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President 2022-23. David Appleton.

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Your new President is David Appleton.



Thanks Nic Corry



A message from our new President

As we move from cross country to a new and hopefully normal track & field season, and as I step into the presidential shoes, it is worth reflecting on the adaptability and resilience shown by the club and track during the last two years. By a stroke of good fortune Nic Corry took on what turned out to be a two year tenure of the presidency and used his appreciation of technology's capabilities to keep the club operating on a "virtual" basis when formal races could not take place. We had virtual races, themed weeks finding linked street names, virtual meetings on Zoom and many other creative new ways of keeping club activities alive during the difficult pandemic lockdowns. When restrictions were eased track management and coaches worked together to enable track activities on a zoned basis, carefully complying with COVID regulations. Small groups of 6 or less started running on Wednesday nights and an outdoor bar was opened with table service and social distancing. Indeed so exceptional were these activities that we were voted England Athletics Club of the Year for 2020. Thanks to Nic, Alice and Holly Platt on social media, Adrian Stocks and Tim Ayres for virtual events and many others who made this possible.

The same characteristics of resilience and perseverance that saw us through the pandemic have also seen us move closer to fulfilling our ambition of uniting the club in a new centre at the Norman Park Track. Obtaining planning permission, selling the old clubhouse site and raising the funds has been an immense task, led by Tim Soutar and Chris Hilditch. Later this year we look forward to moving into the new centre at the track.

So we can now look ahead to an exciting track and field season, moving into our new headquarters and resurrecting cross country, which has experienced low participation in recent years.

None of the above would be possible without the enormous contribution of our volunteers. Thanks to all our coaches, team managers, officials and many others who help with social events, communications and administration! We can always do with more help so don't hesitate to make yourself known if you are able to help in any one of these satisfying roles.

Best presidential wishes to all members,
David

A small piece of Club History

It's the Wigmore Ladies Summer fixture card for 1967! The previous Autumn Wigmore Harriers men changed their name to Camden AC and Wigmore Harriers women became Wigmore Ladies. In 1967 Wigmore Ladies had two bases, Parliament Hill and Crystal Palace with the Club affiliated to the Middlesex WAAA. It only lasted for one year. In 1968 the Club only had one HQ, Crystal Palace and they were affiliated to the Kent WAAA. Thank you to Helen Godsell for this document. If anyone has any Wigmore or Bromley Ladies memorabilia please get in touch as it would be a valuable addition to our Club archive. This Courier is a fixture card fest, see further below.

OFFICIALS President: Miss Jill Blackmore Past Presidents: Mrs M. Powell, Mrs E. A. Prince, Mr G. Stratford, Mr W. G. Tyler Vice-Presidents: Mrs V. Searle, Miss Margaret Moir, Mrs Woods, Mrs M. Moir, Mr S. Moir, Mr J. Goscombe, Mr Woods, Mr F. Carter, Mr W. G. Tyler & Mr J. Anott Life Members: Mrs Prince, Mrs Brown, Mrs Cox, Mrs Grey, Mrs Powell & Mr G. Stratford Associate Members: Mrs Pantin, Mrs Stratford, Mr Powder, Mr Harris, Mr Palmer, Mr Redwood Club Captain: Miss S. Bishop Vice Captain: Mrs S. Woods Hon. Secretary: Mr G. Stratford Hon. Treasurer: Miss M. Huckleby Committee: Miss S. Woods, Miss S. Bishop, Miss I. Powder, Miss C. Williams, Miss S. Cochran	WIGMORE LADIES' ATHLETIC CLUB (Established 1953) Affiliated to:- W.A.A.A., S.C.W.A.A.A., Middlesex C.W.A.A.A., S.C.W.C.C. & R.W.A., W.C.C.A. & R.W.A. FIXTURES AND OFFICIALS FOR TRACK SEASON 1967 Training Headquarters:- Parliament Hill Track, London, N.W.3 Tuesday Evenings - Sunday Mornings Crystal Palace, London, S.E.27 Thursday Evenings	FIXTURES Sat. 29th April M.C.W.A.A. Pentathlon, Enfield X Wed. 10th May Wigmore L.A.C. Parliament Hill, 7 p.m. Sat. 20th May M.C.W.A.A.A. Champs. Hendon, 1.30 p.m. X Wed. 24th May Wigmore L.A.C. Parliament Hill, 7 p.m. Sat. 3rd June S.C.W.A.A.A. Champs. Chiswick, 12 noon. Fri. 9th June & Sat. 10th June Middx. Schools Champs. Hendon, 6 p.m. & 2 p.m. Wed. 14th June Wigmore L.A.C. Parliament Hill, 7 p.m. Sat. 17th June London Transport Sports, 2 p.m. X Wed. 28th June Wigmore L.A.C. Parliament Hill, 7 p.m. Fri. 30th June W.A.A.A. Champs. White City, 6 p.m. Sat. 1st July W.A.A.A. Champs. White City, 1 p.m.	X Sat. 12th July Spartan L.A.C. Twickenham, 2 p.m. Sat. 29th July W.A.A.A. National International & Junior Champs. Harlow, 1 p.m. Sat. 3rd Aug. Senior Inter-Counties Champs. Brighton, 1 p.m. Sat. 19th Aug. Bracknell Relays, Bracknell, 1 p.m. Sat. 10th Sept. Junior Inter-Counties Champs. Hendon, 2 p.m. All other fixtures, members will be notified well before Events. TRAINING Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 7 p.m. prompt, and Sunday Mornings commencing 11 a.m. prompt. COACHES Mr G. Stratford, Mrs V. Searle, Mr H. Harris.
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Helen has gone on to win many titles in the Masters age groups, and now her son Joe is at it as well. Now 38 and living in Adelaide in Australia he won the 100, 200 and the 400 titles at the South Australian Championships. Moving on to the

National Championships in Brisbane he won bronze in the 100, silver in the 200 and finished with gold in the 400. Well done Joe!

Forthcoming Social Events

Not much happening at the moment but here's a few pictures of the Past Presidents letting their hair down recently.



Forthcoming Fixtures.

April

- 2/4/22 – B&B v Jersey v Guernsey, in Jersey
- 9/4/22 – ERRRA 12 & 6 Stage Road Relays, Sutton Coldfield.
- 10/4/22 – Medway & Maidstone Open
- 18/4/22 – Tonbridge Easter Open Meeting
- 24/4/22 – Youth Development League, Under 20s and Under 17s, Eton.
- 27/4/22 – Parris Handicap
- 30/4/22 – Kent Young Athletes League, Erith.
- 30/4-2/5/22 – BUCS Championships, Bedford.

May

- 2/5/22 – Ted Pepper 10km, Norman Park
- 2/5/22 – Vitality London 10km.
- 7/5/22 – National Athletics League, Manchester

8/5/22 – UK Youth Development League, U15s and U13s, Tonbridge
9/5/22 – Kent Masters League, Sutcliffe Park
14/5/22 – Night Of The 10,000 pbs, incorporating UK Athletics 10,000 Championships Parliament Hill.
14-15/5/22 – Kent Championships, Gillingham. Entries close 25/4/22.
21/5/22 – UK Youth Development League, U15s and U13s, Bracknell.
21/5/22 – Muller Grand Prix, Birmingham
22/5/22 – Southern Athletics League, Gillingham.
22/5/22 – Kent Young Athletes Development League, TBA
22/5/22 – Loughborough International.
25/5/22 – Parris Handicap
28/5/22 – UK Youth Development League, U20s and U17s, Stone X Stadium.

Results.

Highlight of the month was Sam Reardon representing Great Britain at the World Indoor Championship despite still being a schoolboy. Helen Godsell and Andrea Clement won National titles in their Masters age groups, with Carole Coulon, Ashley Pearson and Jennie Butler collecting a team gold. Lots more medals at the Masters and County Indoor Championships. We even won a Mob Match after 19 consecutive defeats. Yet, which of these is the odd one out? 1. Avon Valley Runners. 2. Datchet Dashers. 3. Vegan Runners UK. 4. Blackheath and Bromley Harriers AC. The answer is number 4, as they are the only one of the quartet who did not finish a team in Southern 12 Stage Road Relay. We didn't finish one in the womens 6 Stage either. Some may say it is disappointing, some may say it is shameful, some may say they aren't bothered which is even worse.



Blackheath Harriers win the Southern 12 Stage for the first time in 1989. Richard Coles crosses the line over 4 minutes clear of runners up Haringey

So from Belgrade to Bromley, from Lee Valley to Lydd, from Texas to Tonbridge, from Manchester but not to Milton Keynes, from Millfield but not to Milton Keynes, from Michigan but.....

8/1/22

Wolverine Invitational Ann Arbor MI, USA. WT. 1. Joe Ellis 23.89.

29/1/22

Jack Skoog Open, Lansing MI, USA. WT. 1. Joe Ellis 23.86.

11/2/22

Windy City Invitational, Chicago. WT. 1. Joe Ellis 24.07.

18/2/22

Silverston Invitational Ann Arbor MI, USA. WT. 1. Joe Ellis 24.05.

