

59th London to Brighton Walk 1st Sep 1984

Ken Mason, winner of the race in 1966, worked so hard to organise this year's event and it was very disheartening that so few started. Even though the race incorporated the RWA long distance championship, numbers showed very little increase; the reasons are too many to enumerate and it will come as no surprise that the event is to be discontinued. Perhaps one of the saddest decisions that the Club has had to make, but inevitable.

We were pleased nevertheless to see Brian Adams defending his long distance title and masterfully taking matters into control to win, but not without a very late spirited challenge by Steve Till, using the event as a warm up for the Quadrathon the following Saturday! These two never looked in danger. Steve has a worthy record over the last three Brightons - second, third and second - and was surely due to win in the near future. It is understood that subsequently he did the Brighton Run in 7 hours 7 minutes. Third place Ted Holmquist walked one of his best Brightons and fully deserved the honour, a consistent contender who always shows great determination, and likewise Peter Worth, who also won the Veterans award. Nolan had a rather unhappy first half, mainly it would seem because his attendants were trying to find the right supermarket for the right drink - by the time they had sorted this little trauma he had finished and nearly passed out through thirst.

Yet again Graham Peddie made up the team with another steady even pace walk and enabled the Club to win both the Open event and the Championship, with Coventry second team in the latter competition.

The weather was kind, not too hot but dry, roadside help as always plentiful with extra feeding stations giving one every three miles. We are grateful to the Greater London Council for the accommodation before the start, Brighton Corporation for their help at the finish, the Mayor and Mayoress for greeting the first three finishers and presenting the prizes, Hazel Mason and Co. for providing the refreshments and most of all to Ken Mason for superb organisation. We have the back-up for this race but regrettably competitors seem to be rather thin on the ground.

Results:

Position	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	B.	Adams	Leicester	8	37	30
2	S.	Till	S.W.C.	8	41	18
3	E.	Holmquist	Highgate H.	8	58	57
4	P.	Worth	Enfield H.	9	7	13
5	N.	Simmons	S.W.C.	9	11	27
6	M.	Lewis	Trowbridge	9	17	21
7	C.	Weston	Highgate H.	9	27	48
8	H.	van Wakeren	Unitas and S.W.C	9	37	5
9	S.	Pointer	Coventry R.W.C.	9	39	43
10	H.	O'Neill	Enfield H.	9	42	19
11	D.	Ratcliffe	Coventry R.W.C.	9	42	45
12	G.	Peddie	S.W.C.	10	6	1
13	J.	Bellwood	York Postal District	10	20	45
14	J.	Keown	Belgrave H.	10	24	33
15	P.	Hastings	Cambridge H.	10	24	33
16	W.	Newhill	Coventry R.W.C.	10	27	47
17	W.	Lawrence	Basingstoke A.C.	10	37	10
18	R.	Corlett	Boundary Harriers	10	56	11

Team Position	Club	Points
1	S.W.C	17

Trophies

VICTORY CUP	B. Adams (Leicester)
DITHY CUP	S. Till
HARRY PRESTON CUP	P. Worth (Enfield H.)