

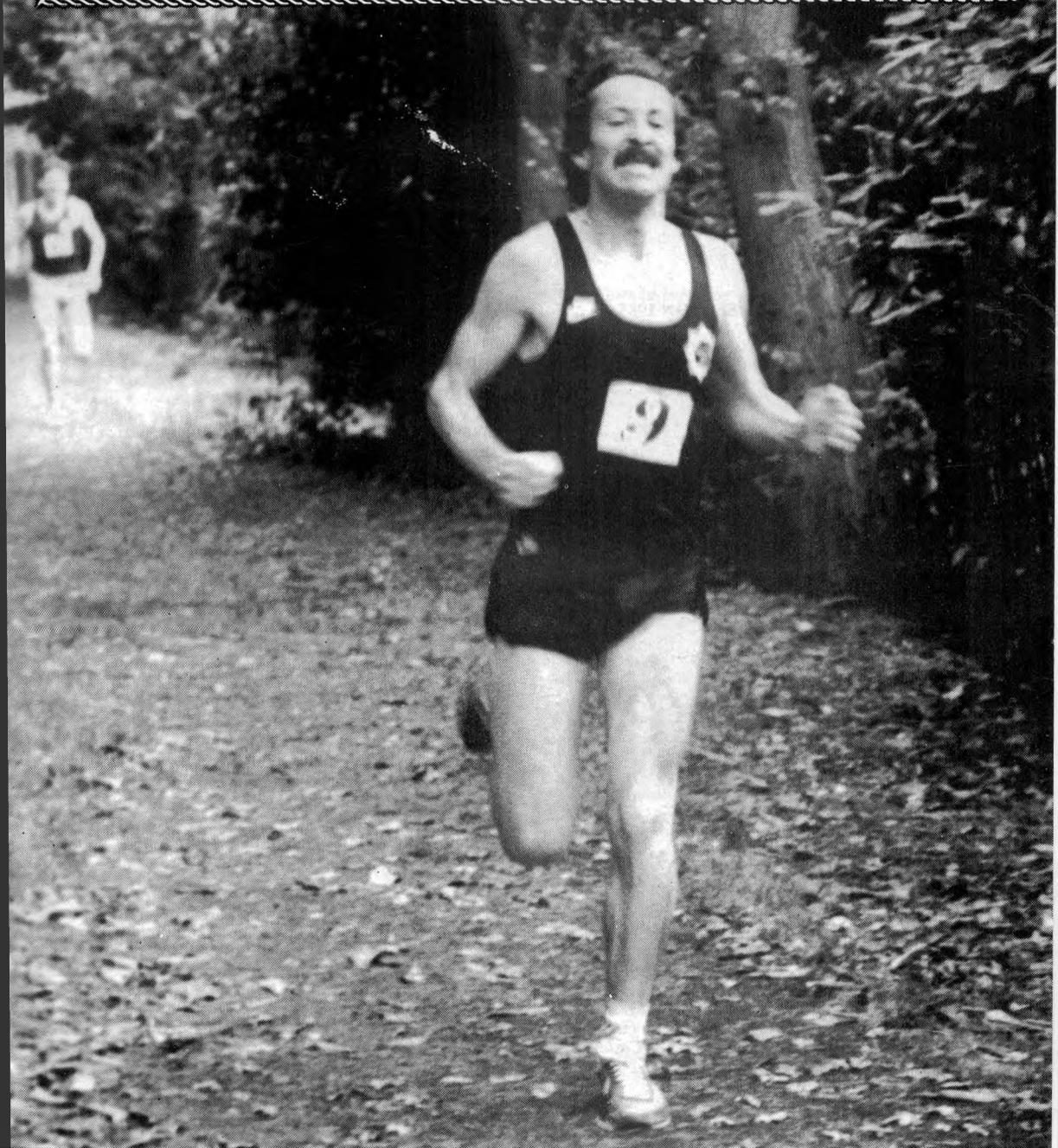
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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear 'Heathens,

After all the enjoyment I have had during four years as Hon. Secretary it is an even greater privilege to be serving the Club this year as President; and I hope to be cheering you on in all the wide variety of fixtures in which the Club is now engaged. I was greatly encouraged, a few days before writing these lines, to see a record number of 137 'Heathens running in the SLH mob match, to level the total of victories in this fixture at 38-all; and I trust that the enthusiasm shown on that day will persist throughout the year.

We are a Club with a great history and great traditions: but we must always be looking to the future and responding to new demands. Thus, while our resources compare well with those of most clubs, your Committee is currently seeking both to enlarge our stock of equipment for track and field events and to find additional sources of finance to support our heavy programme. But our greatest resource is you, the members (and I don't mean just your cash or your athletic prowess). As one member, adapting the words of the late President Kennedy, said at a recent Open Night, "Ask not what the Club can do for you: ask what you can do for the Club". To which a very hard-working Past President added that, the more he had done for the Club, the more fun he had had. Try it and see!

Yours 'heathenly,  
Bill Lake

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Bill Lake

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## EDITORIAL

The weather may have been pretty dire for the most part this year but from an athletic point of view it wasn't too bad for the Harriers. With all the hyped up athletics on the box it was very refreshing to go to League meetings and see sheer, undiluted competition for its own sake raging in all corners of the arena. I wonder when the public are going to realise that the League offers such a high standard of real head to head stuff, probably when some of the cash now in the sport filters down far enough for a bit of marketing to be done. At the last Division One meeting the crowd, my mum that is, thoroughly enjoyed herself and said she would definitely go again! The British League is the equivalent of the National Basketball League even the Football League yet at present virtually nobody, except competitors and close friends, ever attend. What an incredible state of affairs in a country which is blessed with so many stars of the world stage.

Getting back to the boys in black (well for most of the time), we successfully managed to hold onto our first division status in track and field and even scored a hatful of road race team victories with a few individual wins as well. We finally saw the cess pit installed (what on earth am I going to do for copy now?) and believe we even had victories at table tennis, football and cricket. Just for good measure we also struck gold at county, national and world levels.

Unfortunately much of what goes on never gets disseminated through the Club. Minds at the centre are going to have to consider this matter carefully but in the meantime may I make a plea to each and everyone of you. Please let me or any official know what you've been up to (even non-athletically if you think its worth it!) Only then can we all begin to appreciate the full range of what the Club is doing and how well it is doing it. Everyone counts so please ensure your performance is recorded and, if possible, a few words written by someone every time you compete.

Also, if it is a key event or you achieve something noteworthy at whatever level, then let John Powell know all the details *immediately* for the local press. His phone number is (01) 290 1823. If the event is on a Sunday and therefore the result cannot be got to him until very near his deadline then warn him during the preceding week about your forthcoming event and he will instruct you as to the best way and time to get the news to him.

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### THINGS THEY SAY:—

"Where have all the others gone?" Les Roberts to Bill O'Donnell towards the end of a 10 mile training run covered at only just outside 5 minute pace.

"The trouble with vets races is finding your track suit afterwards in a sack full of toupées, false teeth and hearing aids." Brian Buonvino, Dartford Harriers.

"Mum, I'm phoning to tell you I've won the European championship."

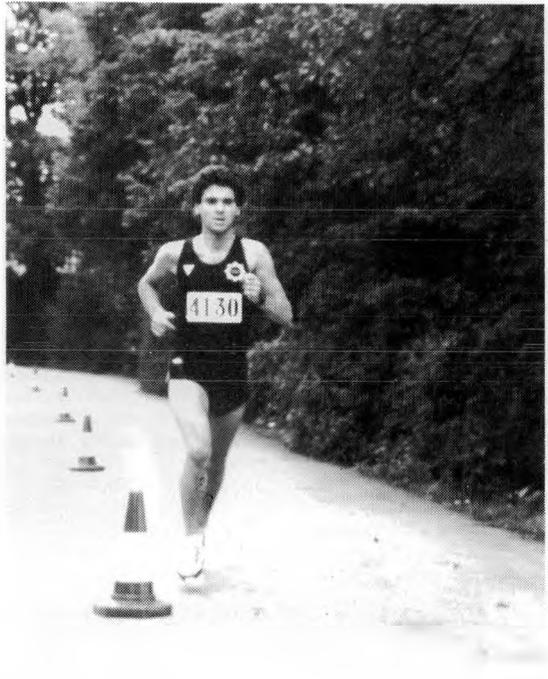
Reply: (pause) "Oh, that's good; when did you find out?"

"Mum, I'm just phoning to tell you I've won the World Championship."

Reply: "Oh, I am pleased" (pause) "My foot has really been giving me gip this week."

### COVER PHOTO

Richard Coles. Back to winning form in the Club '5'.  
Report next issue.



*Norman Davidson — your new Asst. Editor (general).*



*Nigel Keogh — takes over as Asst. Editor (track).*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 1984

Dear Sir,

It has been grand in recent years to see such a famous old club as ours maintaining its traditions and successfully evolving with the times. Our record in the National Athletic League speaks for itself, as does the redevelopment of the club house.

There is, however, one major area in which we are sadly lagging behind. Women's athletics has really taken off, and many clubs have a thriving women's section. The fact that we do not in 1984 is an anachronism. There are a number of families involved with Blackheath Harriers, and it is regrettable that not all their active athletes can be club members.

Would not Blackheath and Bromley A.C. be a fine name for a rejuvenated club ready to go on to even greater success over a broader field? It would also help to dispel the illusions of prospective new members about the club's precise location.

Yours 'heavenly,

Geoff Crowder



*This may not be quite what Geoff had in mind but let us know what you think on this issue.*

Dear Les,

I thought I should drop everyone a line as I moved home earlier this year.

On 29th June, 1984, I completed 600 consecutive days training and decided to call it a day. A disaster in the London Marathon in May of that year really depressed me and I was no longer enjoying the sport. In March, 1985, I took over as District Manager at Colchester for the Prudential, far greener pastures than London's East End! We found a nice house and moved in finally in June.

My retirement from running lasted for 10 months.

On 20th April, I went out for a jog and since that date I have only missed one day's training. I'm running quite hard again now but it's very low key — something over 5 miles a day at the moment — I haven't raced yet. What made me start again you might ask? Mainly the fact that I'd put a lot of weight on again but there is probably some relevance in the date I started again. Yes, the next day, 21st April was the 1985 London Marathon, the first one I'd missed. I obviously needed a fix!

May I in closing offer my best wishes to all my pals at the Club — that's if anyone remembers me now. I still wear the Club gear on occasions when training so I'm still flying the flag, I wish Buster Watson did the same when he appears on TV.

Hope to see you sometime.

'Heavenly yours,

Pete Catley

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Our late Vice President, A. G. V. Allen, was in the habit of writing notes about races and giving relevant details, and the following extract will surprise those who are not used to pre-war hospitality. He writes about our visit to Cambridge University in 1925:—

"We were escorted to the Livingstone Hotel where we had a ripping dinner. Tomato soup, filleted plaice and anchovy sauce. Roast goose, peas and potatoes, fruit salad and custard or apple tart and custard, cheese and coffee. The wines were Chablis and Burgundy".

Indeed those were the days!

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FANCY DRESS — BOXING DAY

P. P. A. Brent — Woad Wunners Club

R. Farish — Torvill and Dean (on his own?)

Bromley Ladies added colour and glamour to the scene:

Snow White

Andy Pandy

4 girls from St. Trinians

2 Charleston girls

BENNETT POINTS HANDICAP CUP

Name	'5	SLH	ORION	'10	RAN	'5	CLSG	Total Points
1. W. Wheeler	29	1	37	12	24	34		137
2. I. Gold	14	1	32	33	23	25		128
3. R. Morris	1	1	39	28	35	23		127
4. J. Nash	23	35	1	37	1	28		125

# CROSS COUNTRY

## SOUTH OF THAMES CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION JUNIOR RACE

10th November, 1984

Pos.	Name	Club	Time
1.	O. Foote	Belgrave	28.08
2.	J. Gladwin	Belgrave	.16
3.	J. Starling	Southampton	.24
51.	G. Martin	Blackheath	30.23
62.	K. Daniel	Blackheath	.46
80.	M. Athawes	Blackheath	31.26
95.	G. Spencer	Blackheath	.39
115.	S. Fitzcosta	Blackheath	32.08
128.	N. Colvin	Blackheath	.37
134.	P. Barrington-King	Blackheath	.44
137.	M. Williams	Blackheath	.51
152.	R. Ebbutt	Blackheath	33.14
168.	M. Whicheloe	Blackheath	.48
Team Result			
1.	Belgrave (1, 2, 6, 7)		16 pts
2.	Brighton (9, 19, 22, 27)		77 pts
3.	Aldershot F & D (14, 16, 23, 25)		78 pts
14.	Blackheath		288 pts
26.	Blackheath 'B'		538 pts

### ROESELARE

25th November, 1984

Now how can I begin to find words to describe the conditions encountered this day in Flanders? For those of you who can recall the state of the lower sections of Parliament Hill Fields during the "National" in 1981 (won by Julian Goaters) all I can say is that this Belgian course was many times worse. It resembled a motorway in the very earliest stages of construction. And then there was the light brown lake!

Despite all this, world class Belgian runner Vincent Rousseau went round as if on a newly laid tartan track leaving an international field splashing and oozing in his wake (literally). The Blackheath contingent did well in view of the standard of opposition and only Bill Foster, who is far more at home on stable surfaces, succumbed to the inhospitable surroundings.

By the time the veterans race started probably something in excess of 1000 runners had raced over the circuit so, if anything, it was even worse. Nevertheless Les Roberts and company did their best to ignore the difficulties and "get on wit' game".

Les flowed away from the field almost from the start and came home nearly a minute clear despite attempts by locals to nobble him the night before with vast quantities of high quality wine till 3.00 a.m.

The lads' efforts meant the usual cache of carpets, ceramics, coffee machines, etc., etc. crossed the channel and had to be explained away at the customs.

#### Vets

1st Les Roberts  
10th Ian Wilson  
22nd Mike Cronin  
23rd Chris Haines  
100+ starters.

#### Senior 'A' Race (International)

1st V. Rousseau (Belgium)  
33rd Bill O'Donnell  
41st Rob Farish  
Bill Foster D.N.F.

#### Senior 'B' Race

Ken Daniel about 50th.



A sniper picks off Steve FitzCosta on Hayes common.

### BLACKHEATH v CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS v SEVENOAKS A.C. v WOODFORD GREEN v VETERANS A.C. (Club Vets Championship) (6 miles)

Hayes

8th December, 1984

This event was once again a considerable success. It was as usual coupled with an inter-club race and a self-handicap against a mark of 40 minutes for 10 kilometres.

