

Return to Priory

The famous Reigate Priory relays took place this year on Saturday 5th November. A small contingent of Walton athletes took part in the single lap race. Although the course was the same, the conditions under foot differed greatly from the first league match a few weeks earlier. A lot more wet and a lot more mud (so much more fun).

Our only female runner was **Michelle Tafili**, running her first race for Walton in a baptism of fire. Michelle ran the 2.5 mile course in 21.34, finishing 57th woman. Well done Michelle on your first XC race as a senior.

The men's team had to be adjusted last minute due to an absence so **Ollie Sayner** took up the challenge of being the first leg for Walton A team. **Martin Willis** headed up the B team but due to the re-shuffle, was the only B team runner. Ollie ran a splendid leg of 18:01, passed the batten onto **Duncan Woolmer** who had some rabbits to chase and made up a lot of ground with a lap of 14:42, the 9th fastest on the day. The third leg was taken on by **Jamie McLoughlin**, running a strong leg of 16:13 for 32nd place overall. Our 4th A team runner was the ever dependable **Jonathan Hiorns**. Stronger at the shorter distance, Jonathan came home with an excellent leg of 16:00, (29th on the day) helping Walton A to a 7th place team finish on the day from 44 teams. Well done guys.

Not forgetting Martin Willis, who showed good spirit on the shorter circuit with a time of 22:29. Unfortunately for Martin, we couldn't fill the B team but we all had a good day nonetheless.

Well done and thank you to everyone for taking part. Photos below.

Robert Smith



Our first leg runners



The full team. Spot the pantomime villain hiding in the back!