

27th London to Brighton Walk 13th Sep 1952

A record entry and line-up and two major surprises marked down this years "Brighton" as being something out of the ordinary. Things were going very much as expected from the start with G. B. R. Whitlock leading the way from D. A. Tunbridge and C. Megnin (Highgate. Rex opened out soon after the ten miles point and in an effort to cut down brother Harold's 'untouchable' 7h.53m. cracked it on unmercifully. Unfortunately for him his progress did not meet with the unanimous approval of the judges and he was disqualified just before the halfway stage, when some ten minutes up on the second man. There after Tunbridge and Megnin took it in turn to lead and at Bolney they were well clear of the field. However, Vic Stone (Poly) had been going through strongly and with the leaders tiring he made, a great effort which took him in front with two miles to go, and so won a great race. Taking all things the Poly, had an inspired day and with their scoring four showing 19 points—Stone 1, Reading 5, Bailey 6, Sharp 7, they were invincible and well beat all previous records in this .race at four to score. It was a close fight for the next two places and nine points covered Woodford, Highgate and Belgrave. Highgate had something to spare over Woodford with ten miles to go, but lost ground and just got home in front of Belgrave who were rather down on expectations. Harold Whitlock took the "Harry Preston" Veterans Cup from A. D. McSweeney who completed his twentieth consecutive Brighton—and these two have shared the honour 2-3 in the past five years. Stan Horton retained the Surrey W.C. "Dithy" Cup for first member and Len Wells, Surrey skipper took the new "Cousins" trophy for first-timers. Once more, the race was a credit of organisation to the promoters

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	V.	W.	Stone	Poly. H.	8	25	25
2	D	A.	Tunbridge	Highgate H.	8	27	16
3	C.		Megnin	Highgate H.	8	31	35
4	H.	D.	Neilson	Woodford Gn.	8	37	22
5	P.	J.	Reading	Poly. H.	8	40	11
6	F.	G.	Bailey	Poly. H.	8	41	3
7	A.	E.	Sharp	Poly. H.	8	44	5
8	H.		Johnson	Trowbridge A.C.	8	45	11
9	J.	O.	Culver	Essex B .	8	49	0
10	G.		Lamb	Lancs W C	8	49	15
11	H.		MCGreechan	Belgrave H.	8	49	38
12	H.	H.	Whitlock	Met. W.C.	8	50	2
13	J.	F.	Holding	Woodford Gn.	8	50	38
14	L.	S.	Fairman	Poly H.	8	54	47
15	T.	B.	Kent	Woodford 'Gn	8	55	35
16	W.	P.	Everard	Essex B.	8	58	19
17	F.	J.	Redman	Met. W.C.	8	58	32
18	A.		Stirling-Wakeley	Belgrave	8	59	4
19	R.	C.	Pantling	Lon. Vidarians	8	59	59
20	A.	H.	Leveridge	Essex B.	9	2	27
21	H.	W.	Shepherd	Poly H.	9	5	57
22	F.	G.	Rolfe	Belgrave H.	9	6	14
23	A.		Staines	Leicester. W.C.	9	6	26
24	H.	W.	Shields	Belgrave H.	9	6	41
25	W.	A.	Wesson	L.T.(SRS)S.A.	9	7	20

26	J.		Hayward	Enfield A.C.	9	9	15
27	S.	E.	Horton	Surrey W.C.	9	9	31
28	C.	H.	Groom	Walton A.C.	9	9	34
29	T.	L.	Challen	Surrey W.C.	9	11	14
30	J		Hartley	Sheffield U H	9	11	25
31	A.	D.	McSweeney	Highgate H.	9	13	52
32	C.	G.	Evans	Leicester W.C.	9	15	43
33	C.	E.	Hipkins	Surrey W.C.	9	18	31
34	E.	W.	Shaw	Met. W.'C.	9	19	8
35	L.	E.	Thomas	Woodford Gn.	9	22	40
36	T.	G.	Sharlott	Leics. WC.	9	24	19
37	W.	A.	Cooke	Leics. W.C.	9	24	21
38	J.		Wilson	Belgrave	9	25	44
39	A	.	Roberts	Highgate H.	0	26	4
40	L.	J.	Wells	Surrey W.C.	9	27	20
41	A.	H	Johnson	Leicester W.C.	9	29	29
42	P.		Wilson	Belgrave H.	9	32	3
43	C.	D.	Turbayne	Poly. H 'B'	9	34	32
44	R.	S.	Nichols	Met. W.C	9	35	2
45	W.		Longshaw	Highgate H	9	36	2
46	R.	J.	Fraser	Belgrave H 'B'	9	36	4
47	J.	P.	Thomas	Enfield A.C.	9	36	41
48	F.	J.	Plumb	Brighton A.C	9	37	20
49	S.	G.	Spencer	Belgrave H 'B'	9	37	38
50	J		Downs	Belgrave H 'B'	9	38	59
51	J	W.	Hayward	Enfield A.C.	9	39	29
52	J	R.	Coomber	Highgate H.	9	40	15
53	M	C.	Gazeley	Surrey A.C.	9	40	46
54	L.	H.	Toussaint	Poly. H. 'B"	9	41	45
55	R.	G.	Harrold	Trowbdg. A.C.	9	46	17
56	A.	W.	Marler	Enfield A.C.	9	46	44
57	L.	H.	Griffiths	Surrey W.C.	9	46	55
58	J		O'Neill	Lanes W C	9	47	42
59	W.	F.	Watson	Lozells H.	9	48	47
60	G.	S.	Doubleday	Belgrave H	9	48	52
61	S.		McSweeney	Highgate H.	9	49	0
62	R.		Andrews	Woodford Gn.	9	49	53
63	J.	A.	Magogg	Highgate H.	9	49	58
64	W.		Garratt	Surrey A C	9	51	8
65	H.	E.	Beentham	Lon. Vidarians	9	52	11
66	J.	A.	Bellchambers	Belgrave	9	52	57
67	J	H	Jansen	Essex Beagles	9	54	55
68	R.	A.	Ditchfield	Lancs W.C.	9	57	57
69	J.		Prior	Veterans A.C .	9	58	30
70	J.		Hill	East Sussex Pol. A C.	9	59	50