Seventy-three veterans, 36 from Blackheath, and 2 non-veterans lined up for the start and the same number finished. The individual winner was new Blackheath member Peter Anderson. The home club placed 6 in the first 8 in times of 39.02 or better, and at least 3 runners of comparable standard were missing. It augurs well for the major championships.

Cambridge Harriers presented the only serious threat for the team prize. They packed well but rather too far back. The fact that 1 or 2 of them went off course was extremely regrettable but not decisive. It was good to welcome a total of 6 visiting clubs, particularly several for the first time. South London Harriers and Wycombe Phoenix had insufficient runners to take part in the team race.

The handicap produced a tie for 1st place, the home club tactfully not being involved. Richard Pitcairn-Knowles continued with his greedy ways. His name is the despair of recorders. It is the age of the digital watch, but we are sure that the rumours are untrue of competitors lurking behind bushes near the finish.

As in previous years, Frank Dyter helped greatly with the organization and donated a number of prizes. He may move away from the area before next year. Many thanks, Frank, you will be sorely missed.

Pos.	Name	Club	Time	H/cap.	Net Time	H/cap.
1.	P. Anderson	BH	37.27	03.00	40.27	16
2.	G. Stock	CH	.33			
3.	L. Taylor	CH	.34			
4.	G. Woodcock	BH	.37	03.45	41.22	43
5.	B. Goodfellow	CH	.40	00.30	38.10	52
6.	B. O'Gorman	BH	38.04	Scratch	38.04	53
7.	D. White	BH	.34	02.00	40.34	22
8.	W. Giddings (V50)	CH	.40	00.40	39.20	25
9.	M. Cronin	BH	.49	01.00	39.49	5
10.	J. Taylor	BH	39.02	Scratch	39.02	34
11.	J. Kavanagh	BH	40.04	00.35	39.29	20
12.	D. Bradley	CH	.11	00.40	40.51	31
13.	E. Jones	CH	.17	01.30	38.47	40
14.	E. Land	CH	.18	Scratch	40.18	7
15.	D. Thomas	CH	.20	04.30	35.50	67
16.	P. Shephard	BH	.24	Scratch	40.24	14
17.	R. Pitcairn-Knowles	BH	.32	00.40	39.52	3
18.	P. Greenwood	BH	.35	02.00	38.35	44
19.	T. Stevens	WG	.51	01.32	39.19	26
20.	B. Swift	BH	41.20	01.00	40.20	9
21.	A. Michell	BH	42.29	04.00	38.29	46
22.	B. Saxton	BH	.35	02.00	40.35	24
23.	W. Clapham	BH	.36	01.00	41.36	48
24.	S. Wright	SEV	.42	02.00	40.42	27
25.	D. Holden	CH	.46	04.30	38.16	50
26.	K. Sheppard	SLH	.47	00.30	43.17	64
27.	D. Smith	CH	.57	Scratch	42.57	63
28.	A. Weeks-Pearson	BH	43.12	04.00	39.12	30
29.	J. Godber	CH	.27	03.00	40.27	17
30.	B. Hartley	BH	.27	04.00	39.27	21
31.	R. Belmore	VET	.37	02.50	40.47	29
32.	R. Saiz	BH	.40	04.00	39.40	10
33.	A. Otto	SEV	.43	04.00	39.43	6
34.	J. Rook	CH	.45	01.00	42.45	62
35.	A. Redgewell	BH	.57	06.00	37.57	54
36.	R. Chambers	BH	44.00	05.00	39.00	36
37.	P. Lewis	BH	.17	05.00	39.17	28
38.	R. Foreman	BH	.44	06.00	38.44	41
39.	B. Dinsley	BH	45.36	10.00	35.36	69
40.	J. Baker	WG	.57	06.22	39.35	15
41.	J. Hay	VET	46.08	06.00	40.08	4
42.	T. Crisp	VET	.30	05.00	41.30	45
43.	J. Hayward	WG	.31	07.00	39.31	19
44.	M. Massey	SEV	.34	06.00	40.34	23
45.	R. Stewart	BH	.43	11.00	35.43	68
46.	J. Dalziel	SEV	.57	06.00	40.57	32
47.	V. Martin	WP	47.29	10.10	37.19	61
48.	E. Smith	BH	.31	10.00	37.31	57
49.	C. Stockings	WG	.36	08.38	38.58	37
50.	C. B. Tood	BH	.46	10.00	37.46	55
51.	C. Birch	SEV	47.53	08.00	39.53	1
52.	D. Lewis	VET	48.23	09.20	39.03	33
53.	M. McDowell	VET	.45	10.21	38.24	49
54.	J. Braughton	BH	49.17	11.50	37.27	59
55.	P. Reed	BH	.23	12.00	37.23	60
56.	D. Simpson	SEV	.23	09.00	40.23	13
57.	J. Miles	SLH	.33	10.00	39.33	18
58.	D. Brickwood	BH	50.38	11.00	39.38	11
59.	D. Wilcox	BH	51.11	10.00	41.11	39
60.	P. H. Saxton	BH	.12	11.30	39.42	8
61.	A. Chapman	BH	.17	08.00	43.17	65
62.	H. Martin	BH	.24	12.30	38.54	38
63.	J. Henning	VET	.25	01.40	49.45	73
64.	P. Khan-Panni	BH	52.29	10.00	42.29	58
65.	I. Smith	BH	53.29	12.30	40.59	35
66.	L. Thomas	WP	.37	13.30	40.07	2
67.	G. Eastwood	WG	.47	18.40	35.07	70
68.	P. Long	BH	.52	13.30	40.22	12
69.	J. Cross	BH	55.28	13.00	42.28	56
70.	L. Burnett	WG	.35	17.20	38.15	51
71.	A. Goodwin	SLH	.48	24.00	31.48	72
72.	B. Evans	SEV	56.21	15.00	41.21	42
73.	G. Feast	WP	59.31	17.56	41.35	47
74.	C. Megnin	WG	62.02	18.35	43.27	66
75.	E. Abbot	WP	64.38	18.00	46.38	71

**Team Result (scoring 6 per team)**

1.	Blackheath Harriers	27 pts
2.	Cambridge Harriers	55 pts
3.	Sevenoaks A.C.	242 pts
4.	Veterans A.C.	270 pts
5.	Woodford Green A.C.	276 pts

**Veterans' Championship**

1.	P. Anderson	37.27
2.	C. Woodcock	37.37
3.	B. O'Gorman	38.04
7.	J. Kavanagh (over 50)	40.04

**Handicap**

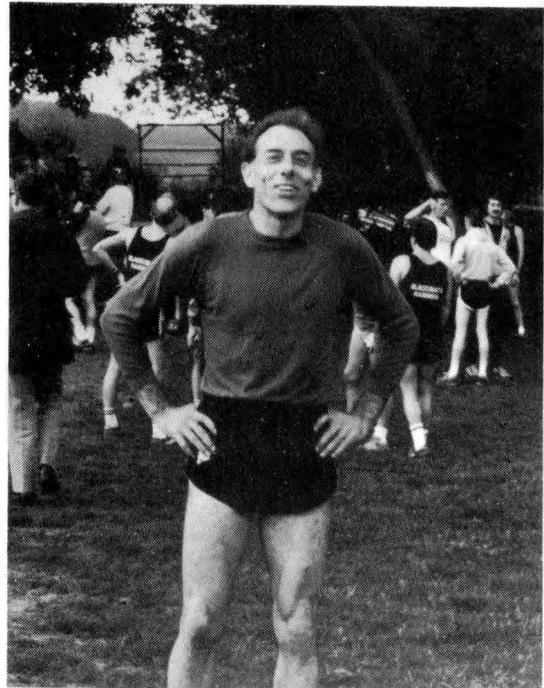
1.	L. Birch (Sevenoaks)	47.53	08.00	39.53
	L. Thomas (Wycombe Phoenix)	53.37	13.30	40.09
3.	R. Pitcairn-Knowles (Blackheath)	40.32	00.40	39.52*

\*Blackheath Harriers not allowed to do well!

**Team**

1.	Blackheath (1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8)	27 pts
2.	Cambridge (3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13)	55 pts
3.	Sevenoaks (22, 31, 42, 44, 49, 54)	242 pts
4.	Veterans (29, 39, 40, 50, 51, 61)	270 pts
5.	Woodford Green	
	(17, 38, 41, 47, 65, 68)	276 pts

G.B.C.



*Vets Champ, Pete Anderson.*

**BLACKHEATH HARRIERS v  
ORION H. v THAMES H. & H.**

*Hayes*

*1st December, 1984*

Pos.	Name	Club	Time	H/cap.	Net Time	H/cap.
1.	P. Gilbert	T	45.33			
2.	G. Martin	B	.36	00.30	45.06	16
3.	W. O'Donnell	B	46.01	00.55	46.01	27
4.	A. Gibbons	T	.04			
5.	K. Pike	B	.42	00.30	46.12	32
6.	R. Coe	B	.46	01.10	45.36	22
7.	G. Spencer	B	47.00	01.15	45.45	24
8.	K. Daniel	B	.40	01.30	46.10	31
9.	M. Laws	B	.52	01.50	46.02	28
10.	P. Filler	O	.59			
11.	C. Woodcock	B	48.07	01.25	46.42	46
12.	A. Caisley	T	.15			
13.	P. Betts	B	.29	02.10	46.19	35
14.	J. McGee	B	.45	01.30	47.15	54

15. N. Davidson	B	.48	02.30	46.18	33
16. S. Ridgewell	B	.58	02.40	46.18	34
17. R. Davies	T	49.02			
18. S. Robinson	B	.33	04.00	45.33	21
19. M. Turner	B				
20. D. White	B	.49	02.30	47.19	57
21. A. Davis	B	.54	03.30	46.24	38
22. J. Eltham	B	50.01	02.30	47.31	63
23. P. Shephard	B	.03	02.45	47.18	56
24. S. Michell	B	.05	02.00	48.05	68
25. M. Athawes	B	.08	01.00	49.08	76
26. M. Bostlemann	T	.11			
27. N. Wahla	B	.14	05.30	44.44	12
28. J. Taylor	B	.16	0.50	45.16	19
29. J. Robinson	B	.24	04.00	46.24	39
30. P. Cressy	O	.29			
31. R. Connolly	O	.38			
32. J. Kelly	B	.48	05.20	45.28	20
33. R. Solomons	T	.55			
34. C. Haines	B	51.09	02.25	48.44	73
35. D. Warner	O	.19			
36. A. Phillips	O	.25			
37. P. Austridge	B	.31	06.30	45.01	14
38. S. Schofield	T	.31			
39. R. Clarke	T	.33			
40. M. Peel	B	.48	05.40	46.08	29
41. R. Warner	O	.49			
42. Raffin	T	52.04			
43. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	B	.08	06.00	46.08	30
44. B. Grant	B	.20	06.00	46.20	37
45. J. Bailey	B	.30	06.00	46.30	41
46. J. Phelan	B	.38	05.30	47.08	50
47. J. Nash	B	.43	05.30	47.13	52
48. A. Stevens	T	.44			
49. P. Cowell	T	53.31			
50. F. Carpenter	T	.33			
51. M. Crisp	B	53.40	08.30	45.10	17
52. W. Wheeler	O	.59	10.00	43.59	4
53. W. Clapham	B	54.04	07.30	46.34	43
54. P. Greenwood	B	.19	07.00	47.19	58
55. B. Saxton	B	.42	07.00	47.42	66
56. R. Farish Snr.	B	.46	07.30	47.16	55
57. M. Gasson	B	55.12	06.20	48.52	74
58. J. Hazleden	T	.25			
59. P. Rissen	B	.33	11.00	44.33	10
60. R. Curtis	O	.39			
61. P. Grant	O	.52			
62. Begg	T	.59			
63. S. Manning	O	.59			
64. R. Morris	B	56.17	13.00	43.17	2
65. R. Walsh	B	.19	07.30	48.49	72
66. B. Hartley	B	.19	10.00	46.19	36
67. J. Gordon	T	.25			
68. A. Calton Jnr.	B	.29	09.00	47.29	62
69. G. Jarman	B	.32	09.00	47.32	64
70. A. Weeks-Pearson	B	.32	10.00	46.32	42
71. R. Chambers	B	.34	10.00	46.34	44
72. S. Wheelton	O	.35			
73. N. Walters	B	.37	10.00	46.37	45
74. J. Hoy	O	57.03			
75. D. Palairt	T	.18			
76. J. Kemp	B	.20	10.00	47.20	60
77. B. Conroy	O	.22			
78. W. Slack	B	.45	10.00	47.45	67
79. M. Hill	T	.56			
80. D. Brookes	B	.57	11.30	46.27	40
81. Mrs. J. Gilbert	T	58.10			
82. D. Redgwel	B	.13	10.00	48.13	69
83. R. Foreman	B	.31	10.00	48.31	71
84. P. Metcalf	B	.57	13.00	45.57	26
85. P. Hunter	B	59.02	14.00	45.02	15
86. D. Haines	B	.11	14.00	45.11	18
87. A. Lewis	O	.25			
88. M. Treacy	B	.26	11.00	48.26	70
89. G. Plank	B	60.12	00.00	51.02	81
90. D. Hopgood	B	.04			
91. P. Rickell	B	.12	13.00	47.12	51
92. B. Todd	B	.13	16.00	44.13	7
93. J. Braughton	B	.15	11.00	49.15	78
94. R. Stewart	B	.20	16.10	44.10	6
95. C. Lutman	O	.21			
96. F. Dudman	B	61.02	12.00	49.02	75
97. A. Steadman	B	.17	10.00	51.17	82
98. P. King	B	.19	14.00	47.19	59
99. R. Graf	B	.56	10.00	51.56	84
100. I. Gold	B	62.26	18.00	44.26	9
101. D. McLeod	B	63.00	19.00	44.00	5

102. D. Dunkley	B	.02	16.00	47.02	49
103. P. Reed	B	.11	14.00	49.11	77
104. D. Burrell	T	.20			
105. D. Brickwood	B	.34	19.00	44.34	11
106. R. White	B	.48	18.00	45.48	25
107. M. Sheppard	B	64.19	15.00	49.19	80
108. G. Forbes	B	.19	13.00	51.19	83
109. L. Dalmon	B	.25	16.45	47.40	65
110. P. Saxon	B	.33	21.00	43.33	3
111. H. Martin	B	.37	19.00	45.37	23
112. D. Wilcox	B	65.00	18.00	47.00	47
113. A. Calton Snr.	B	.20	10.00	55.20	86
114. P. Khan-Panni	B	.40	23.30	42.10	1
115. R. Defoe	O	66.45			
116. D. Saunders	B	68.00	21.00	47.00	48
117. S. Parsons	B	.14	21.00	47.14	53
118. T. Greenwood	B	.18	19.00	49.18	79
119. D. Tingey	B	69.20	25.00	44.20	8
120. P. Long	B	.48	25.00	44.48	13
121. R. Westwood	B	70.31	17.00	53.31	85
122. J. Bennett	B	72.22	25.00	47.22	61

#### Match v Orion Harriers

1. Blackheath H.	83 pts
2. Orion H.	461 pts

#### Match v Thames Hare & Hounds

1. Blackheath H.	226 pts
2. Thames Hare & Hounds	632 pts

#### Match v Orion H v Thames Hare & Hounds

1. Blackheath H.	109pts
2. Thames Hare & Hounds	374pts
3. Orion Harriers	590pts

## BLACKHEATH HARRIERS v KENT A.C.

Beckenham Place Park

8th December, 1984

7½ miles

Pos.	Name	Team	Time
1.	D. Fairbrass	Kent	42.08
2.	N. Fairbrass	Kent	42.55
3.	K. Pike	BH	43.25
4.	R. Maxwell	Guest	44.44
5.	B. Buonvino	Guest	44.45
9.	J. McGee	BH	46.12
10.	M. Athawes	BH	46.27
11.	S. Ridgewell	BH	46.46
14.	C. Haines	BH	47.47
16.	S. Michell	BH	48.25
18.	M. Field	BH	48.44
20.	B. Grant	BH	49.26
21.	J. Phelan	BH	49.50
22.	C. Daly	BH	50.09
23.	W. Wheeler	BH	51.23
24.	A. Jones	BH	52.14
29.	G. Hibbert	BH	55.29
33.	D. White	BH	59.27
34.	A. Musson	BH	60.16
37 finished			
Result (13-a-side)			
Blackheath Harriers	220		
Kent A.C.	223		

## INTER-COUNTIES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Leicester

19th January, 1985

Seniors

141st R. Coles

Juniors

90th R. Farish

Boys

12th D. Williams

Colts

14th L. Bulson

Kent won the Colts team championship.



