



Blackheath & Bromley Courier

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19 Consecutive Mob Match defeats. Next match Sunday 13th March v Ranelagh Harriers, Hayes.

Wednesday Night Training

Wednesday Night training, eating and drinking is at Beccehamian Rugby Football Club, Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham BR4 9BB. Open from 6.30. Please communicate Food orders to dmlawrie162@googlemail.com before 6pm on Tuesdays.



John Turner has produced a follow up to his book "Hurrah for the Squares Entwined" a collection of extracts from the Club Gazette form 1898 to 1948. The second volume is "The Badge We All Hold Dear" and covers the years 1948 to 1979. Signed copies cost £10 with all profits to the Club.

London Coach Of The Year

Congratulations to Andy Frankish who has been named Coach Of The Year for the London Region. While the award recognises his achievements in the last year, Andy has been coaching since the late 1970s and has had some great successes over the years. For example, Bromley Ladies' Sue Burtonwood won the National Indoor Junior Girls 1500 metre title in 1984, over three seconds clear of (the future Dame) Kelly Holmes. Then there were English Schools 800 metre titles for Jonathan Murray, Claire Robinson and Chris Moss. Below Andy leads a youngsters training run from the clubhouse in 1980, plus a shot of him in full flow.



UK TECHNICAL OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL DUTY IN 2022

Mark Purser is one of a number of UK Officials who has been appointed for Major Championships this year. UKA's Interim Development Director Chris Moss said: "It is great to see the expertise and experience of our technical officials continually recognised worldwide. These appointments are a clear endorsement of the quality of officiating the UK produces". Well done Mark... and Chris.

Get well Pete Barlow! – Pete is recovering at home after suffering a mild stroke just after Christmas. He is in good spirits. He is also looking forward to Ken Daniel buying him a drink, (though this may be a symptom of his condition). He looks forward to seeing people at the Club again soon. Pete is not currently contactable on his mobile.

Forthcoming Social Events

None at the moment but keep an eye on all the various media platforms

Forthcoming Fixtures.

January

8/1/22 – Kent Cross Country Championships, Brands Hatch.

15-16/1/22 – SEAA U17, U15 and U13 Championships, Lee Valley. Entries close 4/1/22.

22-23/1/22 – London Indoor Games Seniors and U20s. Entries close 14/1/22

29/1/22 – SEAA Cross Country Championships, Beckenham Place Park

29-30/1/22 – London Indoor Games 17s, U15s, and U13s. Entries close 21/1/22.

February

5/2/22 – BUCS Cross Country Championships, Brunel Uni (TBC).

5-6/2/22 – SEAA Senior and U20 Indoor Championships, Lee Valley. (Entries close 25/1/22)

6/2/22 - Open 10k XC (including Vets Championships) + Mob Match v Beckenham Running Club and Striders of Croydon.

12/2/22 – Kent League, Norman Park. (Senior Men and Women).

12-13/2/22 – EA U20, U17 and U15 Indoor Championships, Sheffield. (Entries close 9/2/22)

18-20/2/22 – BUCS Indoor Championships, Sheffield.

25-27/2/22 - UK Athletics Indoor Championships, Birmingham

26/2/22 – ECCA National Cross Country Championships, Parliament Hill.

A brief and not comprehensive review of 2021

January to March.

Blackheath & Bromley are named England Athletics Club Of The Year.

Very little domestic competitions but our athletes out in the States are competing outdoors. Phil Seseamnn finishes third in the 3000 at the European Indoor Trials and is selected to represent Great Britain in Poland. He runs 7.51. 70 in the heats.

Joining him there is Mark Purser who is a starter.

Nic Corry's role of President is rolled over for a second year because of the pandemic. At the virtual AGM, four new Vice Presidents are elected, Ian Firla, John Hubbard, Alice Platt, and Holly Platt.

Dina Asher Smith wins the International Sports Press Association Column of the Year Award for her Daily Telegraph article entitled "Think racism has affected me? It's there almost every day".

