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Weather no match for Weston

Conditions have been pretty appalling for Weston Athletic Club's runners, battling with first Ciara, then Dennis and most recently Storm Jorge.

The February edition of the five mile prom run was very gusty on the exposed seafront, but Weston's runners still managed to achieve impressive times.

Chris McMillan was the club's first finisher and third overall in 26.41. Kieron Summers finished eighth overall and second in his category in 27.38 followed closely by Ben Haines in 27.48 and third in the same category.

The club's fastest female was Susan Duncan, third overall in 32.03. Nia Davies followed in 34.17 and Michelle Fryer in 34.56.

Matt Wheeler won his age category and Helen Diamond came second in hers.

In the junior one mile events the fastest male and female over the line in the primary race were Felix Ashby and Sophie Carratt, with William Maine and Mary Hemmings taking the spoils in the secondary race.

The weekend saw seven members travel to Wiltshire for a new race to the championship - the Pewsey Terminator – a 12 mile off-road challenge featuring fields, a very muddy canal towpath, a few bogs and some hills in the second part of the race. Katie Gormley was the club's only female runner, but despite having maximum points in the bag and no need to rush she still finished ninth overall and fifth in her category out of a field of 172 women with her time of 1.58.14.

Kevin Bale ran an excellent race to finish sixth overall in 1.31.02 with Rob Furlong following in 1.38.58 and Cameron Slater in 1.46.42.

The club's next races take place on Weston's prom on Thursday 19 March with two junior one mile events ahead of the main five mile race at 7.30pm. More information on the club's website at www.westonac.co.uk/promrun.

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