A new dance craze sweeps Blackheath. John Baldwin demonstrates the "Wooderson".

34.	D. Croll	.29	03.00	63.29	66
35.	J. Robinson	.29	06.50	59.39	60
36.	S. Robinson	.35	03.40	62.55	64
37.	W. Wheeler	67.10	10.00	57.10	29
38.	M. Peel	.15	10.30	56.45	24
39.	J. Bailey	.16	10.30	56.46	25
40.	M. Crisp	.48	00.56	56.48	26
41.	A. Michell	.57	14.00	53.57	5
42.	R. Morris	68.03	12.00	56.03	13
43.	R. Pitcairn-Knowles	.09	10.50	57.19	32
44.	D. Hickman	.34	12.00	56.34	21
45.	T. Macey	.38	10.00	58.38	49
46.	N. Umney	.41	11.00	57.41	35
47.	W. Clapham	69.21	11.20	58.01	38
48.	P. Greenwood	.48	10.00	59.48	61
49.	P. Davies	.52	11.00	58.52	56
50.	R. Walsh	70.18	12.15	58.03	39
51.	B. Saxton	.20	11.40	58.40	50
52.	J. Kelly	.22	07.00	63.22	65
53.	W. Slack	.26	15.20	55.06	10
54.	J. Kemp	.58	15.00	55.58	12
55.	R. Day	71.33	13.30	58.03	40
56.	N. Wahla	72.15	06.10	66.05	71
57.	R. Chambers	.22	14.10	58.12	43
58.	D. Cordell	73.04	15.00	58.04	41
59.	A. Weeks-Pearson	.13	14.00	59.13	59
60.	M. Newman	.21	16.50	56.31	19
61.	A. Musson	75.29	24.30	50.59	1
62.	I. Gold	.40	21.00	54.40	8
63.	F. Dudman	76.49	19.00	57.49	36
64.	A. Stedman	77.15	20.00	57.15	31
65.	P. Churcher	.26	10.00	67.26	72
66.	P. Reed	.38	21.00	56.38	22
67.	R. Graf	79.00	20.30	58.30	46
68.	P. Khan-Panni	80.19	24.30	55.49	11
69.	D. Brickwood	.36	23.00	57.36	34
70.	B. Todd	81.10	17.40	63.30	67
71.	D. Wilcox	.33	25.00	56.33	20
72.	J. Braughton	82.53	18.00	64.53	70
73.	B O'Flynn	83.46	11.00	72.46	73
74.	S. Parsons	.55	25.30	58.25	44
75.	J. Brown	87.23	23.00	64.23	69
76.	J. Ashton	90.01	10.00	80.01	74
77.	D. J. Tingey	91.00	27.00	64.00	68

### 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

### KENT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hayes

12th January, 1985

Mote Park, Maidstone

5th January, 1985

Pos.	Name	Time	H/cap	Net Time	pos.
1.	P. Calnan	58.12	1.00	57.12	30
2.	G. Martin	.31	Set	58.31	47
3.	K. Pike	59.20	00.30	58.50	53
4.	B. Buonvino (Kent)	.44			
5.	G. Spencer	.57	01.20	58.37	48
6.	R. Coe	.58	01.10	58.48	52
7.	P. Anderson	.59	01.00	58.59	57
8.	M. Laws	60.10	03.00	57.10	28
9.	B. O'Gorman	.39	06.30	54.09	6
10.	K. Daniel	.53	02.10	58.43	51
11.	C. Woodcock	.56	02.30	58.26	45
12.	J. McGee	61.22	02.30	58.52	55
13.	M. Cronin	.24	02.15	59.09	58
14.	S. Fitzcoasta	.35	02.45	58.50	54
15.	C. Haines	.57	07.30	54.27	7
16.	P. Shepheard	62.10	06.00	56.10	15
17.	R. Cliff	.26	02.25	60.01	62
18.	P. Barrington-King	.34	06.30	56.04	14
19.	S. Michell	.49	06.00	56.49	27
20.	N. Colvin	.59	05.00	57.59	37
21.	J. Eltham	63.06	05.00	58.06	42
22.	M. Williams	.13	06.30	56.43	23
23.	J. Phelan	.30	10.30	53.00	2
24.	J. Nash	.37	10.30	53.07	47
25.	R. Ebbutt	64.35	07.00	57.35	33
26.	N. Luxford (Kent A.C.)	.45			
27.	T. Nana	65.02	12.00	53.02	3
28.	D. White	.22	05.00	60.22	63
29.	D. Grant	.28	10.30	54.58	9
30.	A. Regan (Kent)	.43			
31.	J. Turner	66.10	10.00	56.10	16
32.	P. Daniel	.13	10.00	56.13	13.18
33.	D. Crowdsom	.26	10.15	56.11	17

### COLTS

1.	S. Wilson	Dartford	15.36
2.	J. Mills	Medway	.40
3.	A. Whiteman	Elliott	.54
4.	L. Bulson	Blackheath	16.01
29.	A. Rose	Blackheath	18.25
34.	S. Field	Blackheath	.42
41.	A. McEwan	Blackheath	19.07
58.	N. Hartley	Blackheath	20.21
62.	M. Shrimpton	Blackheath	.41
65.	M. Peters	Blackheath	.55
79.	Finished		
1.	Elliott	21 pts	
2.	Medway	54 pts	
3.	Tonbridge	55 pts	
5.	Blackheath	108 pts	
10.	teams closed in.		

### BOYS

1.	A. Jubey	Elliott	15.01
2.	G. Osborn	Elliott	.05
3.	F. Francis	Elliott	.06
9.	D. Williams	Blackheath	.14
22.	J. James	Blackheath	16.19
55.	T. Partington	Blackheath	18.10
58.	M. Sandford	Blackheath	.18
59.	B. Brown	Blackheath	.21
65.	G. Crouch	Blackheath	.50
71.	J. White	Blackheath	19.25
75.	Finished		
1.	Elliott	17 pts	
2.	Tonbridge	43 pts	
3.	Dartford	84 pts	
9.	Blackheath	194 pts	
11.	teams closed in.		

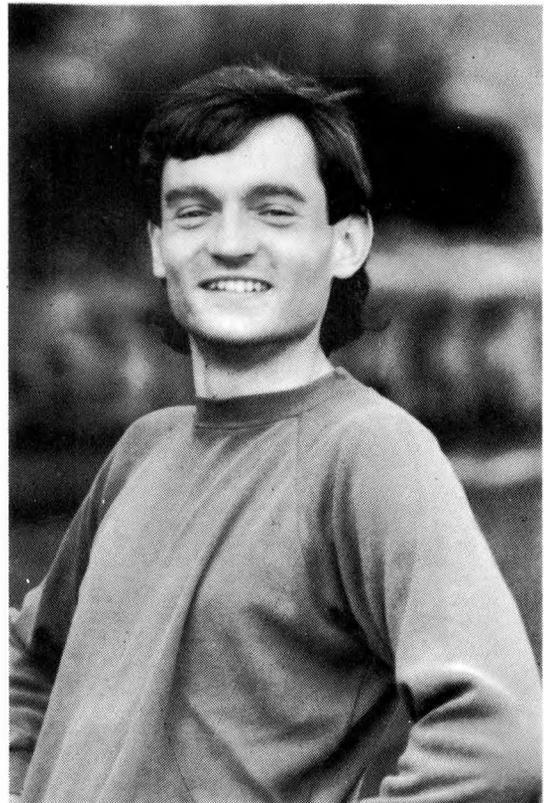
**JUNIORS**

1. A. Hollens	Tonbridge	26.50
2. S. Newport	Tonbridge	27.17
3. R. Farish	Blackheath	.31
15. J. Adams	Blackheath	29.19
18. M. Laws	Blackheath	.53
24. P. Davis	Blackheath	31.16
34 Finished		
1. Tonbridge	10 pts	
2. Elliott	23 pts	
3. Cambridge	36 pts	
4. Blackheath	36 pts	
6 teams closed in.		

**SENIORS**

1. N. Brawn	Invicta	38.42
2. M. Brameld	Invicta	39.22
3. A. Guilder	Elliott	.27
15. R. Coles	Blackheath	41.34
27. P. Calnan	Blackheath	42.45
32. S. Thompson	Blackheath	43.05
40. G. Spencer	Blackheath	.35
48. I. Wilson	Blackheath	.56
53. P. Betts	Blackheath	44.26
69. R. Coe	Blackheath	45.22
72. K. Daniel	Blackheath	.32
73. S. Fitzcosta	Blackheath	.38
75. P. B-King	Blackheath	.41
80. C. Haines	Blackheath	46.09
83. M. Athawes	Blackheath	.22
85. M. Colpus	Blackheath	.34
87. S. Ridgewell	Blackheath	.51
94. R. Cliff	Blackheath	47.18
96. J. Phelan	Blackheath	.22
97. N. Colvin	Blackheath	.26
104. J. Robinson	Blackheath	47.47
106. M. Field	Blackheath	.57
107. R. Ebbutt	Blackheath	48.11
111. C. Bird	Blackheath	.51
113. B. Grant	Blackheath	.56
126. D. White	Blackheath	49.50
131. J. Bailey	Blackheath	50.05
148. R. Farish	Blackheath	51.44
149. W. Clapham	Blackheath	.54
151. M. Crisp	Blackheath	52.01
160. M. Gasson	Blackheath	53.08
170. B. Hartley	Blackheath	54.57
179. I. Gold	Blackheath	56.38
202. A. Pickering	Blackheath	73.43
202 Finished		
1. Invicta	45 pts	
2. Cambridge	101 pts	
3. Dartford	154 pts	
7. Blackheath 'A'	215 pts	
10. Blackheath 'B'	549 pts	
18. Blackheath 'C'	855 pts	
19 teams closed in.		

21. J. Smith	RAN	.57			
22. B. O'Gorman	BH	43.03	02.00	41.03	68
23. M. Cronin	BH	.04	02.20	40.44	55
24. P. Barrington-King	BH	.27	03.00	40.27	49
25. M. Wilkinson	BH	.38	04.00	39.38	31
26. M. Hill	RAN	.42			
27. M. Riley	RAN	.44			
28. J. McGee	BH	.45	02.20	41.25	73
29. M. Gohar	RAN	.57			
30. R. Wise	RAN	44.01			
31. M. Peace	RAN	.06			
32. D. White	BH	.13	04.10	40.03	40
33. K. Daniel	BH	.22	02.00	42.22	89
34. S. Ridgewell	BH	.24	03.20	41.04	69
35. M. Jackson	BH	.34	03.00	41.34	77
36. S. Mitchell	BH	.37	04.00	40.37	51
37. J. Phelan	BH	.38	04.30	40.08	42
38. J. Robinson	BH	.39	04.45	39.54	36
39. N. Colvin	BH	.39	04.40	39.59	37
40. P. Davis	BH	.39	03.00	41.39	80
41. I. Wilson	BH	.39	02.00	42.39	90
42. R. Horner	BH	.47	04.00	40.47	57
43. D. Croll	BH	.53	06.00	38.53	16
44. J. Forrest	RAN	45.03			
45. D. Walton	RAN	.09			
46. P. Shepheard	BH	.15	04.20	40.55	64
47. C. Woodcock	BH	.16	02.30	42.46	93
48. J. Nash	BH	.22	04.30	40.52	61
49. J. Eltham	BH	.40	04.00	41.40	81
50. M. Athawes	BH	.43	04.00	41.43	83
51. K. Hawney	RAN	45.47			
52. G. Griffiths	RAN	.48			
53. M. Field	BH	.48	07.00	38.48	14
54. B. Skeet	RAN	.49			
55. G. King	RAN	.50			
56. R. Ebbutt	BH	46.09	06.00	40.09	44



*"I say, Chaps, I'm in the old Mag, don't you know?"  
Neil Colvin's solid winter paid dividends later on the track.*