Second claim member Stephanie Davis wins the British Athletics Olympic Marathon Trial at Kew Gardens and is selected for the Games in Tokyo.

April

As the country begins to come out of lockdown, a bar service is available at the Clubhouse.

The Club's first track and field open meeting of the year takes place at Norman Park.

Ross Braden times 2.21.12 for the Marathon.

There are new Senior Club records from Yasmin Austridge (2000 s/chase) and Divine Oladipo (discus).

Former Club member Emily Godley wins gold at the European Weightlifting Championships in Moscow.

May.

Dina Asher Smith wins the 100 metres at the Muller Grand Prix in Gateshead.

Jahisha Thomas wins the triple jump at the Loughborough International where a number of Club members are in action.

At the Kent Championships there are Championship Best Performances for Anastasia Davies in the Senior Womens 100 hurdles and Daisy Snell in the Under 15 Girls Long Jump. Daisy also breaks the Club under 15 girls pentathlon record.

The YDL and Kent Leagues are up and running, albeit in revised formats.

The Club hosts another Ted Pepper race and more open track and field meetings.

June

The first ever National Athletics League match for senior men and women takes place at Norman Park. Because of the pandemic, fixtures are regionalised with only four teams competing instead of the usual eight.

At the South Of England Championships there are wins in the Senior age groups for Bailey Stickings (400 hurdles), Jahisha Thomas (long jump) and second claim member Lewis Harknett (3000 s/ch) For the Under 20s gold medals go to Mallory Cluley (100H), Nana Gyedu (SP) and Dillon Claydon (DT).

Bekah Walton wins the javelin at the AAA U23 Champonships. She then wins again in the British Championships. The Club has two other winners, Adam Gemili in the 200 and Dina Asher Smith in the 100.

July

Three Club members represent Great Britain at the European Under 23 Championships in Talinn, Estonia. Bekah Walton is 5th in the javelin and Annie Davies was 8th in the 100 hurdles. Ethan Brown runs in the heats of the 4x400. Second claim member Amber Anning does not start in the 200 because of injury.

The European Under 20 Championships also takes place in Talinn and Jeriel Quainoo (4x100) and Sam Reardon (4x400) both come away with relay golds for Great Britain. Jeriel is also 5th in the 100. Mallory Cluley makes the semi finals of the 100 Hurdles while in the throws Nana Gyedu (shot) and Zara Obamakinwa (discus) do not progress beyond the Qualifying Pools. Second claim Funminiyi Olajide does not progress either in the long jump, after not registering a distance.

There are five individual gold medals for Club Members at the English Schools Championships – Holly Mpassy (SG 400), Nana Gyedu (SG SP), Amarisa Sibley (IG 800) and second claim members Jodie Self (IG 80H) and Amelia Gray (IG TJ).

The last ever social takes place at the Clubhouse.



August

It is Olympic disappointment for Dina Asher Smith as she withdraws from the 200 after missing out on a place in the 100 metre final; and for Adam Gemili as he limps over the line in his heat of the 200. Dina is, however fit for the 4x100 relay and helps Great Britain to bronze medals. Second claim member Steph Davis finishes 39th in the Marathon.

At the British Masters Championships there are victories for Helen Godsell (W65 100 and 200), Liz Hughes (W40 PV) and Richard Holt (M45 400H).

September

Hollie Arnold wins bronze in the javelin at the Paralympics in Tokyo.

The Club win the Southern Athletics League with the 445.3 points score from their final match of the season at Norman Park. It is Nick Swatton's last match as manager.

Eight of the Club's youngsters are selected to represent England at the Schools Home Countries International – Fleur Todd Warmoth, Cleo Agyepong, Faith Akinbileje, Amarisa Sibley, Gypsy Nash, Amelia Grey, Abi Smith and Jonathan Ellerton.

Cleo Agyepong wins the shot at the UK Schools Games.

October

Phil Sesemann is the first Briton home in the London Marathon. His time of 2.12.58 is inside the qualifying time for both the European and Commonwealth Championships. Ross Braden sets a new best of 2.19.33.

Work begins on the new development at Norman Park track.

