing the finishing line!. Even at such a young age, there was a lot of competition between the “scooters” and the runners.



Once the youngsters’ fun races were over, it was time for the serious stuff to start. Melissa Joy of Thrive, [www.thrivejoyoffitness.co.uk](http://www.thrivejoyoffitness.co.uk), again took everyone through their warm up routines before the start, and she was there again, after the race, skilfully helping to soothe and bring back to life those tired limbs.

The 2,5k and 5k races set off at 10.00am, with the 10k runners following 5 minutes later. Then it was off to the 5k Obstacle Course, which started at 10.30am. All of a sudden, all the hustle, bustle, and noise in the Event Village disappeared, allowing the Organisers to have a tiny little breather. A fast pace was set by the leaders in all the events, and congratulations to the following winners:



## 10KM

Male	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Taylor	00:41:24
2 <sup>nd</sup> Michal Blaszcuk	00:42.29
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tim Bartholomew	00:42.37
Female	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Cat Hinchliffe	00:51:14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gillian Neney	00:51:50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarah Skerten	00:53:03

## 5KM

Male	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Jack Butler	00:21:40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phil Bader	00:22.50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Daniel Bramah	00:24.31
Female	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Natasha McKenna	00:23:26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paula Hing	00:24:55
3 <sup>rd</sup> Krystina Pincott	00:25:06

## 2.5KM

Male	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Archie Colvan	00:11:39
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kayden Mahdi-Calis	00:11.56
3 <sup>rd</sup> Andrew Blandford	00:14.15
Female	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Evie Bedford	00:11:56
2 <sup>nd</sup> Violet Beaumont	00:13:12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sophia Trotman	00:14:47

## 5KM Obstacle Course

Male	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Neil Gough	00:32:09
2 <sup>nd</sup> Daniel New	00:33.26
3 <sup>rd</sup> Finley Broekhuizen	00:36.14
Female	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Anneri Winter	00:29:44
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarah Gough	00:31:20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Catherine Blandford	00:32:12

The course proved quite challenging in parts, without being too difficult for the average runners, and I'm happy that everyone managed to get round in good time. We'd put a lot of effort into marking out the route, and I understand that nearly everyone managed to follow the official route.

I really appreciated all the positive feedback, which included praise for the course layout and signage, and for the smooth running of the Registration Desk. Many of you said you'd had a wonderful time, and asked if we could run another event like this later in the year. So, we'll look into this with the Trust, but we also need to recognise that many of the villagers are old and not in the best of health, and some

find the disruption caused by an event like ours too much to take. However, the Village can take many more entrants without any trouble, and we'd love to get over the 400 mark next time.

Excellent catering and refreshments at the end of the race, as well as the side stalls and the bouncy castle, proved very popular, and thanks need to be passed on to the Sponsors, as well as to all the people who worked so hard in the background to make the day a success. Some of the villagers got involved as course marshals and helped to make sure that most runners got round the course without mishap. I really appreciated being driven round the grounds by Steve in the buggy after the event, collecting in more than 100 signs and arrows. It certainly made the clearing up task easier, after what had been a very early start.

It was great to see so many people, old and young alike, having a good time, getting some exercise in the process, and running with a smile on their face. Everyone's efforts helped to contribute well over the amount we raised for the Village Trust last year, so thanks to all for coming along, and especially to Claire Atkins for coordinating and organising the Whiteley side of the whole event.

See you again next year (definitely), and maybe later this year, too!

Adam