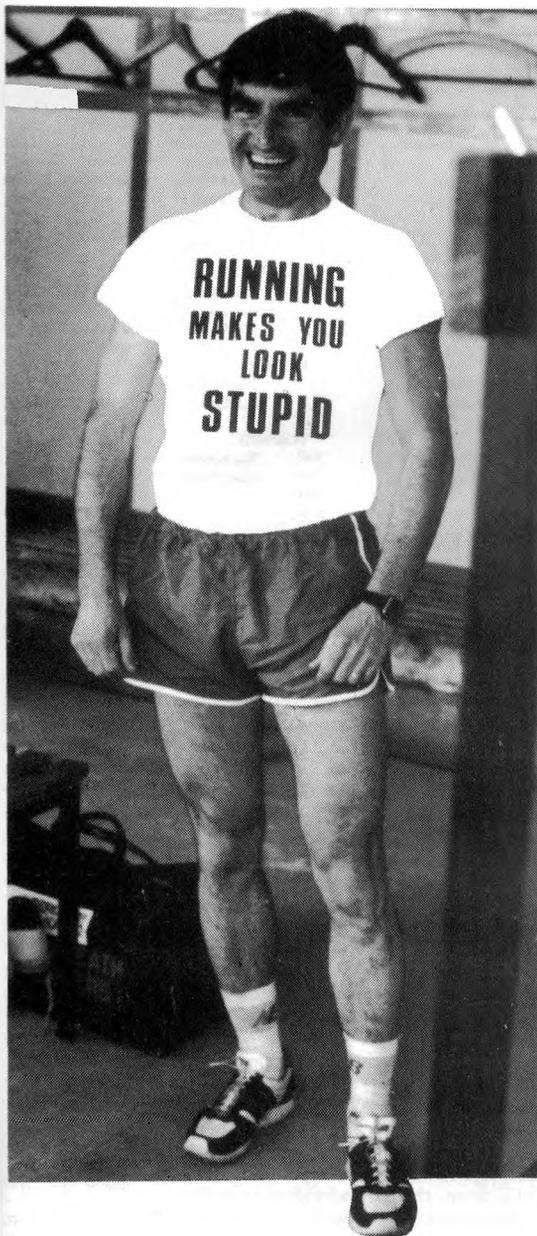
**BLACKHEATH HARRIERS v RANELAGH HARRIERS**

Hayes

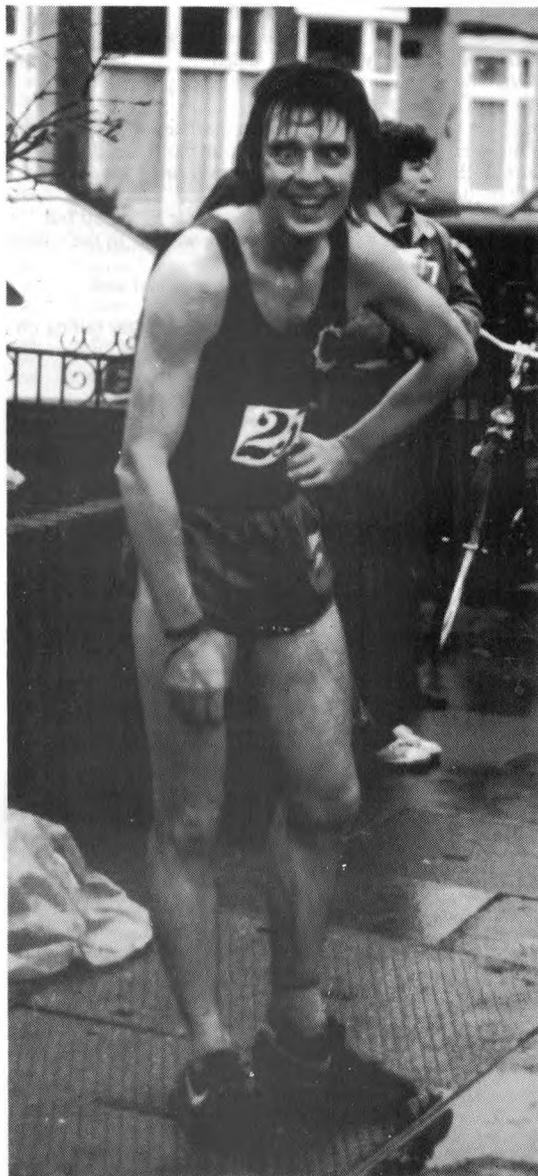
19th January, 1985

Pos.	Name	Club	Time	H/cap.	Net Time	H/cap Pos.
1.	D. Wright	RAN	40.06			
2.	B. Collingridge	RAN	.06			
3.	S. Pautard	RAN	.40			
4.	B. O'Donnell	BH	.43	SCR	40.43	53
5.	S. Henderson	RAN	.50			
6.	S. Rowland	RAN	41.16			
7.	K. Pike	BH	.16	01.00	40.16	47
8.	R. Coe	BH	.19	01.10	40.09	43
9.	C. Haines	BH	.19	03.00	38.19	12
10.	G. Spencer	BH	.33	01.20	40.13	45
11.	D. Muckersie	RAN	.50			
12.	S. Fitzcosta	BH	.50	02.30	39.20	23
13.	G. Jones	RAN	.58			
14.	S. Hedger	RAN	42.10			
15.	W. Harvey	RAN	.14			
16.	P. Hamilton	BH	.20	01.20	41.00	66
17.	P. Anderson	BH	.28	01.00	41.28	74
18.	D. Jenkins	RAN	.33			
19.	M. Laws	BH	.46	01.45	41.01	67
20.	R. Cliff	BH	.48	03.00	39.48	33





*Nobody's going to argue with that!*  
*Jim Phelan confirms.*



**STILL TOOTING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS**

As one who had taken part in the first fixture held at the original Tooting Bec Track (Imperial College AC v SLH on 28 April 1937) PP Harold Thompson received an invitation to attend the official opening of the new all weather track on 24th August, 1985 and he much enjoyed the hospitality provided and the excellent athletic meeting which followed (in which several 'Heathens were competing). As a finishing touch to a very pleasant afternoon he was surprised to find himself included in the Parade of Champions against such notable athletes of the past as Bill Nankeville and Jim Peters and of the present as Mike Winch and with them to receive a commemorative medal from the Mayor of Wandsworth.

**Coleman Cup (12 to score)**

1. Westbury	384 pts
2. A.F.D.	1128 pts
3. Ranelagh	1144 pts
4. Brighton	1323 pts
5. Blackheath	1490 pts
6. S.L.H.	1696 pts



1. T. Davies	AFD	45	31.08
2. L. Presland	AFD	45	32.00
3. V. Smith	Med		32.14
10. B. O'Gorman	Bck	45	33.00
13. I. Wilson	Bck		33.13
23. N. Cronin	Bck		34.09
29. P. Anderson	Bck		34.39
37. D. White	Bck		34.46
39. P. Shepheard	Bck		34.52
56. J. Robinson	Bck		35.37
63. J. Clare	Bck		35.52
79. P. Greenwood	Bck		36.25
162. D. Whiting	Bck		40.33
164. J. Raine	Bck		40.46
166. R. Day	Bck		40.50
185. F. Dudman	Bck		43.00

Over 45  
3. B. O'Gorman

Teams three to score  
2. Blackheath 46

Six to score.  
2. Blackheath 151

Over 50			
12. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	Bck		37.00
15. J. Kavanagh	Bck		37.26
19. R. Foreman	Bck		37.41
26. W. Clapham	Bck		38.51
31. A. Weeks-Pearson	Bck		39.16
53. R. Vercoe	Bck		42.33
62. D. Hopgood	Bck		43.59

Teams 3 to score  
4. Blackheath H 46

### BOYS AND COLTS 2 MILES

Hayes 23rd February, 1985

Pos. Name	Club	Time	Pos. Name	Club	Time
1. T. Partington	Boy	12.11	8. M. Pearson	Colt	13.48
2. N. Parker	Colt	12.21	9. J. Reed	Colt	13.55
3. M. Sandford	Boy	12.26	10. N. Hartley	Colt	13.57
4. M. Bartwell	Colt	12.37	11. A. McEwan	Colt	14.18
5. G. Crouch	Boy	12.38	12. P. Berry	Colt	14.57
6. K. Loveday	Colt	13.14	13. J. Groves	Colt	15.05
7. A. Rose	Colt	13.22	14. A. Wheeler	Colt	15.15
8. M. Pearson	Colt	13.48	15. M. Rudd	Colt	15.28
			16. L. Hickey	Colt	19.44

### CLOSING 'FIVE'

Hayes 9th March, 1985

Pos.	Name	Time	H/cap	Gross Time
1.	B. Roberts	22.23	11.45	34.08
2.	S. Parsons	24.10	13.00	37.10
3.	C. Peck	25.17	14.30	39.47
4.	B. Fisher	26.18	08.25	34.43
5.	M. Treacy	.29	09.00	35.29
6.	D. Wilcox	.38	11.30	38.08
7.	W. Wheeler	27.20	05.20	32.40
8.	P. Metcalfe	.25	07.00	34.00
9.	R. Chambers	.29	07.30	34.59
10.	D. Tingey	.32	15.30	43.02
11.	K. Daniel	.34	01.40	29.14
12.	A. Calton (Snr.)	.35	07.00	34.35
13.	J. Nash	.38	04.00	31.38
14.	R. Ebbutt	.54	04.15	32.09
15.	K. Day	.55	08.00	35.55
16.	I. Gold	.56	09.00	36.56
17.	P. Hamilton	28.02	02.00	30.02
18.	R. Morriss	.05	05.30	33.35
19.	A. Weekes-Pearson	.06	06.30	34.36
20.	R. Tompkins	.09	03.30	31.39
21.	R. Coe	.10	01.20	29.30
22.	P. Long	.12	15.00	43.12
23.	J. Phelan	.15	04.00	32.15
24.	R. Cliff	.17	02.00	30.17
25.	P. Churcher	.19	10.15	38.34
26.	M. Laws	.38	01.40	30.18

27. I. Smith	.47	12.20	41.07
28. M. Wilkinson	.49	02.15	31.04
29. J. Braughton	.52	09.00	37.52
30. P. Hunter	.58	08.45	37.43
31. A. Calton (Jnr.)	29.04	04.30	33.34
32. A. Jones	.10	04.45	33.55
33. S. Michell	.23	03.40	33.03
34. C. Rowe	.24	06.00	35.24
35. J. Kemp	.34	04.30	34.04
36. D. Johnson	.40	13.00	42.40
37. J. Ashton	.41	07.00	36.41
38. J. Raine	.43	06.00	35.43
39. B. Todd	.45	09.30	39.15
40. G. Crowder	.52	08.40	38.32
41. R. Pinder	30.11	10.00	40.11
42. D. Croll	.22	03.00	33.22
43. B. Saxton	.44	05.00	35.44
44. P. Saxon	.49	10.40	41.29
45. P. Davis	31.20	03.30	34.50
46. W. Lake	.40	19.15	50.55
47. R. Savery	.48	03.45	35.33
48. A. Pickering	.49	14.00	45.49
49. F. Dudman	35.51	08.00	43.51
50. P. Farrar	41.17	06.00	47.17

### KENT CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE 1984/85

The 'heathen' results speak for themselves and the disappointment of the two who travelled the length of Kent in December was increased later when they learned of the club swamping the opposition elsewhere that day. The extracts do not however show the quality of the leading twenty or so places, where most of the top cross country men in the county appear.

Of the three well marked courses what can one say? The well trodden Mote Park, uneventful on a fine Autumn afternoon apart from the insistence of a nearby resident that his children should be left to play on the course about 100 metres short of the finish. The twisting, turning (and rutted) Tenterden trail run in "mild for December" weather, and, back home, an out and back course from the church specially designed for the day, though no responsibility is claimed for the snow (ice?) so picturesquely lying around the course.

13th October, Mote Park.  
P Gaden (Cam) 25.35, K. Penny (Cam) 25.40, I. Patten (Dar) 25.53, 12. R. Coles 26.48, 32. G. Martin 27.57, 38. R. Cliff 28.19, 48. N. Laws (B) 28.42, 53. C. Woodcock 28.50, 64. R. Coe 29.15, 76. C. Haines (C) 29.51, 82. J. Robinson (B) 30.16, 90. K. Whicheloe (B) 30.40, 91. S. Ridgwell 30.41, 96. C. Bird 30.57, 119. B. Grant (C) 32.09, 120. \*J. Kelly 32.21, 136. G. Plank (C) 33.15, 138. B. Hartley (C) 33.52, 164. D. Hopgood (C) 36.45, 173 finished.

1. Elliotts 22, 2. Cambridge 37, 3. Invicta 47, 10 BH 135, 15 BH B 311, 26 BH C 469. 32 teams closed in.

1st December, Tenterden

P. Gaden 30.07, A. McGee (E11) 30.18, A. Guilder (E11) 30.20, 4 J. Wigley (Inv) 30.34, 15 R. Coles 32.15, 84 C. Bird 37.13, 146 finished.

1. Invicta 29, 2. Cambridge 47, 3. Tonbridge 80, 28 teams closed in.

16th February, Hayes

M. Gratten (Inv) 32.26, J. Wigley (Inv) 32.39, P. Gaden (Cam) 33.00, 5. R. Coles 33.33, 17. M. Brameld (Inv) 35.14, 20. G. Martin (B) 35.39, 25. C. Haines (B) 35.49, 38. K. Daniel (B) 36.46, 39. K. Pike 36.52, 40. M. Rich 36.57, 48. P. Betts 37.30, 53. M. Athawes 37.54, 58. S. Ridgwell 38.12, 64. J. Phelan (B) 38.39, 72. R. Ebbutt (C) 39.50, 78. N. Wahla (E) 40.38, 80. M. Peel (D) 40.55, 81. W. Wheeler (C) 40.56, 84. J. Turner (D) 41.00, 85. P. Rissen (C) 41.03, 86. R. Farish (D) 41.10, 89. C. Daly (C) 41.19, 91. M. Conway (D) 41.24, 92. P. Lester (B) 41.28, 95. J. Bailey (B) 41.46, 99. M. Gasson (C) 43.23, 106. A. Musson (D) 44.35, 108. C. Rowe (C) 44.58, 117. P. Farrar (D) 48.45, 122 finished.

1. Invicta 21, 2. Cambridge 33, 3. Tonbridge 45, 7 BH 147, 8 BH B 147, 17 BH C 327, 18 BH D 341, 22 teams closed in. League: 1. Cambridge 255, 2. Invicta 254, 3. Tonbridge 231, 14 BH 123, 17 BH B 105, 26 BH C 45, 33 BH D 18, 38 teams listed.

**Duodec League (first twelve score)**

13th October: Cambridge 323, Invicta 324, Elliotts 465, 6 BH 620, 7 teams.

1st December: Invicta 219, Cambridge 233, Medway 349, 4 teams.

16th February: Invicta 156, Cambridge 288, BH 346, 4 teams.

Final: Invicta 44, Cambridge 43, Medway 37, BH 23, 7 teams listed.

**VETERANS' NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Cardiff

10th March, 1985

Blackheath was unable to recapture the glories of last year in either the 40-45 or over 50 race. Seventh position in both, however, is a creditable performance, given the number of clubs eligible to compete. As in the Southern, four of our leading runners were absent in the younger age group. While no doubt many could advance similar excuses, it was surprising to find Taff Davis, again an excellent winner, not referring to John Baldwin and Les Roberts as missing, according to Athletics Weekly. Barry O'Gorman, 8th in the 45-49 group, maintains his high level consistency, and 4 runners between 43rd and 55th represents excellent packing, although alas too far back.

