



Another Stubb 10k over: now the work starts for 2010!!

IT has been a heck of a year for Gary Littlecott. When he first took over the running of the Stubbington 10k three years ago, Gary was handed a small bundle of papers from the previous race director.

Over a cup of tea and some Bourbon biscuits, the mechanics of what was then a very simple race, which had run for 20 years was discussed, writes *Dave King*.

This last January, a total of 1,210 runners took part in the 24th staging of the race on a brilliant day for running – bright sunshine, a light breeze and temperatures around 8c.

The race, which also formed part of the Hampshire Road Race League, was won by Andrew Greenleaf from Winchester & District AC in 32min 17sec, 25 seconds ahead of Paul Cameron from the Isle of Wight AC. Mark Le Gassick was the first Stubby home in third, a second behind Paul, in 32.43.

Emily Alden from Epsom & Ewell Harriers in Surrey won the ladies' race in a time of 36.25 for seventh overall, with Susie MacGregor the leading Stubbette in 15th position with 41.56.

Essentially, the Stubbington 10k had been run successfully for two decades thanks to the outstanding commitment of club members, who have been almost clockwork in their organisation.

This has been allied to the co-operation of the local police and council who were pleased to support this showpiece event.

However in the three years that Gary has been race director the goalposts have changed enormously. This year's race, for example, required around 8km of road closures to be put in place.



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