

Festive Handicap 2007

Nobody got lost, nobody got injured and there were loads of smiles. The 2007 Festive Handicap and Cockleroy Chaser went off fairly smoothly, with numbers holding up in the Chaser and down only slightly in the handicap runs. Heavy overnight rain made the course muddy and slippery in places, particularly coming off Cockleroy, but relatively mild temperatures made it a bit more comfortable for most marshals, with the possible exception of Tosh who toughed it out at the top of the hill!

Thanks go to all who helped, either as course markers, marshals, recorders, results 'fixers', car parking stewards or whatever task undertaken. Particular thanks go to Jack and Marsie Ewing for their post race hospitality.

The results are up on the Club's website. A few 'bandits' slipped through the handicapping net, but about 75% finished within an 8 minute band so that's not too bad. I'll do some tweaking for next year, and close my ears firmly to some of the sob stories I heard this time round! Well done to everyone who took part. I know too that Martin was also pretty pleased with the entry and effort in the Chaser.

I was a wee bit disappointed that some runners (or supporters) chose to ignore the parking cones on the verges, rather than go the overflow parking. The problem that created could lead to some difficulties if other motorists report it. Think I need bigger signs for next year.

At the moment the plan is to hold it again on Boxing Day 2008. If you have any thoughts about how to improve things, please let me know.

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