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### **Weston AC do battle for cake**

Weston runners will go to great lengths for a slice of cake, including running to the top of Crook Peak in the annual three mile cake race. The off-road race includes 650 feet of climb, and the winners are rewarded with large chocolate cakes which they must share with their fellow runners.

First Weston Athletic Club man to return to the bottom of the hill was Dave Bourne in an extremely fast time of 20:49 earning him fifth place overall. Andy Chadburn took second spot for the club in 22:39 and Adrian Noble was hot on his heels in 23:06.

Michelle Fryer took first spot for the club's women in 27:34, followed by Tamara Bourne in 28:54 and Rachael Vincent in 29:12.

The chocolate cake was enjoyed by all.

Sunday saw a team from the club take on the Battle of Sedgemoor 10k race at Langport. New member Debbie Reading finished first for the club's women in an impressive time of 41:23 and third female overall. Phil Richards took second in 43:17 and Steph Shute third in 53:00.

Steve Kibblewhite continued his run of top form, finishing in 39:42. Gerry King was close behind in 40:27 and Paul Snelling was third Weston man in 42:13. The race also produced new 10k personal bests for Pete Bartlett and Mandy Nash in 53:50 and 56:38 respectively.

Sunday also saw a new half marathon take place for the first time, taking advantage of a rare planned full closure of the old Severn crossing, which allowed 2,000 runners to cross the traffic-free bridge.

Neale Jarrett completed the race in 1:30:51, followed by Barry Hall in 1:48:37 and Mary Nutley in 1:55:15.

Entries are filling up fast for the annual Christmas Cracker 10k on Sunday December 7, and the new season of Weston AC's five mile prom runs starts next month. 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: Picture shows runners taking part in the Battle of Sedgemoor 10k at Langport on Sunday.