

42nd London to Brighton Walk 2nd Sep 1967

With an entry of over 100 and 89 starters, this was the best supported Brighton for some years. The walkers were rewarded with a fine day (though the strong cross wind was troublesome at times) and the officials, supporters, etc., with a very fine race.

Don Thompson was obviously fighting fit and soon began to draw away from the field. But he was closely followed by Eley of Trowbridge. For mile after mile they were together, steadily building a lead; it was not until after the climb up Dale Hill that Don began to draw away, and at the summit he was 26 seconds ahead. On the downhill stretch he pulled further away to win by over two minutes, his first Brighton win since 1962. Eley finished inside 8 hours and joined the select club of walkers who have achieved this: a very creditable performance at his first attempt.

Duncan of the Bels got up into third place in the early stages and held this position to the finish. His team mate King came through to 4th in the final stretch and with Keown and Morris finishing well up, Bels regained the team title.

It is interesting to note that of the 10 walkers who got inside first-class standard, five were from clubs which are relatively new in the sport. Let us hope we will see them up in the team race in the near future.

Man of the race as far as we were concerned was Bill Hill. Although Dickie Green led the Club for much of the race, he was troubled by cramp in the closing stages, and Bill Hill was on hand to go past and add a new name to the Dithy Cup. He did his best time, but was just outside first-class standard. However his greatest reward was the Harry Preston Cup for the first veteran, and the handsome prize that went with it. He also of course won the Elaine Cup for the first Club veteran and the award for the first Centurian. Peter Goodchild, knocking some 22 minutes off last year's time, was our third man, and Fred Nickolls completed our team, which was placed second John Leech got inside standard yet again. Richard Fullager was a worthy winner of die Cousins Bowl. Ron Williams improved his time of last year by 19 minutes. Others completing their first Brighton were Andrew Rymer and Terry Ryan. Completing our squad of 10 finishers was Donal O'Sullivan.

Those gentlemen on the Brighton who were passed on the road by a lady who left Westminster half-an-hour after them may like to know, if they do not already, that she was Cathe Burgess, from South Africa, and that she completed the distance in 10 hrs. 43 mins. Even the ranks of an all-male club could scarce forbear to cheer.

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1.	D.	J.	Thompson	Met. W.C.	7	55	12
2.	B.		Eley	Trowbridge A.C.	7	57	27
3.	P.	L.	Duncan	Belgrave H.	8	39	20
4.	D.		King	Belgrave H.	8	59	04
5.	T.	M.	Chorley	Bristol W.C.	9	02	02
6.	L.	J.	Gwinel	Bristol W.C.	9	11	36
7.	D.	le	Marinel	Sarnia W.C.	9	11	46
8.	R.	P	Manning	Blaydon H.	9	12	35
9.	P.	G.	Hook	Hinckley Coll. A.C.	9	13	12
10.	C.		Weston	Highgate H.	9	13	47
11.	W.	T.	Hill	Surrey W.C.	9	16	24
12.	E.	H.	Denman	Shore A.C., U.S.A.	9	17	59
13.	R.	E.	Green	Surrey W.C.	9	24	02
14.	H.	D.	Neilson	Woodford Green A.C.	9	25	44
15.	C.		Megnin	Highgate H.	9	27	43
16.	P.	E.	Goodchild	Surrey W.C.	9	28	52

17.	J.	A.	Hudson	Lanes. W.C.	9	29	22
18.	J.	F.	Keown	Belgrave H.	9	31	18
19.	D.	H.	Trigg	Leicester W.C.	9	35	25
20.	D.		Hurst	Trowbridge A.C.	9	38	04
21.	J.		Morris	Belgrave H.	9	40	15
22.	R.	S.	Thorpe	Wakefield H.	9	41	26
23.	R.	D.	Le Marquand	Sarnia W.C.	9	44	06
24.	B.	R.	Smith	Trowbridge A.C.	9	44	49
25.	J.	J.	Nutt	Leicester W.C.	9	47	07
26.	D.	D.	Seddon	R. Sutton Coldfield	9	47	12
27.	P.	J.	Cassie	Steyning A.C.	9	48	14
28.	E.	J.	Robins	Sarnia W.C.	9	48	45
29.	F.	G.	Nickolls	Surrey W.C.	9	49	41
30.	H.	G.	Hooper	Polytechnic H.	9	54	12
31.	B.		Eglington	Belgrave H.	9	55	20
32.	T.		Tidy	Steyning A.C.	9	55	51
33.	J.	E.	Leech	Surrey W.C.	9	55	52
34.	W.	R.	Stapleford	Hinckley Coll. A.C	9	58	50
35.	D.	L.	Vinall	Brighton & Hove A.C.	10	04	29
36.	A.	C.	Brunning	Highgate H.	10	06	56
37.	W.		Pickett	Trowbridge A.C.	10	07	05
38.	L.	C.	Taylor	Cambridge H.	10	07	20
39.	B.	J.	Rawlings	Leicester W.C.	10	13	10
40.	R.	P.	Fullager	Surrey W.C.	10	13	21
41.	T.	L.	Morris	Greyfriars W.C.	10	17	16
42.	C.	G.	Evans	Leicester W.C.	10	24	30
43.	R.		Hodges	Highgate H.	10	25	09
44.	J.	M.	Rushforth	Greyfriars W.C.	10	26	56
45.	R.	W.	Hyland	London Vidarians	10	26	56
46.	C.	A.	Missen	Leicester W.C.	10	29	15
47.	P.		Lam	unattached, Hong Kong	10	30	45
48.	V.	L.	Hall	Leicester W.C.	10	35	42
49.	E.	A.	McNeir	Cambridge H.	10	38	28
50.	W.	D.	Symeas	Queens Park H.	10	38	28
51.	R.	E.	Williams	Surrey W.C.	10	40	44
52.	D.	R.	Parkins	Polytechnic H.	10	46	30
53.	F.	P.	Baker	Highgate H.	10	46	40
54.	A.	S.	Rymer	Surrey W.C.	10	49	43
55.	D.	A.	Parkins	Polytechnic H.	10	50	36
56.	F.	J.	Plumb	Brighton & Hove A.C.	10	52	05
57.	C.		Wormleighton	Greyfriars W.C.	10	52	43
58.	C.	W.	Patrick	Trinidad	11	06	54
59.	T.	J.	Ryan	Surrey W.C.	11	17	03
60.	J.	B.	Benn	Lloyds Bank A.C.	11	25	04
61.	J.	D.	Wood	Polytechnic H.	11	24	04

62.	C.	J.	Robin	Sarnia W.C.	11	28	22
63.	J.	H.	Hanson	Basildon A.C.	11	37	49
64.	L.	P.	Herquin	Sarnia W.C.	11	39	55
65.	W.		Garratt	London Vidarians	11	48	52
66.	J.	B.	Marriott	Leicester W.C.	11	50	45
67.	D.	D.	O'Sullivan	Surrey W.C.	11	52	38
68.	W.	C.	Millington	Highgate H.	12	05	00

	Team	Position	Club	Points
1.			Belgrave H	28
2.			Surrey W.C	40
3.			Trowbridge A.C	51
4.			Highgate H	62
5.			Sarnia W.C	72
6.			Leicester W.C	77
7.			Polytechnic H	122