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### **Weston Athletic Club run for mince pies and cider**

This week's races have featured a particularly festive flavour with runners being rewarded for their efforts with mince pies, mulled wine and cider.

Weston AC's fourth race in the nine race Prom Run series took place on Thursday evening with 259 runners battling the strong south-westerly winds along the seafront. The first Weston runner to complete the five mile course was Chris McMillan in 28.12, and second overall. Dominic Taylor-Jones was next in 29.06, closely followed by Kieron Summers in 29.19.

Michelle Fryer was the first club female to finish, crossing the line in 36.55. Nia Davies took second club spot in 38.19 and Georgie Ford finished third in 39.09.

Julie Bailiss, Helen Diamond, Lesley Bowskill, Robert Osment and Kate Rossiter all earned themselves new personal bests for the distance.

In the one mile junior race William Fuller came first in 5.47, followed by Finley Beck in 6.04 and Indeigh Winterson in 6.08.

On Sunday, 10 of the club's members travelled down the M5 to take on the Wellington Monument 10k race which follows a steep climb from Hemyock up to the monument on the Blackdown Hills before returning to the village where runners enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies and a race memento of a bottle of local cider.

Tobias Hinchliffe, returning for his third race for the club this year, was first to complete the course for the club's men in 44.39 He was followed by Barry Hall in 45.54 and Stuart Diamond right behind in 46.00.

Helen Diamond was the first to finish for the club's women in 53.45. Vanessa Andrews took second spot in 57.17 and Julia Withers third in 59.41. The club also came joint third in the team shield award.

Finally, over in Portsmouth, Marc Bostock and Gareth Weaver managed to squeeze in one more marathon each, finishing in 3.41.50 and 4.13.26 respectively.

The club's next race is the New Year's Day Hangover 10k on Thursday January 1 at 11am in Kewstoke. Runners can enter online via the club's website or on the day with entries priced at £6 or £8.

For more information about all the club's activities, and becoming a member, visit [www.westonac.co.uk](http://www.westonac.co.uk).

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