

Christmas Cross Country 2013

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The 2013 Xmas Cross Country Handicaps took place on the 21st of January on the fields of Brooklands Nursery, Scholes by kind permission of the owner Carl Brook.

The weather was almost summer like compared with previous years although as normal the under 11's suffered the worst weather as a squally shower blew through during their race.

The under 11 girls saw a new winner with Isabel Richardson running a storming race setting off at a fast pace and defying the onlookers who thought she would never keep it up to come home a clear winner from Amelia Stewart who had moved through the field to take second and Leila Horn who had been last to start in the open handicap but finished a close up third. Isabel also recorded the fastest time.

The under 11 boy's winner was George Marsden who managed to hold off the fast finishing Archie Hall who was the last to set off and recorded the fastest time. Cameron Roberts had been the first to set off and although he recorded the slowest race time in third place he had ran and smiled all the way round.

In the under 13 girls Sophie Allan ran a very strong race to win and record the fastest time, slightly quicker than Libby Shepherd who set off after Sophie and chased her all the way to come in second with Millie Yates not far behind in third.

The under 13 boys had set off at the same time as the girls and it was the last three to leave the start line who moved through the field on the final hills to dispute the medal places.

Sam Bedingfield ended up the victor on the day with a fine run to just stay in front of Finn Kerry who had to keep going all the way to the line to hold off Ollie Rees who was closing with every stride. Ollie had recorded the fastest time of the race.

The under 17 girls saw the battle of the Byram twins Erica and Lucy for the victors spoils. Erica had been last off the start line 10 seconds after Lucy and try as she might she could not catch up with her sister who had moved into the lead on the final hill. Lucy crossed the line just 3 seconds ahead of Erica who recorded the fastest time. Lucy Farquhar had just caught Amy Kettlewell when the Byram twins swept past but both girls ran on strongly to finish close up in 3rd and 4th.

The longest race of the day was the under 17 boys which is not easy with 9 stiff uphill climbs incorporated in the course, although there are also 9 downhill sections to compensate.

The stiff course was obviously to the liking of the hares as the first two to set off Shea Kerry and Andrew Farquhar stayed out ahead all the way through although with very much diminished margins by the end.

Shea maintained his margin on Andrew all the way through with his long legs helping him keep his speed up downhill.

With the rest of the field closing in fast all the runners were in the final field together with Eddie Hinchliffe having reduced the gap on the leaders by well over a minute to take third.



Lewis Byram showed what a fine prospect he is in many disciplines with a good run to record the fastest time.

Congratulations to all the runners who took part and produced some great racing and a big thanks to the helpers and marshals who made the races run smoothly.

Finally a big thanks to Carl Brook and Brooklands nursery for the use of the fields which produces a fair but challenging course.

2013 Results:

Under 11 Girls		a,b,c,d,e,a,		
Name	Handicap	Handicap Time	Race Time	Pos.
Aofie Kerry	15s	11m 12s	10m 57s	6
Isabel Richardson	45s	10m 00s	9m 15s	1
Ruby Yates	1m 50s	11m 28s	9m 38s	4
Amelie Stewart	2m 05s	11m 28s	9m 23s	2
Sophie Kettlewell	2m 15s	12m 14s	9m 59s	5
Leila Horn	2m 30s	12m 05s	9m 35s	3

Under 11 Boys		a,b,c,d,e,a,		
Name	Handicap	Handicap Time	Race Time	Pos.
Cameron Roberts	0s	13m 13s	13m 13s	3
George Marsden	3m 10s	12m 05s	8m 55s	1
Archie Hall	4m	12m 14s	8m 14s	2

Under 13 Girls		a,b,c,d,b,c,a		
Name	Handicap	Handicap Time	Race Time	Pos.
Millie Yates	1m 30s	16m 06	14m 36s	3
Sophie Allan	2m 00s	14m 57s	12m 57s	1
Libby Shepherd	2m 30s	15m 40s	13m 10s	2

Under 13 Boys		a,b,c,d,b,c,e,a		
Name	Handicap	Handicap Time	Race Time	Pos
Harry Hobbs	0s	14m 03	14m 03s	5
Josh Draper	1m 05s	16m 06s	15m 01s	6
George Hobbs	1m 10s			DNF
Jack Marsden	1m 20s	14m 03s	12m 43s	4
Samual Bedingfield	1m 25s	13m 34s	12m 19s	1
Fionn Kerry	2m 20s	13m 47s	11m 27s	2
Ollie Rees	3m 10s	13m 55s	10m 45s	3

Over 13 Girls		a,b,c,d,b,c,e,a		
Name	Handicap	Handicap Time	Race Time	Pos
Amy Kettlewell	0s	13m 40s	13m 40s	4
Lucy Farquhar	1m 45s	13m 25s	11m 40s	3
Lucy Byram	2m 10s	13m 02s	11m 52s	1
Erica Byram	2m 20s	13m 05s	11m 45s	2

Over 13 Boys	a,b,c,d,e,b,c,d,e,a			
Name	Handicap	Handicap Time	Race Time	Pos
Shea Kerry	0s	13m 13s	13m 13s	1
Andrew Farquhar	0m 20s	13m 32s	13m 12s	2
Harry Shelbourne	1m 45s	14m 33s	12m 48s	6
Eddie Hinchliffe	2m 05s	14m 16s	12m 11s	3
Christopher law	2m 15s	14m 22s	12m 07s	4=
George Green	2m 25s	14m 36s	12m 11s	7
Lavell Pierre	2m 20s	14m 22s	12m 02s	4=
Aaron Kettlewell	2m 30s	14m 39s	12m 09s	8
Lewis Byram	3m 45s	14m 48s	11m 03s	9

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