

It seemed like a good idea a few months back when I signed up online. A flat and fast 10 mile race on Good Friday. But when the day dawned and I worked out what time I had to leave to make the 9.30am start in Maidenhead, the duvet seemed like a much nicer proposition!

But off we went (myself and Chris) to try our hand at this race. Chris wanted to run 10 miles at marathon pace and get the club 10 mile record whilst I wanted a crack at my 10 mile PB time. The weather prospects also looked like they would be in our favour as well. Slightly damp but not raining and no wind to speak of. So should both our races go pear shaped we hatched a plan where we would both say that the weather was atrocious with 30MPH winds!!

When we arrived we ran a bit of the course. We were to do laps, at various times of the race, of the industrial park, then up the road we drove in on and then out into the country. From what we could see it was all flat. The signs were good. We were chip timed so there wasn't the scrum at the start to get over the start line as soon as possible plus people seemed to line up in the correct place. The race itself was excellent. Marshalls at every corner and good support on the way round as well. Between miles 8 and 9 you had to watch your footing a bit but apart from that the course was superb.

In the end Chris did indeed get the club 10 mile record and I got a shiny new 10 mile PB. So all in all a good start to the Easter weekend. A race I would definately run again. Club championship race next year perhaps??