



Runners taking part in the half marathon in the Vale of Belvoir.

The second half marathon in the Vale of Belvoir attracted 551 entries — nearly 150 up on the event last year.

The organiser, Mr. Terry Graveney, said he was delighted with the success of the event which was held in excellent conditions.

He added that the proceeds from the entries, which could amount to £550, would go towards the upkeep of Long Clawson Village Hall.

In addition, competitors had been encouraged to arrange their own sponsorship and this was expected to bring in about £3,000 for various local charities.

First home in the run of just over 13 miles was Mr. Roland Gibbard, of the Charnwood Athletic Club, which took the team prize.

He completed the course — which began at Hose Village Hall and followed a route through Harby, Langar, Colston Bassett, Long Clawson, returning to Hose — in 1hr. 11mins. 36secs.

Runners stride out to record

Second was Mr. Ron Groves, of the Stilton Striders. The first woman home was Vivienne Baker, of Twyford.

In the section for the over-45s, Mr. K. Picklesley, from Bulwell, Notts., took the honours.

The top runner from the parish of Long Clawson, Harby and Hose was Mr. Angus Dow, of Harby. The youngest winner from the parish was Paul Baxter, from Hose.

First runner home from Long Clawson was Mr. D. Martin and the first woman from the same village was Miss Julie Goddard.