

40th London to Brighton Walk 4th Sep 1965

With a larger entry than in recent years, including the gold medallists in the last three Olympic 50 kilos, this year's promised great things. In the event we were not disappointed. As Big Ben struck seven, 91 set out on a typical chill September morning. As the day went on it got warmer, it stayed dry, and was quite a good day for walking. Pamich, Thompson and Read were soon away from the rest of the field. At Streatham Read had fallen behind, but by the Swan he was just in front of Pamich and Thompson had dropped back a little. The pace was very fast, inside 7 miles an hour and a record schedule. At the Feathers, the position was the same, with these three now nine minutes in front of Fogg, and Hazle another minute behind. Soon afterwards Thompson began to catch up. Pamich took the lead and Read dropped back, losing a minute by the Chequers. Pamich gained little on Thompson until after Crawley. Although the pace dropped slightly Pamich went striding on, pulling further and further away from Thompson. He eventually went on to win in a very fast time, only 2 1/2 minutes outside Don Thompson's record. A very fine performance by a great all-round walker on his first appearance in this classic, but testing race. A good performance, too, by Don Thompson, on his re-appearance in the race after a break, and by last year's winner, George Hazle, who had to be content with third place, although beating his time of last year by over 21 minutes.

From the early stages there were only three teams in the team race. Until Crawley Belgrave just had the edge on Steyning with ourselves a few points behind. When Read dropped out we moved up to second, but although our men moved up in the later stages, there were still four points in it, and the Bels regained the Edward Knott Memorial Shield. The race for third team place remained obscure until well down the field. But the evergreen John Henderson completed Steyning's team in good enough position to gain them a place. His team medal will no doubt give great satisfaction to John, Steyning and all walkers.

After a steady start, Dick Green led our men home to win the Dithy Cup for the first time since 1960. Bill Hill was next in a good time, his best for the course. Our third man was John Leech, who beat his previous time by over 30 minutes, a very good performance. Peter Goodchild, on his first Brighton, completed our scoring team and won the Cousins Bowl. After a good start, Ken Mason had a struggle, but hung on just behind in case he was needed to score. Fred Nickolls did not have a happy race, but retained the Elaine Trophy. Les Simmonds completed his third Brighton, but found standard still elusive. Hew Neilson won the Harry Preston Cup for the first veteran for the fifth time—and intends to add a few more yet.

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	A		Pamich	Genoa, Italy	7	37	42
2	D	J	Thompson	Met. W.C.	7	45	04
3	G	G	Hazle	S. Africa	8	03	58
4	C	W	Fogg	Enfield A.C.	8	15	59
5	G	G	Goodair	Wakefield H.	8	35	53
6	D	C	Read	Steyning A.C.	8	40	28
7	C		Young	Essex Beagles	8	41	18
8	R	C	Hall	Belgrave H.	8	46	50
9	P	W	Thorn	Trowbridge A.C.	8	50	57
10	M		Holliman	Highgate H.	8	52	57
11	S		Percy	Cambridge H.	8	53	02
12	C	D	Wilkinson	Steyning A.C.	8	57	51
13	D	E	Boxall	Brighton A.C.	9	04	56
14	M	G	Blyth	Leicester W.C.	9	05	49

15	D		King	Belgrave H.	9	07	27
16	R	E	Green	Surrey W.C.	9	10	46
17	J	C	Vivian	Polytechnic H.	9	11	40
18	J	H	Eddershaw	Sheffield U.H.	9	14	10
19	H		Hooper	Polytechnic H.	9	17	23
20	W	T	Hill	Surrey W.C.	9	19	27
21	F		Butler	Polytechnic H.	9	23	42
22	J	E	Leech	Surrey W.C.	9	23	56
23	H	D	Neilson	Woodford Green A.C.	9	24	15
24	G	E	Beecham	Belgrave H.	9	24	59
25	P	E	Goodchild	Surrey W.C.	9	25	27
26	A	G	Parker	Birmingham W.C.	9	25	52
27	D	H	Trigg	Leicester W.C.	9	30	52
28	E	H	Denman	New York Pioneer C.	9	32	16
29	J	J	Nutt	Leicester W.C.	9	32	40
30	L	C	Taylor	Cambridge H.	9	34	33
31	J		Morris	Belgrave H.	9	37	29
32	C		Megnin	Highgate H.	9	38	53
33	K	J	Mason	Surrey W.C.	9	40	07
34	B	F	Ficken	Woodford Green A.C.	9	40	07
35	W		Duffin	Trowbridge A.C.	9	42	29
36	C	J	Shelley	Trowbridge A.C.	9	46	00
37	A	I	Collins	Birmingham W.C.	9	46	34
38	B		Osborne	Birmingham W.C.	9	46	44
39	J		Hayward	Enfield A.C.	9	53	25
40	T		Tidy	Steyning A.C.	9	54	08
41	W	F	Nicholls	Cambridge H.	9	54	49
42	F	J	Plumb	Brighton A.C.	9	56	53
43	J	F	Keown	Belgrave H.	9	59	29
44	R		Hodges	Highgate H.	10	02	28
45	F	G	Nickolls	Surrey W.C.	10	05	00
46	D		Mace	Birmingham W.C.	10	09	25
47	D		Fotheringham	Belgrave H.	10	10	13
48	A		Baxter	Birmingham W.C.	10	13	26
49	A	A	Poole	Worcester H.	10	19	23
50	W	E	Pickeit	Trowbridge A.C.	10	20	41
51	R	W	Hyland	London Vidarians	10	24	05
52	K		Munro	Cambridge H.	10	32	39
53	J	B	Marriott	Leicester W.C.	10	35	40
54	C	W	Patrick	Trinidad	10	36	10
55	J	F	Henderson	Steyning A.C.	10	38	23
56	S		McSweeney	Highgate H.	10	43	19
57	J		Harris	Trowbridge A.C.	10	43	28
58	E	A	McNeir	Cambridge H.	10	43	34
59	L	C	Simmonds	Surrey W.C.	10	43	34

60	G	G	Evans	Leicester W.C.	10	47	13
61	D	D	Hill	London Vidarians	10	51	53
62	A	W	Blatchford	London Vidarians	10	56	11
63	D	J	Wallace	Cambridge H.	10	56	11
64	N		Knott	Woodford Green A.C.	10	59	53
65	D		Seddon	Notts A.C.	11	05	20
66	W	C	Merrett	Polytechnic H.	11	06	39
67	W	J	Lashmar	Brighton A.C.	11	24	52
68	D	M	Hatchell	unattached	11	27	44
69	J	D	Wood	Polytechnic H.	11	31	42

	Team	Position	Club	Points
1			Belgrave H	48
2			Surrey W.C	52
3			Steyning A.C	80
4			Polytechnic H	87
5			Leicester W.C	88
6			Trowbridge A.C	95
7			Cambridge H	98
8			Highgate H	104
9			Birmingham W.C	110