**Monthly Handicap**

**Thursday 15th December, 2016, 3.45 miles**

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| **RESULTS** |  |  |  |  |  |
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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 close fought and fast race to end the year with ten runners collecting bonus points and Kathy Gaunt recording a PB as a non-competitor. Congratulations to Sarah Bradshaw on her win and to newcomer Jackie Murray for taking second-place ahead of very experienced handicapper Debbie Cooper.

Jeremy McCandless retains his lead on the points table but his nearest challengers, Greg Oulton, Claire England and Colin Laidlaw, all have scores in hand.

Our Christmas social was enjoyed by everyone despite the Ship and Royal management's best efforts to ruin it – going out for takeaway pizzas were not quite what we'd looked forward to! However, the manager has, to his credit, made a very apologetic phone call this morning. Alan Elstone and Neil Tate were winners of my word finding puzzle with an excellent total while Sarah Bagshaw and Sarah and Ian Bradshaw also scored well in second place.

Gillian Oliver and Sue Samme were my very capable helpers at the race. My thanks are due to them for coping so well on a rainy evening.

Merry Christmas, Bill