Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (10/12/2016)

A really nice day for the 60th run, it was warm for the time of year and drier than expected; in addition, the council had swept the route, however, the numbers on the start line were disappointing. It was fortunate that the event took place at all, a tree in the park adjacent the ‘dreaded hill’ toppled the day before and had been propped up in a precarious position by a lamppost; due to its dangerous state the tree surgeons were called in to remove it, and many were none-the-wiser.

Despite having a relatively late night at a party, Steve Massey must have watched his consumption rate or been boosted by the odd Sambucca or two, as he led the group from the early stages to the tape in 22.26 – the exact same time he produced in his last event - which was 31 seconds ahead of early leader, Martin Pigott – the latter being only five seconds off a PB and three minutes better than his last outing. Donna Eames, on the other hand, seemed to suffer from the after effects of the same party or perhaps she was saving herself for the following days Cracker Run, crossing the line seventy four seconds behind Isaac Elkington’s 23.37.

Susie Noble ran alongside the Cumberbatch pair of Jacob (9) and Jonathan, before the youngster peeled off to finish the 3.6K in an even 19.00; the other two seemingly benefitting from the company until Suzie slowed badly during the second accent of the hill, but still managed to equal her PB of 26.52, while Jonathon pushed on at a pace that was two minutes faster than most of his previous seven attempts to clock 25.39; Karl Birch was only twelve seconds off his best as he finished sandwiched between in 26.01.

John Lagan and Bill Mould had similar PB’s, on this occasion the former bettered his by a massive seventy eight seconds to 26.52, with the latter easing closer to his and finished in 28.25; Rodger Bennett bettered his first attempt by forty nine seconds which was a similar amount ahead of Jan Percival’s 29.52 – Jan finally dropped back below her milestone mark after a series of times in the mid thirty one minutes.

Another pair that ran close to each other for most of the way was Claire Williamson and Danielle Latham; Danielle benefited to set a PB of over five minutes; determined not to be caught up the last hill, to ease ahead and finish with an eight second margin in 30.18.

Dawn Brown maintains her place in the 5K distance with a 36.12 time.

A 10.13 time saw Kieran Goodwin (10) return after a six week absence to head the 2.2K entrants; with Daisy Williamson (10) setting a PB of eight seconds in 11.37. Peter Malkin (12) returned after a longer absence to record 16.12 - which is mid-way between his best and his previous time. Joshua Eames (5) stop-start-run-walk saw him claim a consistent 17.12 time.

Luke Hopkinson led the juniors to a 11.05 finish with Eden Pigott (6) almost two minutes in arrears, and sister Esme (8) a further three minute behind.

Thanks to Rachel Massey, Kathryn Smith for timekeeping, and Chris Dale in assisting with the make-up.

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