



# Blackheath & Bromley Courier

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It's hard to believe it was a year ago that we sat down in the House Of Commons to celebrate our 150 years. Thank goodness we got that in before this covid thingy took hold. Until this year the only time I had heard the word "furlough" used was in Sgt Bilko. Now the UK Government scheme has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, although the current "lockdown" in England is only until 2nd December. It looks like it will be a while before I make my racing comeback.

## News

Kelechi Aguocha, our Club Record holder for the high jump, is one of the three nominations for the AW Junior Athlete of the Year. If you subscribe to the magazine you are entitled to vote, so give him your support! He is mixing it with the best, the other two nominations broke British Records this year. Well done Kelechi!

Wednesday Nights at the Clubhouse are on hold at the moment after London moved to Covid Level 2, and from the 5<sup>th</sup> of November to a National "lockdown".

Adam Gemili has been elected to the UK Athletics Athletes Commission, serving a minimum of two years.

John E Turner's book "Hurrah For the Entwined Squares", the first 50 years of the Blackheath Gazette, is available for order. Keep an eye on the website for the weekly Wednesday Nighters Lockdown Challenge. Recent themes have included the phonebox quest, horses, Royal run and Halloween Ephemera.

## George Gandy RIP.

Many Club members will be sorry to hear of the death of George, who has coached a number of the Club's athletes over the years. Chris McGeorge, Alan Guilder, Dave Heath Dave Lee, Chris Moss and more recently Will Fuller are just some of the athletes who have been in his care. He was guest speaker at the 1995 National Supper after we won the Senior Mens title for the second successive season. He attended a number of British League and Cup matches with the Club and was on the Club Tour to Trinidad and Tobago in the late 1980s which was also Chris and Sonia McGeorge's honeymoon.



## Forthcoming Fixtures

Dream on, but keep a look out for a virtual Club 5.

## Results

### 1/10/20

**Harrow AC Early Autumn Mile plus 3000.** 3000. R7. 8. Dan Kennedy 9.25.89.

### 2/10/20

**FSU Invite, Tallahassee.** 2. Katy-Ann McDonald 17.36.4

### 3/10/20

**Be Fit Today Track Academy Open, Dagenham.** 600. R1. 6. Kyla Dervish (U15G) 1.56.05. 800. Men. R1.11. Samuel Barlow (U13B) 2.51.62. R3. 5. Jasper Brooks (U15B) 2.21.57. Women. R3. 2. Emily Deveney (U15G) 2.35.99, 4. Liberty Whyte (U17W) 2.39.77. R4. 1. Megan Barlow (U15G) 2.26.49. R5. 3. Tallulah Ndikanwu (U15G) 2.25.27. R6. 5. Gabriella Martin (U17W) 2.24.37. R7. 2. Morgan Squibb (U20W) 2.18.82. 1500. Men. R1. 3. Josh Healey (U15B) 4.59.50. R3. 9. Joseph Scanes (U13B) 4.52.63. R4. 4. Arthur Starvis (U17M) 4.36.55. Women. R2. 2. Luciana Smith (U13G) 5.08.07. 3000. R1. 2. Carys Firth (U17W) 11.24.74, 3. Isla Spink (U15G) 12.12.91, 4. Abigail Smith (U17W) 12.39.21. R2. 3. Megan Slattery (U15G) 10.40.16, 4. Zoe White (U20W) 10.41.73, 5. Hannah Clark (U17W) 10.46.04.

**Herne Hill Open, Tooting Bec.** 100. MX1. 1. Issah Abdulkarim (U15B) 11.47 (0.1). MX4. 4. Makai Sabido Rodney (U13B) 13.49 (-0.5). 3000. MX2. 1. Rob Donohue 9.35.02. SP. U17W. 1. Cleo Agyepong 14.29.