November

At the ECCA Relays in Mansfield, the Club fields teams in every age group. There are bronze medals for the Under 17 Women and the Under 13 Boys.

Phil Kissi is named BMC Coach Of The Year.

John Hubbard is Kent Official Of The Year.

December

Daisy Snell is third in the Schools Home Countries Indoor Pentathlon in Glasgow.

Micah Evans wins the M40 race at the Kent Masters Cross Country Championships. There is team gold for the M60s.

Carole Coulon wins the W45 race at the SEAA Masters Cross Country. She, Jennie Butler and Ashley Pearson win the team race for the Club.

Andy Frankish is named the London Region Coach Of The Year.

Results.

2021 could mark the start of some promising times ahead for multi events in the Club. Exciting talents such as Andrew Nikoro and Joshua Dako feature in the top 10s of their age groups, and the first to get some International recognition is Daisy Snell who finished 3rd in the Schools Indoor International last month. Elsewhere it has been a good month for some of our more senior members at the County and Area Masters Championships. So from Laramie to Lloyd Park, from Dartford to Delaware, from Trelissick to Tonbridge, from...

1/12/21

Dual Meeting, Cardiff Met V University of Birmingham inc Cardiff Uni v Swansea Uni, Cardiff. Men. 60. R1. 8. James Naylor 7.78. 300. 3. James Naylor 37.86, SP. 6. James Naylor 5.98.

4/12/21

SIAB International Pentathlon, Emirates Arena, Glasgow. Under 16s. 3. Daisy Snell 3454 (800 – 2.37.81, 60H – 9.22, HJ – 1.60, LJ – 5.60, SP – 9.94).

Kent Masters Championships, Dartford. M40. 1. Micah Evans 28.58, 11. Fintan Parkinson 30.43, 12. Luca Ercolani 30.49, 18. Gregory Firth 31.58, 19. Darren Corneille 32.08, 24. Simon Harris 33.15, 36. Steve Hough 34.53. Teams. 2. B&B 42. **M50.** 14. Roger Beswick 33.53, 15. Ian Firla 33.54, 61. Robert Whyte 38.36. **M60.** 3. Nick Kinsey 21.49, 6. Steve Pairman 22.30, 11. Nick Barber 23.29, 19. Mark Ellison 24.45, 23. Barry Wetherilt 25.28, 29. Chris Pike 27.20, 32. David Leal 27.45. Teams. 1. B&B 20. **M70.** 2. Peter Hamilton 27.08, 3. John Turner 27.41, 5. Jim Phelan 29.03. W45. 4. Ashley Pearson 22.06. W65. 6. Maz Turner 38.22.

ESSA Cup Final, Newquay. Intermediate Girls. 13. Megan Slattery 11.24, 25. Lara Tunali-Flynn 11.44, 37. Cristina Gilodi – Johnson 12.05. **Junior Girls.** 12. Sophie Flemming 9.35, 17. Charlotte Bloodworth 9.40, 89. Martha Warner 10.32.

Midland Womens League Div One, Stratford On Avon. 20. Maddie Mastrolonardo 27.00.

Start Fitness Metropolitan League, Uxbridge. 16. Carole Coulon 32.27.

Leeds Relays. 6. University Of Leeds (inc Ellie Osmond 12.22).

Veterans AC and Eastern Masters AC Indoor Championships, Lee Valley. 60. 1. Helen Godsell (W65) 9.10. 200. 1. Helen Godsell (W65) 31.19.

Enfield Open 5 Walk. 14. David Hoben 62.04.

Parkruns. Bromley. 1. David Adams 16.44, 17. Jed Starvis 19.46, 40. Adrian Perry 21.33, 47. Andy Tucker 21.59, 62. Damian Hayes 22.37, 82. Alex Pope 23.44, 104. Ian Montgomery 24.18, 125. James Unwin 24.55, 176. Claire Austridge 26.49, 177. Sally Smith 26.50, 243. Jackie Montgomery 29.29, 283. Mick Keene 30.37. **Lydiard parkrun.** 47. James Perry 23.00.

