Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (29/10/2016)

Paul Goldstraw maintained his placing over Donna Eames from the early stages through to the finish in a slower 23.25 time of late; even increasing the gap over the penultimate lap to finish forty seconds ahead;

Both were surrounded by two younger athletes: eighteen year old Jack Hancock led from the front, failing to achieve his aim of a PB, to record a clear winning margin in 22.50; with an improving twelve year old Ethan Ollier crossing the line in 24.59, dragging his pace-maker, Mike Turner, to a PB of twelve seconds in 25.10.

Kevin Holroyd was also acting as pacer, urging Karl Birch along for the first two laps before easing ahead; Karl achieving another PB of four seconds in 25.54 and just piped to the line by Martin Pigott.

The latter, along with Dan Smith and Kevin Holroyd, ran most, if not all, of the 5K route with their Halloween masks in place; suffering from a constant sweat massage to the face and respective slower times of: 25.33, 25.51 and 27.47.

Suzie Noble was bunched with the Cumberbatch duo of Jonathan and son Dominic (9), with the youngster once again peeling off at the 3.6K; both the family members securing faster times by more than half a minute over their chosen distance and Suzie pushing on to maintain her slight lead to gain a PB of three seconds in 26.52.

John Lagan finished ahead of daughter, Kim; however they both looked very fetching in their ‘scary’ and brightly coloured tutus to secure improved times by twenty seven and forty one seconds, in 28.10 and 35.06

Veteran runner, Bill Mould, recorded a better unaccompanied time of 29.44 which was almost a minute up on Jan Percival, who was easing back into the full distance after her injury, with the fun of the painted face and skeleton outfit helping her along; whereas Dawn Brown’s paint-facing and outfit couldn’t overcome her ongoing-cold, which took its toll and reduced her to a 3.6K finish in 26.05.

New entrant, Daniel Tyzack, eased along the route to cross the line in 26.23; with two others: Danielle Latham and Gina Lockett returning after many weeks away and covering this route for the first time, secured joint times of 35.24.

The 2.2K event was headed by twelve year old Louise Hackett, who was well up with the main runners before peeling off to finish in a dead 10.00 and a PB of thirty five seconds; James Burgess managed to stave off the pursuit of fellow six year old Eden Pigott by three seconds in 12.36. The unfortunate, Bonnie Dunn-Fox (8), recorded 15.46 after drifting off course, which urged her father, Jamie, to sign up for next week’s run; with Joshua Eames (5) and Brooke Pickford (9) ambling around the route in 15.56 and 18.26. Kirsty Brown and Sarah Walmsley returned for the second week and covered the route together over a hundred seconds faster in 24.38.

All the junior 2.2K entrants wore Halloween garbs of one kind or another, with the prize winners being chosen once again by Ben Emery.

They were led from the off by Edward Dodd (7) who crossed the line in 11.45, with Emily Hulme (8) in pursuit to secure a creditable second placed time of 13.00 to keep ahead of James Burgess (6) who was running in his second event of the day and a slower time; with Leo Dawson (7) suffering with an early back pain and dropped out along the way; William Dodd (4) taking up the rear but recording a PB time of 14.14.

Thanks to Sam Goldstraw, Kathryn Smith and Rachel Massey, with Donna Eames and Richard Dodd assisting in the make-up; in addition to Paul Goldstraw and Mick Turner for sweeping the paths before the event.

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