### 3-4/10/20.

**Trafford Open and Combined Events, Stretford.** 1500. R9. 4. Mark Cage 4.24.02.

### 4/10/20

**Virtual London Marathon.** Ian Firla 2.46.41, Luca Ercolani 2.49.37, Alex Gibbins 2.50.49, Martin Richardson 2.54.45, Paul Sharpe 3.07.13, Steve Evenden 3.16.45, Damian Hayes 3.20.40, Ashley Pearson 3.32.49, Bomene Barikor 3.57.56, Richard Hall 4.16.21, Zoe Kingsmill 4.33.00, George Collins 5.05.06, Anita Evenden 5.10.31, Stan Ridgewell 8.27.41, Dick Griffin 17.50.06.

**The PodPlus Kent Spring Marathon, Charing.** 21. Ashley Pearson 3.31.01.

**Sussex AA Martin Etchells Memorial Track and Field Challenge, Lewes.** DT. A. 1. Dillon Claydon 47.58, 2. Brydon Duncan 41.96.

### 10/10/20

**SLH Middle Distance Race Fest, Coulsdon.** 3000. R5. 4. Rob Donohue 9.36.15.

**Hammer Circle Members Competition, Woodford.** Senior Women. 3. Molly Walsh (U23W) 49.86. U17W. 1. Gypsy Nash 48.85.

**Dartford Harriers Invitational Pole Vault Competition.** Pool A. 3. Finn Kitteridge (U15B) 2.68, 4. Charlie Platt (U13B) 2.58. PB. 2. Oscar Witcombe (U17M) 3.18. PC. 2=. Barnaby Corry (U17M) 3.98, 4. Ethan Kitteridge (U20M) 3.88, 7. Ben Platt (U17M) 3.58.

**Dorney Lake Windsor Half Marathon.** 2. Roger Vilardell (M40) 73.14.

**RunThrough Olympic Park 5km.** 13. Joshua Dowling 17.16

### 11/10/20

**London Hurdles and Middle Distance Event, Norman Park.** 800. R2. 7. Amarisa Sibley (U17W) 2.09.47. R5. 1. Callum Horton (U20M) 2.12.85, 3. Ted Marston (U17M) 2.14.23. R6. 1. Lily Meers (U17W) 2.18.52, 2. Jasper Brooks (U15B) 2.21.39, 3. Hannah Clark (U17W) 2.21.82, 4. Sabria Mannes (U20W) 2.22.57, 5. Gabriella Martin (U17W) 2.23.52, 7. Cameron Kelly Gordon (U17W) 2.41.08. R7. 6. Daniella Harper (U20W) 2.23.63. R8. India Blakey (U15G) 2.24.22. R9. 6. Oscar Witcombe (U17M) 2.31.56, 7. Olivia Wauters (U17W) 2.34.50. R10. 5. Luciana Smith (U13G) 2.30.38, 8. Emily Deveney (U15G) 2.41.26. R11. 1. Hendri Verster (U15B) 2.24.06, 7. Isabella Louth (U17W) 2.41.78. R12. 1. Lara Tunali – Flynn (U15G) 2.35.01, 2. Liberty Whyte (U17W) 2.35.93, 6. Amber Cockburn (U15G) 2.41.54. R13. 3. Emily De Backer (U17W) 2.37.48, 4. Lydia Witcombe (U15G) 2.37.69, 6. James Shaw (U15B) 2.44.16. R14. 3. Alyssa Firla (U13G) 2.39.77, 4. Jessica Kelly (U13G) 2.39.89, 9. Amelie Wauters (U17W) 2.45.45, 10. Madeleine Marston (U15G) 2.47.03. R15. 3. Daniel Bower (U13B) 2.41.46, 9. Erin Simpson (U15G) 2.48.23. R16. 1. Naimah Mossi (U13G) 2.38.96, 2. Beth Regan (U13G) 2.48.86, 3. Sophie Placek (U17W) 2.51.15, 4. Molly Shaw (U15G) 2.54.43, 6. Islay Pearson (U15G) 2.57.05. 1500. R2. 10. Arthur Starvis (U17M) 4.31.78, 11. George Shaw (U17M) 4.33.29. R3. 3. Louis Woods (U20M) 4.30.98, 4. Alessio Tutt (U17M) 4.32.42, 7. Miles Brown (U17M) 4.34.79, 8. Ian Firla (M50) 4.38.19. R4. 1. Fleur Todd-Warmoth (U17W) 4.39.16, 8. Morgan Squibb (U20W) 4.54.55. R5. 3. Joseph Scanes (U13B) 4.47.88, 9. Ailbhe Barnes (U20W) 4.53.87, 10. Morgan Slattery (U15G) 5.01.84, 11. Isabelle Stoneham (U20W) 5.13.07. R6. 4. Zoe White (U20W) 4.55.58, 5. Tim Ayres 4.57.15. R7. 10. Megan Barlow (U15G) 5.08.57, 11. Francesca Middleton (U15G) 5.11.42. R8. 5. Tallulah Ndikanwu (U15G) 5.19.72, 11. Olivia Magee Brown (U17W) 5.32.60. R9. 1. Mark Constable (U15B) 5.00.31, 4. Charlotte Bloodworth (U13G) 5.27.70, 9. Samuel Barlow (U13B) 5.45.72. R10. 7. Lydia Marston (U13G) 5.58.34. 3000. R1. 5. Dan Kennedy 9.19.82, 7. Martin Richardson (M35) 9.31.42. R3. 4. Joshua

