

51st London to Brighton Walk 4th Sep 1976

Although the field was smaller than usual the times were generally fast due no doubt to the weather with a following wind. There were some good all round performances although Peter Selby when leading at 35 miles suffered a nasty bout of cramp and eventually crawled home in fifth, a disappointment for both him and the club. However, a very good second team place for the club with newcomers Holmes, Gates and Clements having excellent races as did Fred Moule. We were second last year but with a completely different four, then it was Simmons, Atterbury, Vale and Read.

Congratulations are due though to Belgrave Harriers who retained their team title. Pride of place though to a brilliant walk by Peter Hodkinson. He led from early morning and really powered through the last twenty to show what potential he has. An excellent time as well and just reward for all the work that he and adviser Len Taylor and team have put into the long events this year. Heywood of Leicester had a cracking last twenty miles to go through from fifth to second also recording a very good time. Tony Geal always considered a dark horse had a blinder as expected, a lot of people tipped him for a place in the first three. Double hundred miles winner Derek Harrison was not too far behind for fourth spot in what must be the fastest time by a Manxman.

All our own men put up very good performances with Jim Holmes confirming his great improvement by winning the Cousins Bowl for the first man doing his first Brighton. Peter Worth again produced the goods to be first veteran and Day of Belgrave did well to lead his club home to Victory. Congratulations to Alvarez of Trinidad on completing the course in conditions he was not really suited to. Plenty of the regular names amongst the finishers, King, Morris, Keown, Tidy and of course Eddie McNeir.

Once more very good organisation by Nick Groom ably assisted his Mother and Sister. Thanks to Colin Harding for producing a result sheet at the finish and finally our thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton for presenting the awards and being so genuinely interested in our sports.

Results:

Position	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	P.	Hodkinson	C.H.	8	06	13
2	J.	Heywood	L.W.C.	8	18	33
3	T.	Geal	Steyn.	8	22	05
4	D.	Harrison	Bound	8	26	16
5	P.	Selby	S.W.C.	8	35	48
6	D.	Boxall	B. & H.	8	39	17
7	P.	Worth	Verlea	8	57	20
8	W.	Sutherland	Ilford	9	01	24
9	R.	Day	B.H.	9	13	44
10	E.	Holmquist	H.H.	9	16	42
11	D.	King	B.H.	9	17	47
12	J.	Holmes	S.W.C.	9	20	34
13	G.	Dowling	Yorks	9	27	03
14	C.	Weston	H.H.	9	28	20
15	S.	Alvarez	Trinidad	9	30	12
16	T.	Morris	B.H.	9	35	11
17	L.	Holton	L.W.C.	9	35	51
18	A.	Gates	S.W.C.	9	40	25
19	T.	Keowin	B.H.	9	46	03
20	R.	Picton	B.H.	9	47	00

21	T.	Clements	S.W.C.	9	47	27
22	F.	Moule	S.W.C.	9	52	39
23	K.	Roost	Verlea	9	58	05
24	E.	Warner	L.W.C.	10	03	09
25	D.	Tones	L.W.C.	10	07	51
26	C.	Bean	Steyn.	10	08	37
27	K.	Beale	Steyn.	10	08	37
28	E.	Shillabeer	Dawlish	10	12	53
29	R.	Gunnett	Verlea	10	22	47
30	M.	Gleed	Lon. V.	10	25	19
31	T.	Tidy	Steyn.	10	27	35
32	T.	Murdoch	Dawlish	11	00	00
33	D.	Carey	Bristol	11	20	24
	E.	McNeir	(CH)			
	C.	Evans	(LWC)			
	N.	Johnson	(LWC)			

Team Position Club Points

1	Belgrave Harriers	30
2	Surrey W.C	33
3	Leicester W.C.	43
4	Steyning A.C.	62

Trophies

Edward Knott Memorial Shield	Belgrave Harriers
Harry Preston Cup	P. Worth
Dithy Cup	P. Selby
Cousins Bowl	J. Holmes