22/2/22

Michigan Invitational, Ann Arbor, MI, USA. WT. 1. Joe Ellis 23.93.

2/3/22

AoC Sport Indoor Athletics Championships, Lee Valley. Under 20 Men. 1. Jeriel Quainoo 6.96. Ht1. 1. Jeriel Quainoo 6.98, 4. Clayton Jacinto 7.24. 200. 1. Jeriel Quainoo 22.23. Ht2. 1. Jeriel Quainoo 22.40.

3-5/3/22.

NAIA Indoor Championships, Brookings, SD, USA. 200. Ht3. 7. Elizabeth Ibidunni 25.33. 400. Ht1. 7. Elizabeth Ibidunni 58.86.

4-6/3/22

IC4A/ECAC Indoor Champs, Boston, MA, USA. 400. R1. 2. Holly Mpassy 54.10. Ht5. 1. Holly Mpassy 54.79. PV. 5=. Lois Warden 3.70.

5/3/22

Chingford League Relays, Wanstead Flats. Leg 4. Lewis Harknett 10.44.

Parkruns. Bromley. 3. Thomas Sugden 17.18, 5. Callum Horton 17.29, 14. Roger Beswick 18.28, 16. Tim Ayres 18.45, 19. Sophie Fleming 18.56, 26. Ashley Pearson 19.23, 29. Carys Firth 19.28, 41. Steve Evenden 19.55, 48. Rod Harrington 20.15, 55. Rowan Pearson 20.43, 56. Tuan Tran 20.43, 66. Jessica Keene 21.09, 82. Steve Pairman 21.48, 83. Lydia Marston 21.50, 88. Robert Whyte 22.02, 110. Damian Hayes 22.45, 111. Madeleine Marston 22.48, 129. Jason Meers 23.15, 137. Freya Pearson 23.25, 157. Mark Wallace 24.11, 281. Jackie Montgomery 27.20, 287. Julia Pairman 27.26, 324. Graham Coates 28.25, 410. Mick Keene 31.38. **Bexley.** 66. Chris Pike 25.03. **Brockwell park.** 205. Sally Smith 29.16. **Beckenham Place park.** 1. Clayton Aves 18.56, 37. Robert Perry 24.16, 45. David Beadle 24.40, 47. Adrian Perry 24.57, 79. Nigel Wood 26.35, 118. Zoe Kingsmell 29.39. **South Norwood.** 2. Arthur Starvis 18.17. **Orpington.** 5. Cameron Kelly-Gordon 21.37 (1st woman), 73. Karen Desborough 35.43. **Queen Elizabeth.** 83. David Appleton 37.44. **Keswick.** 33. Nick Barber 21.57. **Lullingstone.** 3. Austin Adams 23.48. **Exmouth.** 56. Bob Minting 23.44. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 10. Mike Simms 25.35, 16. James Unwin 26.40. **Holy Cross College.** 2. Andy Tucker 21.58. **Millfield.** 38. Nick Swatton 25.48. **Sutcliffe.** 1. Joe Scanes 16.54, 3. Darren Corneille 17.47, 61. Barry Wetherilt 24.59.

5-6/3/22

British Masters Indoors, Lee Valley. M35. 60. Ht1. 4. Ashley Reid 7.86. 200. R1. 5. Ashley Reid 25.77. **W40.** 60. 2. Louisa Vallins 8.37. Ht2. 2. Louisa Vallins 8.50. 200. 3. Louisa Vallins 28.01. **M50.** 200. R2. 6. Ian Firla 28.50. 400. 3. Ian Firla 61.20. 800. 8. Ian Firla 2.23.19. 1500. 6. Ian Firla 5.00.54. LJ. 5. Ian Firla 4.19. **M65.** 60. 3. Clem Leon 9.16 (**CLUB M65 RECORD**). Ht2. 2. Clem Leon 9.12. 200. 2. Clem Leon 30.81. HJ. 2. Clem Leon 1.35. LJ. 2. Clem Leon 3.91 (**CLUB M65 RECORD**). TJ. 2. Clem Leon 9.01 (**CLUB M65 RECORD**). **W65.** 60. 1. Helen Godsell 9.02. 200. 2. Helen Godsell 30.71. **M70.** 800. 4. Peter Hamilton 3.19.36. 1500. 4. Peter Hamilton 6.44.01.

6/3/22

Sutcliffe Indoor 60s. Men. R1. R2. 1. Abdul Rahaman Jolaoso 6.92. R5. 3. Duayne Bovell (M35) 7.18 (**CLUB M35 RECORD**). R10. 2. Jadon Ekpo (U17M) 7.61. R12. 1. Tobias Seales (U20M) 7.61, 5. Makai Sabido-Rodney (U15B) 7.96. R13. 6. Piers Spencer Simms (U13B) 8.57. R14. 1. Jamie Ellerton (U13B) 8.38. R15. 3. Jonathan Ekpo (U13B) 8.79. R2. R1. 5. Abdul Rahaman Jolaoso 6.88. R3. 3. Duayne Bovell 7.18. R10. 4. Tobias Seales 7.65. R12. 4. Makai Sabido-Rodney 7.93, 5. Daniel Jenkins (U17M) 8.05. R13. 6. Jamie Ellerton 8.54. **Women.** R1. R3. 1. Chanelle Cole (U23W) 8.08. R7. 2. Daisy Snell (U17W) 8.10. R9. 6. Erin Simpson (U15G) 8.94. R2. R2. 3. Chanelle Cole 8.02, 6. Daisy Snell 8.20.

Cambridge Half Marathon. 54. Robert Perry 73.16. 1026. Francois Berrier 91.21.

Lydd 20. 66. Ashley Pearson 2.29.57 (2.29.49), 68. Jason Meers 2.30.07 (2.29.53), 91. Matthew Maddocks 2.36.59 (2.36.52).
Lydd Half Marathon. 54. Austin Adams 1.41.28 (1.41.08).

11-12/3/22

NCAA Div 1 Indoor Championships, Birmingham, AL, USA. 400. Ht2. 2. Amber Anning* 52.48. 800. Ht2. 7. Katy Ann McDonald 2.09.12. SP. 9. Divine Oladipo 17.15.

Myrtle Beach Collegiate Challenge. HT. 1. Tom Parker 63.44.

12/3/22

Inter Counties Cross Country Championships, Loughborough. Senior Women. 4. Jennifer Walsh* 31.57, 137. Zoe White 37.29. **Under 20 Women.** 31. Morgan Squibb 28.27, 48. Ailbhe Barnes 29.29. **Under 17 Women.** 41. Hannah Clark 22.05, 126. Liberty Whyte 23.47. **Under 15 Boys.** 51. Alexander Middleton 15.07, 196. Jasper Brooks 16.14. **Under 15 Girls.** 20. Megan Barlow 16.33, 83. Lydia Witcombe 17.24, 94. Megan Slattery 17.30. **Under 13 Boys.** 13. Joseph Scanes 12.04. **Under 13 Girls.** 31. Naimah Mossi 13.22, 35. Niamh Stanley 13.26, 119. Isabel Pauling 14.12.

British Masters Cross Country Championships, Tonbridge. M35. 15. Micah Evans 30.57, 18. Alex Gibbins 31.13, 40. Luca Ercolani 33.04, 58. Gareth Evans 34.20, 60. Blair Wilson 34.35, 85. Roger Beswick 35.58, 95. Steve Hough 36.41, 119. Clayton Aves 38.07, 122. Andy Rayner 38.30, 128. Tim Nash 38.59. **W35.** 1. Andrea Clement 24.49, 8. Carole Coulon 26.45, 18. Ashley Pearson 27.59, 22. Jennie Butler 28.17, 27. Maxine McNulty 28.38, 93. Nigel Wood (M65) 34.58, 129. Maz Turner 47.45. **Team Scores. M35-44.** 3. B&B (Micah Evans, Gareth Evans, Blair Wilson). **M45-54.** 3. B&B (Alex Gibbins, Luca Ercolani, Steve Hough). **M55-64.** 5. B&B (Roger Beswick, Clayton Aves, Tim Nash). **W35-44.** 5. B&B. (Andrea Clement, Maxine McNulty, Maz Turner). **W45-54.** 1. B&B (Carole Coulon, Ashley Pearson, Jennie Butler).

Aggie Open, Davis, CA, USA. TJ. 1. Alison Wilder 12.04.

Enfield League. 2 Mile Walk. 1. Christopher Stone (U15B) 20.12. 5 Mile Walk. 6. Jonathan Ellerton (U17M) 50.15 (1ST U17M), 18. David Hoben* (M65) 60.42 (3rd M65).