Beckenham Place park. 5. Clayton Aves 19.34, 63. David Beadle 25.13, 201. Zoe Kingsmell 50.08. **Crystal Palace.** 40. Rod Harrington 21.48. **Dulwich.** 92. James Morris 21.40. **Orpington.** 1. Graeme Lugar 19.06, 4. Cameron Kelly-Gordon 20.54 (1st woman), 81. Karen Desborough 33.11. **Tonbridge.** 140. Anne Cilia 27.33. **Dartford.** 31. John Turner 25.14. **Lullingstone.** 8. Luciana Smith 24.45. **Exmouth.** 41. Bob Minting 24.09. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 5. Austin Adams 21.00, 26. George Collins 25.23, 66. Anthony Pontifex 34.28, 69. David Appleton 35.18. **Highwoods.** 1. Roger Vilardell 20.11, 42. Kate Garrett 34.07. **York.** 1. Graham Rush 15.40

5/12/21

Lee Valley Open. HJ. B. 1. Alyssa Firla (U15G) 1.43, 5. Ian Firla (M50) 1.27. PV. A. 4=. Oscar Witcombe (U17M) 3.42. SP (6K). 3. Ian Firla (M50) 7.04. SP (3K). 4. Alyssa Firla (U15G) 9.31, 7. Islay Pearson (U17W) 8.52, 8. Rowan Pearson (U13G) 5.46.

Under 17 Women. Rnd 1 Race 2. 2. Emily Algeo 9.60, 7. Islay Pearson 12.63. Rnd 2. R1. 5. Emily Algeo 9.70. R3. 6. Islay Pearson 12.48. **Under 15 Girls.** 60H. R1. R4. 1. Alyssa Firla 9.82. R2. R1. 2. Alyssa Firla 9.44. **Under 13 Boys.** 60H. Rnd 1. 1. Jamie Ellerton 9.95. Rnd 2. 1. Jamie Ellerton 10.03.

Sutcliffe Indoor 60s. Men. 60. R1. R1. 1. Michael Uzozie (U20M) 7.07, 3. James Whiteaker 7.21. R4. 4. Makai Sabido – Rodney (U15B) 7.81. R2. R1. 1. Michael Uzozie (U20M) 7.12, 3. James Whiteaker 7.21. R4. 5. Makai Sabido – Rodney 7.82. **Women.** R1. R1. 2. Chanelle Cole 7.99. R2. R1. 4. Chanelle Cole 8.02.

8/12/21

RunThrough Chase The Moon Olympic Park 10km. 7. Darren Corneille 36.55 (36.48).

10/12/21

Wyoming Power Meet, Laramie WY, USA. 400. 2. Joe Rogers 52.59.

11/12/21

SEAA Inter Counties, Lloyd Park. Under 20 Women. 15. Ailbhe Barnes 26.34, 16. Zoe White 27.02, 18. Morgan Squibb 27.11, 23. Isabelle Stoneham 28.23. **Under 17 Women.** 13. Lara Mannes 20.23, 17. Hannah Clark 20.31, 52. Cameron Kelly Gordon 21.43, 56. Liberty Whyte 21.51, 64. Carys Firth 22.02, 77. Olivia Magee Brown 22.19. **Under 15 Boys.** 30. Jasper Brooks NT, 37. Alexander Middleton 14.41, 84. Harry Fage 15.33. **Under 15 Girls.** 14. Megan Slattery 15.48, 17. Megan Barlow 15.52, 33. Lydia Witcombe 16.12, 68. Isla Spink 16.55. **Under 13 Boys.** 4. Lucas Elmqvist 11.37, 5. Joseph Scanes 11.44, 62. James Shaw NT. **Under 13 Girls.** 13. Luciana Smith 12.49, 38. Sophie Flemming NT, 41. Niamh Stanley NT, 47. Naimah Mossi 13.33, 63. Charlotte Bloodworth NT, 64. Beth Regan NT.

