

Brough Park Running Club weekly event. (25/02/2017)

After negotiating a bunch of youngsters who, as usual, shot off from the start, Jason Burgess used the 5K as a warm up for an event later in the day, to finish in a way-below par 20.13.

As happens on many occasions, Sienna Phillips (10) had little opposition in the 2.2K, this was reflected in a slower 10.05; even so, it was sixty three seconds ahead of Tom Luznyj (10); a similar time separated the 11.42 of eight year old Kelsey Goodwin and William Dodd (4); the former chipping a second off her PB and the later almost a minute; the shock of the day was that older brother, Edward Dodd(6), was piped by four seconds by his younger sibling, as he crossed the line in a slower time of 12.59 – the later vowing to become more focused to avenge that position – father, Richard's, 13.26 says nothing for his escorting duties.

Howard Render has made huge strides over the three recent events he's participated in; dropping from 19.52 to 17.21 and on this occasion recording 13.53. The following trio clocked slower times than previously: Esme Hopkinson (7) 15.39; Joshua Eames (6) 17.09 and Laurie Hinton (4) 19.20.

In the 5K, Steve Massey crossed the line almost two minutes ahead of the 24.36 attained by newcomer, Clare Leek (originally from Hull), who pushed on from the early lap-tagging of the flu-recovering effort of Donna Burgess. There were numerous runners being drawn on by those ahead: the latter's time of 25.34 was being keenly contested by Rob Bond, who passed several others on the last lap to cross the line only eight seconds adrift; Paul Goldstraw was focused enough to gain on Clare and reduce his previous week's time of 24.58 by nine seconds as he heads towards his four month old PB of 23.00; Dave Edge and Karl Birch had their own contest, with Dave mustering up the momentum to ease past Karl during the later stages to claim a twelve second lead in 25.51.

It's not very often that Suzie Noble records a slower time – having attained eight PB's out of her last eleven events – however, a 26.55 time was only four seconds in arrears to that of adversary, Luke Hopkinson (10); a further sixteen seconds ahead saw the return of Daniel Tyzack. John Lagan is another entrant that has seen a progression of better times in the eight events he's participated; reducing his inaugural time by well over three and a half minutes, perhaps, today's slight, set back to 27.14 was due to the tacky stretch across the grass, that caught a few others out; on the other hand, Angela Luznyj managed to forge out a PB, if only by a second, to cross the line in 28.29.

After receiving their 25 run trophies, Jacob (11) and Jonathan Cumberbatch (9) ran around together, both seemed to miss their pacemaker – father Jonathan being sidelined due to a minor injury - the former crossed the 5K line in 29.18, and younger brother recorded 22.08 in the 3.6K.

Another newcomer, Alistair Leek, eased away from the consistent Bill Mould to finish nineteen seconds ahead in 29.39; while Christopher Nelson escorted Loren back into the full distance to a 31.11 finish; both Jan Percival and Amanda Hampson returned slower times of 32.58 and 36.03. Unfortunately, Alfie (8) had a fall en-route and was escorted to the recovery room by father Christopher, while mother Cathy and George (11) pulled in at the 3.6K finish in just over thirty minutes.

In the junior 2.2K the following trio recorded off beat times: Mollie Williams (10) 11.46; Eden Pigott (7) 12.18; Olivia Lovatt escorted by Julie Barker 15.16.

Thanks to time recorders: Sam Goldstraw and Rachel Massey.

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