Dowling 10.10.48. R4. 1. Ellie Osmond (U20W) 10.40.81, 9. Isla Spink (U15G) 12.02.23. 70H. U13G. R2. 1. Alyssa Firla 12.03 (1.4), 6. Charlotte Bloodworth 14.55. 75H. U15G. R2. 4. Emily Algeo 12.38 (0.1). R3. 7. Amber Cockburn 14.29 (-0.1) 80H. U15B. 1. Rayhan Mourtada 12.25 (0.0), 3. Jonathan Ellerton 14.24. 400H. U17M. 2. Barnaby Corry 59.39. 2000 Walk. 5. Abigail Smith (U17W) 10.33.89, 11. Jonathan Ellerton (U15B) 12.24.90.

**South Of England Track and Field Academy Throws Fest 2**, Portsmouth. DT. 1.5K. U17M. A. 1. Dillon Claydon 47.91.  
**Cambridge University Collegiate League, Cambridge.** LJ. B. 6. Magda Cienciala (U23W) 4.78.

**17/10/20**

**Arturo Barrios Invite.** 4. Katy-Ann McDonald 20.51.3.

**Cecil Gittins Memorial Walks, Cyclopark, Gravesend.** 5km. U17W. 2. Abigail Smith 29.13. U15B. 1. Jonathan Ellerton 33.03. 10km. 3. Roger Michell (M70) 61.52.

**18/10/20**

**Running Grand Prix Bedford Autodrome Marathon, Thurleigh.** 95. Will Brindley (M45) 3.15.17.

**24/10/20**

**Beachy Head Marathon.** 26. Ben Cockburn 3.26.56, 133. Matt Bullen (M50) 4.12.27, 145. Steve Evenden (M40) 4.15.30.

**29/10/20**

**Gravesend Floodlit Series.** 52. Nick Barber 45.20.

**30/10/20**

**SEC Championships, Baton Rouge.** 12 Katy-Ann McDonald 20.33.8.

**31/10/20**

**Herne Hill Harriers Endurance Meeting, Battersea.** 800. R4. 5. Luciana Smith (U13G) 2.30.7. R6. 7. Amelie Willars (U17W) 2.51.4. 1500. R2. 5. Megan Slattery (U15G) 4.57.0. R6. 7. Isla Spink (U15G) 5.48.1. 3000. R2. 4. Niamh Bridson Hubbard (U23W) 9.36.6, 9. Joshua Dowling 9.58.1. R4. 1. Ted Marston (U17M) 10.13.6.

