Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (15/10/2016)

There was a lot to celebrate in the latest event: it was a nice morning to go for a jog, there was a pleasing turnout, Joshua received his fifty event trophy, Dawn completed another 5K and faster, the winner of which also gained a PB, a few more registrations, and many receiving their new, ‘glitzy’ numbers along with ‘champers’ at the finish.

Three youngsters led from the off; Jack Bray (12) leading Charlie Chauveau (13) and Jack Hancock (18) around for most of the first part before the more senior Jack showed his merit to create a forty five second margin in 21.58 and a PB of thirty two seconds, with thirteen year old Charlie a further sixteen seconds behind in his first 5K.

New entrant, Katie Southern, tracked Donna Eames along the route, finishing just a second in arrears to record 23.09. Karl Birch was unable to make up the ground on Kevin Holroyd, to finish thirty two seconds adrift but gaining a PB of twenty two seconds, recording a dead 26.00; with Mike Turner gaining a PB of seventeen seconds only nine seconds away on his return after three months. Suzie Noble dropped behind her usual pace to finish just nine seconds ahead of Tony Williamson in 27.01; however, he had completed his parent duty by escorting Martha to a slower 17.31 in the 2.2K.

The Cumberbatch bunch paced around together for a couple of laps; Dominic (9) peeling off to head the 3.6K in 20.46 with Jacob (12) leading father Jonathan to the full distance in 27.33 – all still behind their best but back on a regular path. Once again Amanda Hampson led the running partners of Charlotte Statham and Claire Williamson for the early part, before slowing to finish in 32.33; the duo finishing 109 seconds apart in 27.52 and 29.41 and being separated by David Hinton’s 28.10.

The Bower family returned after a long absence; recording slower 5K times of 39.41 for Cathy, 30.42 for Christopher and 30.40 for George (11), with Alfie Still recovering from an injury sustained at school to pull in at the 2.2K spot for the first time to clock 18.30. Jan Percival also decided for an easier return after a shin injury she picked up on holiday, by completing the 3.6K in 22.17; Paul Chauveau was three seconds ahead of George in his first attempt.

Remarkably! Dawn Brown continued her rise by completing her second 5K with a two second faster time of 35.11, followed by Kim Lagan-Walters and hubby John, who entered the event after reading about it in the local paper; Kim recorded 35.12 with John going awry somewhere along the route.

Ten year old, Kieran Goodwin led the 2.2K entrant’s home by almost a minute and gained a PB of six seconds over this distance; with over another minute separating Louise Hackett and running partners, Kelsey Goodwin (8) and Daisy Williamson (10), who both claimed PB’s of six and eighteen seconds in this event with 11.43 and 11.45 times. Another pair gaining PB’s were: Keeley Neilson (9) and Laurie Hinton (5), with times of 13.16 and 13.48 and PB’s of thirty five and twenty three seconds. Two more of the Neilson family upped their game to the 2.2K, where Emily (11) piped father John to record 15.15. Joshua Eames seemed buoyed by his earlier presentation for entering his 50th event to forge out a 15.40 time, which was two minutes faster than recent walk-about times.

The junior 2.2K was once again headed by Sienna Phillips (10) in a time of 9.41 which was sixty two seconds ahead of Molly Williams’ 10.43; with Luke Hopkinson (10) slowing over the latter stages to record 11.01. James Burgess (6) has Edward Dodd (7) in his sights on a regular basis; unable once again to get ahead, despite a PB of seven seconds, as they recorded 11.29 and 11.41; and Eden Pigott only four seconds behind.

Casey Cope (7) staved off the pursuit of Emily Hulme (8) by two seconds with Lara Smith (7) a further thirteen seconds adrift in 12.37. Leo Dawson (7) also managed to stave off the pursuit of both William Dodd (4) and Millie Oakden (11) and claimed a PB of thirty two seconds with his second event time of 14.36; the latter two recording 14.44 and 14.47 as they were followed home by Esme Hopkinson’s 15.15. Unfortunately Tianah Mcllreavy tumbled in the early stages and was unable to continue.

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B. (An ear to the ground and an eye on the times)