SEAA Masters Championships, Lloyd Park. W45. 1. Carole Coulon 26.40, 4. Ashley Pearson 27.57, 5. Jennie Butler 28.02. Teams. 1. B&B 10. **M40.** 47. Darren Corneille 39.27, 100. Ian Scott 42.19, 131. Jason Meers 44.17, 178. Asa Whitfield 46.40.

RunThrough Battersea Park 5km. 11. Pierre Guillaume 17.33 (17.31).

Alf Palmer Memorial Walking Races, Horsham. 5000. 4. Jonathan Ellerton 29.55.4, 11. David Hoben 37.24.5.

Fastrack Season Opener, Houston. 4. Declan Neary 8.37.47.

Parkruns. Bromley. 1. Micah Evans 16.29, 21. Steve Evenden 19.24, 30. Chris Fishlock 20.05, 32. Rod Harrington 20.10, 48. Nick Barber 20.40, 51. Paul Kerekgyarto 20.59, 101. James Unwin 23.35, 145. Ian Montgomery 24.49, 179. Claire Austridge 26.15, 254. Bernard Wilson 28.44, 256. Jackie Montgomery 28.45, 366. Mick Keene 37.58. **Bexley.** 41. Chris Pike 25.32.

Beckenham Place park. 5. Clayton Aves 19.16, 6. Paul Sharpe 19.26, 54. David Beadle 24.45, 103. Zoe Kingsmell 28.46.

Orpington. 6. Gregory Firth 20.32, 75. Karen Desborough 34.18. **Upton Court.** 75. James Perry 29.24. **Peckham Rye.** 65.

John Turner 24.10, 191. Maz Turner 35.44. **Dartford.** 4. Austin Adams 21.20, 124. David Appleton 33.41, 129. Anthony Pontifex 34.16. **Holkham.** 12. Adrian Perry 22.38. **Exmouth.** 48. Bob Minting 23.15. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 12. George Collins 24.57. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 15. Mike Simms 26.48. **Sutcliffe park.** 45. Barry Wetherilt 24.32. **Swanley.** 60. Kate Garrett 32.41.

11-12/12/21

Loughborough Indoor Open. 60. B. 2. Clayton Jacinto (U20M) 7.22. Ht5. 1. Clayton Jacinto 7.27. HJ. 4. Qi-Chi Ukpai (U15G) 1.65. PV. A. 4. Eleanor Barrett (U20W) 3.01.

12/12/21

South London Athletics Network Early Season Indoor Open, Carshalton. 60. R1. R1. 3. Rhys Francis 7.09. R14. 4. Helen Godsell (W65) 9.04. R2. R2. 1. Rhys Francis 7.06. R16. 1. Helen Godsell 9.09.

Kent Fitness League, Betteshanger Park. 12. David Adams 32.30.

18/12/21

Essex League, Great Notley Park. 14. Lewis Harknett 32.28.

Parkruns. Wimbledon Common. 58. Adrian Perry 22.40. **Bromley.** 2. Thomas Sugden 17.00, 7. Megan Slattery 18.21, 19. Kelsi Cornish 19.11, 22. Steve Evenden 19.28, 23. Luciana Smith 19.29, 41. Nick Barber 20.40, 63. Paul Kerekgyarto 21.56, 217. Graham Coates 28.08, 287. Andre Verster 33.10, 325. Mick Keene 36.24. **Beckenham Place park.** 4. Clayton Aves 19.22, 13. Isla Spink 20.57 (1st woman), 89. David Beadle 26.14, 119. Iain Swatton 28.16, 126. Zoe Kingsmell 29.06, 192. Anthony Pontifex 39.48. **Ashford.** 24. Austin Adams 20.50. **Wycombe Rye.** 10. Millie Smith 18.43 (1st woman). **Dulwich.** 8. Fintan Parkinson 16.56, 66. Rod Harrington 20.54. **Orpington.** 9. Carys Firth 21.06 (1st woman), 10. Gregory Firth 21.10, 23. Kyla Dervish 23.23, 124. Karen Desborough 33.58. **Lanhydrock.** 18. Richard Daniels 23.46. **Dartford.** 27. John Turner 24.57, 108. Maz Turner 35.43. **Exmouth.** 98. Bob Minting 25.51. **Catford.** 23. James Morris 21.33. **Delaware and Raritan Canal.** 8. George Collins 22.57. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 1. Roger Vilardell 18.50, 2. Robert Perry 18.53, 14. Adrian Stocks 23.22, 16. Mark Ellison 24.42, 18. Mike Simms 24.53, 33. Anne Cilia 31.23, 43. Kate Garrett 33.31. **Sutcliffe Park.** 35. Steven Pairman 21.02, 89. Barry Wetherilt 24.38. **Swanley.** 29. Sally Smith 28.14.

