



...Strength in Numbers

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At the 18 Miles Marker - only 8 and a bit to go!

Chairman Peter Mitchell duly (if a little painfully!) completed the London Marathon on Sunday 26 April in 5 hours 37 minutes - over half an hour quicker than his effort in 2004!

Peter said 'it was a glorious sunny day - a huge crowd (estimated at 750,000) supporting noisily every inch of the way - particularly encouraging as most of us were reduced to a shambling trot or walk over the last miles which were very hard. I owe huge thanks to Members and friends for their generosity in supporting my charity - the final sum raised will comfortably exceed the target set of £5000.00.'

For those members waiting to see whether Peter would 'get there' before committing a donation, his charity website can be found at:

www.justgiving.com/petermitchellmarathon09

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Institute council members Peter Mitchell and Peter Tucker and institute CEO Michael Izza have more in common than just being members of the Bed Bucks and Herts District Society. On 26 April they all took part in the 2009 London Flora Marathon.

'It was a glorious day,' says Mitchell who was celebrating his 65th birthday by running his second marathon. 'The crowds were in great voice and humour. It was most enjoyable.'

The last six or seven miles were hard-going, he admits, although he didn't come to a standstill. He took 5hrs 37mins to complete the 26.2-mile course (42.195kms), raising more than £6,000 for the Iain Rennie hospice.

Tucker, BBH president and a 'marathon virgin', crossed the finishing line ahead of Mitchell (5hrs 17mins) but well behind his daughter Samantha. 'I was pleased to finish,' he says. 'It was like one huge street party from end to end. As I had my name in large letters on my charity running vest, I received great support from the crowd.' He raised £12,000 for the Prostate Cancer Charity.

Izza was going strong until cramp forced him to walk the last seven miles. He still managed a heroic 5hrs 30mins, raising nearly £7,500 for Cancer Research.

Also among the 1,118 accountants who ran was Dave Mouncey, a tax partner at Smith & Williamson in Bristol. He romped round the course in 3hrs 20 mins, although as a veteran of 10 marathons, six of them in London, he found it 'one of the toughest'. 'It's a fantastic event, extremely well organised, amazing crowd support – and it takes you through emotional highs and lows, including the feeling during mile 18 that you are not going to have enough energy to lift another foot.'

He raised money for the South West Children's Heart Circle, which supports families with children awaiting heart surgery.

Deloitte senior manager Chris Tune, running his fourth London marathon, also found the atmosphere 'amazing'. 'I was lucky enough to see family, friends and colleagues at numerous points along the course which provides a real boost, especially nearer the end.'

Tune raised nearly £4,000 for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.