

The Marlow Half Marathon

6th November 2011

Last Sunday a number of Harriers completed the notoriously tough Marlow Half marathon. The course starts and finishes at Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, ascends out of Marlow for the first two miles towards Chisbridge Cross then descends (sharply at times) into the Hambleden Valley before climbing back towards Marlow Common at the 8 mile marker. Fortunately the last mile & a half are downhill to encourage a strong finish.

The race was won this year by Matt Hawcroft of Bromsgrove & Redditch AC in 1:12:25, which is just 5 seconds outside the course record set in 2001.

James Repper followed his 6th place at the recent Maidstone Half with 5th place here, finishing in 1:17:43, ahead of Eddie O'Gorman in 6th (1:18:13). Michael Turney came 54th in 1:29:30 and Nathan Taylor (65th) completed the mens team with a time of 1:30:32. Nathan's time was incorrectly recorded on the Marlow Striders website on Sunday & the **Mens Team** prize was awarded to Serpentine. Once his time was amended, the team prize was correctly **awarded to Chiltern Harriers** (for the second consecutive year) – a fantastic achievement in a very competitive race.

Barbara Ralph (3rd F50) was our first lady home in 1:44:45, followed by Kate Loach (1:47:29 6th F50) and **Bettina Gruninger** who set a **PB** with her time of 1:51:59.

This year there were 952 finishers inside the official three hour time limit compared with 937 in 2010.

All Chiltern Harriers:

Place	Name	Time
5	James Repper	1:17:43
6	Eddie O'Gorman	1:18:13
54	Michael Turney	1:29:30
65	Nathan Taylor	1:30:32
209	Steve Field (4 th M60)	1:40:10
234	Doug King (6 th M60)	1:41:21
237	Wim Nuyts	1:41:27
316	Barbara Ralph	1:44:45
321	Jonathan Coutts	1:44:50
380	Mark Smith	1:46:51
402	Kate Loach	1:47:29
512	Martin Allen	1:51:53
515	Bettina Gruninger	1:51:59