01.05.21 Event Report

It’s always good to see new members and others returning to the fold, as it is to watch individuals or family groups moving up through the distances. None-more-so than the youngest of the Arnold group.

Three-year-old Lilly seemed to be enjoying the extra distance as she ran alone for a good while to record 14.17 over the 1.6K, with her mother, Hannah a little behind.

Perhaps brother, Harry (9) and big sister, Eva (6) weren’t up to speed on the plan as they initially strode ahead, and then chose to go straight to the 950m line, which they completed a handful of seconds apart from 6.12.

Ben Wakefield-Clay was 14 seconds ahead of the pair to reduce his best by 9, as Jamie Carney and Izabella (6) covered the distance a minute faster than their last in 11.36.

Meanwhile, Kayleigh Knight was without son Albert and completed her second 1.6K almost 5 minutes quicker in 7.37; while v60, Ian Knight lowered his inaugural time by more than a minute to 29.02; unfortunately, Charley Trafford (6) did not register a finish time over this distance despite mother’s attendance.

Eleven-year-old Sam Bourne and his mother, Julie returned for their first event of 2021; the youngster leading the 2.3K group to the line in 10.45, while Julie

crossed the line around the 17-minute mark.

James Burgess (10) followed that lead over a minute later, a score of seconds slower than the previous week with Laurie Hinton (9) twelve seconds ahead and three times that from his record.

Harry Durber once again paced along with friends, Toby (13) and Alex Poulton, before cutting loose and stretched out to a fourscore advantage in 12.41.

Meanwhile, Laura Goldstraw introduced friends Jane Umney and son, Brandon (7) to the event by escorting them both for a while; eventually crossing the line alongside the youngster in 13.10, with mother easing through the route 8-dozen seconds behind.

Nine-year-old Luke McMullan matched the time of the aforementioned pair but was a minute slower than last week and two minutes from his best.

Freddie Hales (7) covered most of the 2.3K distance within a mixed bunch of would-be guides to finish a score slower than his last outing in 14.18.

Almost double the time later father, Matthew registered 27.50 which was a gain of almost a score.

Ten-year-old Martha Williamson reached the line in 14.34 which was 3-dozen seconds ahead of Sophie Hinton (6) after pacing alongside the younger friend and her mother, Rebecca for a while.

Rebecca going on for a leg-stretching additional lap which she completed in an overall time of 24.33; Emily White finished a couple of seconds ahead over the same distance after trailing behind her youngster’s Pollyanna (7) and Stanley (11) on the first lap; they both completed the 2.3K in 16.08.

Ben Geens (11) sprinted hard on the run-in to finish in front of the previous two adults as he improved by two-dozen to 24.20 in the 3.65K, while V60, Alison Dodd lowered her time by 66 seconds in her second event of this year with a time of 25.45.

Kevin Holroyd once again used the 3.65K as a recovery distance; on this occasion, its completion was a score slower 21.01; meanwhile, fleet-of-foot son, Ryan led the full distance group to cut his previous time by 3-dozen in 19.10.

New entrant Dan Hyde followed Martin Pigott before a strong finish enabled him to record 20.40 which was a couple of seconds at the line as the latter attained a PB of the same margin.

This was the second time in two events the latter has worked hard for a reduction, and John Hurst wasn’t about to be out-done as he reduced his last weeks by 8 seconds, and Mark Woodcock followed with double that reduction in times of 20.57 and 21.10.

Glynn Luznyj was pulled along by the front runners to reduce his best by six seconds to 21.31

Dave Hinton planned to track 14-year-old Sienna Phillips throughout; fortunately, a gritty effort reduced his previous time by nineteen seconds and his best by a handful to 23.21.

However, Sienna planned to try and keep as near to Lucas Rowley (11) as possible - a marker to aid an improvement in her own time.

That plan didn’t work in its entirety even though she did chop 4-dozen from her previous time and a mere second off her long-standing record and is down to 23.17; meanwhile, Lucas pushed on with his own agenda, reducing his last event time by almost half a minute and ending just three seconds off achieving a PB in 22.36.

Meanwhile, Paul Lockett and Tony Williamson also put in a shift; the former reducing the last event time by 50 seconds and in doing so clipped his best by four seconds with a time of 23.19; the latter lowering his last weeks by over three minutes to finish two-score of seconds adrift.

There are usually as many winners as losers, and Steve Bourne dropped back by 20 seconds to 24.28; while Karl Birch chipped seven seconds from his last time to 25.18.

Dave Edge lowered his previous event time by a dozen to 26.04, with Angela Luznyj half that amount behind as she dropped back by a couple of seconds.

Suzie Noble chopped over three-dozen from the last event time to finish 20 seconds ahead of Richard Dodd’s 26.51 time, which was almost a minute faster than last week.

Fiona Collis once again reduced her best, this time by fourscore to 27.08 and four minutes over three events; Steve Billing improved by a score more with the time of 27.48 as Max Tideswell (6) returned a time of 28.23 which was a new record by three minutes.

Richard Warrillow slowed by a dozen seconds to 29.02, which was the same amount ahead of Nathan Birch who is only that same amount from his best with an improvement of well over a minute.

Jules Brook beat her best by 10 seconds in 30.43, while Bill Mould slowed by two-score to 30.45, and Sarah Garde by half that amount as she followed on four-score later.

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