**Be Fit Today Track Academy, Dagenham.** 600. R3. 2. Hendri Verster (U13B) 1.41.50. R4. 6. Oscar Tostivin (U13B) 1.56.28. 800. MX3. 6. Jasper Brooks (U15B) 2.23.50, 7. Joseph Scanes (U13B) 2.24.04. MX5. 6. Amarisa Sibley (U17W) 2.09.98. 800. Women. R2. 2. Alyssa Firla (U13G) 2.44.26, 3. Charlotte Bloodworth (U13G) 2.46.16. R3. 2. Naimah Moss (U13G) 2.36.67, 5. Emily Du Backer (U17W) 2.40.36, 7. Liberty Whyte (U15G) 2.42.61. R4. 1. Tallulah Ndikanwu (U15G) 2.26.83, 6. Lara Tunali-Flynn (U15G) 2.33.59. R5. 3. Sabrina Mannes (U20W) 2.24.45, 5. Daniella Harper (U17W) 2.27.26, 7. India Blakey (U13G) 2.33.95. 1500. MX2. 4. Fleur Todd-Warmoth (U15G) 4.45.87. MX3. 10. Arthur Starvis (U15B) 4.41.46. Women. R2. 2. Lara Mannes (U17W) 4.50.89, 4. Zoe White (U20W) 4.57.41, 10. Megan Barlow (U13G) 5.10.10, 11. Ailbhe Barnes (U17W) 5.18.89. 3000. MX1. 6. Olivia Magee Brown (U15G) 12.40.17. MX2. 3. Ellie Osmond (U20W) 10.45.47, 8. Cristina Gilodi – Johnson (U13G) 12.31.76. R3. 1. Rob Donohue 9.43.99.

**RunThrough Lee Valley, Velo Park.** 10km. 2. Dan Kennedy 34.54, 7. Ian Firla 36.43.

## **100 years ago in October 1920**

It is AGM time... "All the retiring officers and the newly appointed ones met with a great ovation, and there is no doubt the excellent list, including so many youngsters, will give a great fillip to the year's undertakings. All the retiring officers offered to assist their followers in every possible way and, as usual with the Club, the best of feelings governed the whole of the proceedings". The Club Five Mile Challenge Cup is won by A C Edwards

## **75 years ago in October 1945.**

It's AGM time and the General Secretary's reports records Club Membership is 748. The new President is George Mullins, succeeding Arthur Thwaites who had been President during the previous seven years.

Sydney Wooderson is made a vice president of the Club

"The meeting was an extremely long one, but the most pleasant part came at the end when the President rose to make a presentation to Arthur Thwaites to mark his magnificent services to the Club as its President during the past seven years."

"The attendance at the meeting was magnificent, being better than in some years before the war, and no better tribute could have been offered to those whose work kept the Club going during the war."

"Norman Page sends regards to all old friends and still hopes to do something for the Track Section"

"The revival of our 5 miles Challenge Cup race, which was last held in October 1938, attracted a field of 33, which was a very satisfactory start to getting our pre-war activities on the move again" The race is won by H Nunns.

"E W H Mullins writing from Holland sends his best wishes and says " It may interest you.... to learn that my novices pewter survived five years of German occupation. I found it along with a few other things that had been taken care of by somebody

in a tiny village between Apeldoorn and Arnheim. It is gratifying to know it was not melted down for construction of V.1's or V.2's". Ernie's pewters certainly have their adventures. This was the one that replaced the original previously lost in the fire at Smyrna."

### **50 years ago in October 1970**

Mob Match v London University, Parliament Hill Fields. "A relatively poor turnout by the Club, mustering only 22 against 55 from the University, resulted in the first Mob Match defeat for the "Heath" since 1966"

There are 67 starters in the Club 5 which is won by Bob Richardson in 26.20.

At the AGM "the meeting considered a resolution... recommending changes in the subscription rates for members under 21 and for Life Membership. It was in the subsequent discussion on this resolution that the temperature of the room rose rapidly and the writer began to wonder if he had strayed into an extremist political meeting"

Blackheath win the Inter Club veterans match at Petersham against Orion, Ranelagh and SLH.

