



News Release

Sun shines on Bayer Newbury 10K

Newbury, May 31, 2009 – David Fry, from Newbury Athletic Club, won the annual Bayer Newbury 10K for the second time in 35 minutes 40 seconds, just over his 35 minutes and six seconds time set last year.

David, who started the race with 650 other runners, said he enjoyed the course as it has something for everyone.

"It was great to take part in the Bayer Newbury 10K once again." He said. "Despite the heat, I enjoyed the competition and am pleased to have won once again."

Bayer, which has already pledged its support for next year's race, again partnered with Newbury Athletic Club. The race, which started and finished in the Market Place, went up through the town, along Speen Lane and into Bath Road, crossing the Newbury Bypass twice, dropping back down into Northcroft Lane before following the towpath into Bonemill Lane, Enborne Road, Bartholomew Street then back into the Market Place.

Fastest female was Carolyn Craik from Team Kennet, who timed in at 43 minutes and five seconds. Fastest Bayer employees were Dave Titcombe, from the Overton Harriers in 44 minutes and 27 seconds, and Sarah Ferretti in 51 minutes and 50 seconds respectively.

Mountaineer and global explorer, Lee Farmer from Woolton Hill, who was the official starter for the race, said: "It takes focus and dedication to train for an event such as the Bayer Newbury 10K race. Training in all weathers and at all times of the day, reminds me of my own preparation for mountain expeditions."

"We spectators can only admire the commitment of the participants. I look forward to following the race next year."

As a responsible local employer, and healthcare company, Bayer is dedicated in its support of issues and activities, which improve quality of life. Steve Painter, head of communications, said the Bayer Newbury 10K was something the company felt passionate about and would be fully supporting again. "We were so pleased with the response from the local community and the numbers of people wanting to participate last year, we increased entries to 650 this year, and it has really paid off," he said.

"It was a fantastic turnout and I can only see the event becoming bigger and better in the future. We are already involved in a number of local initiatives, so the Bayer Newbury 10K fits perfectly with our community strategy."

As last year, Bayer's chosen charity for this event was Kingsclere-based Sail 4 Cancer, an organisation which raises funds to improve cancer treatment and research and offer sailing respite opportunities to cancer sufferers and their families - helping them to switch off from the realities of everyday life and rebuild their confidence.

Around £3,000 was raised for the charity as a direct result of the Bayer Newbury 10K, which will be presented in the next few weeks.

Newbury Mayor, Kuldip Singh Kang, was on hand to help present the winners with their trophies. "Newbury needs an annual race of this calibre, which brings the local community together. It was an amazing sight to see so many runners - young and old - converge on the town centre with so much enthusiasm. Everyone who took part was a winner in my eyes. It was a great day for Newbury."

For a full listing of the results go to www.bayer.co.uk or www.newburyac.org.uk.

Caption: Ready for the off: Lee Farmer raises the starting horn, flanked by West Berkshire Council Chairman, Cllr Geoff Findlay, Newbury Mayor Cllr Kuldip Singh Kang, and Steve Painter, Bayer's Communications Director.

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