

45th London to Brighton Walk 5th Sep 1970

Eighty-five walkers set off from Westminster on this year's Brighton which was the 45th event. A strong club team was entered and although any chance of us winning the race were slight we had a hope of a place.

The individual race really started at a pace, with a strong overseas challenge, our home walkers had their work cut out. Don Thompson was making a return to this race, to continue his comeback, and Ray Middleton was having a crack for the first time. As the field crossed Westminster Bridge there were many murmurs at the speed with which our friend from Israel set off. Imagine the louder murmurs when he hit Brighton Front at almost the same speed. Ladany hardly slowed at all, his 20 miles time was 2 hours 48 minutes! and he eventually finished in a time only beaten by those two greats Don Thompson and Abdou Pamich. Of course being a non-Britain the Victory Cup can not go outside this country but will be held by the Israel Embassy in London.

Bravely Middleton and Thompson tried to hold the leader and after a tremendous battle the former was only four minutes behind to become one of the very few walkers who have beaten eight hours on their first ever Brighton.

Belgrave Harriers once again won the team race but we did well to finish second ahead of a fast finishing Brighton team. Pride of place in the club must go to Nolan Simmons who retained the Dithy Cup in beating nine hours again. He walked an extremely steady race and finished strongly but was a little surprised to be beaten by his fellow countryman F. Thomas. Keith Read won the Cousins Memorial Bowl and completed his first Brighton in fine style looking very fresh at the end. George Brooker was the first club veteran only just outside ten hours. Fred Nickolls bravely marched on to the end and the captain gave his usual sturdy performance. The only one who suffered being the new editor whose performance is best left out as there are far better things to write about!

Once again plenty of roadside help, many old faithfuls as usual, ideal weather, although a little hot and an event organised superbly by Maurice Horton and his family as well as much assistance from club members

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	S.		Ladany	Maccabi-Tel-Aviv	7	46	37
2	R.		Middleton	Belgrave Harriers	7	50	47
3.	D.		Thompson	Metropolitan W.C	8	14	51
4.	C.		Young	Essex Beagles	8	31	08
5.	J.		Moullin	Belgrave Harriers	8	36	09
6.	P.	L.	Duncan	Belgrave Harriers	8	49	53
7.	E.	J.	Michael	Cape of Goop Hope S.A.	8	55	12
8.	F.		Thomas	Trinidad & Tobago	8	56	51
9.	N.		Simmons	S.W.C	8	58	13
10	G.	G.	Goodair	Wakefield H. & A.C.	9	04	43
11.	D.	E.	Boxall.	Brighton & Hove A.C.	9	08	01
12.	C.		Weston	Highgate Harriers	9	15	12
13	E.		Lee	Wakefield H. & A.C	9	19	25
14	D.		King	Belgrave Harriers	9	22	17
15	P.		Maidment	London Vidarians	9	24	06
16	P.		Selby	S.W.C	9	25	39
17	G.		Dowling	Yorkshire W.C	9	26	50
18.	R.	E.	Green	S.W.C.	9	27	00
19.	C.	R.	Berwick	Leicester W.C	9	30	08

20.	J.	J.	Markon	Long Island A.C. USA	9	33	37
21.	A.	L.	Buchanan	Brighton & Hove A.C	9	35	43
22.	B.	H.	Saunders	Brighton & Hove A.C.	9	36	05
23.	G.	G.	Zietsman	Y.M.C.A. South Africa	9	36	22
24.	W.	O.	Fenlon	Enfield Harriers	9	36	43
25.	K.	R.	Read	S.W.C	9	42	20
26.	A.	W.	Gutteridge	Metropolitan W.C.	9	49	15
27.	P.		Chapman	Brighton & Hove A.C.	9	51	44
28.	L.		Miles	Trowbridge A.C	9	57	11
29.	C.		Megnin	Highgate Harriers	9	58	48
30.	G.		Brooker	S.W.C	10	00	22
31.	J.	F.	Keown	Belgrave Harriers	10	00	36
32.	R.	P.	Manning	Wakfield H. & A.C.	10	02	41
33.	C.	J.	Shelly	Bristol R.W.C.	10	02	58
34.	N.		Nunns	Blackheath Harriers	10	03	04
35.	C.	C.	Anders	Cape of Good Hope W.C.	10	09	04
36.	D.	J.	Beament	Bristol R.W.C	10	13	14
37.	M.		Perkins	Trowbridge A.C	10	17	01
38.	D.	A.	Ainsworth	London Vidarians	10	18	20
39.	D.	C.	Rose	Cambridge Harriers	10	21	07
40.	D.		DeBondi	Belgrave Harriers	10	22	17
41.	R.	F.	Hodges	Highgate Harriers	10	25	21
42.	T.		Tidy	Steyning A.C	10	31	03
43.	A.	F.	Eddleston	Cambridge Harriers	10	33	45
44.	P.		Briggs	Yorkshire W.C	10	37	28
45.	H.	D.	Neilson	Woodford Green A.C.	10	48	07
46.	R.	S.	Porter	Metropolitan W.C	10	51	55
47.	A.	E.	Farley	Bristol R.W.C	10	52	38
48.	P.	J.	Willis	Cambridge Harriers	11	00	32
49.	M.		Roughley	Southend A.C	11	02	17
50.	J.	H.	Williams	Veterans AC	11	03	50
51.	W.		Wortley	Belgrave Harriers	11	06	49
52.	P.	S.	They	Bristol R.W.C	11	07	24
53.	F.	G.	Nickolls	S.W.C	11	13	41
54.	E.	A.	McNeir	Cambridge Harriers	11	20	31
55.	C.	D.	Todd	Metropolitan Police A.C.	11	23	00
56.	F.	D.	Myers	Highgate Harriers	11	27	12
57.	H.	G.	Lewis	Basingstoke A.C	11	29	24
58.	R.	W.	Davis	Unattached	11	30	37
59.	H.	T.	Hermanson	Spartan H.S.A	11	40	06
60.	T.		Waters	Spartan H.S.A	11	40	06
61.	D.		Hill	London Vidarians	11	47	39

Team	Position	Club	Points
1		Belgrave Harriers	13

2	Surrey W.C	34
3	Brighton & Hove A.C	42
4	Highgate Harriers	72
5	Bristol W.C.	87
6	Cambridge Harriers	96

Trophies

Harry Preston Cup	C. Megnin
Dithy Cup	N. Simmons
Elaine Trophy	G. Brooker
Cousins Memorial Trophy	K. Read