

Chiltern Chase 2009
Running for Life, Health and Opportunity
Sunday 7th June 2009

6.30am

The race organisers are staring out of their windows at the pouring rain as they wonder how many waterproof layers to put on.

8.00am

Blue skies slowly appear over the car park on Rabbit Hill as the first cars arrive.

10.00

The start of the fourth Chiltern Chase and the sun is shining gloriously over Ewelme Common.

The uncertain weather in the days prior to Sunday contributed to fewer entries than last year but there were still 390 runners who finished the 10 kilometre run.

This multi terrain course which heads into the Chilterns using tracks and bridleways as well as local roads continues to attract entrants from many runners clubs as well as many enthusiastic amateurs and first time entrants.

Steven Frear from Woodstock, broke the course record with an impressive time of 32 minutes,49 seconds.

Last years winner,Chris Dettmar was second,finishing in 33 minutes,36 seconds.

Rachael Elliott was the fastest female,finishing in 38 minutes,54 seconds.

A new attraction this year was the introduction of a 5 kilometre run and this attracted a good mixture of young and old enthusiasts with 55 people finishing this run.

Fastest male was Andy Dodds in 22 mins 18 seconds with Sharon Davidson finishing in 25 mins 39 seconds as the fastest female.

Full results of both races can be found on www.chilternchase.org.uk .

Once again there continues to be ongoing improvement in the organisation of the event, with better car parking and access to more toilet facilities; go to www.runnersworld.co.uk to read the very positive reviews of the run from many happy entrants.

All of the money raised from the day is being split equally between two charities; the Friends of Ewelme School and the OneWater Foundation, which provides water pumps for villages in Africa.

At the time of going to print,there were still donations coming in, but the final figure is likely to exceed £3500 for each Charity.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and who helped to make the event a great success;this includes the marshals,the Teas workers,and the masseurs.

The Race Sponsors are also vital to the success of the day;thank you to Rowse Honey,Numara Software,Genzyme,Grundons and Dematic amongst others.

Lastly,the Race Committee would like to thank everyone in Ewelme for their patience and support when the village gets congested for a while on that Sunday morning.

Date for your Diary; Chiltern Chase 2010 is on Sunday 13th June.