Like Davis, Gomez repeated his convincing Southern victory in the older age group. It was good to see John Kavanagh doing himself greater justice this time, and three between 40th and 51st was again good packing too far back. Our strength is in depth. Only Torbay (8th and 2nd) also finished teams in both races, and in the 40-49 we had the first 'B' team.

In a sport where the amateurism still largely reigns it is a shame to have to criticise the administration. The changing was primitive, especially for so many competitors. Race numbers were arranged for collection individually by 5 year age splits. The programmes ran out. Results did not arrive for 6 weeks and contained errors and omissions.

**G.B.C.**

1. T. Davies	Aldershot	31.13	O45
2. A. Rushmer	Tipton H.	31.34	
3. J. Norman	Altringham	31.52	
29. B. O'Gorman	Blackheath	33.31	O45
43. P. Anderson	Blackheath	.27	
44. M. Cronin	Blackheath	.28	
49. I. Wilson	Blackheath	.37	
55. D. White	Blackheath	.58	
77. B. Swift	Blackheath	.15	
84. J. Taylor	Blackheath	.38	
110. M. Peel	Blackheath	38.01	
130. D. Whiting	Blackheath	.40	
137. D. Redgewell	Blackheath	.11	
150. J. Raine	Blackheath	.22	

**Teams (4 to score)**

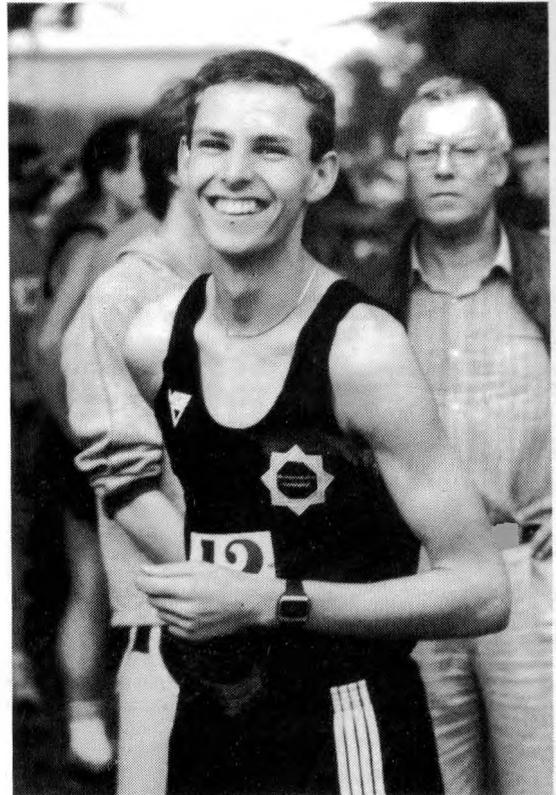
1. Aldershot	50
2. Tipton H.	89
3. Wirral A.C.	93
7. Blackheath	165
12. Blackheath 'B'	326

**MEN 50 - 54**

Name	Club	Age Group	Pos.	Time	Race Pos.
J. Kavanagh	Blackheath	20th	36.55		26th
R. Foreman	Blackheath H.	32nd	37.57		40th
R. P. Knowles	Blackheath H.	34th	38.01		42nd
W. Clapham	Blackheath	39th	38.57		51st
D. Hopgood	Blackheath H.	59th	43.22		85th

**Men's Team Results over 50**

No.	Name	Positions	Points	Pos.
1.	Bingley A.C.	2:4:10	16	1st
2.	Torbay A.C.	13:14:19	46	2nd
3.	Rotherham A.C.	3:16:28	47	3rd
7.	Blackheath A.C.	26:40:42	108	7th



17 year old Gary Arthey. Already a real asset to the Club and coming on fast. His mum's gonna love this pic.

**ORION HARRIERS 15m CROSS-COUNTRY RACE**

Epping Forest

23rd March, 1985

1. S. Kerr	Enfield A.	1.28.47
2. J. Goldring	Walthamstow	1.33.29
3. R. Marriott	SLH	1.33.46
47. J. Phelan	Blackheath 'A'	1.46.27
54. P. Greenwood	V40 Blackheath 'A'	1.48.12
55. S. Ridgewell	Blackheath 'A'	1.48.26
89. M. Peel	V40 Blackheath 'A'	1.53.56
114. R. Savery	V40 Blackheath 'B'	1.58.19
122. P. Rissen	Blackheath 'A'	2.00.00
123. B. Saxton	V40 Blackheath 'B'	2.00.31
130. M. Gasson	Blackheath 'B'	2.02.31
146. D. Hopgood	V50 Blackheath 'B'	2.09.33

**Team Results**

1. Borough of Enfield 'A'	S. Kerr, C. Hewins, G. Harrold	4.48.26
14. Blackheath Harriers 'A'	J. Phelan, P. Greenwood, S. Ridgewell	5.23.05
27. Blackheath Harriers 'B'	R. Savery, B. Saxton, M. Gasson	6.01.21

**Veterans Team Results**

1. Orion Harriers	B. Read, W. Reavell, P. Cressy	5.11.22
5. Blackheath Harriers	P. Greenwood, M. Peel, R. Savery	5.40.27

**SOUTHERN COUNTIES 12 STAGE ROAD RELAY**

**200 GROUP**

*Wimbledon Common*

*14th April, 1985*

1st Aldershot F & D 'A'	4:07:28
2nd Shaftsbury Harriers	4:09:41
3rd Basildon	4:12:04
14th Blackheath	4:21:22

**Individual Blackheath performances:**

Long legs: W. O'Donnell 25.55 (24th), L. Roberts 25.37 (14th), R. Coles 26.23 (14th), P. Betts 26.59 (16th), K. Pike 27.30 (17th), P. Calnan 26.49 (15th).  
Short legs: W. Foster 16.23 (18th), R. Farish 16.36 (14th), M. Jackson 17.04 (16th), R. Cliff 17.25 (16th), M. Athawes 17.29 (18th), K. Daniel 17.12 (14th).

**LLOYDS BANK ATHLETIC CLUB — ROAD RELAY**

*Beckenham*

*17th April, 1985*

**Lap 1**

1. Marsh SLH 'A' 18.05; 2. McBride Cobra Sports 18.09; 3. Beauchamp Nat West 18.25; 6. Roberts Blackheath Harriers 'A' 18.37; 13. Anderson Blackheath Harriers 'B' 19.54; 21. Fitz-Costa Blackheath Harriers 'C' 20.43; 37. Edwards Blackheath Harriers 'D' 22.04.

**Lap 2**

1. Knight SLH 'A' 9.03 27.08; 2. Riley Nat West 8.46 27.11; 3. Glassborow Herne Hill Harriers 'A' 8.41 27.12; 5. Foster Blackheath Harriers 'A' 8.55 27.32; 10. Betts Blackheath Harriers 'B' 9.04 28.58; 17. Colvin Blackheath Harriers 'C' 9.40 30.23; 27. Searby Blackheath Harriers 'D' 9.52 31.56.

**Lap 3**

1. Iszatt SLH 'A' 18.27 45.35; 2. Cackett Nat West 18.25 45.36; 3. Hickin Lloyds 'A' 18.37 46.10; 5. Coles Blackheath Harriers 'A' 18.50 46.22; 10. Cliff Blackheath Harriers 'B' 19.46 48.44; 14. J. Beck Blackheath Harriers 19.46 50.09; 31. Lawton Blackheath Harriers 'D' 22.05 54.01.

**Lap 4**

1. Pape Nat West 9.06 54.42; 2. Firth SLH 'A' 9.12 54.47; 3. Griffiths Lloyds 'A' 8.54 55.04; 5. Jackson Blackheath Harriers 'A' 9.05 55.27; 10. Daniels Blackheath Harriers 'B' 9.32 58.16; 13. J. Phelan Blackheath Harriers 'C' 9.50 59.59; 30. Botley Blackheath Harriers 'D' 10.43 64.44.

Firstly I would like to explain the basic principles and reasons for participation in the Group to those members not familiar with such a scheme.

In particular it presents extremely interesting challenges to those interested in a constant flow of effective information regarding the probabilities of gaining pecuniary rewards.

Similarly, a large portion of the interface coordination communication requires considerable systems analysis and trade off studies to arrive at the total system rationale.

On the other hand, a primary interrelationship between the system effects a significant implementation of the independent functional principle toward the prime motive of making money.

Thus any discrete configuration mode maximises the probability of project success and minimises the cost and time required for the acquisition of the aforesaid pecuniary rewards.

If by now it is not abundantly clear as to the advantages of membership of the Group then a word with any of the last year's winners listed below or the Club Treasurer might persuade you.

**1984/85 Winners**

	<b>£50</b>	<b>£25</b>
September	J. E. Hill	R. A. Morley, D. G. Hopgood
October	D. Millgate	Mrs. V. Cliff, E. Tunley
November	Mrs. M. Lorford	M. J. Davis, L. A. Wilson
December	£410 Mrs. S. Mallott	
January	S. Glynn	J. Oliver, L. Roberts
February	L. Roberts	R. Green, R. Savery
March	S. Glynn	J. Facer, M. Jackson
April	£400 G. Butlin	
May	Mrs. I. Parsons	B. Shapcott, R. Green
June	Mrs. I. Parsons	Mrs. J. Oldfield, G. Last
July	I. Wilson	K. Tonkin, K. McSweeney
August	£403 W. Tonkin	

Contact John Baldwin at the Clubhouse or on 01-856 3011 for application forms.

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## I COULD BE SO GOOD FOR YOU

'Leave it aht, Arfur. Whad I know abaht runnin?'

'Not runnin, Terry — joggin. Thats all you'd ave ter do — jog. Only then in extremis, of course, and any of a Wensdy nights.'

'I dont care if its in a fur coat of a Fridays, you can cahnt me aht.'

'Terry, listen to me. You miss my point. We could be on ter a nice little earner ere.'

'Oh yeh? Earner fer oo? I seen summa your earners before. You pull us both into the teeny but you're the only one goin in feet first.'

'You wound me, Terence, you reely do. It touches me on the rawer. When ave I ever failed to stand by my hemployees in time of need? I ask you. Anyway its too late to argue now. You're already a member and I told my friend you'll be there come Wensdy night sharp at arf pars six, runnin gear at the ready.'

'Thats a diabolical liberty! Member o what, may I ask?'

'Oh, din I tell yer? Forgetful of me. The Blackeef Arriers.'

'Never eard of em. And unless there was somefink iffy abaht em no more would you ave.'

'Terence, Terence. Once again and not for the first time, you underrate me. Blackeef Arriers is one of the oldest and classiest afferletic clubs in the country. Fought everybody knew that. Dont take no rubbish or throwahts there. Dont ever let yer eat yer nosh with yer cap on there.'

'And since when, Flabgut, ave you been into afferletics? You couldnt sport a runnin nose.'

'Issat so? And oo was it, may I ask, put you onto this South African kid, this Nola Whassname, and she come in at 15 to 1 fer the world record at somefin or uvver? Anyway, its you ooll be the afferletic side of the firm. I shall of course be on the more representational, negotiatin side, minglin with the nobs of Presidents and Vice-Presidents, top-level Management up in the Directors box.'

'Thats nice! An ifits not a rude answer, may I ask ow we come to be members of this gig?'

'Ah, yes, good question, Terry. Fought youd never ask. Yer see, I got this friend on the inside. But let me digress. Ever 'eard of the London Marafon?'

'What, 20,000-odd barmies beltin rahn the Smoke from Greenwich to Wessminster?'

'Yes, Ive... No, Arfur. NO, NO, NO! I dont run 26 bleedin miles fer you nor no-one else, and thats flat.'

'Orl rite, orl rite, ole son. Keep yer Barnet on — no ones askin yer to.'

I only mention the Marathon cos it 'as revelancy at this moment in time in a different context of the ongoin sitooation.'

'Like wot?'

'Like I was in this post office queue coupla weeks back, wasnt I, and got talking ter this young laugh and joke behind me. Tryin ter put is name dahn fer the Marathon. Wassat gotta do wiv the post office, Tel?'

'I dunno. Youre tellin the story. Go on.'

'E reckoned scratchin a 100,000 people apply through the GPO fer the Marathon every year so ony abaht 1 in 5 ever makes it.'

'So?'

'So e reckons you avent got a snowballs unless you belong to a club like this Blackeef Arriers where they get priority. Then I remember this friend o mine.'

'Is e a Blackeef Arrier?'

'Wot, Charlie? Not much. You dont know Charlie. Often goes dahn there of a Wensdy nights though. Takes is Noreen sometimes, an all, fer a cheap nosh in the upstairs caff. But e never joined. Bit of a moralist our Charlie. Doesnt believe in men only clubs.'

'Sure e aint just mean?'

'Thers that, an all. Anyway, Charlie says they give aht application forms over the bar like there was no tomorrow. Anyone oo wants ter run in the Marathon fer sure, and at back-of-the-lorry prices, just joins the Arriers.'

'And Charlie's a moralist? O.K., so where do we come in?'

'Ere, look upon this bit o paper — and now on this. Which ones the genuine club form and which is Charlies forgery?'

'I dunno... orl rite... this.'

'Wrong. Its that. Better than the original, see? Like High Peril to a Shatter, as Amlet put it.'

'So Charlies done a Frankenstein job on a club application form. Where does that leave me?'

'You're a Gawd-elp-us, Terry, you reely are. Doncher see? All thats wanted ter join is the monikas of two members on the form. So you busk the post office queues, we both sign the forms and thus alleviate a lot of mental and physical aggro on the part of afferletes oo should be concentratin their energies upon igher fins. And all fer a paltry fifty oncers — in used notes.'

'Fifty? Owdjer make that aht?'

'Club subscription, 14 nicker. Six nicker special Marathon extra, plus a score fer me and a tenner fer you.'

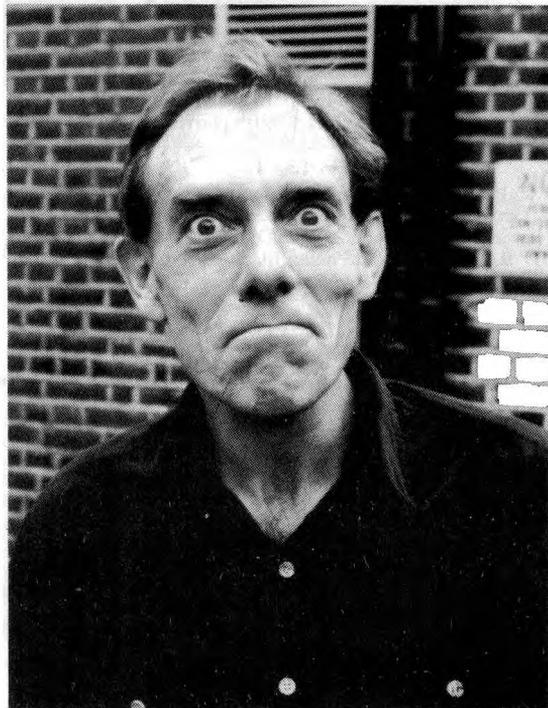
'A score fer me and a tenner fer you", eh? And I busk the queues? Wherefor the differential, Arfur? And what appens ter the special Marathon extra?'

