Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (22/10/2016)

There was an interesting mid-order battle within Brough Park Running Club’s 54th event; from the early stages five runners seemed to be locked within their own goals?

Martin Pigott was the early head to this quintuplet bunch, Dan Knowles then pushed ahead on the second lap; Paul Goldstraw maintained his place before gaining momentum on Donna Eames at the last incline to finish a score ahead and securing a PB of seven seconds in a time of 23.00; Isaac Elkington also seizing the opportunity to pass by and secure an eight second advantage with a PB of thirty four seconds; Martin claimed back the lead over the latter stages of the last lap to cross the line with a two second margin over Dan, in 22.53, and his own PB of six seconds.

Meanwhile Nick Hulme led from the front to clock an improved time as he forged out a ninety one second lead over John Green to finish in 20.12; the latter securing a two second PB following three months absence from the event.

Kevin Holroyd pushed himself along to secure a better time of 25.04, which is only seven seconds from his best; Mike Turner was within sight throughout the route, benefiting from that, and regular club-training stints to gain a forty seven second PB and only eighteen seconds adrift at the line.

Both Suzie Noble and Karl Birch seem to work within their own mind-set; the latter breaking yet another mile-stone to record 25.58 and a two second PB, and the former only a second adrift of her best in 26.55.

Charlie (7) and Paul Chauveau didn’t appear to track each other around the park but, the youngster finished three seconds ahead in 28.44 and only seven seconds behind Mark Gater; an improving John Lagan was only thirteen seconds in arrears of that marker, with David Hinton a further thirty nine seconds behind.

There was a lull in proceedings before V65 Bill Mould recorded a much slower time of 32.41; another three minutes passing before following Kim Lagan-Walters also recorded a slower time of 35.47; followed home eighteen seconds later by v80, Bryan Vigrass.

Julie Norton returned after many, many months away from the course; running alongside of Cathy Bower throughout to finish five seconds adrift in 39.44 and a better time by over two minutes from her last attempt. Taking up the rear were two more of the Bower clan, father and son, Christopher and Alfie (5), returning slower times than previous of 43.05.

Jan Percival once again chose the 3.6K as a means of easing her way back to form and secured top spot and a PB of twelve seconds in 22.05. The Norton duo of Ben (11) and George (8) were separated by over three minutes as the latter struggled to get to grips with his goal and the former recording 24.33 alongside of running partner, George Bower (11).

The 2.2K event was headed by six year old James Burgess; unfortunately he didn’t have an adversary to follow and returned a slightly slower time of 12.04 from the front. New entrant, Bonnie Dunn-Fox (8) recorded 13.52 at her first event; Joshua Eames (5) staved off the pursuing Laurie Hinton by four seconds to record a faster time than many weeks in 15.08. Three other senior newbie’s; Kirsty Brown and Sarah Walmsley covered the route together in 26.22; with v60 Edward Gorniak veered along the wrong route to the line.

The junior 2.2K was once again headed by Sienna Phillips (10) in a slightly slower time of 9.53, which was 107 seconds ahead of Edward Dodd (7), with Laurie Smith (7) only nineteen seconds behind in an improved 11.57.

Leo Dawson (7) has grown to enjoy the event after a hurtful first run and recorded a thirty four second PB in 14.02, with William Dodd also enjoying his 14.46 event time.

Unfortunately the Salt family duo of: Stanley (4) and Emily (7) returned to the sanctuary of their mother after wandering off route.

Thanks to Sam Goldstraw.

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