Parkruns. Richmond. 51. Robert Perry 22.14. **Bromley.** 1. Robert Donohue 16.44, 14. Thomas Sugden 18.44, 26. Steve Evenden 19.42, 31. Tim Ayres 19.59, 37. Rowan Pearson 20.49, 70. Damian Hayes 21.50, 86. Adrian Perry 22.33, 95. Stuart Cullum 22.58, 130. Islay Pearson 24.15, 245. Jackie Montgomery 27.23. **Beckenham Place park.** 125. Iain Swatton 27.34, 153. Bernard Wilson 29.37. **Crystal Palace.** 12. Rod Harrington 21.04, 68. Paul Kerekgyarto 24.53. **South Norwood.** 1. Arthur Starvis 18.18, 5. Alfie Fletcher 20.43. **Dulwich.** 152. Luigi Arcuri 24.20, 368. Zoe Kingsmell 32.45. **Orpington.** 4. Austin Adams 20.54, 6. Cameron Kelly-Gordon 20.56, 89. Karen Desborough 35.14. **Preston Park.** 328. Mick Keene 31.25. **Exmouth.** 63. Bob Minting 24.03. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 12. George Collins 26.30. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 24. Mike Simms 25.48. **Sutcliffe.** 3. Darren Corneille 17.55, 54. Barry Wetherilt 24.33. **Swanley.** 60. Anthony Pontifex 38.07. **York.** 35. Graham Rush* 20.38.

12-13/3/22

European Throws Cup, Leiria, POR. JT. B. 4. Bekah Walton 51.05.

England Athletics U17 and U15 Combined Events Indoor Championships, Sheffield. Under 17 Women. 13. Sienna Kidd 2957. (800 – 2.50.72, 60H – 9.05, HJ – 1.38, LJ – 5.00, SP – 10.33), 20. Tallulah Ndikanwu 2915 (2.28.28, 9.89, 1.41, 4.55, 9.59).

13/3/21

England Masters Athletics Association Inter Area Challenge, Lee Valley. W60. 200. 1. Helen Godsell 30.43. 400. 1. Helen Godsell 75.35. **M70.** 800. 6. Peter Hamilton 3.21.68. 1500. 5. Peter Hamilton 6.31.52, 6. Paul Ross Davies 6.48.55.

Mob Match v Ranelagh, West Wickham. 1. Ross Braden 49.33 (h/cap 49.33), 2. Dan Kennedy 49.43 (46.33), 3. Luca Ercolani 50.04 (46.24), 4. Tom Desborough 50.28 (47.38), 5. Blair Wilson 53.31 (48.31), 7. Darren Corneille 53.49 (49.09), 9. Steve Hough 56.17 (47.37), 11. Nick Kinsey 56.53 (47.03), 12. Ian Scott 57.15 (48.35), 13. Elaine Rayner 57.11 (50.11), 15. Chris Tuck 59.00 (49.10), 16. Steve Pairman 65.23 (54.23), 18. Mark Ellison 70.15 (50.55), 20. John Turner 73.15 (48.05), 26. Jim Phelan 84.59 (53.19). DNF. Steve Evenden. **Scoring 10 a side.** 1. B&B 67, 2. Ranelagh 164. **Harry Sheer Trophy** for 1st Over 50. Nick Kinsey. **Bennett Cup after 8 events.** 1. Steve Hough 160, 2. Darren Corneille 153, 3. Steve Pairman 132, 4. Steve Evenden 125, Gareth Evans 119, 6. Chris Pike 100, 7. Ian Scott 97, 8. John Turner 96, 9. Fintan Parkinson 94, 10. Tom Desborough and Dave Leal 92.

Vault Cardiff. PV. D. N/H. Holly Platt.

Manchester Indoor Open Meeting. 60H. 1. Rico Cottell 8.38.

Halve Marathon Ghent. 14. Phil Sesemann* 63.32.

Lambert & Foster Paddock Wood Half Marathon. 35. Roger Vilardell 73.15 (73.13), 48. David Adams 74.56 (74.53), 63. Martin Richardson 77.39 (77.36), 123. Simon Harris 83.48 (83.43), 213. William Brindley 92.12 (91.58), 410. Austin Adams 1.43.41 (1.43.14), 612. Mike Simms 1.53.12 (1.52.01).

18-19/3/22

Baldy Castillo Invitational, Tempe AZ, USA. 100. R1. 6. Marcia Sey 12.26 (0.7). R2. 2. Amber Anning* 11.49 (0.2). 200. R5. 2. Amber Anning* 23.51 (0.6). SP. 5. Nana Gyedu 15.02.

TCU Invitational, Forth Worth, Texas. 100. R3. 3. Funminiye Olajide* 12.25 (0.1).

Bob Davidson Invitational, High Point, NC, USA. Men. HT. 2. Tom Parker 64.48. Women. 200. R5. 1. Holly Mpassy 24.65 (2.5). 400. R4. 4. Holly Mpassy 55.58. 800. R4. 5. Sabrina Mannes 2.25.85.

UTSA Invitational, San Antonio, TX. 1500. R2. 2. Lewis Mills 3.58.63.

18-20/2/22

World Indoor Championships, Belgrade, SRB. 4X400. 6. Great Britain 3.08.30 (inc Lg3. Sam Reardon 46.94). Ht3. 3. Great Britain 3.08.30 (inc Lg3. Sam Reardon 46.9).

19/3/22

English Schools Cross Country Championships, Tonbridge. Senior Girls. 34. Hannah Clark 15.22, 71. Ailbhe Barnes 15.53, 125. Kate Price 16.33, 133. Cameron Kelly – Gordon 16.42. **Intermediate Boys.** 95. James Barnes 21.18. **Intermediate Girls.** 63. Megan Slattery 15.07, 157. Liberty Whyte 15.52, 176. Amber Cockburn 15.58. **Junior Boys.** 30. Joseph Scanes 14.10. **Junior Girls.** 32. Megan Barlow 13.05, 49. Lydia Witcombe 13.19, 133. Naimah Mossi 13.53.

England Athletics 10,000 Race Walk Championships, Coventry. 5000. 3. Jonathan Ellerton 29.48.75 (2nd U17M). 10,000. DNF. Isabelle Bridge.

Closing 5 Yacht Handicap. 1. Jim Phelan 28.06 (45.36 actual time), 2. Micah Evans 29.03 (29.03), 3. John Turner 29.31 (43.11), 4. Blair Wilson 30.14 (30.14), 5. Chris Pike 30.27 (41.37), 6. Maz Turner 30.47 (59.17), 7. David Beadle 31.18 (38.58), 8. Steve Hough 31.30 (34.00), 9. Barry Wetherilt 32.35 (41.15), 10. Gareth Evans 32.45 (33.05), 11. Steve Pairman 32.57 (37.47). **Bennett Cup Final Standings.** 1. Steve Hough 183, 2. Darren Corneille 153, 3. Steve Pairman 152, 4. Micah Evans 140, 5. Chris Pike 126, 6. Steve Evenden 125, 7. John Turner 124, 8. Ian Scott 97, 9=. Fintan Parkinson and Barry Wetherilt 94.

Birmingham University Winter Throws and 5000 metres. 5000. Mx. 5. Joshua Dowling 16.56.52.

University Of Leicester Running and Athletics Open Meeting. Women. DT. 1. Hannah MacAulay 42.27.

Virginia Open, Charlottesville, VA, USA. HJ. 1. Rebecca Hawkins* 1.73.

CMU Open, Fayette, MO, USA. 400. R1. 1. Elizabeth Ibidunni 58.79.

Parkruns. Bromley. 6. Clayton Aves 18.28, 20. Paul Sharpe 19.53, 27. Steve Evenden 20.09, 28. Rowan Pearson 20.12, 33. Liam Hough 20.21, 35. Tuan Tran 20.24, 56. Sophie Tran 21.21, 67. Damian Hayes 21.43, 73. Molly Shaw 21.55, 76. Roger Vilardell 21.59, 79. Ryan Tran 22.06, 84. Stuart Cullum 22.15, 122. Freya Pearson 23:41, 166. Tracey Ashenden 24.40, 223. Jams Neylon 26.14, 260. Jackie Montgomey 27.25, 271. Graham Coates 27:44, 309. Mick Keene 28.43, 385. Steve Hollingdale 31.44, 504. Peter Lovell 44.17. **Bexley.** 1. Darren Corneille 18.17. **Beckenham Place park.** 12. Rod Harrington 21.10. **Stonehaven.** 22. Bernard Wilson 29.40. **South Norwood.** 103. David Appleton 33.08, 113. Anthony Pontifex 35.38. **Hoblingwell.** 1. David Adams 19.20. **Orpington.** 5. Gregory Firth 18.48, 6. Alessio Tutt 18.50, 10. Carys Firth 19.56 (1st woman), 47. Dave Leal 26.03, 114. Karen Desborough 32.58. **Great Lines, Medway.** 13. Isla Spink 20.46 (1st woman). **Lullingstone.** 5. Austin Adams 21.54. **Harwich.** 21. Steve Cooper 23.00. **Exmouth.** 61. Bob Minting 23.13. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 14. George Collins 26.43. **Walmer and Deal Seafront.** 28 Adrian Perry 22.35. **Woolacombe Dunes.** 17. Paul Ross-Davies 25.44. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 4. Tim Ayres 21.35, 12. Mike Simms 24.47. **Sutcliffe.** 33. Nick Barber 21.50, 118. Julia Pairman 29.10, 119. Steve Pairman 29.12.

