

37th London to Brighton Walk 8th Sep 1962

There is something about the Brighton that makes it different to all other races; not only for the competitors, but for officials, attendants, supporters, and mere spectators. For Surrey W.C. men it always has been and always will be the big occasion of the year, and this year was no exception—they were out in full force. Not such a good entry as we hope for, but at least about the same as last year. A fine day, but not altogether ideal, with the cross-wind proving troublesome at times. With Belgrade in mind, Don Thompson was 10 minutes slower than last year, but for the eighth time the race was a procession behind him. Colin Young was well up with him in the early stages, but had to give ground in the later stages.

Nevertheless few men have bettered his time. Though not up to their S.E. Brighton standards. Ken Mason and Dick Green walked steadily and strongly to finish third and fourth. Hew Neilson must have been very pleased with his time, and he was a deserving and popular winner of the Harry Preston Cup for the second successive year. On paper, the team event looked like being a two-horse race, but nevertheless it proved to be a very interesting one. As Belgrave were without Ray Hall (preparing for Belgrade), we thought we could make it. But Denis Vale, very bravely having a go in spite of a recent bout of chickenpox, had to give in at Crawley; bad luck, Denis.

Our men were not beaten yet, and doubled their efforts to come through, but Belgrave's leading trio also had the bit between their teeth. There was never more than a few points in it, and at the finish it was five. A well-deserved win for the Bels. and a fine effort on the part of their scoring four—Bartliff, Beecham, Bailey and Morris. We were well represented in the race with 12 of the 67 finishers. Paul Schell took the Cousins Bowl, with a very fine effort for his first attempt at the race. Bill Hill completed our scoring four. Not far behind was Fred Nickolls, who took the Elaine Trophy for the first Club veteran and also won the Veterans A.C. Trophy. Having laid the race on with the greatest of care, Bill Traer felt able to forget all about it and walk, although the President was giving him cause for concern at one stage. Another first-timer, Dave Melia, narrowly missed second-class standard, but he will make it comfortably next year with more experience behind him. That inevitable pair, Les Dennis and Gerry Rhodes, made it again. But perhaps the performance that gave the greatest pleasure to all Club members was that of Ken Elmslie; 11 hrs. 11 mins. 25 sees, may not seem anything special, but Ken has not been able to race much above 10 miles, owing to being plagued by sickness. He was determined to do a Brighton though and he made it, in spite of sickness in the later stages—and he finished in good Surrey style. George Thwaites had another go and made it comfortably inside the time limit.

All in all another good Brighton, with plenty of evidence of that comradeship of the road which is a feature of race walking.

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	D.	J.	Thompson	Met.	7	49	58
2	C.	A.	Young	Ex.	8	07	42
3	K.	J.	Mason	S.W.C.	8	26	22
4	R.	E.	Green	S.W.C.	8	37	06
5	H.	W.	Neilson	W.G.	8	39	51
6	D.	A.	Bartliff	Bel.	8	43	17
7	G.	E.	Beecham	Bel.	8	50	02
8	K.	J.	Bailey	Bel.	8	53	12
9	E.	K.	Livermore	W.G.	9	01	28
10	C.		Megnin	H.H.	9	01	29
11	J.	H.	Eddershaw	Shef.	9	05	28
12	R.	W.	Hyland	L.V.	9	07	37

13	H.	C.	Hooper	Poly.	9	09	05
14	M.	J.	Holliman	H.H.	9	09	43
15	J.		Morris	Bel.	9	21	38
16	D.	Le	Marinel	Jers.	9	21	47
17	M.		Pearson	Met.	9	23	38
18	J.	F.	Keown	Bel.	9	26	29
19	P.		Schell	S.W.C.	9	28	56
20	J.		Evans	H.H.	9	30	04
21	W.	T.	Hill	S.W.C.	9	31	46
22	F.	G.	Nickolls	S.W.C.	9	37	09
23	J.	F.	van Dijk	Amsterdam	9	38	03
24	G.	W.	Barrass	Y.W.C.	9	38	10
25	W.	J.	Traer	S.W.C.	9	41	35
26	T.		Tidy	Stey.	9	41	35
27	J.		Clifton	W.G.	9	42	10
28	J.	R.	Jeffs	Stey.	9	43	40
29	W.	D.	Symes	Q.P.H.	9	44	01
30	W.	F.	Nichols	Camb.	9	44	04
31	W.	G.	Tuck	H.H.	9	44	37
32	J.	F.	Henderson	Stey.	9	44	48
33	C.		Shields	S.A.C.	9	45	31
34	J.		Wilson	Bel.	9	48	13
35	K.		Munro	Cam.	9	48	48
36	W.		Duffin	S'ton	9	49	45
37	D.	S.	Carey	Trow.	9	52	01
38	R.	S.	Whittle	Stbg.	9	52	42
39	B.		Eglinton	Bel.	9	57	58
40	D.	J	Holmes	S.A.C.	10	00	32
41	D.	J.	Melia	S.W.C.	10	03	12
42	W.		Pickett	Trow.	10	12	26
43	P.		Wilson	Bel.	10	13	38
44	J.	L.	Dennis	S.W.C.	10	22	01
45	G.	V.	Rhodes	S.W.C.	10	22	01
46	A.	D.	Stemp	L.V.	10	22	48
47	J.		Holt	Leic.	10	23	12
48	F.	P.	Baker	H.H.	10	26	01
49	A.	J.	Clarke	L.V.	10	26	53
50	R.	C.	Lineham	S.W.C.	10	27	12
51	R.		Youlden	H.H.	10	31	38
52	D.	H.	Hill	L.V.	10	33	09
53	L.	F.	Morse	M.P.	10	41	35
54	B.		Ennew	S'end	10	45	24
55	S.		Shirley	Poly.	10	51	01
56	J.	E	Piper	Poly.	10	51	08
57	L.	J.	Soane	Met.	10	52	05

58	J.	B	Marriott	Leic.	10	59	42
59	s.		McSweeney	H.H.	10	59	42
60	F.		Plumb	B'ton	11	08	05
61	K.	A.	Elmslie	S.W.C.	11	11	25
62	D.	H.	Young	L.V.	11	27	37
63	D.	D	O'Sullivan	Horsham	11	43	27
64	E.		Horwill	Stgb.	11	46	37
65	A.	E.	Parsons	H.H.H.	11	47	39
66	J.	H.	Barraclough	Y.W.C.	11	47	29
67	G.	A.	Thwaites	S.W.C.	11	50	11

	Team	Position	Club	Points
1			Belgrave Harriers	26
2			Surrey Walking Club	31
3			Highgate Harriers	51
4			Surrey Walking Club "B"	109