

Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (18/02/2017)

The 67th event got under way without the recent hindrance of ice or snow; runners only had a countrywide, early morning mist to deal with; and the temperature within was a heady 9C. T shirt weather! Well, not for all!

Week after week we welcome new entrants to the event, along with recent absentees returning to pastures old. There are of course the many regulars: Nick Hulme being drawn around by youngsters; Harry Bond (13), Sienna Phillips (10) and Jordan ash (12) during the early stages, before taking the lead to finish at the 3.6K point thirty three seconds ahead of Harry in 15.13. Sienna was eventually overtaken by Jordan, on the hill, only to surge past with her trademark sprint finish to pip him by three seconds in 9.42. The youngster once again enjoying the 9 am challenge?

Regular stalwart, Rob Bond, was more than surprised to find himself heading the 5K, forty two seconds ahead of Martin Pigott's 23.46; a further seventy seconds ahead of Paul Goldstraw's 24.56 – obviously urged on by wearing a BPRC logo emblazoned running vest – to reduce his previous time by a handful or so seconds.

Dave Edge continued on his 2017 come-back and was drawn along by Karl Birch - who claimed a fourteen second PB - to finish a mere three seconds adrift to record a 25.34 finish and an almost 100 second improvement on his last outing; Dan Smith, returned after a ten week absence - due to our cancellations and work commitments - to clock 28.06, with Bill Mould eked out a consistent 29.46.

It was noticeable that father, Jonathan Cumberbatch, had increased his gait over the last lap; that effort enabled son Jacob (11) to knock eight seconds off his long standing PB to cross the line together in 26.47; John Lagan taking advantage of following that duo to keep pace and secure a PB of thirty eight seconds in 26.58; while up ahead and in sight, Suzie Noble and eleven year old Luke Hopkinson were engaged in their own, personal battle; the former chipped another couple of seconds off her PB to reduce it to 26.32 and in doing so pushed the youngster along to an eighty second gain over his last outing and a PB of thirty five seconds, to finish a couple of strides ahead.

Angela Luznyj dropped back six seconds to 30.05 on her Last outing, however, that wasn't about to happen again, as a new PB was set at 28.30, well below that previous milestone marker; whereas, Dawn Brown seemed to have missed the Saturday pursuits to drop back thirty seconds to 35.12.

Nine year old Dominic Cumberbatch wasn't able to benefit from father and brothers pace as he finished his usual 3.6K at a more regular paced 19.11; while running partners from Alton, Alison Evans and Liz Cartlidge, had thoughts on completing the 5K but, on finding the going a little tough, pulled in at the 3.6K point to record 23.27 and 23.41.

James Burgess (6) and Eden Pigott (7) have very similar PB's in the 2.2K and continued their battle on this occasion; Eden taking the honours to finish thirty eight seconds ahead in 12.02; while a more senior, Richard Dodd, made a concerted come-back to gain a PB of twenty two seconds in 13.24. Mother and daughter combo, Sarah Garde and Emma (11), set out together and mother managed to set a time of 15.01; unfortunately, the youngster suffered along the way and cut her distance short, whereas Esme Hopkinson kept up to finish three seconds adrift.

There were a few family groups on the junior start line: the Clews family trio were led home by eleven year old Jack in 12.50 with sister Ava (8) escorting mother Emma to a 16.44 finish; Olivia Lovatt (8) and mother Julie finishing ninety seconds faster than their first outing in 14.23; Thomas Knight (13) led this junior group in an impressive 9.47, with Mollie Williams (10) finishing in a slower 11.10 and Sadie Kelsall (8) in a PB of twenty eight seconds in 14.11.

Thanks to time recorders: Kathryn Smith, Sam Goldstraw and Rachel Massey.

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