

With both cross country league fixtures falling on the same weekend Mansfield Harriers main attention was on the North Midlands League fixture which they were hosting at Berry Hill Park. This was the third fixture of four and whilst final results were not available at the time of going to press Harriers are confident of retaining Gold medal positions in several categories, including a late challenge for the Veteran Men's title.

On a new course which surprised many visitors expecting the usual fast and furious Mansfield offering, Callum Cullen was Harriers star performer with an excellent twelfth place finish in the Senior Men's race. The new course incorporated a lap of Berry Hill Pond and the recent rain made sure of a very wet and boggy course throughout.

Full results of the North Midlands League, along with positions going into the final fixture of the series which takes place at Nottingham's Wollaton Park in January, will appear next week.

Sunday saw the third fixture of the Booth Decorator's League take place at Bramcote Park where Dougie Flett was the first blue and green vest home. Flett continues a promising return from injury and is balancing his training and racing well at present – preparation which led to a 26<sup>th</sup> place finish in 28:32.

Phil Shaw was the next Harrier home, 48<sup>th</sup> in 30:10 with Pete Collinge clocking 31:30 for 59<sup>th</sup> spot and in the process coming home as first VM55.

Julian Wood was the first of those that had also run the previous day and he still managed to post a strong 65<sup>th</sup> position. Eva Williams and Clare Coombes did likewise finishing 93<sup>rd</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> respectively in times of 33:36 and 34:54.

Tina Green, Maddy Collinge and Denise Winfield completed the Mansfield line up, their times of 36:47 and 41:25 taking 118<sup>th</sup> and 129<sup>th</sup>.