



THE PILGRIM CHALLENGE 2012
THE NORTH DOWN'S WAY
4TH & 5TH FEB
X 238 RUNNERS X 66 MILES X 2 DAYS

The Pilgrim Challenge is one of the U.K's Toughest Multi Day Ultra Endurance Races. Each competitor taking part is expected to complete 66 miles of running over 2 days of competition on The North Down's Way. The route is a run from Farnham to Merstham and back again.

This year the run took place on the 4th & 5th February. Competitors set off at three different start times of 8am, 9am and 10 am in relation to how quick they could complete the 33 miles a day. The fastest of competitors completed the distance in remarkable of times, with the quickest being just over 4 hours in icy sub zero conditions.

Competitors spent the night in Merstham School where they took rest and tried to re cooperate for day 2 of the ultra.

Day 2 saw the course change over night with a thick blanket of snow and ice making footing very unstable. For safety reasons all competitors were designated a single start time of 8am. With the conditions being tougher and legs already tired times were a little slower than the previous day.

The race was eventually won by Gwyn Davies with a staggering overall time of 09:42:28. The overall female winner was Michelle Double with a very respectable time of 11:28:25.

The race could not have gone ahead without all the helpers and sponsors of the event such as Hi-Tec, Buff, 9 Bar, Shotz & Elete.

The Pilgrim Challenge 2012 will always go down in Extreme Energy History as the first ever Arctic Ultra hosted by the company and possibly the toughest.



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