19-20/3/22

Kent Indoor Championships, Lee Valley. Senior Men. 60. 1. Michael Damoah 6.94, 2. Duayne Bovell 7.13 (**CLUB M35 RECORD**), 5. Chizute Ogbedeh 7.24, 6. Rhys Francis 7.26. Ht1. 1. Michael Damoah 7.08, 6. Ralph Unwin 7.81. Ht2. 1. Chizute Ogbedeh 7.27, 2. Rhys Francis 7.27, 3. Duayne Bovell 7.27, 4. Matthew Knight 7.50. 200. 5. Matthew Knight 23.79. Ht2. 2. Matthew Knight 23.23. PV. 3. Roger Platt 3.10. **Senior Women.** 60. 4. Louisa Vallins 8.37. 200. 2. Chanelle Cole 25.89. HT2. 1. Chanelle Cole 26.12. 400. 2. Chanelle Cole 60.07. HJ. 1. Deborah Martin* 1.70. JT. 1. Jade Oni 11.75. PV. 3. Holly Platt 2.60. **Under 20 Men.** 60. 200. 1. Charles Nortey 22.22, 4. Michael Uozie 23.15. Ht2. 1. Charles Nortey 22.76, 2. Michael Uozie 23.40. 400. 2. Michael Uozie 52.37, 3. Matthew Smith 52.87, 4. Maurizio Corrodus 53.08. 800. 1. Matthew Smith 1.58.45, 3. Thomas Sugden 1.59.67. PV. 1. Barnaby Corry 4.20, 3. Ben Platt 3.80. **Under 20 Women.** 60. 2. Emily Kerr 8.04.

200. 1. Tianna Haynes 25.88, 3. Emily Kerr 27.12. 1500. 1. Morgan Squibb 4.42.87, 2. Hannah Clark 5.01.05. 60H. 1. Shakanya Osahon 8.98 (CBP). LJ. 6. Rachel Illori 4.41. SP. 1. Cleo Agyepong 12.86. **Under 17 Men.** 60. 5. Andrew Nikoro 7.52. Ht2. 3. Andrew Nikoro 7.46, 5. Marley Byfield 7.64. 200. 3. Rayhan Mourtada 24.04. Ht1. 4. Marley Byfield 25.02. Ht2. 3. Rayhan Mourtada 24.07. 400. 4. Harry Fage 56.93. 1500. 1. Arthur Starvis 4.27.45, 3. Alexander Middleton 4.30.05, 4. Jasper Brooks 4.37.65, 5. Harry Fage 4.40.91. 60H. 1. Rayhan Mourtada 8.55, 2. Andrew Nikoro 8.64. HJ. 1. Andrew Nikoro 1.73. LJ. 4. Andrew Nikoro 5.54. PV. 1. Oscar Witcombe 3.70, 3. Finn Kitteridge 3.30. **Under 17 Women.** 60. 6. Nina Whitter 8.17. Ht1. 2. Nina Whitter 8.16. 200. 4. Nina Whitter 26.54. Ht1. 2. Nina Whitter 26.30. 800. 1. Tallulah Ndikanwu 2.28.46. 60H. 1. Daisy Snell 9.03. Ht1. 1. Daisy Snell 9.21. HJ. 2. Daisy Snell 1.55, 4. Tallulah Ndikanwu 1.40. LJ. 1. Daisy Snell 5.38. TJ. 1. Emily Algeo 10.16. SP. 3. Daisy Snell 9.84. **Under 15 Boys.** 200. 2. Alexander Morrel 25.01. Ht1. 1. Alexander Morrel 24.95. 800. 1. Hendri Verster 2.14.31, 2. Joseph Hill 2.23.68, 3. Benjamin O'Grady 2.24.24. PV. 1. Charlie Platt 3.10. **Under 15 Girls.** 300. 1. Alyssa Firla 43.27, 5. Abigail Williams 49.44. 800. 3. Beth Regan 2.35.79. 1500. 1. Megan Barlow 4.53.60. 60H. 2. Alyssa Firla 9.57. HJ. 1. Qi-Chi Ukpai 1.67, 3. Megan Barlow 1.51. LJ. 2. Qi-Chi Ukpai 4.97. 1. Qi-Chi Ukpai 10.97 (CBP). SP. 1. Alyssa Firla 9.42, 2. Erin Simpson 9.33.

Middlesex Indoor Championships, Lee Valley. Under 20 Women. 400. 1. Zakia Mossi 59.38.

23-26/3/22

Texas Relays. Men. 3000 s/c. 5. Declan Neary* 9.01.77. 4x400 legs. Ethan Brown 45.64 and 45.63. **Women.** 4x400 leg. Amber Anning* 52.07. 800 leg. Katy Ann McDonald 2.06.56. 3000 s/ch. 6. Yasmin Austridge 10.35.12.

24-26/3/22

Raleigh Relays, Raleigh, NC, USA. 100. R6. 8. Marcia Sey 12.70. 400. R12. 5. Holly Mpassy 55.97. HJ. B. 2. Rebecca Hawkins* 1.75.

25/3/22

Victor Lopez Classic, Houston, TX. Men. 1500. R3. 2. Declan Neary* 3.51.78, 6. Lewis Mills 3.55.96. 3000 s/ch. 2. Lewis Mills 9.27.59. **Women.** 1500. R3. 1. Yasmin Austridge 4.26.09.

25-26/3/22

CSU Pueblo Spank Blasing Invitational, Pueblo, CO, USA. 800. R1. 4. Joe Rogers* 1.52.05.

Ole Miss Classic, Oxford, MS, USA. SP. B. 2. Divine Oladipo 15.51. DT. B. Divine Oladipo 52.25.

26/3/22

Bracknell Young Athletes Open. Under 17 Women. 100. 1. Indiana Marshall 13.26 (-4.4). 800. R1. 3. Millie May Collins Smith 2.34.48. LJ. 4. Indiana Marshall 4.68. **Under 15 Boys.** 80H. 3. Joshua Dako 13.36 (-2.0). HJ. 1. Joshua Dako 1.50. LJ. 2. Joshua Dako 4.98. **Under 15 Girls.** 800. R1. 1. Megan Barlow 2.21.58. 75H. DNF. Charlotte Bloodworth. SP. 3. Erin Simpson 8.48. DT. 1. Erin Simpson 27.51, 4. Charlotte Bloodworth 17.56. JT. 4. Erin Simpson 22.67. **Under 13 Girls.** 150. R2. 1. Kara Bryan 20.99 (-2.8). 600. R1. 1. Kara Bryan 1.43.25.

South East Schools Inter Counties Year 7 and Year 8 Championships, Writtle. Year 8 Boys. 1. Joseph Scanes 11.43, 20. Joseph Hill 13.09, 50. Alfie Whitelock 13.40, 64. Benjamin O'Grady 13.56. **Year 8 Girls.** 6. Isabel Pauling 12.57, 19. Niamh Stanley 13.17, 25. Beth Regan 13.24, 57. Angelina Mernaka 14.32, 61. Caitlin Hough 14.45. **Year 7 Boys.** 7. James Shaw 12.58. **Year 7 Girls.** 38. Rowan Pearson 14.04, 54. Sophie Tran 14.29, 76. Mariana Caceres 15.27, 79. Abbie Lee 15.37.

Sri Chimnoy 10km, Battersea Park. 9. Dan Kennedy 33.52, 29. Simon Harris 37.53.

The South Of England Track & Field Academy Warm Up, Portsmouth. SP. 3. Patrick Apantaku 11.10.

Parkruns.Bromley. 1. Micah Evans 16.23, 4. Thomas Sugden 16.44, 6. Graeme Lugar 17.02, 7. Miles Brown 17.14, 9. Harry Fage 17.37, 11. Gareth Evans 17.45, 12. Roger Beswick 17.46, 18. Liberty Whyte 18.24, 19. Clayton Aves 18.27, 21. Paul Sharpe 18.45, 34. Steve Evenden 19.31, 46. Liam Hough 20.15, 57. Steven Pairman 20.56, 66. Jon Pairman 21.13, 78. Stuart Cullum 21.40, 127. Islay Pearson 23.28, 147. Mike Simms 24.04, 191. Andy Tucker 25.03, 194. Ian Montgomery 25.10, 199. James Neylon 25.14, 305. Julia Pairman 28.12, 314. Bernard Wilson 28.22, 507. Andre Verster 36.30, 562. Steve Hollingdale 40.24, 580. Shaun Lightman 44.35. **Beckenham Place park.** 82. David Beadle 25.04, 117. Iain Swatton 26.55, 127. Luigi Arcuti 27.22, 176. Zoe Kingsmell 31.39. **South Norwood.** 3. Arthur Starvis 18:03. **Hoblingwell.** 5. David Adams 19.18, 9. Paul Kerekgyarto 22.40. **Dulwich.** 9. Stephanie Davis* 16.21 (1st woman), 13. Fintan Parkinson 16.29. **Orpington.** 1. Alessio Tutt 18.41, 103. Mick Keene 30.33, 117. Karen Desborough 32.41. **Dartford.** 174. David Appleton 34.18. **Lullingstone.** 2. Steve Hough 20.19. **Exmouth.** 87. Bob Minting 22.49. **Caffarella.** 13. Adrian Perry 22.35, 21. Robert Perry 23.59. **Woolacombe Dunes.** 59. Angela Powell 32.24. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 21. James Unwin 24.52. **Leazes.** 34. Rod Harrington 21.07. **Sutcliffe.** 6. Darren Corneille 17.53, 64. Barry Wetherilt 24.04. **Swanley.** 2. Austin Adams 20.48.

