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Promenade with a difference

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A NEW form of penance has been devised for New Year's Day. Races to the end of Portobello Promenade and back. It is a good way to "get out the New Year Spirit," the organisers believe. The Porty Prom races will be held at 11 o'clock, with a two-mile Resolution Run for "juniors, joggers and juggers," followed by the Porty Promethon, a four-mile run from Seafield to Eastfield and back, for the more serious runners, starting at 11:30.

Entries, £1 for adults and 50 for juniors, will be taken on the day and there will be prizes in all the usual categories: men, women, boys, girls and teams. Proceeds will go to Christian Aid and local charities. Junior members of Portobello Basketball Club are hoping to use the race to raise funds for a new set of strips.

Yvonne Murray is among those who have already indicated a desire to take part. The new event, which the organisers hope will become an annual occasion like bathing in the sea on New Year's Day, is being supported by Carlsberg and Edinburgh District Council.



YVONNE MURRAY (above) maintained her magnificent form by winning the women's "Porty Promethon" on New Year's Day. It was the first time the event, a four-mile race to the end of Portobello Promenade and back, had been staged and, in spite of the

bitter cold, the men's and women's competitions attracted almost 80 entries. Murray was fifth overall, her time of 19min 59sec being only 28 seconds behind the men's winner, Adrian Weatherhead, her Edinburgh AC team-mate. Weatherhead (43), the former

Great Britain miler, outsprinted Steven Doig (Fife Southern) to win by 16 seconds with John Elphinstone (EAC) third in 19min 52sec and Fife Southern's John Mudie (pictured above) fourth in 19min 58sec. First veteran was Martin Craven (ESH), in 13th place, in 21min 48sec.

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Yvonne To Run New Year Race?

Yvonne Murray may take in the New Year on Porty promenade.

The European and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist is one of a number of distinguished and not so distinguished athletes considering blowing the cobwebs away on New Year's Day on the Portobello promenade in a prom race — four miles for the serious runners and a Resolution Run of two miles for joggers, fun runners and young athletes.

The Resolution Run will start at 11am and the main Porty Prom Race at 11.30 and entries fees (£1 for seniors and 50p for under-17) will be taken on the day at the start at the Seafield end of the prom. Proceeds will go to charity.

EUROPEAN 3000-metres bronze medallist Yvonne Murray made a surprise appearance in Thursday's first Portobello Promethon. The Musselburgh girl was the first woman home in the four-mile run along the Portobello promenade and her time of 19min. 59sec. was incredible in the bitterly cold conditions.

The race, sponsored by Carlsberg, was won by 43-year-old former British international miler Adrian Weatherhead (Edinburgh AC), who covered the course in 19min. 31sec. and in beating second-placed Steve Doig, of Fife Southern Harriers, by some 16 seconds proved that he is still in top condition. Results:

Four-mile race — 1, A. Weatherhead (Edinburgh AC) 19-31; 2, S. Doig (Fife Southern Harriers) 19-47; 3, J. Elphinstone (Edinburgh AC) 19-52; 4, J. Mudie (Fife Southern Harriers) 19-58; 5, Y. Murray (Edinburgh AC) 19-59.