

The second men's Surrey cross-country league match of the season took place at a very tough Denbies course on Sunday 14th November, co-hosted by Dorking & Mole Valley and Walton. Walton fielded a strong team with 15 runners taking part, finishing 6th of 9 teams on the day.

First home for Walton was **Alex Kilby**. Alex travelled down from Durham University for the second week in a row to compete, and was rewarded with an excellent 4th place overall and 1st place U20. Next across the line in Walton colours was **Duncan Woolmer**, finishing 8th overall and 1st V40, which is a miraculous achievement considering he was running with cracked ribs, having taken a tumble at Priory park the week before.

Joe Dawes-Twilley ran another strong race, finishing 3rd Walton, 18th overall, and 3rd U20. This result puts Joe top of the current individual U20 rankings after 2 matches.

Thomas Giblin ran his first senior cross-country race and impressed with a strong run, finishing the 9km course in 56th overall and 6th U20. Well done also to our other first time runners **David Higgs** and **Guy Cotter**, not the easiest of courses to cut your teeth on!

Well done and thank you to **ALL** the athletes that ran – lots of strong and valuable performances to help the team up the results table. It was very good to see some old faces competing in the famous black, red and gold.

A special thanks to **Malcolm Howard, Hayley Cargill, Amy Hiorns, Samantha Brooks** and **Mrs Cotter** for putting themselves forward to help marshal the course. These events wouldn't be possible without volunteers and their support, so I am extremely grateful to those who helped out this time around. My sentiment was echoed by Jo and Rob from DMV who have asked me to pass on their thanks also.



All in all a very good outing for Walton. The next League match is Saturday January 15th at Richmond Park. I hope to see just as many of you there – if not more.

Many thanks,

Robert Smith