27/3/22

Southern 12 Stage Road Relay for men and 6 Stage Road Relay for Women. Blackheath & Bromley did not contest either.

Be Fit Today Track Academy Series, Lee Valley. 100. **Men.** R1. R3. 4. Jason Yamoah (U15B) 12.75. R15. 2. Luke Dorrell* 10.56. R2. R1. 3. Luke Dorrell* 10.53. R10. 1. Jason Yamoah 12.85. **Women.** R1. R2. 2. Emilia Adese (U13G) 13.55. R4. 5. Deianira Gyampa-Boamah (U15G) 15.06. R12. 4. Darcey Kuypers 12.57. R13. 3. Helen Godsell (W65) 14.60. R2. R2. 2. Darcey Kuypers 12.53. R5. 5. Emilia Adese 13.70. R9. 1. Helen Godsell 14.53. 200. MX3. 3. Kara Bryan (U13G) 28.17. MX8. 3. Jason Yamoah 26.71. 300. Mx2. 4. Deianira Gyampa-Boamah 52.40. 800. MX4. 3. Trejan Checheku- Boamah (U13B) 2.35.80. MX5. 4. Pierre Guillaume 2.10.08. 100H. R1. R2. 2. Mallory Cluley 14.20. R3. 2. Zoe Austridge 14.87. R2. R1. 2. Mallory Cluley 14.18. R2. 2. Zoe Austridge 14.95.

Northern Road Relays, Birkenhead. 1. Leeds City 3.04.41 (Inc leg 5 Graham Rush* 23.48 and leg 7 Phil Sesemann* 22.26).

Run Rome The Marathon, Rome, Italy. 476. Matthew Maddocks 3.18.15.

Running Grand Prix Bedford Autodrome, Thurleigh. Marathon. 1. Ashley Pearson (W45) 3.12.35.

Bromley Vets AC Open, Sparrows Den. 10. Steve Evenden 37.31, 18. Jennie Butler 38.10, 90. Anita Evenden 54.40.

142 years ago in 1880.

“New Music

“The Harriers Galop” composed and dedicated to the Blackheath Harriers by Mr H. V. Lewis RAM is a very lively and original production. Simple in its construction and within the compass of small hands, it is admirably adapted for dancing” Southwark Mercury 6/3/1880. (Price 1s 6d. To be had of the Composer, The Parade, Lee). Mr Lewis was pianist at the Blackheath Harriers Club Dinner in 1879 at St James’ Restaurant. He was paid half a guinea for his services.

100 years ago in March 1922

The Mob Match against Ranelagh takes place at Hayes, rescheduled from earlier in the year due to tragic circumstances. It results in a win for the visitors who now lead 6-5 in victories. The race marked the first competition for the Pelling-Ratcliff Cup. “Gilbert’s energies were taxed to find seating accommodation in the Club-room for the huge assembly after the race, but he managed it like magic, and there followed one of the best and cheeriest evenings we have had since pre-war days.” The second Kent Cross Country and Road walking Championships take place at West Wickham. Blackheath finish runners up to Cambridge Harriers in both. “The elasticity of our Headquarters was well tested, both as regards dressing accommodation and appeasing the inner man, with very satisfactory results”. “Our dressing room has benefitted by the generosity of stalwart Trevor Davis, who has presented us with another hip-bath for the use of members”

SUMMER EVENING MEETINGS.

PRIVATE BANKS GROUND, CATFORD BRIDGE, S.E.
 Dates: *Wednesday, May 24*, at 6.30 p.m.; *Tuesday, June 29* (in conjunction with the Private Banks A.C.), at 5.45 p.m.; and *Wednesday, July 19*, at 6.30 p.m.

Entries should be forwarded to the Summer Handicapper, H. J. Dyball, "Everton," South Park Hill, South Croydon, so as to reach him not later than a week before each date.

Entrance fees: Cup Events and Handicap Races, 1s. each.
 EVENTS.

MAY 24—100 Yards "Ramples" Challenge Cup,
 880 Yards "Barclay Eason" Challenge Cup,
 880 Yards Veterans' Handicap,
 300 Yards Handicap,
 1 Mile Handicap,
 880 Yards Invitation Novices' Race.

JUNE 29—100 Yards Handicap,
 1 Mile "Push" Challenge Cup,
 440 Yards "Reay" Challenge Cup,
 880 Yards Handicap,
 220 Yards Novices' Race.

JULY 19—1 Mile "Walbec" Steeplechase Cup,
 100 Yards Handicap,
 880 Yards Veterans' Handicap,
 220 Yards "Wood" Challenge Cup,
 Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race,
 600 Yards Handicap,
 1 Mile Novices' Race.

SUMMER TRAINING.—Arrangements have been made for training to take place on the LONDON COUNTY ATHLETIC GROUNDS, BURBAGE ROAD, HERNE HILL, where there is a CLUB DRESSING ROOM reserved entirely for the use of members, who are strongly urged to make every use of the special advantages thus offered, which are available every night in the week, except dates of Race Meetings, particulars of which are posted at the ground. Special Club nights on MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS (under the supervision of H. J. Dyball and P. E. D. Glaister), when the trainer will be in attendance.

Facilities for evening training have also been obtained on the Private Banks A.C. ground at CATFORD BRIDGE on Tuesdays and Thursdays, after cricket is over, and members living in the locality and desirous of availing themselves of these are invited to send in their names to the Hon. Sec., F. L. Gilbert.

SPORTS FIXTURES.

MAY 18—L.C.W. and P. Bank, A.C., at Norbury.	JULY 1—A.A.A. Championships.
" 18—Diss A.C., at Herne Hill.	" 2—Beckenham Sports.
" 18—Cusaco A.C., Catford.	" 8—Kent A.C.
" 20—Bks., Ins., and Stock Ex. Walk, Blackheath.	" 11—South London H.
" 20—Brighton Ry. A.C., at Preston Park.	" 19—Surrey A.C.
" 27—L.A.C., Stamford Bridge.	" 20—Kent A.C.
" 27—London Hospital.	" 29—A.A.A. v. Farnes, Stamford Bridge.
JUNE 1—Kent A.C.	" 29—L.C.W. and P. Bank A.C.
" 10—L.C. and M. Bank.	" 31—Army A.A. and C.C.A. Championships.
" 13—Inter-Banks Championships, Herne Hill.	AUG. 3—Kent A.C.
" 15—Surrey A.C.	" 16—Surrey A.C.
" 17—Cusaco A.C., at Catford.	" 24—Kent A.C.
" 17—Civil Service A.C.	SEPT. 7—Kent A.C.
" 22—Kent A.C.	" 9
" 24—L.A.C., Stamford Bridge.	or 18—A.A.A. Distance Championships.
" 24—Ravensbourne A.C.	" 14—Surrey A.C.
" 30—A.A.A. Championships.	" 23—Surrey W.C., Walk to Brighton.

EVENING RUNS AT WEST WICKHAM will take place on the following Wednesdays: *June 7, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6*. Members who have not hitherto sampled these slow and enjoyable summer jaunts, with the attendant delight of a swim through the ponds on the warmer evenings, are particularly advised to book the fixtures and come along. In conjunction with the later dates, the introduction of social attractions, in the nature of an *al fresco* concert, etc., is under consideration, and these monthly Club gatherings at West Wickham offer novel and pleasant breaks in the usual summer routine.

CLUB CRICKET MATCH v. WEST WICKHAM.—The arrangement of a team for this sporting fixture, to be held on *July 19*, and which is a result of a challenge from the local cricket club, is in the hands of Vice-President H. W. E. Sercombe, "Wentworth," Carlton Road, South Croydon, and all cricketing members are urgently asked to communicate with him, in order that the strongest representative team can be mustered. It is hoped that an early start can be made, and the event will be followed by a SMOKING CONCERT AND SOCIAL EVENING at Headquarters, the Railway Hotel—if fine, on the lawn. This fixture should do much

75 years ago in March 1947.

The National Cross Country Championships take place at Shendish Park, Apsley..."Old members must have rubbed their eyes on reading their Sunday papers to find two Blackheath Harriers selected for International Honours on the result of the sixtieth Senior Championships held over the Hemel Hempstead country. Our team put up the finest performance in the "National" in the history of the club and heartiest congratulations must be accorded to the Winter Captain, R. R. Choat, on the running of his team". The Club finish in 4th place with Sydney Wooderson first home for the Club in 7th and Gordon Monshall 9th.