71	W	T.	Morris	Queens Park H.	30	5	3
72	I		Williams	Coventry Godiva	10	6	45
73	C.		Williamson	Surrey W.C.	10	7	24
74	M.		Horton	Surrey W.C .	10	7	24
75	J.		Foggett	Trowbridge A.C.	10	7	29
76	B.		Eglinton	Belgrave H 'B.'	10	8	0
77	S.		Bartle	Dover A.C	10	8	18
78	A.	W.	King	Enfield A.C.	10	9	12
79	F.		Duff	Highgate H.	10	10	22
80	F.	G.	Kavanagh	Brighton A.C.	10	11	9
81	C.	R.	Capon	Brighton A.C.	10	11	26
82	H.	P.	Fisher	Lon. Vidarians	10	12	10
83	S.	G.	Last	Poly. H. 'B'	10	14	30
84	D	H.	Ashenden	Poly. H. 'B'	10	15	13
85	W	S.	Young	Surrey A.C.	10	17	0
86	A.	T.	Heather	Brighton A.C.	10	23	2
87	C.	W.	Wingate	Brighton A.C.	10	23	3
88	G.	B.	Ramsey	Lon. Vidarians	10	23	35
89	F.	C.	Woolhouse	Surrey W.C.	10	25	27
90	A.	C.	Dashwood	Surrey W.C	10	25	27
91	R.	C.	Lewery	E. Sussex Pol.	10	27	20
92	A.	J.	Tompkinson	Derby W.C.	10	28	0
93	P.	S.	Herring	Belgrave H.	10	29	46
94	H.	A.	Snook	Eastleigh A.C.	10	34	18
95	H.	W.	Stallard	Dover A.C.	10	35	10
96	S.		Shirley	Poly. H. 'B'	10	36	14
97	B.	C.	Angell	L.T.(CRS)S.A.	10	39	3
98	C.	V.	Gittins	Queens Park H.	10	42	56
99	F.	J.	Harmer	Herne Hill H.	10	40	18
100	C.		Hayes	Trowbridge A.C.	10	53	8
101	R.	J.	Board	Highgate H.	10	56	40
102	W.		Stanley	LT(CRS)S.A.	10	56	40
103	F.		Davis	Met. W.C.	10	58	30
104	G.	A.	Thwaites	Surrey W.C.	11	3	35
105	R.	J.	Rawlins	Leicester W.C.	11	7	56
106	G.	F	Gunstone	LT(CRS)S.A.	11	11	11
107	J.	R.	Fleming	Roath Yth. C.I.	11	20	25
108	J.	K.	Hadley	Met. W.C.	11	25	38
109	F.	C.	Borst	Highgate H.	11	34	10
110	J.	F.	Sheppard	Surrey. W.C.	12	6	10

	Team Position	Club	Points
1		Polytechnic Harriers	19
2		Woodford Green A.C.	62
3		Highgate Harriers	69

4	Belgrave H.	71
5	Met. W.C.	99
6	Essex Beagles	105
7	Leics. W.C	118
8	Surrey W.C.	120
9	Enfield A.C.	170
10	Trowbridge A.C.	209
11	Belgrave H. 'B'	210
12	London Vidarians	226
13	Poly. H. 'B'	236
14	Brighton A.C	250
15	London Transport (C.R.S.)	281

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