10.04.21 Event Report

The second event following the return attracted a dozen or so more participants than the inaugural 2021 event.

Remarkably, there was an even more buoyant mood than previously as many sought out allies they had missed the week before for a catch-up.

Once again all five distances of the C25K were traversed, with the Coleman trio returning and choosing separate challenges; father, Christian and Henrietta (4) completed a sedate 950m in 10.04; with Ben Wakefield-Clay the best part of four minutes ahead and Joshua Eames (10) half that amount; meanwhile Arthur (10) completed the 1.6K in 11.06.

Amongst others of that distance were Eavie (7) and Jan Percival, followed by Jamie and Izabella Carney (6) who recorded 19.36 and 24.35.

Eva Arnold decided to show sister, Lilly (3) and mother, Hannah how it's done, as she pushed on - way before the cut-off-point - to cross the 1.6K line 40 seconds ahead in 12.54.

Brother, Harry (8) once again set his own pace and distance as he opted for one more lap than usual to record 22.53 over the 3.6K; only 30 seconds in arrears of Jamie Jones (16).

Laurie Hinton (9) again headed the 2.3K and crossed the line four-dozen seconds ahead of James Burgess (10), recording the same time of 11.18 as last week.

From the off, Harry Durber left his previous run partner's Alex and Toby Poulton (11) behind to complete this distance in 12.16; the pair trudging over the line more than 2 and 3 minutes behind.

On his return, nine-year-old Luke McMullan set an improved time for this distance by almost four-dozen with a time of 12.53 and was followed to the line half that amount later by William Dodd (8).

Sam Healy (10), Max Tideswell (6) and Stanley White (10) completed the correct route and followed almost a score or so later.

Freddie Hales (6) was schooled along by father, Matthew as he eased back over the sparsely marked route to finish a handful less than a ton of seconds ahead of Sophie (5) and Rebecca Hinton’s 16.34, with Emily and Pollyanna White (7) clustered around the nineteen-minute mark.

The remaining three from the 3.65K distance - Jamie Jones, Karen Avery, and Ben Geens (10) - all returned for their first event of this year and clocked times of 22.23, 23.15 and 24.50.

Caiden Geens (5) was initially escorted by his father for a one-lap finish but then decided to continue to a final time of 35.54; as Adam covered two more laps to complete the full distance in 31.48.

At the head of the entourage, Isaac Elkington set a slower pace than last week to clock 19.26 but was well ahead of a couple of other event leaders.

Of those, Ryan Holroyd (20.25) and Glynn Luznyj (21.51) were separated by John Hurst (19.48) and Martin Pigott (20.45) in the pecking order

Martin reducing his last weeks by 45 seconds and Glynn by a score; Ryan was a minute slower compared to the last event of 2020 and Glynn just 14 seconds away from his record.

The close rivalry between Wayne and Julie Pettitt has never been more apparent than when observed within this event.

Julie setting off ahead and at a brisker pace than Wayne, completing each of the first two of the three internal laps at least 10 seconds quicker, before Wayne gained back half that number on the last.

However, Julie strode out following the last climb and for the second week in a row reduced her PB; on this occasion by a further score to secure a mind-boggling two-minute reduction from last year’s record in a time of 23.25, while Wayne chipped a dozen from his best and the same amount adrift at the line.

Dave Hinton and Paul Lockett’s regular training has proved its worth, as they registered almost the same times of 23.43 and 23.49 as last week; meanwhile, fourteen-year-old Sienna Phillips paced round to record a one-second time variation to the previous with a deficit to 24.33.

Laura Goldstraw tried her utmost to push along but found her legs to be like lead; despite returning laps that were more or less even she was recorded with a below-par 24.55 and four-dozen from her record.

Debbie Healey upped her game to complete her first 5K within the park and found the extra lap not too daunting and well within her capabilities as she clocked 24.59.

Karl and Nathan Birch both lowered their last weeks by just over 30 seconds to 25.29 and 29.04 respectively, as they both head back to their best.

Steve Bourne and Dave Edge also found the going a little better on this occasion; the former knocking off a minute and the latter seven seconds to 25.11 and 26.57; while Angela Luznyj’s 27.00 was a set-back by double the latter’s gain, as Sarah Garde chipped almost a score from last week to 31.26.

Once again Suzie Noble warmed up by jogging to the event, a feat which did no harm as she knocked almost four-dozen from last week’s outing to 27.35.

Steve Billing reduced his last weeks by fourscore to 28.55, which was a couple of seconds ahead of Matthew Hale’s who had made up some distance after his earlier escort duties.

The other first timer’s of 2021 were: Roland Meylan - 26.20; Richard Dodd - 28.06; Deb Beachell - 30.13; Jules Brook - 31.11; all of whom are destined to improve as time goes by.

However, uncharacteristically both Dave Hinton and Paul Lockett dropped back by 3 and 18 seconds on the second outing of this year.

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