'Terence, I shall ave exes, wont I? Presidents and Vice-Presidents dont drink beer, yer know. Gin and tonic trade, they are.'

'Serves me rite fer asking the question, dun it?... But ang abaht. Yer still avent said ow we got into the club?'

'Sorry. Wheres my memory takin me. Forgot ter tell yer... Charlie forged a coupla the members siggies, an all.'

D.G.



*A tragic example of how drug abuse has now permeated through to Club level.*

1st HASTINGS HALF MARATHON

17th March, 1985

# ROAD RUNNING

## HOG'S BACK ROAD RACE

Guildford

16th December, 1984

Here are the real results of the 1984 Hog's Back! The first time this race has been held on a Sunday it proved to be a soggy experience as there were large puddles on the course and the finish soon became a mud patch.

Thirty-five Blackheath vests finished in these refreshing conditions and there were some good performances nearly in the medals, and interesting placings by J. Kelly at 147th and 168th, and B. Hartley at 140th and 167th in the V40 group; did they really do a fast second lap? It is a good, well organised race with only the one big hill and a good note to finish the year on.

R.P.K.

1. B. Ford (Aldershot)	53.37	V40 — 44	
2. K. Penny (Cambridge)	53.48	14. C. Haines	(170) 64.31
3. P. Rowland (Horsham)	53.52	75. D. Cordell	(552) 72.31
28. M. O'Donnell	(28) 58.05	76. R. Thornton	(581) 72.56
37. P. German	(38) 58.58	101. D. Day	(703) 75.10
108. G. Spencer	(124) 63.06	126. D. Dunkley	(824) 77.51
109. S. Robinson	(127) 63.09	136. R. Stewart	(875) 78.51
131. S. Ridgewell	(152) 64.07	140. B. Hartley	(911) 79.51
147. J. P. Kelly	(175) 64.38	167. B. Hartley	(1120) 85.06
168. J. Kelly	(206) 65.36		
190. T. Bounds	(238) 66.28	V45 — 49	
238. J. Turner	(296) 67.44	5. B. O'Gorman	(128) 63.11
255. R. Ebbutt	(319) 68.08	74. G. Plank	(913) 77.29
315. P. Rissen	(408) 69.45		
316. J. Bailey	(409) 69.46	V50 — 54	
321. N. Umney	(421) 69.55	4. J. Kavanagh	(191) 65.11
332. P. Jones	(435) 70.15	5. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	(209) 65.38
343. M. Ellison	(449) 70.26	37. A. Mothersole	(898) 79.24
346. I. Routledge	(456) 70.39	60. D. Brickwood	(1128) 85.23
470. S. Fagg	(651) 74.16	81. J. Partington	(1365) 102.12
528. L. A. Percival	(752) 76.09		
602. A. Butcher	(899) 78.25	1399 Finished	
716. J. Brown	(1123) 85.16		

Team BH 11th of 82

## ERITH "6"

1st January, 1985

The Erith 10k is a good way to clear any hang over from New Year's Eve. The start and finish are on the black cinders of the Erith Stadium track and the course is relatively kind the climb coming in the first two miles, then two miles downhill, and two miles flat. The weather was dull and damp but not as cold as might be expected on 1st January. Only six Heathens were there; were the rest at Crystal Palace?

R.P.K.

1. Taff Davis (AFD)	31.00
29. P. Hamilton	34.19
66. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	36.29
67. R. Ebbutt	36.31
73. J. Kavanagh	36.52
76. P. Greenwood	37.10
180. S. Mitchell	43.32
228 Finished.	

This new race, passing the door of the house I was born in fifty-two years ago, is a must! The one lap full circle course from the old Bathing Pool in St. Leonards, up to the 500 feet high Ridge behind the town, then dropping to the Old Town, with a bitterly north-east wind following along the sea front to the finish, was well marshalled and passed through very varied scenery. The finish was overcrowded after the first few hundred had finished but this should be avoided next year. It is not far down to the coast and I recommend the race to fellow Heathens.

R.P.K.

1. Derek Stevens (Hastings)	66.58
133. R. Pitcairn-Knowles (1st V50)	84.29
1495 Finished.	

## THAMESMEAD PEARL ASSURANCE HALF MARATHON

31st March, 1985

Thirty-nine Blackheath entries! More like a mob match. A strong south-west wind slowed times on this three lap flat course. World Student Games 5000m champion Steve Harris won in 65.06, Richard Coles was well up at 13th for the second consecutive year, and Richard Pitcairn-Knowles and Jack Braughton both managed 2nd in the V50 and V60 age groups.

1. S. Harris (Shaftsbury)	65.06	647. R. Gibson	99.35
13. R. Coles	70.57	764. G. Forbes	101.53
32. P. Betts	75.59	796. M. Sheppard	102.31
53. M. Field	79.04	800. S. Nairn	102.36
108. M. Conway	82.45	811. D. Dunkley	102.48
110. W. Samuel	82.48	839. D. Cordell	103.25
126. W. Wheeler	83.53	865. A. Cooper	104.20
135. J. Turner	84.09	868. S. Parsons	104.26
185. R. Pitcairn-Knowles		900. D. Brickwood	105.09
2nd V50	86.29	916. J. Cross	105.37
188. G. Hibbert	86.36	1143. R. Rolfe	112.06
228. M. Farrell	88.06		
235. P. Metcalf	88.23		
243. A. Musson	88.38		
294. N. Winter	90.15	1675 Finished	
301. B. Disley	90.38		
349. G. Plank	92.28		
367. B. O'Gorman	92.54		
394. S. Reynolds	93.45		
436. M. McInerney	94.40		
439. E. Smith	94.42		
450. C. Rowe	94.58		
454. I. Gold	95.04		
480. S. Fagg	95.39		
486. D. Haines	95.49		
511. A. Mothersole	96.10		
513. M. Allen	96.15		
565. A. Chapman	97.37		
597. J. Braughton 2nd V60	98.25		
617. L. Percival	98.50		

### Teams

1. Cambridge H.
6. BH A
23. BH B
37. BH C
49. BH D

**FLEET AND CROOKHAM PEARL ASSURANCE  
HALF MARATHON**

24th March, 1985

The same old crowded start but a pleasant course with a bit of a sting in its tail, and excellent organisation. It was good to see John Baldwin back again after his long lay off.

**R.P.K.**

1. Bernie Ford	63.50
54. G. Martin	71.40
146. J. Baldwin	77.02
376. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	83.18
1108. I. Gould	95.27
1325. J. Hill	98.45
1556. J. Enderson	102.10
2888 Finished	
Team 1. AFD 34. Blackheath	
186 teams finished.	

**ROCHESTER HALF MARATHON**

8th April, 1985

As the whole of this course seemed to be either into the teeth of a gale or uphill, or both, I can understand why there were only 406 finishers and so few Blackheath faces! However, our only two entries bagged two trophies!

**R.P.K.**

1. A. McGee				
(GEC Avionics)	70.31	60. R. Pitcairn-Knowles		
25. P. Greenwood		1st V50	85.31	
2nd V40	81.21	406 Finished.		

**WALTHAMSTOW VETERANS AND  
OVER 35's ROAD RACE**

13th April, 1985

One hundred and sixteen competitors gathered for this 4¼ mile road race for over 35 year olds.

A pre-race examination of the course by wily Geoff Crowder revealed a testing and undulating 4¼ miles, however this inspection proved to be helpful to the Blackheath contingent. The start was delayed briefly by a hail storm which sent officials and starters running for cover.

Once the race got under way, V. Monk of Thurrock led off, the chasing pack included White, Cronin and the renegade Dave Dunn running in Ranelagh colours. The hail storm had now given way to strong blustery head winds and this made the going tough, especially at the infamous Oak Hill, but this was negotiated well by Taylor, Clapham and the head down Crowder.

Into the last hill and within 300 metres from the line Mike Cronin narrowly led Dave White, then the White supporters club came into action and shouted their man. Dave obliged with a powerful finish.

The winner was V. Monk of Thurrock in a time of 22 minutes 53 seconds.

Our placings were:

		<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>
11. Dave White	23.59		3		
12. Mike Cronin	24.02		4		
25. Dave Dunn	25.00	13			
27. John Taylor	25.04		11		
55. Bill Clapham	26.51			7	
98. Geoff Crowder	29.58			17	

Orion won the Team Race with 18 points (5, 6, 7). Blackheath were second with 18 points (3, 4, 11).

Finally a special award was made to Geoff Crowder for his brilliant one leg finish.

**MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP 1985  
(incorporated in "the London")**

Blackheath/Westminster

21 April, 1985

	Time	Position	Age	Previous PB
1. Dave White	2:38.11	673	42	2:37.37
2. Barry O'Gorman	2:39.27	767	47	2:39.45
3. Peter Shepheard	2:40.26	816	42	2:28.
4. William Cross	2:40.34	823	23	2:43.22
5. John Nash	2:43.30	987	103	
6. Jim McGee	2:44.22	1,066	35	2:42.02
7. Mike Field	2:47.24	1,302	38	2:43.04
8. Mike Cronin	2:47.40	1,335	41	2:49.31
9. Pete Greenwood	2:51.08	1,633	43	2:41.35
10. Stan Ridgewell	2:52.34	1,763	34	2:53.33
11. Craig Daly	2:53.44	1,883	23	2:56.35
12. Mike Peel	2:53.59	1,923	43	2:40.30
13. Ron Beale	2:54.01	1,927	50	2:54.18
14. Ian Young	2:54.50	2,019	36	2:37.11
15. Jim Bailey	2:55.24	2,073	36	2:58.52
16. Pete Daniel	2:56.01	2,147	39	3:01.10
17. Simon Michell	2:58.12	2,461	27	3:01.00
18. John Turner	2:58.27	2,489	34	3:11.09
19. Richard Farish	2:59.08	2,604		
20. Bill Wheeler	2:59.23	2,650	36	3:00.16
21. Peter Rissen	2:59.32	2,679	34	2:52.59
22. Roy Savery	2:59.36	2,687	48	2:42.46
23. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	3:00.03	2,770	52	
24. Peter Hannell	3:01.36	2,939	42	2:57.50
25. Rick Singerton	3:02.58	3,074	37	3:17.25
26. Ray Walsh	3:04.01	3,194	28	3:21.48
27. Brian Moffatt	3:04.48	3,279	35	3:05.00
28. Neil Walters	3:06.26	3,470	27	
29. Mark Ellison	3:07.08	3,550	24	3:08.18
30. Mark Crisp	3:07.19	3,575	27	3:08.11
31. Graham Hibbert	3:10.39	4,006	37	3:38.00
32. Gordon Hayward	3:11.45	4,153	37	3:21.07
33. John Routledge	3:12.43	4,274	29	3:15.16
34. William Slack	3:13.01	4,317	30	3:26.00
35. David Croll	3:15.54	4,726	36	3:12.00
36. John Taylor	3:15.55	4,727	43	3:08.40
37. Allan Jones	3:15.55	4,730	39	2:58.42
38. Jon Avers	3:17.35	4,943	25	3:34.11
39. Ian Cooper	3:17.35	4,945	49	2:54.48
40. John Reynolds	3:18.01	5,010	35	4:58.34
41. Brian Dinsley	3:19.20	5,176	48	3:35.00
42. Nicholas Umney	3:19.48	5,244	35	3:38.21
43. Philip Metcalf	3:19.50	5,248	38	3:29.30
44. Tony Nana	3:19.50	5,249	36	2:55.48
45. Dave Appleton	3:20.09	5,305	37	3:21.17
46. Jim Raine	3:20.22	5,342	43	3:30.00
47. Derek Redgwell	3:20.25	5,349	44	3:12.00
48. David McLeod	3:21.13	5,472	38	3:10.28
49. Spencer Fagg	3:21.53	5,582	38	3:12.42
50. Mike McInerney	3:22.32	5,690	36	3:41.11
51. Harry Martin	3:22.49	5,745	52	3:26.03
52. David Haines	3:23.28	5,843	40	3:39.00
53. Maurice Sizer	3:23.41	5,864	45	3:28.28
54. Alan Mothersole	3:25.25	6,149	50	3:29.00
55. Jothain Miles	3:25.27	6,155	24	3:25.10
56. Paul Davies	3:25.34	6,173	38	3:04.19
57. Steve Greenwood	3:25.58	6,220	18	3:30.00
58. Roland Tompkins	3:26.06	6,241	21	3:24.00
59. David Carton	3:26.07	6,242	28	3:33.00
60. Roger Westwood	3:26.47	6,320	39	3:49.29
61. Jack Braughton	3:26.55	6,371	64	2:36.44
62. David Dunkley	3:26.59	6,395	41	3:39.12
63. Len Dalmon	3:28.18	6,609	49	4:42.32
64. Ian Loveland	3:29.06	6,717	23	
65. Bob Manning	3:29.17	6,751	55	3:34.27
66. John Sharp	3:29.29	6,780	44	3:24.20
67. Ron Denney	3:30.53	7,019	48	3:58.09
68. Peter Reed	3:30.57	7,034	52	3:34.47
69. John Hines	3:30.59	7,040	46	3:44.35
70. Les Percival	3:32.43	7,286	31	3:48.00
71. Morgan Rees	3:33.08	7,343	33	3:11.28
72. Brian Cowland	3:33.48	7,454	39	3:20.00
73. Alan Butcher	3:34.16	7,533	37	3:40.00
74. Ron Stewart	3:35.06	7,641	44	3:39.05
75. David Wilcox	3:35.37	7,714	52	3:29.15
76. Eric Smith	3:35.53	7,763	51	
77. Derek Brand	3:39.22	8,287	31	3:49.12
78. Terry Dovey	3:39.47	8,356	35	4:06.43
79. Brian O'Flynn	3:41.39	8,632	55	3:43.00

