

53rd London to Brighton Walk 2nd Sep 1978

At six minutes past two in the afternoon Shaun Lightman approached the finishing line to win this year's Brighton. A worthy effort by the Croydon-based International walker who has always wanted to win the Brighton. He was never really challenged by the other 45 finishers, although the Italian G. Rosso had an excellent race, as did his fellow countryman Quentin. Two walkers who did not however were John Lees and Peter Selby, who had disastrous races. Lees of course was last year's winner in under eight hours. How the mighty fall. Ken Harding walked his usual solid race to finish very strongly for third.

The team title was always between two clubs—ourselves and Leicester—and in the end Surrey were comfortable winners. Nolan Simmons led us home in sixth place, with very good performances from Steve Wynn and Keith Read—both of whom finished very strongly. Tom Gates and Steve Barton both put up very good times, and Graham Peddie had little trouble in beating ten hours.

Peter Worth was a popular winner of the Veterans' race, recording a personal best time. The first four British walkers will represent Great Britain in the Compeigne to Paris 85 Kms race in November.

Once again first-class organisation by Colin Harding, as well as a masterly performance in an interview on Radio Brighton about the race the previous Tuesday

Results:

Position	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	S.	Lightman	Met. W.C	8	06	39
2	G.	Rosso	Italy	8	14	32
3	K.	Harding	Sutton Coldfield	8	21	10
4	D.	Boxall	Brighton	8	27	54
5	J.	Eddershaw	Sheffield	8	28	37
6	N.	Simmons	Surrey	8	29	02
7	P.	Worth	Enfield	8	34	27
8	K.	Halstead	Coventry	8	37	02
9	R.	Colver	Leicester	8	50	28
10	J.	Lees	Brighton	8	53	39
11	E.	Holmquist	Highgate	8	55	36
12	P.	Selby	Surrey	9	02	12
13	L.	Holton	Leicester	9	06	41
14	S.	Wynn	Surrey	9	17	40
15	J.	Sturgess	Leicester	9	21	11
16	I.	Quentino	Italy	9	28	21
17	K.	Read	Surrey	9	31	56
18	D.	King	Belgrave	9	34	24
19	A.	Gates	Surrey	9	39	14
20	S.	Barton	Surrey	9	39	51
21	K.	Till	Crawley	9	41	39
22	D.	Bolton	Sheffield	9	43	16
23	K.	Roost	Enfield	9	49	15
24	E.	Grocock	Sheffield	9	52	24
25	D.	Salter	Enfield	9	53	11
26	J.	Keown	Belgrave	9	54	54
27	G.	Peddie	Surrey	9	55	45

28	R.	Morris	Leicester	10	00	28
29	W.	Daysh	Highgate	10	05	24
30	G.	Brooker	Surrey	10	12	52
31	J.	Hurley	Brighton	10	22	50
32	P.	Emery	Enfield	10	29	42
33	E.	Warner	Leicester	10	30	56
34	J.	Limbert	Leicester	10	30	56
35	D.	Jones	Leicester	10	30	56
36	T.	Parslow-Williams	Met. W.C	10	36	47
37	C.	Rushton	Leicester	10	47	27
38	R.	Witton	Highgate	10	49	44
39	F.	Baker	Highgate	10	49	44
40	D.	Wilkinson	Leicester	10	51	40
41	M.	Parks	Bristol	10	55	54
42	J.	Robbins	Leicester	10	58	34
43	J.	Reed	Southampton	11	03	37
44	M.	Turner	Brighton	11	12	37
45	G.	Woods	Southend	11	34	39
46	D.	Jenkins	London	11	45	05

Team	Position	Club	Points
1		Surrey Walking Club	29
2		Leicester Walking Club "A "	39
3		Enfield Harriers	53
4		Brighton	56
5		Highgate Harriers	77
6		Leicester Walking Club " B "	105

Trophies

Harry Preston Cup	P. Worth
Dithy Cup	N. Simmons
Elaine Trophy	G. Brooker
Cousins Memorial Bowl	Not awarded