

Boxing Day Handicap - 2009

Twelve months ago Mario Russo came within 9 seconds of victory in the Boxing Day Handicap but son Giorgio made no mistake in the 2009 edition of the race as he maintained a strong pace throughout to take the winner's trophy. An excellent example of persistence paying off as Giorgio has finished 36th, 28th and 43rd in this race in the last three years. He was chased home this year by 57 athletes across a wide range of ages (under 13s through to over 60s) and abilities all battling hard through the many puddles on Tonbridge School fields.

Robbie Farnham-Rose was fastest athlete of the day with an actual time of 14:24 bringing him from near the back at the start to finish in 4th place. Fastest of the ladies was Nicola Wilkinson with 18:25. Good to see the distance coaches paying attention to their own advice with three of them – Pete Mason, Pete Brenchley and Graeme Saker – finishing in the top ten.

Well done to all those who dragged themselves out of bed after a relaxing Christmas Day to compete or spectate. Thanks to Alan Bennett, John Sanders, Keith Baldwin, Leanne Upchurch, Alex Hookway, Dan, Sam and Louise Bradley for their help with course set-up, officiating, results and clearing up.

Results below in finishing order.

Race Organisers – Diane and Cain Bradley

Position	Name	Finishing Time	Actual running time
1	Giorgio Russo	21.30	19.00
2	Alessandro Ottavi	21.46	21.46
3	Peter Mason	22.03	17.03
4	Robbie Farnham-Rose	22.04	14.24
5	Tom Cox	22.11	15.41
6	Peter Brenchley	22.20	21.20
7	Will Mitham	22.22	16.02
8	Alex Norden	22.28	17.28
9	Graeme Saker	22.29	14.49
10	Steve Keywood	22.29	18.59
11	Sally Musson	22.32	19.02
12	Jamie Bryant	22.35	15.45
13	Huw Evans	22.36	14.36
14	Josh Bentham	22.39	15.09
15	Luca Russo	22.43	15.23
16	Jack Keywood	22.44	16.14
17	Tony Bennett	22.50	17.40
18	Andy Wood	22.53	17.53
19	Cain Bradley	22.54	17.44
20	Nicola Wilkinson	23.05	18.25
21	Alex Hookway	23.07	17.07
22	Anthony Sizer	23.08	18.08
23	Sean Molloy	23.12	17.02
24	Cory De'Ath	23.14	16.54

Position	Name	Finishing Time	Actual running time
25	Boris Skulczuk	23.15	19.25
26	James Cotterill	23.23	17.53
27	Stuart Brown	23.28	17.28
28	David Wilkinson	23.38	20.08
29	Alice Wood	23.40	18.40
30	Will Roud	23.52	17.32
31	Mark De'Ath	24.01	19.51
32	Tony Cohen	24.14	20.04
33	Will Whitmore	24.15	18.35
34	Kieran Legg	24.19	19.09
35	Will Seymour	24.19	18.19
36	Charles Whitmore	24.27	21.27
37	Andy Bennett	24.30	20.20
38	Bryony Archdeacon	24.30	20.40
39	Hannah Czarnowski	24.32	21.32
40	Catherine Symons	24.39	20.19
41	Richard Owen	24.39	18.19
42	Maurice Marchant	24.40	21.00
43	Helen Cohen	24.55	23.05
44	Mario Russo	24.55	24.55
45	Michael Mason	25.03	20.13
46	Richard Bryant	25.22	20.52
47	Alison Skulczuk	25.28	25.28
48	Nick Green	25.28	25.28
49	Alessia Russo	25.54	22.24
50	Louise Wilkinson	25.54	24.04
51	Max Allen	25.56	20.46
52	Steph King	26.04	25.04
53	Lisa Russo	26.06	26.06
54	Ben Bonarious	26.07	22.07
55	Jamie Matheson	26.08	22.08
56	Frank Czarnowski	26.15	23.25
57	Peter Mills	26.39	22.59
58	Jason Dennis	28.07	25.37

Fastest male

Robbie Farnham-Rose 14.24
Huw Evans 14.36
Graeme Saker 14.49

Fastest female

Nicola Wilkinson 18.25
Alice Wood 18.40
Sally Musson 19.02