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Weston runners in pursuit of victory

On Thursday night, a mostly male Weston Athletic Club team travelled to north Bristol to take on the annual Purdown Pursuit, an off-road 10k race with some challenging hills. It was the hottest evening of the year adding an extra dimension to the event.

Pete Clark was first to finish for the club, and seventh overall, returning home in 42:50. Kieron Summers was close behind, taking second in 43:15, and Guy Bradford showed no signs of his recent injury, finishing strong in 44:19.

Other notable performances came from Tony Hogg who came third in his age category in 48:41 and Bruce Bourne who won his age category in 54:46. Mary Nutley took first spot for the ladies in 1:01:11.

Sunday saw a hardy bunch take on the Seaview 17 which, unlike its name suggests, is a 20 mile off-road race along the South West Coastal Path to Minehead, with over 3,500 feet of climb. It was tight at the front for the first three Weston men to finish. Andy Chadburn finished first in 3:12:44, Michael Reep second in 3:15:27 and Josh Harris third in 3:16:04.

Sarah Styles was the first Weston female to finish, just getting home inside four hours in 3:59:47. Caroline Holt finished second, crossing the line with Adrian Marshall in 4:44:21.

A team of 20 Weston runners took on other local club teams in the Bristol Towpath 10k Mob Match finishing sixth in the club standings. All members ran well, particularly the four female club runners.

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.

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Note to editors. Pictures show the Towpath Mob Match 10k Weston AC runners and Andy Chadburn running the Seaview 17.