Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (12/11/2016)

Prior to the 57th event there was a presentation to Harry Bond (12) for attending his 25th event; encompassing all but the shortest distance, in both the senior and junior runs. The presentation seemed to boost his effort as he set a new PB time of 21.25; chipping two seconds off the time he gained the previous week to finish a minute in arrears of front runner, Matthew Statham.

Donna Eames was the next senior in the 5K; a 23.08 time knocked twenty seven seconds off her last week’s time to near her best once again. Ahead in the rankings were two other twelve year olds: Nathan Geston – who chose this distance for the first time – and Jordan Ash; Nathan being an even minute behind the previous junior with Jordan a further thirty seconds deficit. Steve Corden managed to break the twenty four minute mark for the second time to finish nine seconds ahead of Rob Bond’s time of 24.07.

Karl Birch clocked the exact same time of 26.05 for the second week in a row as he trailed both Paul Goldstraw and Ethan Ollier, whom dropped below their previous week’s pace. Despite skipping across a loop and having to retrace his steps Paul Chauveau managed to lower his best time by forty seconds to 27.31, whereas Charlotte Statham was some twenty seven seconds in arrears and unable to maintain her previous week’s progress. The Cumberbatch trio were once again in attendance: Dominic (9) managed to clip ten seconds off his last outings 20.06, in the 3.6K, with father, Jonathan and brother Jacob (12) dropping back by eighty seconds to 28.28 in the full distance. Bill Mould lowered his last solo events time by sixteen seconds to finish just over two minutes ahead of Jan Percival’s consistent 31.33.

The final Statham family pair of Connie (5) and Madeline (11) ambled round the 1.5K in 13.16. However, Grace Bond managed to push herself along to equal her last outings 10.49, with Joshua Eames playing in the puddles around the route to return a slower 16.05.

Taylor Mcllreavy (9) raced off from the start to finish just four seconds off the PB he set in his last event in June, to finish a minute ahead of ten year old Sienna Phillips’ 9.29, with Jamie Morrison (7) taking part in his first event to finish fifteen seconds behind the 10.00 PB of Oliver Bailey (9). Both Edward Dodd (7) and Lara Smith (7) recorded slower times of 11.35 and 12.01.

Eight year old, Lewis Smith, once again chose an extra lap to complete the 3.6K distance in a time of 15.45.

Thanks to Kathryn Smith and Sam Goldstraw

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