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Beacon Batch belters

A bunch of hill-hardy runners took on the annual Beacon Batch fell race organised by Weston Athletic Club last Tuesday. The race followed a new course this year of about 5.5 miles, with 1,000 feet of climb to the highest point on the Mendips.

Chris McMillan from the club held off stiff competition from a Yeovil runner to win the race in a new course record of 34.39. Darren Stacey was the club's second finisher in 40.34, and Wilf Huxtable followed in 41.45.

Michelle Fryer remains on top form, despite struggling with an ongoing shoulder injury, and finished first among the club's females in 46.55. She was followed by Katie Gormley in 47.52 and Kira Thorpe in 49.42.

These results saw Weston take the titles of winning male and female teams on the night. The club also did well with a bounty of category prizes for other club members. Tony Hogg, Kira Thorpe, Liz Green, Bruce Bourne and Danny McMillan were all rewarded for their efforts.

On Sunday, two of the club's women ran the Chew Valley 10k. Kate Rossiter just pipped Jo Coveney to the line, and the pair finished in 1.03.23 and 1.03.24 respectively.

Wayne Entwistle was the club's only runner at the Caerphilly 10k and finished in 49.38.

Entry opens next month for the club's Christmas Cracker 10k event on Sunday December 6.

For more information about this and the club's other races, as well as becoming a member, visit www.westonac.co.uk.

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