

## 24th London to Brighton Walk 10th Sep 1949

After being placed several times on previous occasions, Charlie Megnin, the famous long distance Highgate Harrier, made no mistake in winning this year's Surrey Walking Club's Open

London to Brighton Walk. The race derived an international aspect from the fact that Claud

Hubert, the French champion, was among the 102 starters.

The team race was won decisively by Enfield A.C., who are to be congratulated on their success; the first time in the history of the Club. Megnin's time for the 52 miles was the slowest since 1926, but the 102 walkers had been hampered by a three miles foggy patch after leaving Redhill. Megnin won by three-quarters of a mile from A. Leveridge (Essex Beagles), who overtook the French champion. Claud Hubert, with seven miles to go and finished about two minutes in front of him.

The Harry Preston cup for the first Veteran to finish was again won by A. D. McSweeney, the Chairman of the R.W.A. Southern Area, who was fifth and was competing in the race for the 17th time. Incidentally it was his best performance (8 hours 51 mins;) and only 15 seconds slower than the record for a Veteran put up by Lloyd Johnson.

Frank Scott, a member of the promoting club, completed his twentieth Brighton. He suggests that it might be the last occasion on which he competes but. ...

The Dithy Cup for the first Surrey Walking 'Club member to finish returns to the famous family of distance race Walkers who had held it for so many years, father and son. This time Maurice Horton holds it for the first time following his father Edgar and brother Stanley

### Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	C.		Megnin	Highgate Harriers	8	34	31
2	A.		Leveridge	Essex Beagles	8	41	16
3	C		Hubert	Asnieres S.C. (France)	8	43	12
4	L.		Barrett	Enfield A.C	8	50	27
5	A.	D.	McSweeney	Highgate H.	8	51	32
6	H.	J.	Forbes	Birmingham W.C.	8	54	19
7	T.	W.	Richardson	Woodford Green	8	55	8
8	P.	J.	Reading	Polytechnic H.	8	55	49
9	M.	Y.	Horton	Surrey W.C. "A"	8	59	28
10	J.	C.	Bidgood	Belgrave Harriers	9	0	49
11	P.	A.	Price	Polytechnic Harriers	9	2	18
12	R.	C.	Pantling	London. Vidarians	9	6	21
13	C.	E.	Wingate	Brighton County H.	9	9	28
14	J.	P.	Thomas	Enfield A.C	9	9	42
15	H.	D.	Neilson	Woodford Green A.C.	9	9	42
16	Jesse		Hayward	Enfield A.C.	9	9	57
17	H.	G.	Clayton	Belgrave Harriers	9	10	29
18	J.	F.	Henderson	Sussex W. A.C.	9	11	6
19	T.	B.	Kent	Woodford Green A.C.	9	11	12
20	S.	E.	Horton	Surrey W.C. "A "	9	11	51
21	James	W.	Hayward	Enfield A.C.	9	18	19
22	J.		Wilson	Belgrave Harriers	9	19	43
23	J.	F.	Holding	Woodford Green A.C.	9	21	23
24	J.	C.	Baker	Belgrave Harriers	9	28	54

25	L.	H.	Griffiths	Surrey W.C. "A"	9	31	9
26	C.	J.	Clarke	Highgate Harriers	9	32	23
27	W.	P.	Everard	Essex Beagles	9	35	59
28	M.	C.	Cazaly	Surrey A.C	9	39	31
29	H.	W.	Shephard	Polytechnic H.	9	40	44
30	G.	A.	White	Essex Beagles	9	45	33
31	J.	H.	Gibson	London Vidarians	9	46	15
32	J.	C.	Coomber	Highgate Harriers	9	53	23
33	F.	J.	Plumb	Sussex W. A.C	9	53	51
34	G.	J.	Doubleday	Belgrave H	9	58	20
35	W.	A.	Wesson	London Transport (C.T. &T.B.) S.A	10	3	35
36	G.	J.	Witham	R.A F. Bridgnorth	10	4	8
37	T.	A.	Harty	R.A.F. Bridgnorth	10	5	17
38	G.		Oliver	Belgrave. Harriers	10	7	33
39	S.	J.	Bissell	Surrey A.C	10	8	57
40	P.	C.	Woolhouse	Surrey W.C. "A"	10	9	30
41	H.	P.	Fisher	London Vidarians	10	9	35
42	P.	H.	Lambert	Metropolitan W.C.	10	11	23
43	A.	E.	Llowarfch	Surrey W.C. " B"	10	11	36
44	W.	J.	Anderson	Cambridge H	10	11	40
45	B.	J.	Foster	Ilford A.C	10	11	44
46	H.		Kirkbright	Yorkshire W. C.	10	14	11
47	G.	H.	West	Highgate Harriers	10	16	8
48	H.	E.	Stroud	Polytechnic H	10	18	23
49	A.	W.	King	Enfield A.C	10	18	46
50	W.	F.	Watson	Lozells Harriers	10	19	0
51	A.	R.	Austen	Surrey W.C. "A"	10	19	20
52	H.		Rhodes	Surrey W.C. "A"	10	19	20
53	D.	C.	Mathes&n	R.A.F. Bridgnorth	10	19	24
54	C.		Royle	Lancashire W.C	10	20	48
55	D.	J.	Heath	Belgrave Harriers	10	20	54
56	C.	R.	Bond	ilford A.C	10	21	4
57	N.		Smith	Yorkshire W.C	10	21	19
58	A.	E.	Stevenson	Surrey A.C	10	21	30
59	J.		Prior	Lyons S.C	10	23	52
60	B.	C.	Angell	London Transpt. (C.T.& T.B.) SA	10	23	54
61	L.	H.	Toussaint	Polytechnic H.	10	24	3
62	J.	H.	Pinker	Highgate Harriers	10	34	4
63	A.	B.	Grigg	Sussex W. A.C	10	35	27
64	A.	F.	Spicer	Surrey W.C. "B "	10	35	27
65	A.	V.	Butcheiv	Redhill & Reigate A.C	10	40	44
66	G.		Thwaites	Surrey W.C. "B"	10	41	38
67	W.	A.	Locke	Sussex W. A.C	10	47	55
68	J.	H.	Jansen	Essex Beagles	10	51	30
69	J.	P.	Purcell	Cambridge Harriers	10	51	54

70	F.	R.	Scott	Surrey W.C. "A"	11	5	45
71	S.		Reed	Yorkshire W.C	11	8	52
72	S.		McSweeney	Highgate Harriers	11	11	13
73	J.		Banfield	London Vidarians	11	17	45
74	F.	J.	Harmer	Herne Hill Harriers	11	23	33
75	E.		Stevenson	Redhill & Reigate A.C	11	46	48
76	W.		Fitzpatrick	London Transpt. (C.T.& T.B.) SA	11	49	42

	<b>Team Position</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Points</b>
1		Enfield A.C.	45
2		Woodford Green A.C.	53
3		Highgate Harriers	57
4		Belgrave H.	62
5		Surrey W.C.	82
6		Polytechnic H.	82
7		Essex Beagles	109
8		London Vid.	135
9		Sussex W. & A.C.	152.5

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