Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (05/11/2016)

Prior to the 56th event there was a presentation to Daisy Williamson (10) for attending her 25th event.

The eventual start of the bonfire event went something like this, ready, steady and whoooosh; which was the pre-empted blast off of a rocket to signal the start.

One youngster, eleven year old Harry Bond (11), blasted his way around the 5K route and was urged on during the latter stages by Jason Burgess, to cross the line over two minutes ahead in 21.27 to claim an hard earned PB by 24 seconds. His nearest rival, Donna Eames, also saw a 30 second improvement on her previous week’s time, knocking it down to 23.32, despite running most of the way in no-man’s-land, and may soon be closing in on her own PB which she claimed almost six months ago.

Kevin Holroyd recorded a consistent time of 24.57, and was followed home by Karl Birch, who unbelievably dropped back by a few seconds to 26.05, piping his shadow Daniel Tyzack on the line; the latter claimed a PB of 17 seconds.

Ten year old Luke Hopkinson upped his distance and managed to stave off the Cumberbatch duo of Jacob (12) and Jonathan by a couple of seconds in 27.05; Charlotte Statham created a PB by 27 seconds as she followed on closely in 27.13. The third Cumberbatch member, Dominic, once again peeled off at the 3.6K point to record 20.06, a slight improvement on his last outing.

Paul Chauveau also claimed a PB of 36 seconds in 28.11, having got to grips with the route after his first outing; veteran runner Bill Mould was three minutes behind, after he and Dave Hinton once again accompanied Laurie (5) to the 2.2K finish straight for her to complete it in 13.56; continuing on to their line in 31.15; not too far behind saw Amanda Hampson record another consistent time of 32.28.

The Williamson family returned after a two week absence which was notable in slower times for all; Tony’s excuse was fair enough; he escorted v70 dad Terry throughout to a 38.09 finish, having dug him up a week too late for Halloween.

Aria Aberley-Barker (10) returned, after an absence from our course of over six months, to head the 2.2K in an even 10.00 time; followed almost thirty seconds later by Grace Bond (9). An escort by newcomer, James Platt, enabled Esme Hopkinson (8) to an improved time over this distance of 14.32, which is only five seconds off her best. Five year Joshua Eames seems to have left his walk-about days behind as he knits together a string of times in the fifteen minute band, this time with 15.11, however, cousin James Burgess had to drop out due to breathing problems from a recent cold.

The junior event was also started, eventually, by ready, steady and whoooosh; which was the blast off of a rocket to signal the start, however, there was a false start as a nervy youngster set off on the sound of the touch paper fiiizzzz.

It was Lewis Smith (8) who fired to the front, and by special arrangement completed two laps to claim a 3K distance time of 14.46 - the fourth fastest junior time to date; Sienna Phillips (9) was hot on his heels, which enabled her to gain a junior girls 2.2K best time and a PB of 22 seconds for her efforts, in a time of 9.11.

Edward Dodd (7) followed some two minutes adrift but also gained a PB; thirteen seconds in 11.14, with Lara Smith nearing her PB with an 11.43 time. Eden Pigott was also only a few seconds off her best with a time of 11.45 which equalled her last junior outing time. However, Millie Oakden along with Leo Dawson, struggled around to return a slower times of 15.51 and 19.03.

Thanks to Kathryn Smith and Rachel Massey, with assistance from an injured Paul Goldstraw.

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