19/12/21

Cardiff Met GP 1 "Christmas Classic", Cardiff. Women. HJ. 2. Danielle Hopkins* 1.60. SP. 4. Danielle Hopkins* 9.94.

22/12/21

RunThrough Battersea Park, Chase The Moon 10km. 11. Darren Corneille 36.01 (36.00).

25/12/21

Parkruns. Bromley. 3. Micah Evans 16.20, 4. Daniel Kennedy 16.31, 5. Thomas Desborough 16.33, 8. Fintan Parkinson 16.51, 9. Roger Vilardell 16.53, 10. Matthew Smith 17.03, 12. Thomas Sugden 17.12, 13. Pablo Seema Roca 17.21, 14. Georges Vacharopoulos 17.24, 27. Roger Beswick 18.41, 33. Steve Evenden 19.00, 35. Jessica Keene 19.10, 39. Amy Leach 19.21, 41. Tim Ayres 19.23, 45. Joseph Georgiadis 19.:43, 51. Richard Byford 20.14, 55. Steve Pairman 20.30, 68. Austin Adams 20.52, 71. Robert Perry 20.56, 107. Phil Sesemann 22:37, 151. Jake Leng 24.01, 180. Adrian Perry 24.45, 312. Sally Smith 27.59, 319. Kate Garrett 28.05, 320. Julia Pairman 28.06, 481. Mick Keene 37:58. **Trelissick.** 88. Claire Austridge 29.05. **Beckenham Place park.** 6. Clayton Aves 19.36, 20. Ellie Osmond 21.00 (1st woman), 55. Luigi Arcuri 24.52, 60. Iain Swatton 25.18, 68. David Beadle 25.34, 73. George Collins 25.48, 194. Zoe Kingsmell 34.44. **Rickmansworth.** 64. Adrian Stocks 22.09. **South Norwood.** 48. Angela Powell 28.48. **Concord, Sheffield.** 68. Mike Simms 24.10. **Scunthorpe.** 72. Ian Montgomery 25.16. **Peckham Rye.** 55. James Morris 24.58. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 1. David Adams 19.33, 4. Mick Jones 22.06, 7. Jessica Jones 22.39 (1st woman) 9. Elizabeth Regan 23.19. **Sutcliffe.** 40. Barry Wetherilt 23.29.

100 years ago in December 1921

Unveiling of War Memorial – Original member and Vice President Walter Rowland unveils the Club tablet to the memory of those who had died in the War. The Hon Sec F. L. Gilbert read the list of those who had lost their lives. The ceremony of consecration is then performed by the Rev H. B. Roberts, Rector of West Wickham.

The annual single v married race sees a win for the bachelors.

Blackheath are defeated by one point in a match against the Royal College of Science Hare & Hounds.

There is a Boxing Day paper chase..." A glorious return to old methods – hares, packs, false trails, etc – everyone with his own certain knowledge of the right track, and no kill!

50 years ago in December 1971

Blackheath beat Ranelagh in the rowing race at Barnes. "The Club crew outweighed Ranelagh by over two stone per man, providing considerable extra power which put us into an early lead and ensured eventual victory by five lengths."

