

### 44th London to Brighton Walk 6th Sep 1969

As Big Ben struck the first stroke of seven 91 set off over Westminster Bridge on the 44th London to Brighton Walk. An early lead was taken by C. Weston, Highgate Harriers, closely followed by B. Eley, Bristol Walking Club, E. Michael, Cape of Good Hope Walking Club (South Africa), and C. Young, Essex Beagles.

When the Chequers at Horley was reached Eley had taken the lead with Michael in second place, and these two strode on to finish in that order. Belgrave were worthy winners of the team race, in spite of a sporting gesture by them whereby C. Klopfer, who finished third, did not count in the team placings. Bristol were second team, and Surrey Walking Club third.

Of the 91 starters 70 completed the course, on a fine day that must have suited the walkers. We had an international field including athletes from the Channel Islands, Czechoslovakia, Germany, South Africa, the West Indies and the U.S.A.

Leading the Club home was Nolan Simmons, who broke nine hours on his first "Brighton." He took both The Dithy Cup and The Cousins Memorial Bowl, a very fine effort, and is certainly full-filling the promise of fine walking that he has shown since joining the Club. The Captain was our second man home, only just outside 9 hours in spite of an attack of cramp. The scoring quartet was completed by K. Mason and P. Goodchild. The Elaine Cup was taken by F. Nickolls. Altogether 13 of our Club finished, completing two teams, the only Club to do so. Special congratulations to J. Sheppard, A. Rymer and W. Keeler on bettering 12 hours.

The Event was excellently organised by G. Halifax, and the Club's thanks are due to him, to his wife, and to the many members who assisted on the day. The referee was Don Thompson, and the Club had much pleasure in presenting him with a Plaque commemorating his own' very fine achievements on the Brighton Road.

### Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	B.		Eley	Bristol	8	02	09
2	E.		Michael	S. Africa	8	18	19
3	G.	H.	Klopfer	Belgrave	8	19	22
4	J.		Moullin	Belgrave	8	22	35
5	C.	A.	Young	Essex Beagles	8	30	22
6	P.	L.	Duncan	Belgrave	8	36	57
7	D.	E.	Boxall	Brighton	8	45	00
8	P.		Thorn	Trowbridge	8	48	31
9	C.		Weston	Highgate	8	50	52
10	D.		King	Belgrave	8	57	55
11	S.	A.	Van Sensie	S. Africa	8	57	58
12	N.	A.	Simmons	Surrey'A'	8	58	05
13	L.	J.	Gwinnell	Bristol	9	01	50
14	P.	A.	Maidment	L. Vidarians	9	02	55
15	R.	E.	Green	Surrey'A'	9	03	50
16	I		Domansky	Prague	9	04	07
17	B.	H.	Saunders	Brighton	9	05	09
18	J.	A.	Hedgethorn	Essex Pol	9	06	58
19	B.		Williams	Brighton	9	06	58
20	D.	G.	Pcok	Hinckley	9	15	30
21	D.	C.	Rose	Cambridge	9	17	45
22	T.	M.	Chorley	Bristol	9	20	21
23	K.	J.	Mason	Surrey'A'	9	22	55

24	L.	G.	Miles	Trowbridge	9	24	29
25	E.	H.	Denman	U.S.A	9	25	13
26	R.	H.	Switzer	Southampton	9	27	50
27	G.	R.	Farley	Belgrave	9	38	03
28	P.	E.	Goodchild	Surrey'A'	9	39	05
29	D.	A.	Vale	Surrey'A'	9	39	37
30	J.	J.	Nutt	Leicester	9	43	23
31	S.	G.	Pearson	Surrey'A'	9	45	04
32	H.	D.	Neilson	Wford Gn	9	50	04
33	C.		Berwick	Leicester	9	50	15
34	F.	G.	Nickolls	Surrey'A'	9	55	14
35	M.	J.	Harcombe	Bristol	9	55	37
36	J.	A.	Dowling	Sheffield	9	57	39
37	R.	P.	Manning	Wakefield	9	57	39
38	J.		Keown	Belgrave	9	58	23
39	R.	W.	Hyland	L. Vidarians	10	00	10
40	M.		Perkins	Trowbridge	10	02	00
41	H.		Nunns	Blackheath	10	07	01
42	T.		Tidy	Steyning	10	09	36
43	L.		Taylor	Cambridge	10	12	20
44	C.		Megnin	Highgate	10	17	05
45	B.	R.	Smith	Trowbridge	10	19	14
46	D.	E.	Johnson	US.A	10	19	37
47	E.	J.	Henton	Surrey'B'	10	19	42
48	A.		Gutteridge	Met. W.C.	10	21	00
49	G.	H.	Brooker	Surrey'A'	10	21	35
50	C.		Patrick	Trinidad	10	24	58
51	G.	C.	Dick	Highgate	10	25	05
52	G.		Braceland	U.S.A	10	28	48
53	J.		Godbeer	Cambridge	10	31	31
54	D.	F.	Parsons	Coventry	10	32	34
55	C.	G.	Evans	Leicester	10	35	52
56	B.	T.	Cass	Southampton	10	40	30
57	D.	H.	Trigg	Leicester	10	44	15
58	J.	A.	Malyon	Leicester	10	44	15
59	W.		Duffin	Trowbridge	10	47	02
60	F.	P.	Baker	Highgate	10	49	27
61	G,		Mathieson	Cambridge	11	02	03
62	E.		McNeir	Cambridge	11	11	24
63	C.		Tarrant	Surrey'B'	11	13	23
64	J.		Read	Southampton	11	14	21
65	F.		Gerrish	Highgate	11	28	05
66	N.		Knott	Brighton	11	30	25
67	D.		Barraclough	Southampton	11	34	06
68	J.		Sheppard	Surrey'B'	11	52	35

69	A.	Rymer	Surrey'B'	11	59	21
70	W.	Keeler	Surrey'B'	11	59	47

	<b>Team Position Club</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Belgrave H	31
2	Bristol W.C.	51
3	Surrey W.C. 'A'	55
4	Brighton & H. A.C.	77
5	Trowbridge A.C	83
6	Leicester W.C.	112
7	Highgate H	114
8	Cambridge H	123
9	Southampton A.A.C.	151
10	Surrey W.C. 'B'	179

### **Trophies**

Harry Preston Cup	H. D. Neilson
Dithy Cup	N. Simmons
Cousins Memorial Bowl	N. Simmons
Elaine Cup	F. G. Nickolls