

### 32nd London to Brighton Walk 14th Sep 1957

Don Thompson, record-holder for the old course with 7h.45m.32s., further cut this to 7h. 35m. 12s., even though the course had been lengthened by a distance of 1,195 yards. This represented an improvement of some 16 minutes on last year's time, and an amazing performance in view of the fact that prior to 1956 eight hours for the journey had been beaten on only one occasion.

Tom Misson, also Metropolitan, like-wise put up a remarkable performance in finishing second in his first race at anything near this distance in the time of 8h.0m.6s., which must rank as the fourth fastest ever in this historic race.

George Checkley finished third in the good time of 8h. 15m. 47s., a personal best, and was nearly an hour in front of the Italian, Antonio Besta, who beat him for second place last year.

Belgrave Harriers retained the "Edward Knott" Team Shield and with the new low score of 13 points for four men. The 1952 and 55 winners, Polytechnic Harriers, were second and Coventry Godiva Harriers who started a bare complement of four were third.

The "Harry Preston" Cup for first veteran over 45, was won for the first time by Ron Pantling of London Vidarians W.C. A. D. Me Sweeney, who competed in this race as far back as 1926, completed the course for the 25th consecutive time.

#### Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	D.	J.	Thompson	Met. W.C	7	35	12
2	T.	W.	Misson	Met. W.C	8	0	6
3	G.		Checkley	Belgrave H	8	15	47
4	G.	E.	Chaplin	Coventry Godiva H.	8	28	29
5	R.		Newson	Belgrave H	8	35	12
6	G.		Beecham	Belgrave H	8	39	36
7	H.		McGreechan	Belgrave H	8	51	52
8	R.	C.	Pantling	L. Vidarians W.C.	8	53	10
9	H.	D.	Neilson	Woodf'd Grn. A.C.	8	55	10
10	H.	W.	Shields	Belgrave H	8	56	32
11	J.	O.	Culver	Essex Beagles	9	2	9
12	R.	A.	Ditchfield	Preston H	9	2	45
13	V.	W.	Stone	Polytechnic H.	9	3	20
14	D.	J.	Flaxman	Cambridge H.	9	5	57
15	M.	N.	Guilmant	Belgrave H.	9	7	2
16	P.	G.	Rolfe	Belgrave H	9	7	34
17	J.		Ridley	Queens Park H	9	10	0
18	J.		Hayward	Enfield A.C	9	10	47
19	P.	J.	McEvoy	Highgate H	9	14	45
20	J.	W.	McEvoy	Highgate H	9	15	9
21	D.	W.	Young	Walton A.C	9	16	41
22	L.	S.	Fairman	Polytechnic H.	9	21	58
23	A.		Resta	Milan (Italy)	9	22	53
24	R.		Smith	Lancashire W.C	9	23	51
25	J.	B	Marriott	Leicester W.C.	9	25	13
26	J.	H	Eddershaw	Sheffield U.K.	9	27	18
27	B.		Eglinton	Belgrave H	9	31	21
28	C.		Megnin	Highgate H	9	35	19

29	G.	R	Berry	Essex Beagles	9	35	54
30	D.	M	Keyse	Trowbridge A.C .	9	39	43
31	D.	S	Ruffle	Newport H	9	41	41
32	H.	W	Shephard	Polytechnic H.	9	42	34
33	R.	W	Stone	Coventry Godiva H.	9	43	7
34	C.		Yescombe	Belgrave H	9	43	36
35	A.	E	Sharp	Polytechnic H	9	45	33
36	T.		Melhuish	Surrey A.C	9	47	36
37	P	A	Price	Polytechnic H	9	50	10
38	S.		McSweeney	Highgate H	9	51	6
39	W	R	Bosustow	Newport H	9	51	26
40	J.		Wilson	Belgrave H	9	51	34
41	A.		Freegard	Trowbridge A.C.	9	52	5
42	F.	G	Nickolls	Surrey W.C.	9	52	19
43	A.		Readman	Belgrave H	9	52	49
44	R,	F	English	Surrey W.C	9	53	16
45	J.	L	Dennis	Surrey W.C	9	55	14
46	W		Morris	Queens Park H	9	56	41
47	V.	T	Webb	Coventry Godiva H.	9	58	0
48	J.		Coppin	Trowbridge A.C	9	58	2
49	J.		Friend	Coventry Godiva H.	10	0	32
50	F.	P	Baker	Highgate H	10	1	3
51	V	R	Wilson	Worcester H	10	1	9
52	W		Gnadinger	Zurich (Switz'nd)	10	2	44
53	P.		Wilson	Belgrave H	10	7	52
54	S.		Shirley	Polytechnic H	10	9	4
55	L.	E	Piper	Surrey W.C	10	14	29
56	W	S	Young	Surrey A.C	10	14	32
57	S	J	Wharnsby	Polytechnic H.	10	16	3
58	R.	P	Guilmin	L.T. (C.R.S.) S.A	10	16	15
59	A		Rigby	Sutton Macclesfield W.C.	10	20	17
60	J.	C	Coomber	Highgate H	10	22	17
61	D.	H	Hill	Walton A.C	10	25	26
62	W		Garratt	Surrey AC	10	30	12
63	K.	W	Smith	Cambridge H	10	36	59
64	L.		Harrison	L. Vidarians W.C.	10	38	31
65	J.		Murphy	Trowbridge A.C	10	41	39
66	N.	A	Knott	Surrey W.C	10	43	2
67	A.	D	McSweeney	Highgate H.	10	44	41
68	H		Martin	Trowbridge A.C	10	45	46
69	G.	A	Thwaites	Surrey W.C.	10	46	43
70	A.	T	Waterman	Surrey A.C.	10	47	7
71	G.	B	Ramsey	L. Vidarians W.C.	10	49	58
72	S.	T	Jeacock	Surrey W.C	10	50	27
73	P.	D	Abbott	Unattached	10	54	22

74	F.	G	Kavanagh	Brighton A.C	10	58	36
75	J.		Prior	Cambridge H	10	59	43
76	G.	E	Walters	L.T. (C.R.S.) S.A.	11	9	13
77	D.		Weston	Trowbridge A.C	11	12	9
78	J	W	Lambert	Trowbridge A.C.	11	12	9
79	L.	A	Mitchell	L. Vidarians W.C.	11	16	46
80	J.	G	Covington	Surrey W.C.	11	27	39

<b>Team</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Points</b>
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1		Belgrave H	13
2		Polytechnic H.	52
3		Coventry Godiva H.	76

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Information courtesy of Race Walking Record