The Club defeat Orion in the mob match at Chingford despite "our faster members missing on some kind of Hampshire Brewery outing". This presumably was the Brickwood "5", a high class race, won by Reading's Martin Duff, with Peter

Horwood 12th in 25.05, 13. Bob Richardson 25.08, 14. Ian Wilson 25.14, 18. Joe Clare 25.25, 27. Chris Haines 26.01 and 37. Graham Botley 26.47.

At the Southern Counties Open Discus Competition, John Watts wins with a throw of 163'5" (49.81). Graham Gower wins the 60 metre hurdles at the Cosford Indoor Meeting in a time of 8.1. At the same meeting, a young Helen Minting, of Wigmore Harriers runs 7.9 for 60 metres, fifty years on and she's still going strong.

In the Intermediate Girls 80 metre hurdle rankings for the year, joint top is Wigmore's Helen Key with a time of 11.7 while equal fourth placed is future Commonwealth 100 hurdles champion Lorna Boothe, who, in 2021 coached Mallory Cluley to the European Under 20 Championships.

"The evening of last 4th December, billed in the social calendar as a Youth Night, was turned into a very enjoyable and successful evening as a result of the enterprise and initiative of a group of younger members... With 120 tickets printed and sold, it is reliably reported that at least that number spent the evening leaping up and down, the clubhouse heaved in time to the music and a handsome excess of income over expenditure was noted by the Wine Committee."

Chris Woodcock wins the £25 first prize in the 200 Club draw, there are also winners of £10, £5 and two of £2. (This would be worth £314.55 in 2021, £10 is worth £125.82, £5 = £62.91, £2 = £25.61).

(Your Courier was ahead of the game last month in remembering it was 50 years since Benny Hill's "Ernie" entered the charts and hit number one. One of the Festive University Challenges featured three questions on the song. The answers were "Trigger", "Teddington" and "Macaroons".)

25 years ago in December 1996.

Dave Taylor finishes third in the Portsmouth Victory 5 mile road race in a time of 23.20.

At the Kent Cross Country Championships at Gillingham, there are team wins for the under 17 men, under 15 boys and under 13 boys and an individual victory for Matt Hill (U17M).

Pete Barlow wins the Club veterans cross country championships

Pat Squires wins the Christmas Yacht 5 Handicap race

Margaret Baldwin wins the December 200 Club bumper prize of £385.

MATTERS ARISING - December Committee Business

1 The improvements to the Ladies shower/toilet facilities had been completed on schedule. They were officially opened by Mary Peters when she visited the Clubhouse on 30th Nov as our guest to start the Orion Mob Match and attend the supper in the evening. The cost of the work had exceeded the budget largely due to structural problems from the original building, discovered once refurbishment work had started. Covering the overspend hangs on whether a grant from the London Marathon Charities Fund is received. Anyone who has not contributed to the associated Loofah Appeal is encouraged to do so.

2 Further progress with the George Brooks Memorial has confirmed that a bench will be installed at Norman Park in the near future.

3 Brenda Brent had written requesting volunteers to assist with serving teas at Norman Park for our home fixtures during the 1997 track and field season. Any volunteers should contact a member of the Committee.

4 An adjusted budget for 1997 was presented to the Committee, showing a small surplus of about £550.

The Chairman of the Finance Group, P/P Derek Gregory, announced his intention to resign at the next AGM. A debt of thanks for his four years in office was recorded. It was stressed that although everyone did not always agree with his caution, the prudent principles that he adopted through some difficult financial times should not be forgotten, and should act as a guide in the future.

Again, if anyone would like to volunteer for this post, please make yourself known. Derek and the Treasurer, Peter Long, will

copily explain the job description to you.
Plans revealed at a recent Bromley Leisure Services forum, covering the future of the Crystal Palace Sports Centre when the lease expires in about two years time, did not include a track and field facility. Concern was expressed that the loss of it in this area would be a calamity for grass root young athletes.

John Baldwin, Chairman

(Editor's note: *The Bromley Times* of 19th Dec reports that the result of a study into the future of the National Sports Centre is expected next Spring.)

Rankings 2021

Under 17 Men.

