

## 2009 POPPY RUN 5 MILE ROAD RACE.

A record one hundred and twenty one runners finished the annual Poppy Run Five Mile Road Race on Sunday. The first open event organised by Boston and District Athletic Club at "The B - Hive" their new club base on Punchbowl Lane attracted the biggest ever entry since the introduction of the race organised on Remembrance Sunday to raise funds for The Royal British Legion. The "Gold Tops" had the additional fillip of their "A" team achieving victory in the Mens Team competition.

The race winner Matt. Bowser Lincoln Wellington A.C. was in a class on his own leading from the gun. Taking advantage of some fine, still autumn weather Matt. completed the five mile course in an outstanding 24 mins. 17secs. the fastest recorded in The Poppy Run. Finishing some two hundred and fifty metres or so behind the winner Aaron Scott (Lincoln Wellington A.C.) 25mins. 04secs. secured the second place award with Andrew Moraghan (Riverside Runners) third man home recording 27 mins.58 secs.. Making his annual return to his childhood home area to compete in the event Paul Dodsworth now Warrington A.C. crossed the finish line in fourth place in 28mins. 08secs. to win the Mens Veteran 40 category first place trophy.

Leading in the host clubs team members on this occasion was Edgars Sokolovskis who claimed sixth place clocking 28 mins.04secs. with Chris. Rainbow second counter recording 28mins. 25 secs. in tenth position to secure third place in the Veteran Mens 40 category.. Completing the B.A.D.A.C. team scorers was Jose` Ferriera who claimed thirteenth place in 29mins. 40 secs. to secure first place in the team results.

Spearheading the "Gold Tops" "B" team challenge was Aidan McClure who produced a mature performance to come home in 20th place in a time of 31 mins. 10 secs.. with Dennis Rainbow second counter 23rd. in 31 mins. 30 secs. and sprinter David Wilson getting in some stamina training to claim 31st place in 33 mins.32 secs. completing the team scorers. In addition Owen Msimango was 46th (36mins.44secs.), Tony Tomlin 48th. (37mins. 04secs.), Darren Auty 63rd. ( 39mins. 47secs.) , Robert Baker 73rd. ( 42mins. 04 secs.) , Bob Shaw 87th. (44 mins. 50secs.), Scott Forman 93rd (45mins. 59secs.) and Adam Tomlin 96th. ( 47mins. 17 secs.).

Winner of the Ladies category was Harriet Canter (Lincoln Wellington A.C.) 11th in 28mins 28 secs. who led the L.W.A.C. team to victory in the female team competition. For B.A.D.A.C. Emma Penniston produced an impressive run to cross the line in 43rd position overall and the eighth female competitor to finish the race (36mins.15secs.) and Zoe Ward was 107th ( 50mins. 36secs.) .

Thirty two youngsters completed the 1.5 miles Fun Run held before the main Poppy Run. Sixteen year old Jeremy Baily was the clear winner finishing in a time of 10 mins.38secs. ahead of his Boston and District A.C. team mate Luke Chester who clocked 11 mins. 18secs.. Oliver Street ran strongly in third place (12mins. 22secs.) with fourteen year old Alice Flint (12mins. 31secs.) fourth and the first girl home ahead of Samuel Watkiss (Leicester) on 12 mins. 32 secs.. Luke Macleod was sixth. (13 mins. 18secs.) with Josh Goodfellow finishing seventh (13 mins. 23 secs.) alongside Robert Richards given the same time.