



Fancy Dress Prizes for Barns Green Half Marathon and 10km runners

This year's Barns Green Half Marathon and 10km races take place on Sunday 29th September. Entry numbers are increasing but there is still plenty of time to enter. One of the most popular features of the races is the Fancy Dress Runners sponsored by ChilliPepperTV. Each year a variety of runners turn up dressed as Batman, Dames, Skeletons, Witches, Wizards and Babies. One year it was a Harry Hill lookalike that won the first prize!

There are 5 fancy dress prizes – 1st £60, 2nd £50, 3rd £40, 4th £30, and 5th £20. Judging for the Fancy Dress takes place on the main stage at 9am an hour before the start of the races.

The Chairman of the Barns Green Half Marathon Committee, Vernon Jennings commented, "The fantastic costumes that people create to run in the Barns Green Half Marathon and 10km races add greatly to the colour and excitement of the day. We want to see as many people as possible in Fancy Dress, it is great fun and there are some attractive cash prizes on offer".

The event is organized and run entirely by volunteers and all the money raised goes towards supporting local clubs, sports clubs and societies as well as different charities. Since the Barns Green Half Marathon was first staged in 1982, this unique village event has raised a huge amount of money for charity and this year's chosen charity is once again St Catherine's Hospice.

This year will be the 37th running of the Barns Green Half Marathon and the 4th year of the 10km race. Last year over 2,000 runners registered to take part in the two races. The event is organized and run entirely by volunteers and since it began in 1982, this unique village occasion has raised a huge amount of money for charity. The races are on closed roads and go through some of the most scenic countryside in West Sussex including the grounds of Christ's Hospital School. There will be a warm up for all the runners before the race which will be done by two of Bluecoat Sports fitness instructors. This will take place just before the races start so that everyone is nicely warmed up. Then there are highly visible race pacers taking part which enables runners to get help with running at their chosen pace and achieving the finish time that they aspire to. There will be six bands and groups playing music at different points on the race routes to help keep all the runners motivated and at the end of the races all runners receive either a gold, silver or bronze medal.

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