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Some great running at the NYMAC Tom Wall relays.

More than 500 runners and Athletics supporters descended on Stewart Park where the ever popular event sees four runners in a team, each running one leg of one mile.

After many attempts Darlington Harriers finally won the main men's event, the open team event although the victory was very hard fought with just 15 seconds separating the top 3 teams, Darlington leading home new club TS Harriers followed by host club North York Moors AC.

In the female open event another new club lead the way, Stockton Striders won their race beating second place Allerton Juniors and third place Richmond & Zetland.

The fastest leg of the evening was achieved by Middlesbrough & Cleveland's Greg Jayasuriya who ran the very testing mile in 4 minutes and 23 seconds, knocking 1 second off his personal best and only 9 seconds off the course record which was set by Olympian Marc Scott.

Host club North York Moors AC regained their crown in the male 200 event. In this category the 4 runner's ages must add up to a minimum of 200 years. Up until the last event the club had tasted victory in all the previous running of the competition. This victory was hard fought with the team being behind the second placed runners, New Marske Harriers for the first 3 of the legs but a heroic run by North York Moors Richard Fawcett who has just returned to running after a long injury secured the winners podium by a margin of just 5 seconds.

The female 160 race where the 4 runner's ages must add up to a minimum of 160 years was won by regular winners New Marske Harriers.

The race organisers awarded a special prize to Guisborough under 13 girls football team for the best effort of the night. This was the girl's first try at running and they took part in the race to raise much needed funds for their club. Team coach Kirsty Struthers said "it's been a brilliant event but after watching the British Athletic team drop the baton in the European athletics championship the girls have been terrified they will also drop the baton" They didn't!

In the ladies F160 category where the total ages of the 4 runners must add up to a minimum of 160 years, New Marske Harriers were not left in the shade by their male counterparts comfortably beating the rest of the veterans by a margin of 64 secs.

North York Moors AC will hold their next relay event at Stewart Park on May the 25th 2023

Results:

Male open team prize winners:

Darlington Harriers: James Largey, John Clifford, Graham Hindmarsh, and Adam Harker in 20:21

2nd TS Harriers
3rd North York Moors AC

Female open team prize:

Stockton Striders: Abby Barker, Izzy Morgan, Faye Buckton and Emily Palmer in 24:16
2nd Allerton Juniors
3rd Richmond & Zetland

Male veteran 200 year team prize:

North York Moors AC: David Watkins, Vic Brudenell, Douglas Howarth and Richard Fawcett in 21:24

Female veteran 160 year team prize:

New Marske Harriers: Kay Neesam, Trish Speedy, Sharon Thornton and Gemma Harcomb-Moore in 24:06

Mixed gender category:

Middlesbrough & Cleveland: Greg Jayasuriya, Ryan Norman, Helen Scott and Aaron Keys in 20:30

Fastest male leg:

Greg Jayasuriya (Middlesbrough & Cleveland) in 4:23

Fastest female leg:

Macy Kelly (Darlington Harriers) in 5:20

Full results of the event can be found on North York Moors AC's web site. www.nym.ac