



ASICS Fleet Pre-London Half Marathon 16 March 2008

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Some said it was the worst weather in the 27-year history of the Fleet Half Marathon. In any case, there were scenes reminiscent of a Glastonbury summer but after three years of superb weather it was time for some rain and mud. However, runners and supporters around the course turned out to make the 2008 ASICS Fleet Pre-London Half Marathon a special occasion.

Just under 2,000 runners completed the 13.1 mile race, a lower than usual turnout but hardly surprising given the conditions. The rain relented for the race itself but runners were met by some strong winds during the latter part of the course. As a result the winning times were slightly slower than usual but many runners have reported achieving personal bests.

The winner of the men's race was Neil Chisholm from Thames Hare & Hounds in 70.14 followed by Tim Crossland of Leeds City and Nigel Leighton of Bristol & West. The ladies race was won by Helen Decker of Ipswich Jaffa in 80.43 followed by Tamsin Clark of AMD and Debbie Cosslett of the Army.

The Royal Navy won the men's team event while the Army ladies took first place in their event.

The fastest runners from Fleet & Crookham AC were James Allen in 78.59 and Lisa Hale in 96.50.

The race has received excellent feedback from runners who have noted the strength of the support of the local population. The race relies on the support of Fleet residents and despite the terrible weather they turned out around the course to support the runners. The event has become an important one in the local area as well as a major national running event. The organisers wish to thank the people of Fleet for their continued support of the race which provides major health & wellness benefits as well as raising substantial funds for local and national charities.

Overall results are now available on www.fleethalfmarathon.com. Age category results will follow over the next few days. Prizes for age category winners will be posted over the next few days.

Event photographs are available through DEPhoto on
<http://www.dephoto.co.uk/idevaffiliate/idevaffiliate.php?id=>.

If you enjoyed the race please rate it on www.runnersworld.co.uk.

If you ran we hope you enjoyed the event despite the mud and we hope to see you next year on 15 March 2009.

Martin Payne

Race Director

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