A complimentary Dinner is organised by the Amateur Athletic Association in honour of Sydney Wooderson.

SUMMER SEASON

(7th Season, 1947)

Wednesday evenings :
The Club Headquarters,
56, Bourne Way, Hayes, Bromley, Kent

Tuesday & Thursday evenings :
Ladywell Park, Catford Bridge

1947	FIXTURES
May 8. Mon.	{ Roan School, at Lee. S.A.A.L. 1 mile Team Race, at News of the Week Ground, Mitcham.
May 10. Sat.	{ Cambridge Harriers, at Charlton Park. S.A.A.L. 4 x 880 yds. Relay.
May 14. Wed.	{ Evening Meeting, at Ladywell Park. Dance to follow at Private Banks Pavilion.
May 17. Sat.	{ Gillingham and District, at Gillingham. Kent 20 miles Road Race, at Chislehurst.
May 21. Wed.	{ Polytechnic Harriers, Senior and Junior, at Ladywell Park.
May 24. Sat.	{ Kent A.A. Senior 1 Mile Medley Relay Champion- ship and Dartford Hospital Sports, at Dartford.
May 28. Wed.	{ Eltham College, at Motttingham.
June 7. Sat.	{ Kent County Senior and Junior Championships.
June 11. Wed.	{ Evening Meeting, at Ladywell Park.
June 14. Sat.	{ Kinnaird Trophy Meeting, at Polytechnic Stadium, Galswick.
June 19. Thurs.	{ Beckenham County School, at Beckenham.
June 21. Sat.	{ Royal Military Academy, at Sandhurst.
June 25. Wed.	{ Old Blues, at Ladywell Park. S.A.A.L. 4 x 220 yds. Relay.
June 28. Sat.	{ Southern Counties A.A.A. Championships.

As from April 30, Headquarters at Hayes will be
OPEN from 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during
the Summer (for training).

We want YOU at our

Evening Meetings

AT
LADYWELL PARK
CATFORD BRIDGE

ON

May 14* and June 11

Come and RUN—Come and WATCH

FOLLOWED BY

*DANCING at PRIVATE BANKS PAVILION

GAZETTE

The next issue of the GAZETTE will appear in
JUNE
and Copy should reach the Hon. Editor before
MAY 31
at 12-16, Laystall Street, E.C. 1.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the last issue of this GAZETTE the percentage of
unpaid subscriptions was described as "regrettable."

The poor response during the interven-
ing six weeks justifies the strengthening
of the adjective to "DEPLORABLE."

It is unbecoming for a Club such as the Blackheath
Harriers to be under the necessity of making these
appeals and I do urge all the Members concerned to
respond without further delay.

S. A. FIELD, Hon. Treasurer, NORTHGATE HOUSE,
COPTHALL CLOSE, E.C. 2.

EVENING MEETING

May 14

LADYWELL PARK

AT 8.30 P.M.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY, MAY 10.

LIST OF EVENTS.

300 yards Rampley Challenge Cup.
400 yards Junior Championship (under 19).
220 yards Schools' Invitation Race.
880 yards Barclay-Esson Challenge Cup.
300 yards Handicap.
Long Jump Handicap.
Two miles Morgan Challenge Cup and Sealed
Handicap.
Putting the Weight Championship and Sealed
Handicap.
Putting the Weight Junior Championship (under 19).
880 yards Handicap.
ENTRY FEE: 1/- for each Championship event
with an additional 1/- to cover any number
of Handicap events should be sent to C. A. WARD
9, ABBINGDON ROAD, CATFORD, S.E. 8.
N.B. — Entries for Handicap events must be
accompanied by details of last performances at or
near the distance entered for.

DON'T DELAY. ENTER TODAY

Refreshments "light" and "liquid" will be avail-
able after the Meeting at the Private Banks Ground.
BEER almost unlimited, so roll up for a social evening
and for the DANCING.

EVENING MEETING

June 11

LADYWELL PARK

AT 8.30 P.M.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY, JUNE 7.

LIST OF EVENTS.

400 yards Handicap.
High Jump Club Championship and Handicap.
High Jump Junior Championship (under 19).
One Mile Handicap.
Throwing the Discus Handicap.
880 yards Schools' Invitation Race.
Throwing the Javelin Handicap.
Long Jump Championship and Sealed Handicap.
Long Jump Junior Championship.
440 yards Handicap.

(Details as for previous Meeting.)

50 years ago in March 1972

Graham Gower represents Great Britain at the European Indoor Championships at Grenoble. He finishes 6th in his heat of the 50 metre hurdles in a time of 6.8 secs.

Drama at the first 6 monthly Bumper draw of the 200 Club. "Eligibility for this prize was limited to the 66 members who have been in from the start. Drawn in conjunction with the March draw, there was considerable commotion and embarrassment when Mrs George Brooks picked the winning number 20 – none other than Chris Haines, one of the joint promoters."

The Club's Winter track meeting at Crystal Palace. "... over 450 competitors in 50 track races and 18 field events! Add to this a crowd of around 350, performances of international standard and perfect weather, and there is little more that the organiser-in-chief Bob Taylor could have hoped for..." Woking's Brian Hooper attempts a National record in the pole vault having won the event in 4.70 with Allan Williams third in 4.40. Surrey's Dave Travis, Commonwealth champion, wins the javelin with 78.78. The youths 1000 is won by a Steve Ovett of Brighton in 2.34.5. (The B string was won by a G Coe of Kent).

The notorious Sutton Coldfield National takes place

NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, 4th March, 1972

AT SUTTON COLDFIELD

By the time this report is printed most readers will have heard of the extraordinary and frightening weather that overtook these championships, and those who endured the terrible conditions will have committed the experience to memory. It is a memory that will live for a very long time.

The day dawned bright and sunny in the south, giving no clue at all to the majority of our team, travelling from London, as to what lay in store for them later in the day. Our runners were accompanied on the train by a support party consisting of Bob Hawtin, non-playing captain on this occasion, and the other two-thirds of the Richardson family: wife Sally and father George, both regular and stalwart supporters. Our President and his wife travelled independently and completed the party. It was just as well, as it happened, that no more made the journey.

The Youths race was first away, and while the weather was still reasonable there were signs of things to come. Even this field of about 340 found the first turn, after about 500 yards, sharp enough for many to trip and fall, and there were reports of fallen runners screaming as others ran over the top of them. Our lads got caught up in the general confusion, and were not able to get any clear running until about the two mile stage. By this time Richard Coles was beginning to work through, but was very disappointed to have been attacked by influenza during the previous few days and so was not able to reproduce the form that gained him fourth place in the Southern. The team was completed by Stuart Knowles, Roger Ebbutt and Keith Brown, who was running in only his second race of the year after injury.

As in the Southern race, we were not represented in the Junior championship, but it may have been just as well. During this race the weather began to deteriorate, culminating in a long and very heavy shower. Shelter was very difficult to find, and many of the waiting senior athletes were already wet and cold, with the temperature falling all the time, the wind increasing and the sky growing ever heavier and darker.

The senior race started raggedly, a disorderly stampede downhill to that first turn, where large numbers were forced to slow down, walk or even stop momentarily until the ruck cleared. By this time the leaders were of course well away, but many of our team had to wait for things to sort themselves out. For most of the first lap Chris Haines was our leading man, but then Richardson, Baldwin and Wilson moved through to positions

more appropriate. During the course of the race the rain turned to sleet and then to snow, driving almost horizontally as the wind grew even stronger and the temperature plummeted. By now our bespectacled runners, Chris Woodcock and Peter Horwood, had been forced to drop out, unable to see where they were going. To make things even worse, conditions underfoot were also very treacherous in places, and many runners fell in potholes and deep, freezing puddles. By the time it came to the third three-mile lap the over-riding consideration was to finish and seek refuge from the miserable cold. Trevor Wright, a former winner of this race, dropped from 3rd place to 23rd in the last 600 yards, and does not remember running it. Of our men, Mick Hamlin and John Baldwin both had their faces frozen and could not speak. There were many cases of exposure; a good number were taken to hospital (still clutching their discs!) or nursed in the refreshment marquee, and the rest had to make their long and disconsolate way back to the school changing rooms, nearly a mile away.

It was a great endurance test for everybody, no more for the runners than for the many officials, of whom Alan Brent was one, and it is almost a miracle that complete results were published within a week. It is not surprising that team performance took second place to individual survival on this occasion; Bob Richardson, in his lowest position to date in the National, was still our first man home; and we came home with 17th team place, no discredit in the circumstances.

The same runners now look forward with some trepidation to the National Road Relay, which is to be held at the same venue at the end of April. Surely we won't have to live through this kind of experience again?

RESULT: Senior

IND.: 1. M. Thomas (TVH) 47.27; 87. R. Richardson; 90. J. Baldwin; 131. I. Wilson; 162. C. Haines; 196. J. Clare; 259. G. Botley; 492. M. Hamlin.