80. Bob Day		3.42.38	8,784	44	3.19.50
81. Mike Mann		3.44.05	9,000	44	3.39.40
82. Philip Bray		3.44.17	9,029	35	3.38.32
83. Steve Conway	PB	3.44.21	9,037	57	3.46.00
84. George Forbes		3.44.50	9,113	44	3.29.20
85. Peter Cobbett		3.44.56	9,124	41	3.38.10
86. Derrick Brickwood	PB	3.45.04	9,139	59	4.01.38
87. John McGowan	PB	3.45.05	9,142	40	3.58.08
88. Colin Rowe	PB	3.46.33	9,331	38	
89. John Anderson	PB	3.46.37	9,342	46	3.58.00
90. Robin Graf	PB	3.46.57	9,386	37	
91. Allan Chapman		3.47.26	9,468	46	3.29.22
92. Michael Treacy		3.50.29	9,925	30	3.18.46
93. Dick Averns	PB	3.51.38	10,078	21	4.48.49
94. Ray Gibson	PB	3.54.07	10,398	36	4.12.36
95. Sonny Nairn		3.54.07	10,400	45	3.53.21
96. Arthur Good		3.55.22	10,544	64	3.28.39
97. Danny Harris	PB	3.55.27	10,557	49	
98. Peter Worrell		3.55.50	10,614	31	3.21.54
99. Phillip Khan-Panni		3.57.08	10,809	44	3.47.00
100. Pete Barlow		3.57.15	10,825	28	3.06.14
101. Steve Wilson	PB	3.57.44	10,873	29	
102. Dave Cogan		4.00.23	11,236	26	3.30.00
103. Doug Stevens		4.00.53	11,295	49	3.58.10
104. Mick Manley		4.01.53	11,443	30	3.29.35
105. Richard White	PB	4.02.26	11,519	34	4.16.00
106. Jonathan Green	PB	4.08.09	12,063	28	
107. John Newth		4.11.28	12,373	55	3.57.00
108. Jim Williams	PB	4.14.57	12,679	48	4.19.00
109. Dennis Meads		4.30.17	13,836	51	4.25.17
110. Arthur Kempton	PB	4.39.06	14,355	75	4.44.10
111. John Osborn	PB	4.51.18	14,879	27	
112. John Brittain	PB	5.22.04	15,487	48	



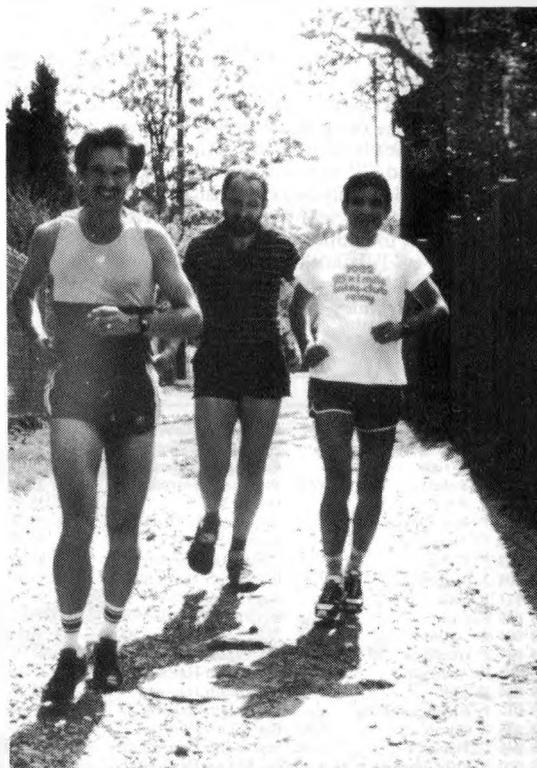
*Pete Shephard picked up a bronze medal at the end of this Sunday morning run.*

### 'OTTER' HALF MARATHON

Buxton

28th April, 1985

1. L. Roberts	1.10.33	Blackheath H.	V40
2. D. Crookes	1.13.23	East Ches. H.	
3. P. Light	1.13.27	Buxton A.C.	



*Marathon victor Dave White getting a few miles in with Chris Haines (centre) and Dave Dunn (left).*

### TED PEPPER MEMORIAL '7'

Hayes

6th May, 1985

A record field of 405 club athletes, including 44 ladies, lined up in warm sunshine for the start of the seventh running of this popular Bank Holiday Monday event.

From the gun, Peter Jones, Cambridge Harriers, set off with great determination, trailing in his wake a group comprising team mates Keith Penny and Paul Williams, Kevin Steere — Ilford AC, Ernie Barrett — Omega, P. Ross-Davies — Hercules Wimbledon, Simon Collingridge and Dave Wright — Ranelagh, Les Roberts — Blackheath Harriers, and an unnumbered ghost runner. This group held together for 2¾ miles, at which point Penny surged ahead with only the ghost runner capable of matching his pace. Simultaneously, the rest of the group broke up with Steere, Jones and Collingridge opening a gap on Wright and Roberts who, in turn, went clear of Ross-Davies, Barrett and Williams.

As the finish approached, Penny and his powerful companion were still neck-and-neck but, to the surprise of the crowd, the unknown eased up on the run-in and ran wide of the finishing funnel, leaving Penny to chalk up his third Ted Pepper win. It was later revealed that it was Australian runner, Martin Stock, a late entrant who is in this country for just a few months, who had caused Penny to run much harder than he had intended — indeed, to record his fastest time for the race.

It was nearly a minute before the next runners came into

view. Steere's power over the final 400 yards had pulled Jones clear of Collingridge and then put paid to Jones in the final straight. Wright similarly disposed of Roberts to take fifth place, although the latter had the consolidation of being out on his own in the veterans competition.

Glynis Penny kept the main honours in the family by winning the ladies race. Heather Beasley, Worcester AC, started fast and headed Glynis round the first lap but, as they started the second (2½ miles), Glynis had taken control and proceeded to pull steadily away to finish with nearly a minute in hand over her rival in a new ladies record time (38.38). Julie Barleycorn took third place, 9 seconds behind Beasley.

Cambridge easily won the Team award (4 to score) from Blackheath and Ranelagh. Their ladies made it a clean sweep, beating Bromley Ladies and Crowborough.

#### L.R.

Pos. No.	Name	Status	Club	Time
001	140 K. Penny		Cambridge Harriers	33.30
002	239 K. Steere		Ilford A.C.	34.22
003	128 P. Jones		Cambridge Harriers	34.26
004	289 S. Collingridge		Ranelagh Harriers	34.35
005	302 D. Wright		Ranelagh Harriers	35.02
006	078 L. Roberts	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	35.05
007	279 E. Barrett		Omega R.C.	35.10
008	228 P. Ross-Davies		Hercules Wimbledon A.C.	35.14
009	353 G. Heathers		Bath & Percy A.C.	35.26
010	153 P. Williams		Cambridge Harriers	35.29
014	009 J. Baldwin	V/45	Blackheath Harriers	35.52
017	011 P. Betts		Blackheath Harriers	36.04
023	025 R. Coles		Blackheath Harriers	36.20
030	005 G. Arthey		Blackheath Harriers (N/S)	36.51
035	047 P. Hamilton		Blackheath Harriers	37.08
043	003 P. Anderson	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	37.35
059	024 R. Cliff		Blackheath Harriers	38.29
063	010 P. Barrington-King		Blackheath Harriers	38.39
064	096 I. Wilson	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	38.40
066	046 C. Haines	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	38.49
075	039 S. Fitz-Costa		Blackheath Harriers	39.07
077	028 M. Cronin	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	39.10
078	057 J. Kelly		Blackheath Harriers	39.13
079	055 F. Johnson		Blackheath Harriers	39.16
080	093 D. White	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	39.20
081	097 C. Woodcock	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	39.25
094	087 G. Spencer		Blackheath Harriers	39.57
099	410 N. Colvin		Blackheath Harriers	40.02
106	411 R. Beale	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	40.33
108	085 P. Shephard	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	40.42
118	008 J. Bailey		Blackheath Harriers	41.03
120	045 P. Greenwood	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	41.04
122	038 R. Farrish	V/45	Blackheath Harriers	41.06
124	088 B. Swift	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	41.15
129	036 R. Ebbutt		Blackheath Harriers	41.31
141	079 V. Robinson	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	42.02
145	089 J. Taylor	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	42.24
146	094 D. Whiting	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	42.25
149	067 R. Morriss		Blackheath Harriers	42.40
151	092 W. Wheeler		Blackheath Harriers	42.45
153	027 M. Crisp		Blackheath Harriers	42.48
155	030 D. Crowdsom		Blackheath Harriers	42.51
158	065 S. Michell		Blackheath Harriers	42.53
161	064 A. Michell	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	43.02
164	061 I. Loveland		Blackheath Harriers	43.05
165	090 R. Thornton	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	43.06
172	084 M. Shephard		Blackheath Harriers	43.13
173	037 A. Edwards		Blackheath Harriers	43.13
178	091 N. Wahla		Blackheath Harriers	43.25
184	080 J. Routledge		Blackheath Harriers	43.48
187	060 P. Lester		Blackheath Harriers	43.56
190	020 A. Calton (Snr)	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	44.07
198	063 P. Metcalf		Blackheath Harriers	44.49
202	019 A. Carlton (Jnr)		Blackheath Harriers	45.03
204	081 C. Rowe		Blackheath Harriers	45.10
208	056 R. Jones		Blackheath Harriers	45.25
209	034 B. Dinsley	V/45	Blackheath Harriers	45.26
212	015 J. Braughton	V/60	Blackheath Harriers	45.35
215	409 M. Gasson		Blackheath Harriers (N/S)	45.51
216	022 I. Cayzer	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	45.58
223	406 R. Chambers	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	46.23
224	070 S. Nairn	V/45	Blackheath Harriers	46.27
225	031 G. Crowder	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	46.28
233	043 R. Graf		Blackheath Harriers	47.00
234	033 R. Day	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	47.03
237	086 E. Smith	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	47.14

239	041 I. Gold		Blackheath Harriers	47.16
241	023 P. Churcher		Blackheath Harriers	47.32
247	073 S. Reynolds		Blackheath Harriers	48.45
249	052 J. Hills	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	48.50
254	058 P. Khan-Panni	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	49.05
261	071 B. O'Flynn	V/45	Blackheath Harriers	49.44
264	017 D. Brookes		Blackheath Harriers	49.59
267	042 A. Good	V/60	Blackheath Harriers	50.20
268	083 P. Saxon	V/60	Blackheath Harriers	50.20
269	021 J. Cameron	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	50.40
274	095 D. Wilcock	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	50.59
277	029 J. Cross	V/45	Blackheath Harriers	51.06
279	051 J. Hill	V/40	Blackheath Harriers	51.13
280	026 T. Conway	V/55	Blackheath Harriers	51.20
281	054 D. Johnson	V/50	Blackheath Harriers	51.25
282	016 D. Brickwood	V/55	Blackheath Harriers	51.26
287	072 J. Osborne		Blackheath Harriers	52.13
297	059 F. Lanzalaco		Blackheath Harriers	57.26

#### TEAM RESULTS — BASED ON FINISHING POSITIONS

1.	Cambridge Harriers	'A'	1	3	10	15	=	29
2.	Blackheath Harriers	'A'	6	14	17	23	=	60
3.	Ranelagh Harriers	'A'	4	5	26	29	=	64
11.	Blackheath Harriers	'B'	35	43	59	63	=	200
14.	Blackheath Harriers	'C'	64	66	75	77	=	282
17.	Blackheath Harriers	'D'	78	79	80	81	=	318
21.	Blackheath Harriers	'E'	94	108	118	120	=	440
23.	Blackheath Harriers	'F'	122	124	129	141	=	516
31.	Blackheath Harriers	'G'	145	146	149	151	=	591
32.	Blackheath Harriers	'H'	153	155	158	161	=	627

#### ISLE OF WIGHT MARATHON

18th May, 1985

High standard of entry, especially in the vets.

Hottest day of the year so far, 75°F.

Notoriously hilly course.

Never seen so many walking up the hills!

Times slow.

But a classic race in its 29th Year.

R.P.K.

1.	D. Wright		
	(Ranelagh)	2.32.07	
100.	R. Pitcairn-Knowles	3.26.12	
232	Finished (360 Entered)		

#### OGWR HALF MARATHON

Bridgend

19th May, 1985

For reasons which have never been explained to me, Les Roberts was keen to enter a team in the above race which we later discovered was to be run simultaneously with the Welsh Marathon Championship.

In any case, Messrs. Barrington-King, Davidson and Roberts collected our 4th team member, Bill O'Donnell, in Bristol on the Saturday afternoon (after he had finished 3rd in the 5000 metres at the Avon County Championships) and drove on to Wales.

To my total amazement Sunday morning was very warm and this resulted in a long debate over the virtues of wearing black or white vests which was eventually settled when we discovered Bill didn't have a white vest. (No doubt a reflection of his meagre teaching income which he is always talking about.)

Over 1000 runners set off, but we all soon settled into good

positions. Les and Bill were in the small leading pack which included Alan Roper of Swansea, whilst Paul Barrington-King and myself were in a group not too far behind. However, we could see 4 Bridgend vests ahead of us so we could not relax at this stage. Martin Duff was not running but this would seem like an appropriate time to give him the obligatory name-check.

This state of affairs continued for the first 5 miles at which stage I hit the wall! Whilst I was contemplating suicide Paul continued to run well and was gradually moving through the field. Meanwhile, Les and Alan Roper had broken away and Bill, showing little effects of his race the previous day, wasn't too far away in the 5th place — the position he held until the finish in a time of 70.30.

Les eventually came a close second to Roper in a P.B. of 67.59, and of course he also won the Vets category. What would he have run on a better course?

Paul continued his good run to finish 16th overall in 76.27 whilst I recovered sufficiently to end up 34th in 79.49 (P.W.).

Even after a long delay, the organisers could not get the results correct. Les had been awarded first Vet prize but his second place in the individuals race had been 'overlooked'. However, the matter was sorted out and Les walked away clutching various trophies and a ghetto-blaster.

To my relief we won the team prize of a barrel of beer and a key-ring each (honest).

A good weekend and consideration must be given to the defence of our title in 1986, as I know Paul is anxious to acquire another key-ring.

N.J.D.

## RANELAGH HALF MARATHON

Richmond

1st June, 1985

1. I. Beauchamp		Ranelagh	66.21
2. M. McCarthy		Oxford City	66.35
3. M. White		Aldershot	67.34
12. J. Baldwin	V40	Blackheath	71.10
119. A. Blacknell		Blackheath	86.22
155. D. Hoggood	V50	Blackheath	91.53
165. R. Vercoe	V50	Blackheath	94.12

### TEAMS (3 to score)

1. Ranelagh 'A'	29
2. Brighton & H 'A'	50
3. Thames H & H 'A'	66
27. Blackheath	286

It was a fairly uneventful journey to Belgium. A short crossing to Calais and a quick drive up the coast soon had us arriving in the enchanting city of Brugge. One of the benefits of going on a vet's trip as a mere sprig of thirty-two is that you feel positively rejuvenated. Whilst my "uncles" talked about the good old days when "runners" were really runners I realised that insomnia was not going to be one of my problems on this trip.

