

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP RACE

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2009

Due to thick ice still on the road up to nanny catch gate I decided the day before that it was too dangerous to go up the road and therefore had to have a new course. Neil Cockbain who had helped get me off the ice on nanny catch road kindly helps me flag a new course. This went from just over Wath Brow Bridge up the start of the Kinniside race course into the woods and out ½ ways up Dent. The course then went up to the main cairn on Dent, over to the path down Bummers, down this path until it reached the Ulldale path and then back the same way. Despite rain on the previous two days there was still quite a bit of snow making the route interesting, a little slippery in places but not dangerous. Most of the 14 hardy souls who turned up thoroughly enjoyed this last minute route. Apologies to Dave Adams for not having a marshal at the half way point. Poor Dave carried on for a while before realising the mistake.

Anyway onto the race and first home in his first ever cfr handicap was Neal Jarrett which was rather embarrassing for the handicapper. When I was climbing back up Bummers and Irvine who

was watching shouted Neal was well ahead I was surprised and though if I end up getting through to 2nd I would be banned from handicapping again. As expected Gavin Pattinson was fasted on the day with a really good run in those conditions. Lindsay revelled in the conditions and went really well. It was nice to see Mike Litt back on the fells after his recent foot operations. Many thanks to Neil Cockbain for flagging, Jim Davies for registration and timing and Brian Thompson for collection flags. Thanks also to those who brought along bottles or prizes. These will be used in the Jarrett Jaunt Race on the 6th February, 2010

Harry Jarrett