

The 'Last Ever Classic Race' Bewdley Mountain Marathon Results

6th January 2005

Hallo all

Here is my report about this year's BIMM

Cheers Russ

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For the first time (possibly since 1987 but records are very scanty about these early years), official observers at this year's BIMM (Bewdley International Mountain Marathon) recorded an unusually high temperature of 11°C at 8.45pm, after the last competitor had finished. This is believed to be 5°C above average for a Bewdley night in January.

As is well known, the BIMM has been the style leader in night street events for many years having achieved a remarkable number of firsts. Now, the BIMM is setting a new style of LASTS. Our reporter has learnt that the organiser has announced that this was the LAST BIMM to use 64, Sandbourne Drive as race HQ and start. Many night street competitors are appalled. "It cannot be the same not starting from Sandbourne Drive," said one experienced night street competitor. Night street co-ordinator, Brian Hughes said that he would do all he can to persuade the powers that be to maintain the BIMM.

The competitors were thankful when Mrs Barbara Fauset stepped in at short notice to manage the start and finish due to the normal organiser having to go to another engagement. Competitors found the normal unique challenges at Bewdley despite the fact that it was a "normal night street event" such as finding a fire hydrant in what looked like someone's front garden and building work having removed a fire hydrant.

Long

1) Brian Hughes	148mins	10 Points
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Medium

1) Colin Spears	67mins	10 Points
2) Brian Laycock	71mins	9 Points
3) Fred Miller	86mins	NATO
3) Barry McGowan	97mins	8 Points

Short

1) Robert Vickers	37mins	10 Points (to Short)
2) Alison Sloman	62mins	9 Points

Planner and Organiser Russ Fauset	10 Points (to Medium)
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