

FFC TEAM FUNDRAISING WALK IN BAGLEY WOOD

Four FFC members participated in this years Bagley Wood Fun Run & Walk on 21 June 2009. Solomon Degefa, Meskerem Ejigu, Liliy S Degefa and Girma Getahun joined scores of ramblers and runners in support of KOA (Kennington Overseas Aid). The latter, a charity based in Kennington, Oxford, organized the annual event as part of their fundraising activities to support thousands of Zambian orphans throughout their school years. The FFC members participated in the event to support the efforts of KOA as well as to raise fund for FFC.



Solomon Degefa and his family have been taking part in the event for some years. This year the FFC members took part to raise fund for FFC as well.



The 5.25 km run/walk took place in Bagley Wood, an extensive woodland along the A34 dual carriage way just a few miles to southwest of Oxford.

The event took place in a cool dry day with overcast sky and gentle breeze. The weather could not have been any better. It allowed the more athletic regular runners and ramblers to finish the course by breaking their own previous records. From the FFC team Solomon slashed his own record (by a whopping five minutes!). He attributed the new record to his debatable fitness rather than to the optimum condition for the walk.



The event was a great fun. But much more important is the money it raised to FFC. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, the participant raised £1309 (one thousand three hundred and nine pounds), an impressive achievement given the short time available to the team to seek sponsors.

	Pledged	Collected	To be collected
Girma	185.00	130.00	55.00
Lily	172.00	96.00	76.00
Meskerem	260.00	90.00	170.00
Solomon	692.00	557.00	135.00
Total	1309.00	873.00	436.00

The generosity of friends and colleagues were truly amazing considering the discouraging economic climate. It seems when it comes to supporting worthy causes people still dig deep into their pocket even when they could spare less. The FFC team were completely taken by surprise, and feel very grateful for all who could help raise the substantial sum.

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