**Monthly Handicap**

**Thursday 26th January, 2017, 3.45 miles**

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*Where a handicap was an estimate for a new, guest or lapsed runner they score no points but their handicap for the next month will be based on the time taken and qualify for a full score. A season’s best (SB) or personal best (PB) earns two bonus points except for the first race of each season. Please check your statistics on both tables and notify me of any errors.*

A chill evening to start the new year but nonetheless twenty-four runners was the best turnout for some time.

Congratulations to two of our newer members, Peter Reid and Jacqui Murray, on taking the first two places with PBs. Altogether, in a keenly fought race eleven of the twenty-one counting competitors earned bonus points for their best time of the winter. There were good runs too by first-time runners Louise De-Gier Flood and Jonathan Tuck who I hope we'll see again at future handicaps.

With two races remaining we have a thrilling finale to look forward to with six in contention. Whilst the top three each have nine scores, the fourth and fifth placed have only eight scores and Sue Hawitt in sixth place just seven. It looks likely the winner of the Handicap Plate will be decided only in the final March fixture.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the buffet and to Dawn for her help at the start and finish. Our problem over the accommodation at the Y should be resolved by next month when we've been able to meet with the new owner of Refuel.

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