TEAM: 1. Tipton H. 232; 2. City of Stoke AC 261; 3. Reading AC 337; 11. Cambridge H. 751; 17. Blackheath H. 925.

887 individuals and 91 teams finished.

RESULT: Youths

IND.: 1. N. Saunders (Southgate) 20.43; 48. R. Coles 22.13; 117. S. Knowles; 231. R. Ebbutt; 316. K. Brown

TEAM: 1. Sale H. 146; 34. Blackheath H. 712. 327 individuals and 47 teams finished.

25 years ago in March 1997

Julian Golding finishes third in the semi final of the 200 metres at the World Indoor Championships and misses out on a place in the final. Debbi Marti finishes 13th in the high jump with 1.85, having cleared 1.90 in qualifying.

Mark Findlay wins the 200 metres for GB Under 20s in an indoor match against Germany and France in Chemnitz. Chris Moss is third in the 800, Nick Thomas third in the triple jump, and Emeka Udechuku 6th in the shot. Findlay is also in the winning 4x200 metres team.

A Historic day at Havant as Blackheath's Under 17 Men win the National Cross Country title for the first time in the Club's History. The scoring four are Michael Skinner 16th, John Baker 24th, Steve Holmes 27th and David Farnham 30th.

In the Senior Mens race Dave Taylor finishes in 7th and Spencer Newport 12th.

At the BAF World Cross Country Trials at Luton, Dave Taylor finishes 13th and Spencer Newport 16th.

The AAA's Half Marathon is incorporated in the Reading Half Marathon and Mark Steinle finishes 2nd (64.56) with Bill Foster 3rd (64.57)

It is a big month for half marathons as Dave Taylor is 18th in the Hague, Netherlands in 63.26 and Club members fly the flag at Forbanks, Tunbridge Wells, Hastings (25 finishers), Fleet, Paddock Wood, Gatwick, and East London.

Peter Hannell is a European Champion. He wins the M50 3000 walk at the European Indoor Championships in Birmingham with a time of 14.37.40.

At the Puma Ekidon Marathon Relay at Crystal Palace the Senior Mens team of Mark Steinle, Anthony Draper, Darrell Smith, Dave Heath, Roy Smith and Liam Bulson finishes in 7th but there is a win for the veterans team of Tim Soutar, Ken Daniel, Hugh Morten, Con Griffin, Pete Barlow and Richard Coe.

Bill Clapham is third M65 at the BVA Cross Country Championships in Sunderland.

At the Club AGM, Mike Martineau introduces his successor. It's Mike Mahoney.

EDITORIAL

Dear 'Heathens,

We appreciate the feedback from the publication of the new style Gazette last October. Having basked in the positive comments for some time, we have tried to take on board the criticism to improve the Gazette, whatever your tastes may be.

Again we are grateful for one-off articles, as well as the regular features. For example Jim Day has given us a very interesting article on pre-British League Trophy Meetings and Paul Featherston has shown that Scotch Whisky may some day take over from Creatine!

We managed to produce the last Gazette at a reduced cost by 'shopping around' the country quite extensively. We ended up in Rochdale. This edition is produced in Penryn, Cornwall, where we were quoted an even better price. We will continue to use your subs wisely. We are, of course, always interested in more advertising. Lastly, we try to reflect all diverse aspects of our club in the written and photographic content of the Gazette. In particular we would like to increase coverage of the women's activities in future editions and would appreciate contributions from that side. Whatever your story, we are interested to hear from you.

Alan Hardy and Les Roberts.

MIKE MAHONEY - PRESIDENT 1997/8

'I pity the poor so and so who has to take over from him (that is Mike Martineau)'. So said one of the Vice Presidents to me at the VP's Supper in February. Of course he did not realise that he was speaking to the new President at the time but I knew, and his statement made me wonder. Did I pity the new President? Was it such an awful job? No, I don't think so. To be President must surely be the greatest honour any club can bestow upon one of its members. But to be President of a club such as Blackheath Harriers is really something special and I feel proud and very honoured to be your President for 1997/98.

I know it will not be an easy job. Blackheath expects great things of its Presidents and I have a hard act to follow. Mike has been an excellent President for the last twelve months. True, he may not have pleased everyone and I doubt if I can be all things to all men either. I will however, do my utmost to live up to his and your expectations.

All of the recent Presidents have been very active in club affairs and at times appeared to be almost, omnipresent. To follow their example does present me with a small problem, however, living in

Buckinghamshire, close to the M40, has its advantages, one of which is the motorway network which makes most of the country very accessible. To get to the clubhouse via the M25, however is another matter. I will be there whenever I can to support our teams, seniors, young athletes, men and women. On the track, field, road, cross country or at the bar. I listen well and talk a lot, so if I'm there come and say hello.

The challenge of being the President for the next twelve months really excites me. I have no theme for the year or any great desire to instigate revolutionary change. I am a supporter of tradition which is something we have plenty of and is after all what gives the club its unique character. We would do well to remember however, that today's traditions were yesterdays innovations. We must be ready to embrace change when it is necessary if we are to move forward and develop. Blackheath is a forward looking club and we will soon be pushing the boundaries still further with our own dedicated web site on the Internet. Just the start we need to take us into the next century.

Our club has a great past and an even greater future. I sincerely believe this to be true. I was proud beyond belief to witness the display given by our young athletes at Birmingham last year. Not just their athleticism but the way they conducted themselves both on and off the track. These young people are our future and I am sure that our club will be safe in their hands. We owe it to them, the boys and the girls, to make sure that they have a healthy and dynamic club to inherit.

So if I have no theme for my Presidential year what do I have to offer? Well, I have enthusiasm and plenty of it. "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm". These words were engraved on the medals awarded at the 1995 World Championships. They are however, attributable to Ralph Waldo Emerson who was an American essayist in the mid-eighteen hundreds. That was at about the same time that a group of men were thinking about forming an athletic club in Peckham and I like to think that their enthusiasm for the task in hand is still alive and well in the Club today.

All great sentimental stuff I hear you say but enthusiasm alone will not solve our problems and get us to this great future you believe in. Very true, but enthusiasm and team work will go a long way in helping us to achieve our goal. Solving difficult problems is like trying to eat an elephant. If you are alone and try to eat it all in one go, you will surely fail. If however, you get a team around you and cut the beast into bite sized chunks, the elephant and likewise the problem, will soon be devoured. So join in the banquet, put yourself forward to help the Club in any way you can. Don't just leave it to the few who seem to do everything. It's your club and it can be as great or as insignificant as you want it to be, its your choice.

Our sport is going through a time of change and appears to be in an awful mess at the highest level. Blackheath has its problems too but they are no worse than those being experienced by any other club, big or small, at the present time. We have a great advantage over those who seek to govern British athletics though. We know who we are, what we have been and what we can be. Above all we know who is in control and who runs the Club. It's you, the members through your elected committee, not some faceless bureaucrat with a bunch of un-elected hangers on. This is a great strength and we must guard it well.

Mike Mahoney
President 1997/98



Mike Mahoney

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MIKE MUSES

My year as President has ended with a mixture of sadness and relief. It was hard work, but it was worth it and I would like to express my thanks to the many people who supported so magnificently.

There were so many highlights. Firstly, the tributes to the late, lamented George Brooks are now in place and I am delighted with the support given for this. The completion of the improvements to the ladies facilities and their opening by Mary Peters was also a very special event. Richard Nerurkar was our guest of honour at the Club dinner where we also welcomed Bruce and Sue Tulloh.

Four successive weekends brought tremendous team success at all levels. August 18th saw us clinch promotion back to Division 1 of the British League. August 25th saw us win the National Junior League on September 1st it was the turn of the Veterans who won the Southern Vet's final and on September 8th our young athletes led by Jenny Jackson won the national

final for the eighth successive time by a record margin. Our new sponsors PERMA INDUSTRIES LTD. had their MASTERPLUG brand prominently displayed.

I was very pleased to be able to honour the following 6 members who had all achieved 50 years of membership: Bill Lake, Ed' Malone, Gordon Monsall, Tony Hayday, Peter Baigent and Phil' Saxon.

My final word has to be about the Club's magnificent support of a whole variety of charities. We have given over £87000 in 8 years to some very worthy causes. I had the pleasure of presenting cheques totalling over £13000 to the Research into Ovarian Cancer and to South Bromley Hospiscare. Dick Griffin was personally responsible for raising over £7500, a truly fantastic achievement. This year Alan Pickering will lead our efforts to raise funds for the Kent Association for the Blind who provide the practical support for those in Bromley who are blind or visually impaired. We hope you will be generous in your support.

With best wishes and my thanks for the memories, It was a real pleasure.

Mike Martineau

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1996

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to present to you my Annual Report for 1996. Many of you familiar with the A.G.M. of Blackheath Harriers will now be saying to yourselves "What is going on; why is the report in print instead of him reading it?" Well, there are two reasons, the first being my obvious absence, and the second, that I want you all present to not hear it and forget it, but hopefully take it away and at least for a day or two consider it.