100. 24=. Verrel Charles 11.06.
400. 20. Nathan Firla 50.89, 23. Adam Islam-Medeaux 51.00.
1500 s/ch. 14. George Shaw 4.53.57
3000 Walk. 2. Jonathan Ellerton 17.00.55.
400H. 4. Luke Dronfield 55.54
PV. 4. Ben Platt 4.10, 18. Oscar Witcombe 3.60.
SP. 8. Max Devon Lowe 14.72, 25. Bryon Duncan 13.30.
DT. 7. Brydon Duncan 46.46
HT. 22. Brydon Duncan 42.76.

Under 17 Women.

100. 5. Faith Akinbileje 11.82
200. 4. Faith Akinbileje 24.11
400. 5. Amarisa Sibley 56.76, 17. Cameron Kelly Gordon 58.89, 23. Gabriella Martin 59.26.
800. 7. Amarisa Sibley 2.09.44.
3000. 1. Fleur Todd Warmoth 9.19.77
1500 s/ch. 10. Gabriella Martin 5.17.13
3000 Walk. 3. Abigail Smith 15.35.51
5000 Walk. 4. Abigail Smith 28.25.07.
80H. 6. Jodie Self* 11.48
300H. 22. Emily Algeo 47.27.
HJ. 11=. Daisy Snell 1.65
LJ. 15. Daisy Snell 5.65, 19. Amelia Gray* 5.58.
TJ. 2. Amelia Gray* 12.11
SP. 1. Cleo Agyepong 15.59.
DT. 25. Cleo Agyepong 32.17
HT. 3. Gypsy Nash 52.64.

Under 15 Boys

400. 9=. Marly Byfield 55.86
80H. 3=. Rayhan Mourtada 11.29, 9=. Andrew Nikoro 11.6.
HJ. 12. Andrew Nikoro 1.71.
LJ. 22. Andrew Nikoro 5.72, 29. Zuriel Nwogwugwu 5.63.
PV. 6. Finn Kitteridge 3.20, 8. Charlie Platt 3.10.
SP. 13=. Andrew Nikoro 12.71.
JT. 15. Ellis Ibrahim 43.66, 18. Max Kennedy 43.24.
Pent. 8. Andrew Nikoro 2675.

Under 15 Girls

300. 23. Daisy Snell 42.10
3000. 11. Megan Slattery 10.19.0
75H. 4. Daisy Snell 11.39
HJ. 2=. Daisy Snell 1.65.
LJ. 3. Daisy Snell 5.65
PV. 27. Lydia Witcombe 2.10.
DT. 25. Erin Simpson 25.45.
Pent. 4. Daisy Snell 3251

Under 13 Boys.

75=. 25=. Max Jeffrey 10.1
150. 27=. Max Jeffrey 20.1
200. 26=. Joseph Scanes 26.88.
800. 2. Joseph Scanes 2.08.96.
1200. 3. Joseph Scanes 3.36.30, 7. Lucas Elmqvist 3.41.79.
1500. 3. Joseph Scanes 4.31.82, 17. Lucas Elmqvist 4.43.51.
75H. 8. Joshua Dako 12.35, 9. Jamie Ellerton 12.39.
HJ. 10=. Joshua Dako 1.48.
PV. 1. Charlie Platt 3.10.
SP. 13. Lorne Burnett 9.62.
DT. 18. Lorne Burnett 22.44.
JT. 17. Charlie Platt 32.48.
Pent. 10. Joshua Dako 1611.

Under 13 Girls.

75. 8=. Chizam Boniface 10.03.
150. 13. Chizam Boniface 20.2.
600. 19. Luciana Smith 1.48.53
800. 11. Luciana Smith 2.21.21
1200. 9. Charlotte Bloodworth 3.51.1, 12. Luciana Smith 3.52.80.
1500. 11. Charlotte Bloodworth 4.56.06, 19. Luciana Smith 4.58.91.
HJ. 21. Raine Surla 1.39.
SP. 4. Emilia Adese 9.34.
DT. 27. Charlotte Bloodworth 19.20.
Pent. 13. Charlotte Bloodworth 2215.