### **25 years ago in October 1995.**

Dave Taylor represents Great Britain in the World Half Marathon Championships in France. He finishes 51st in 64.47.

Blackheath have great success at the McDonalds South of England Young Athletes relays. They are 1st and 3rd in the under 15 boys race and Steve Holmes, John Baker and David Baker run the three fastest times of the day. John and David come in first and second on the opening leg. Kieran Farrelly, Abdi Madar and Steve Holmes complete the A team with Stuart Turner, Imran Hamblin and Daniel Moore in the B team. The under 13 boys are also in dominant form winning by over half a minute and Will Bolton running the second quickest time of the day.

The following day at the Reebok Southern Womens Relays, Gemma Viney runs the fastest leg in the under 13 girls race for the second year in a row. She is 21 seconds quicker than the second fastest runner and with Frances Barker and Katie Lucht they win team silvers.

Blackheath represent England in the European Champions Club Cup Half Marathon Championships at Ch Aveiro in Portugal. The team of Roy Smith, Pat Calnan, Giles Clifford and John Beck finish in 13th. Team manager Mark Watling stays at home to win the Club 5 with Pete Barlow second and Richard Coe third.

Simon Baines wins the opening race of the season in the Kent Mens Cross Country League.

Dave Taylor wins the opening race of the season in the Surrey Mens Cross Country League.

At the Forbanks 10km Blackheath finish first second and third in the team race. Perhaps the most notable performance is that of 400 hurdler Nigel Keogh who runs 25 times his normal race distance to finish 14<sup>th</sup> in 37.02.

John Turner is 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour Race at Tooting. "John slept for about 10 minutes on three occasions, the first when he had already been running over 10 hours. These occurred when he sat down at the tables to order cups of sweet tea and fell asleep while they were making them"

Blackheath are disappointed to only finish 9<sup>th</sup> in the National 6 Stage Road Relay. The team is Mark Colpus, Dave Lee, Dave Heath, Mark Steinle, Dave Taylor and Spencer Newport.

### **20 years ago in October 2000.**

Mark Steinle finishes in 56th place in the Olympic Marathon in Sydney in a time of 2.24.42.

Dwayne Grant is part of the winning Great Britain 4x100 metres relay team at the World Junior Championships in Santiago, Chile. They set a new Championship record of 39.05. He is 7th in the 200 in 21.33. He breaks Julian Golding's Club Junior 200 metre record in the semi final with 20.88.

Dave Taylor wins the opening race of the season in the Surrey Mens Cross Country League

Andy Arrand finishes second in the Manchester Marathon in 2.24.40.

Anthony Draper wins the Club 5 with John Morland second and Steve Cooper third. Natalie Brightwell is first in the womens race with Alison Jelly 2<sup>nd</sup> and Anne Cilia 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **15 years ago in October 2005**

Michael Skinner wins the opening Kent League race of the season and leads the team to victory. Mark Steinle is runner up in the second race of the season but the Club win the team race again.

Jamie Atkinson wins the Club 5 Mile Cross Country Championship with Alex Gibbins second and Jon Thorpe third. Viv Mitchell is first woman with Bryony Proctor second and 13 year old Amy DeMatos third.

### 10 years ago in October 2010

Note that in the last Courier it was stated that the B&B womens team finished fourth in the European Champions Club Cup for juniors, they were subsequently promoted to third.

Montell Douglas is part of the England 4x100 metre relay team who win gold at the Commonwealth Games in Dehli.

Scott Overall is first Briton to finish at the Portsmouth 10 Mile Road race in a personal best of 47.37.

Alex Bruce Littlewood wins the Club 5 Mile Cross Country Championship with Alex Gibbins second and David McKinlay third.

Jane Bradshaw wins the womens race with Amber Reed second and Julie Reynolds third.



The Senior Women start the Kent League season with victory in the home fixture at Sparrows Den. Jennie Butler is first home in 4th with Fran Green 7th and Jane Bradshaw 11<sup>th</sup>.