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### **Woodland washout for Weston**

The tail-end of Hurricane Bertha set the scene for Sunday's Standish Woodland Chase near Stroud - a 10 mile off-road race on undulating forest trails. Heavy rain throughout the race kept temperatures down and mud levels up.

Andy Chadburn took the spoils for the Weston Athletic Club men, finishing in 1:08:53 and tenth overall. Matt Wheeler crossed the line just over a minute later in 1:10:11, and Paul Snelling took third club spot in 1:18:07 as well as first prize in his age category.

Vanessa Andrews finished first for the club's females in 1:37:41, and Julie Shergold took second spot in 1:39:31.

In great contrast, the Haselbury Trail 10k was run on a warm, sunny, summer's evening this year in the fields around Haselbury Plucknett. Adrian Noble bagged first spot in 44:13, while roles were reversed for Matt Wheeler and Andy Chadburn with Matt edging the lead to finish in 45:18 and Andy crossing the line just 27 seconds later.

Mary Nutley enjoyed a strong run and finished comfortably under the hour in 57:52. Julia Withers took second club spot for the women in 1:04:25, with Vanessa Andrews third in 1:05:34.

Elsewhere, Tobias Hinchliffe took on the 100 mile North Downs Way run and finished the race 25th overall in an impressive 23:34:09. Andy Hayes was the only club member to take part in the Ocean Lava Wales middle distance triathlon, and completed the 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride and 13.1 mile run in a very respectable 5:42:21. He was also the third man to finish in his age category.

Entry is now open for the annual Christmas Cracker 10k on Sunday December 7, and the new season of Weston AC's five mile prom runs. More information on all the club's races and becoming a member can be found at [www.westonac.co.uk](http://www.westonac.co.uk).

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Note to editors: Pictures show the seven runners who took part in the Standish Woodland Chase run, and the team at the Haselbury Trail 10k.