The main purpose of the Annual Report is to highlight what has occurred during the year, and is normally a whole list of our successes and the people who have achieved the same in the area of athletics promotion. This, after all, is why the Club exists. The down-side is that too few people appear to realise that athletics does not just happen - someone, somewhere has to organise it - as with other events.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines Club as an association of persons united by a common interest - meeting periodically for a shared activity". It also says "an organisation offering subscribers certain benefits". There appears to be a philosophy within our Club that "the organisation offers certain subscribers benefits!" However, I digress at this point, so more of that later.

If I may return to the athletics side of our activities, our

Earlier in the afternoon Steve Hollingdale wins the Closing 5 Yacht Handicap. There are 45 finishers, three of whom were among the 11 who finished in 2022.

The Clubhouse hosts an art exhibition where Mick Hamlin shows "his paintings and drawings to a background of Bar noises and Modern Jazz music... If you value the plural and the curious in preference to the singular and uniform there is probably something for you."

SUMMER TRACK & FIELD FIXTURES 1997

Mon Mar 31	Tonbridge	Open Meeting
Sun Apr 6	Crystal Palace	Herc. Wimb. Young Athl. Open
Sun Apr 6	Thurrock	SEAA 12 Stage Relay
Sun Apr 13	Blackheath	London Marathon
Sun Apr 13	Ostend	Wellington Relays
Wed Apr 16	Norman Park	Blackheath H Schools Meeting
Fri Apr 18	Crystal Palace	Blackheath H Schools Meeting
Sat Apr 19	Ashford	Ashford AC Warmup Meeting
Sat Apr 19	Kingston	Sward & Kinard Trophies Meeting
Sun Apr 20	Bristol	National Junior League
Sat Apr 26	Sutton Park	Nat. 12-stage Road Relay
Sat Apr 26	Norman Park	Southern Womens League
Sun Apr 27	Southampton	Young Athletics League (Boys A)
Sun Apr 27	Kingston	Young Athletics League (Boys B)
Sun Apr 27	Deangate	Kent Womens League
Mon Apr 28	Sutcliffe Park	Veterans League
Thu May 1	Norman Park	West Kent Schools Champs
Fri May 2	Norman Park	NW Kent Schools Champs
Sat May 3	Enfield	British Athletics League Div 1
Sat May 3	Exeter	Southern Mens League Div 1
Sat May 3	Watford	Southern Mens League Div 7
Sun May 4	Peterborough	Young Athletics League (Girls)
Sun May 4	Deangate	Kent Boys & Colts League
Mon May 5	Ashford	Invicta EK AC Warmup meeting
Mon May 5	Beckenham	Ted Pepper 10 km Road Race
Sat May 10	Crystal Palace	Kent Championships
Sun May 11	Crystal Palace	Kent Championships
Sat May 17	Norman Park	Southern Womens League
Sat May 17	Norman Park	Southern Mens League Div 1
Sat May 17	Canvey Island	Southern Mens League Div 7
Sat May 17	Sutton Coldfield	BNAF Road Relay Championships
Sun May 18	Ashford	Kent v SE Select v Pais de Calas v Flanders (Julie Rose Track Opening)
Sun May 18	Enfield	Young Athletics League (Boys A)
Sun May 18	TBA	Young Athletics League (Boys B)
Fri May 23	Deangate	Veterans League
Sat May 24	Crystal Palace	SEAA U20/U17/U15 Champs
Sun May 25	Crystal Palace	SEAA U20/U17/U15 Champs
Sun May 25	Bedford	CAU Intercombes Championships
Sun May 26	Bedford	CAU Intercombes Championships
Sat May 31	Copthall	Southern Mens League Div 1
Sat May 31	Barn Elms (Barnes)	Southern Mens League Div 7

SUMMER TRACK & FIELD FIXTURES 1997 (cont.)

Sun Jun 1	Deangate	Young Athletics League (Boys A)
Sun Jun 1	Ashford	Young Athletics League (Boys B)
Sun Jun 1	Sutcliffe Park	Kent Womens League
Mon Jun 2	Sutcliffe Park	Veterans League
Wed Jun 4	Norman Park	Club Championships
Sat Jun 7	St Albans	Southern Womens League
Sat Jun 7	Copthall	British Athletics League Div 1
Sun Jun 8	Norman Park	Kents Boys & Colts League
Tue Jun 10	Tonbridge	Open Meeting
Sat Jun 14	Deangate	Kent Schools Championships
Sun Jun 15	Ashford	Kent Womens League
Mon Jun 16	Norman Park	Veterans League
Wed Jun 18	Norman Park	Club Champs - Kent 10km Champs
Sat Jun 21	Sutcliffe Park	Kent U13 Champs/U15 Schools
Sat Jun 21	Sutcliffe Park	Team Competition/U17 & Senior
Sat Jun 21	Sutcliffe Park	Womens 3000 Championships
Sun Jun 22	Crystal Palace	SEAA Senior Championships
Sun Jun 22	Crystal Palace	SEAA Senior Championships
Sat Jun 28	Copthall	National Junior League
Sat Jun 28	Blackpool	BNAF Championships
Sun Jun 29	Blackpool	BNAF Championships
Sun Jun 29	Crystal Palace	Young Athletics League (Boys A)
Sun Jun 29	Goldford	Young Athletics League (Boys B)
Sun Jun 29	Thurrock	Young Athletics League (Girls)
Sun Jun 29	Harlow	Cup - First Round (Men & Women)
Wed Jul 2	Norman Park	Club Championships
Sat Jul 5	Birmingham	British Athletics League Div 1
Sat Jul 5	Welwyn	Southern Mens League Div 1
Sat Jul 5	Walthamstow	Southern Mens League Div 7
Sat Jul 5	Bedford	AAA U20 Championships
Sun Jul 6	Bedford	AAA U20 Championships
Sun Jul 6	Norman Park	Kent U15 Champs/U13
Tue Jul 8	Crawley	Pentathlons/U17 & U20 Mens
Tue Jul 8	Tonbridge	3000m Team Championships
Fri Jul 11	Dartford	Veterans Intercountry Match
Fri Jul 11	Birmingham	Open Meeting
Fri Jul 11	Sheffield	Veterans League
Sat Jul 12	Sheffield	AAA Championships
Sat Jul 12	Sheffield	English Schools Championships
Sat Jul 12	Sheffield	English Schools Championships

SUMMER TRACK & FIELD FIXTURES 1997 (cont.)

Sat Jul 12	Birmingham	AAA Championships
Sun Jul 13	Birmingham	AAA Championships
Sun Jul 13	Norman Park	Young Athletics League (Girls)
Sun Jul 13	Sutcliffe Park	Kent Boys & Colts League
Sun Jul 13	Crystal Palace	Heathrow London Youth Games
Wed Jul 16	Norman Park	Club Championships
Sat Jul 19	Tooting Bec	Southern Womens League
Sat Jul 19	Dublin	Schools International
Sun Jul 20	Copthall	Young Athletics League (Boys A)
Sun Jul 20	Norman Park	Young Athletics League (Boys B)
Sat Jul 26	Norman Park	Southern Mens League Div 1
Sat Jul 26	Norman Park	Southern Mens League Div 7
Sun Jul 27	Norman Park	National Junior League
Sun Jul 27	Ashford	Kent Boys & Colts League
Sun Jul 27	Haringey	Cup Semifinals
Sat Aug 2	Southend	Southern Womens League
Sat Aug 2	Enfield	SEAA Combined Events/Walks/Vets Championships
Sun Aug 3	Enfield	SEAA Combined Events/Walks/Vets Championships
Sun Aug 10	Norman Park	Kent Womens League
Tue Aug 12	Tonbridge	Open Meeting
Sat Aug 16	Crystal Palace	British Athletics League Div 1
Sat Aug 16	Brighton	Southern Mens League Div 1
Sat Aug 16	Hemel Hempstead	Southern Mens League Div 7
Sat Aug 16	Birmingham	AAA U17/U15 Championships
Sat Aug 17	Birmingham	AAA U17/U15 Championships
Sun Aug 24	Copthall	SEAA U15/U20 Intercombes Match
Sat Aug 30	Bedford	Cup Finals
Sat Aug 30	Crawley	Kent Intercountry Match (Sen M&W)
Sun Aug 31	Harlow	National Junior League
Wed Sep 3	Norman Park	Club 1 Hour Race
Sat Sep 6	Yeovil	Southern Womens League
Sun Sep 7	Birmingham	Young Athletics League Final
Sun Sep 7	Cokende	Southern Veterans League Final
Sun Sep 14	Birmingham	National Junior League Final
Sun Sep 14	Ashford	Kent Relay Championships
Sat Sep 20	Deangate	Kent Combined Events Champs
Sat Sep 21	Deangate	Kent Combined Events Champs
Sat Sep 27	Croha, Zagreb	European Junior Interclub Champs



Wigmore Ladies awards presentation from the early 1970s. Can you name them?