

Chelmorton 5 Chase Fell Race

'One Thousand Feet'

Event took place on Sunday September 18th 2005

The Chelmorton Chase once again saw an outstanding field of entries. The autumn day held off the rain and delivered splendid conditions for a mid-day race over Chelmorton Low, representing clubs that included Buxton, Dark Peak, Macclesfield, Matlock, Shelton Striders, Staffordshire Moorlands and from further afield Rotherham and Scunthorpe.

One of the highest events in the Peak District the Chelmorton Chase has gained fame over the last seven years as one of the toughest events in the calendar. The race set in the heart of the Peak District, South of Buxton and this year drew an excellent field to a highly successful event in grand weather and all donations going to local charities.

First runner home was Andy Wilton - Staffordshire Moorlands showing good form with a close time to the course record (held by himself 2003) followed by Kev Lilley - Dark Peak (last years winner 2004). In third place was a brilliant run by young Steven Ramsey - Buxton who was only 1min 10secs behind 2nd place and 3mins behind 1st Place Andy Wilton. He will be a runner to watch for next year!

First lady home was a fresh face to the Chelmorton Chase, Emma Clayton - Scunthorpe & District followed by Carolyn Lee - Shelton Striders.

- 1st Male Andy Wilton 32:11 Buxton AC (No 320 Yellow Vest)
- 2nd Male Kev Lilley 34:18 Dark Peak AC (No 296 next to Wilton)
- 3rd male Steven Ramsay 35:29 Buxton AC (No 299)

- 1st Veteran Andy Wilton 32:11 Buxton AC
- 2nd Veteran Kev Lilley 34:18 Dark Peak AC
- 3rd Veteran Gavin Williams 37:33 Dark Peak

- 1st Lady Emma Clayton 43:26 Scunthorpe & District
- 2nd Lady Carolyn Lee 46:14 Shelton Striders
- 3rd Lady Jo Miles 46:54 Macclesfield Harriers

Mens/Ladies Team winner were Dark Peak AC for the second year running.

The climax of the run was the climbing of the Chelmorton Low at over a thousand feet and at the end of the race. Runners passed the prehistoric tombs at the Low summit before a steep descent into the village. Cheers from many locals down the Main Street of the ancient linear village brought the entrant's home to a chequered flag finish outside Primitive Hall. Revival was organised at Primitive Hall where runners and spectators were treated to free pies and as much tea as they could drink.

Chelmorton race director Tracey Worth and course directors Arthur Gratton and Andy Wilton set out the course on the morning over the rakes and five wells to Taddington and back to the thousand feet of the Low. The course this year being recognised by the Staffordshire Moorlands Championship to register runner points.

There is always a great atmosphere as the race finishes down the village main street where locals and supporters alike cheer the runner's home. Local farmers open up the route; provide fields for parking and villagers marshal the course. I know that this race is only successful because of those who turn up to run and those who help me organise the race.

Very special thanks must go to Mrs Allen for permission to use the low, the Arden's, Swindell's and Wheeldon's for access and Derek Wood's team for official timing.'