I drifted peacefully off to sleep listening to "I remember when Farrington jumped a four foot high stile, stopped and had lunch, smoked his pipe and still won the club five by fifteen minutes... But what about Domleo when he was running so fast up Fox Hill his shoes caught fire and he had to run via Keston Ponds to put them out... And Bob Richardson "ran" the last mile on his hands to stop his spikes going rusty... And zzzzz...

I awoke to find us outside a nuclear bunker on the outskirts of the city, on closer inspection I saw the sign "Novotel" and realised it must be our hotel. Apart from the rather doubtful architecture it proved to be very comfortable and accommodating. After settling in we enjoyed a smashing meal to the strains (I do not use this word lightly) of a Belgian Latin American quarter. As none of us was prepared to samba we decided on an early night. Being the only one not racing the following morning I opted to sleep in a bed shaped like an ancient Roman catapult and duly settled down for the night.



Chris, Ian, John and Les. The victorious team.

## BRUGGE 25k

Brugge, Belgium

16th June, 1985

This event is one of the major international vets road-races of the season. Top runners are invited from all over the world and the quality of the field would not disgrace any "open" event. Amongst the list of entrants due to appear were Barry Brown of the USA (2.15 for the marathon as a vet). Gunther Mielke (another sub 2.20 marathoner from West Germany) and Piet van Alphen, the ageless Dutchman still turning out worldclass performances at the age of fifty-four. The Blackheath contingent was headed by our own world champion Les Roberts along with former world vets 10k road champion John Baldwin, ably supported by Ian Wilson and Chris Woodcock. I was persuaded to go along as team manager-cum-lucky mascot although I objected strongly to being put on the team-car's rear parcel shelf dressed as Blackheath's answer to Roland Rat.

I awoke early the next morning and did a perfectly passable impression of Quasimodo on my early morning run. I made the mistake of running through a swamp area and came back smothered in dead flies.

As I swung through reception, several guests complained to reception that they had just seen a giant two-legged garibaldi biscuit!

We soon made haste to the race venue. The start and finish were at the football stadium and a large crowd had gathered to witness the forthcoming spectacle. It was not long before the race started so I grabbed my camera and ran off to find a good vantage point. Eventually a place was found with a one kilometre jog separating two distinct points of the course. I had some extremely pleasant company during this interval session comprising of Keith Deathridge's beautiful young Dutch girlfriend. Keith is a contributor to many running magazines relaying information about the continental running scene from his base in Amsterdam.

The race itself was a real corker. Mielke, looking composed and relaxed, began to push the pace from the outset and soon only Les and Barry Brown could stay with him. Five kilometres was passed in 15.20 and shortly after he came through alone at ten kilometres in 30.30. Les and Barry were still together at 31.41. John Baldwin was looking good in a forceful group of about ten runners which included Voets (another over 45) and van Alphen. Chris and Ian were having their own battles not very much further down the field. It was only on the run-in to the stadium that Les' lack of training miles allowed Brown to get away and finish second over two minutes behind Mielke's winning time of 1.17.54. Les, in turn, finished a game third in 1.20.22. I, for one, was not surprised to find that John had pulled through the field to finish in eighth place only thirty-eight seconds behind our Les. With thoughts on the team competition we waited anxiously for our next man. It turned out to be Ian Wilson in thirty-eighth place in 1.28.40. Shortly afterwards Chris came charging into the stadium only just failing by one second to take an off-form Guy Ogden (ex British vets cross-country champion) on the line. Chris's time was 1.30.28 for fifty-first place.

Later, in the presentation hall, Les picked up his prize for third overall with John coming second to Voets in the over/45. Piet van Alphen's performance should be noted as at the age of 54 he came nineteenth overall in a time of 1.21.07.

Soon the team prizes were announced and not only did we win first prize for the club team category but Les and John formed two-thirds of the winning G.B. team.

Later that evening much wine and beer was sunk in the company of various international runners. It was interesting to find that the American runners in particular were truly shocked to find such quality veteran runners in Europe. As these chaps regularly pick up large pay cheques for good, if not particularly stunning performances back in the USA, it will be interesting to see how affluent young Les becomes during his proposed two trips to America this winter.

Back at the hotel, much later that evening, a pleasant, elderly Canadian runner resembling "Mr. Magoo" told us of his connections with a certain place called West Wickham in Kent. He and some fellow mature athletes were "doing Europe" in a V.W. camper and spending the summer in his own words "like a bunch of hippies". Suspecting that this septegenarian might try to sell me some L.S.D. or hashish I retired early to bed.

The journey back home was interrupted by a very thorough search at the border by French customs officials. God knows what they suspected we were smuggling but one sniff of my soiled running gear dampened their enthusiasm a bit and soon we were on our way.

A very successful trip indeed and another victory to add to the prestige surrounding our Blackheath "super-vets". At home, and indeed worldwide, we have the talent and strength in-depth to continue this tradition and I hope that the club will encourage and continue to support our activities in this field.

Now I must put down my pen to rest and go to sleep. Farrington, Domleo, Farrington, Domleo, Farring...zzz.

P.B.K.

## 80 MILES SOUTH DOWNS WAY RUN

29th and 30th June, 1985

Now for something completely different! More an experience (to be repeated?) than a race, although at the sharp end it is very serious and the course record was shattered by ultra

expert Martin Daykin's winning time of 9.52.46, reducing the previous record by over 1¼ hours! Blackheath entered numbered two, and three makes a team, so what about next year?

The start is at 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday for this jaunt from Petersfield to Eastbourne. I am told there is a total of 12,000 feet of climb, but looking at the views proves hazardous as it is easy, as I found to my cost, to catch a toe on a fault, especially with the economical shuffle required to avoid early fatigue. My eight minute mile pace eventually dropped to an average ten minute pace, excluding stops, for the whole race. Slow? You try it!

The organisation is tremendous. At about seven 15-minute intervals, and shorter intervals towards the end, come check points with drinks (hot and cold), and food (fruit cake, jam sandwiches, etc.), and at 4½ miles a meal of stew, mashed potato, fruit salad and rice pudding eaten sitting on a chair we learn by our mistakes. After a twenty minute stop for this meal (about 6½ hours into the race) it was a question of getting the legs going again. Hobbling down a gentle slope for half a mile and attempting to jog up the next hill I was immobilised by cramp in the right hamstring. Dilemma: go back half a mile or on forty! Keeping the left leg on a ridge and trailing the right stiffly in a rut seemed to do the trick, so onwards until a few miles later a gate which did not appear to open had to be climbed. Sudden cramp when half-way over a gate is inconvenient and I fell off on to my back in the mud, but on the wrong side. A group of following runners nodded to me as they climbed the gate; at least they avoided treading on me. Climbing the gate a second time and tucking in behind my new found friends (?) seemed to clear the cramp.

There are few marshals on the course and it is not uncommon to hear of two hours or more lost by a runner off course. When I reached Alfriston (73½ miles) it was nearly dark and this is where a personal back up team of wife and daughter is really essential with extra sweat shirt, torch, whistle, and compass. The course directions sometimes read for example "...follow track for 75 yards and, if you are lucky, you will see a s.d.w. marker in the grass, strike half right across the field...", and this is running in the dark! It was nice to reach Eastbourne Rugby Club and the finish at 11.40. But I can thoroughly recommend the race for endurance as opposed to speed, to be done "because its there". There is a time limit of 33 hours!

R.P.K.

1. M. Daykin	9.52.46 (record)
40. R. Pitcairn-Knowles	14.42.50
163. M. P. Rawlins	19.11.50
434 Started, 376 Finished	

## RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARC (European Championship Hill Race)

Bourg-St-Maurice is a small town high up in the French Alps. After a week touring the South of France we had driven north to do battle with the local snow covered mountain.

The race was to take us from the Hotel De Ville, through the local streets, and then out onto the open road leading to the foot of the mountain. From there it was to be a long slow climb to 'Les Arc 1600', a purpose built sports complex, 9½ miles and 2500ft ahead of us.

The previous few days in the mountains had been cool and cloudy, ideal running conditions but as luck would have it Sunday morning arrived bright and sunny.

At 10.30 with the sound of the local brass band playing in our ears 254 runners were set on their way by the local town

dignitary. As seen so often before on a Wednesday night Stephen Fitzcosta and Paul Barrington-King did much of their running together opting for the slow steady start and then moving through much of the field on the uphill section.

It was the former who scored a rare road race victory over his mentor as both of them finished a creditable 13th and 14th place, just a mere 8 places and 3 minutes behind the 1980 Paris Marathon champion Sylvain Cacciatore. Credit must also go to Neil Colvin, more noted for his exploits over the shorter distance on the track, who finished in 29th position and Tony Nana who finished 84th off only 1 week's training.

A fine race was finished off in true French style as the winners were invited to take part in a post-race buffet with offerings of cold meat, salad, fresh fruit and wine.

Everyone received a medal and certificate after the buffet with the winners being presented with their prizes by Michael Jazzy, the ex-world record holder for the mile.

With a race fee of less than £3 per person it only leaves the question of why can't more races like this be found at home? (*Bags of local sponsorship I expect, old chap. Ed.*)

#### Result

1.	Eric Angelier	59.02
2.	Andre Granger	59.31
13.	Stephen Fitzcosta	1.06.52
14.	Paul Barrington-King	1.07.08
29.	Neil Colvin	1.10.30
84.	Tony Nana	1.20.48

S.F-C

### GUERNSEY MARATHON

26th August, 1985

Going to Guernsey each year for my family and myself can be compared to running a marathon — the feeling of relief and excitement at coming to the end of the journey.

This was our fourth visit in a row and I don't think we will ever stop going there. When I heard they were organizing their first marathon I could not resist. So the hard work started all over again. I thank my family for being so patient and for backing me out on training runs, when I did not feel like it. The course wasn't flat like London. The first 4 miles were quite hilly. At 8 miles we came down onto the coast road which we followed round until 22 miles when we turned inland on the east side of the island. The locals and holiday makers were out in numbers lining the route. As I turned into Ramirez Park, where we started at 9.30 a.m. a clock showed 1.45. I just had to keep going for one lap of the park and I went through the finish for a P.B. — 2 hrs 53.18.

As we left to go to the beach and a soak in the sea I saw the familiar face of Ron Hill. This was his 96th marathon and he finished in 2 hrs 44 mins. The first man home was Tony Simmons from Luton in 2 hrs 33 mins. Second, was Jose Frias in 2 hrs 26 mins, a Portuguese working in Jersey, who was trained with Lopes. They were running together until 22 miles when Frias got stomach cramp. In third place was 40 year old Shrewsbury A.C. Vet Neil Boyce in 2 hrs 30 mins — an improvement of 8 minutes. Coming in in 3 hrs 52 mins was new B.H.H. member Paul Harris, carrying a knee injury. Paul has just come back from Guernsey after working there for four years.

In the evening I went on the usual Monday night ritual with the Guernsey Hash House Harriers; always a must for a good laugh and a few beers.

I can't have the memories of another great holiday and my P.B.

Why don't you come and sample the Guernsey way of life, great beaches and a good marathon — with a larger than London medal, and Certificate — next year.

J.B.

### SOUTHERN VETERANS' 10 MILE ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP

Crawley

15th September, 1985

This event turned out to be a clean sweep for Blackheath Harriers. Les Roberts, our home grown world champion, and indeed our editor, showed the field a clean pair of heels. He came home over a minute clear in the indecently fast time of 50 minutes 43 seconds. He was excellently supported by Chris Woodcock, Peter Anderson and Barry O'Gorman. With three to score in the team race, Blackheath won by a comfortable margin. Barry was unlucky not to score in this, but gained a medal as the third individual V.45.

This year saw the introduction of a new course from the centre of Crawley. This caused considerable traffic jams, but the runners were only inconvenienced by a stretch of narrow pavement, several sharp plunges down and up pedestrian underpasses, and two steep inclines, in contrast to what we had been used to. The marshalling was good, but it would have been helpful to have had the 5 mile point marked. Most people were pleased with their times, given the blustery day and the intermittent sunshine, and were left to argue that they would have gone faster on a flat course, three minutes 23 seconds faster in the case of your correspondent.

It was good to have the support of the Calton family, Tony in good heart and good voice although still immobile.

#### RESULTS

1.	L. Roberts	50.43	
5.	C. Woodcock	54.15	14 points, 1st team.
8.	P. Anderson	54.54	
11.	B. O'Gorman	55.31	
42.	R. Savery	60.35	
45.	M. Peel	60.41	
53.	B. Fincham	61.28	
69.	G. Crowder	63.23	
87.	R. Pitcairn-Knowles	64.45	
96.	G. Plank	66.05	
99.	R. Varcoe	66.25	

(166 closed in).

Provided we can field our strongest team, there seems little reason why Blackheath Veterans should not have a very successful winter season.

G.B.C.



A warm welcome is always guaranteed at Blackheath.

# OBITUARIES

## NORMAN DUDLEY

Vice-President Norman Dudley, who died on 21st January this year after a long and courageous fight against a painful illness, was a unique character.

First and continuously a member (and VP) of Coventry Godiva Harriers, he came down to London shortly after the war and joined South London Harriers in 1947 and Blackheath in October 1949. Until 1955 when he gave his whole allegiance to BH he ran for SLH in the Nicholls Cup but always made a point of entering for the BH Handicap as well!

An enthusiasm for walking commenced in 1950 when, "after some pressure had been brought to bear" he consented to turn out in the Johnson Bowl race and walked extremely well to win. Joining Surrey Walking Club, he walked enthusiastically for them and revived the walking section of Blackheath in the Kent County 10 mile walk in 1955, and cajoled many unsuspecting 'heathens to compete for the Johnson Bowl. He contributed regular notes on walking results for the Gazette and several major articles, including one of BH Links with the Walking World and another on The Race Walking Association.



In the Club's main cross country events, which he continued to support, he gained first handicap spoon in "The Rowland" of 1958 and second handicap spoon in the "Nicholls" of 1961 among other items. His enthusiasm extended to 'open' events such as the Mitcham "15" and the National Vets championships, on these occasions wearing Godiva colours.

For the two seasons 1959/61 he served as Hon. Secretary for the Club and worked unstintingly for it despite the difficulties of having to travel to remote corners of the world in the course of his work as a mining engineer. The influence of this profession was seen in his hobby of producing profile maps of the Club courses showing the heights reached and the steepness of notorious inclines. But the most noteworthy example of this skill was to be found in his organisation of the Centenary Commemorative run from Peckham to Blackheath to Ladywell to West Wickham and finally to

Hayes for which he devised three separate courses for each stage to permit fast, medium and slow packs to rendezvous at the same time. The accompanying maps represented a cartographical triumph.

It was in fact as an inaugurator of odd encounters that his talent was strongest. He had a hand in the Four Clubs Vets Mob Match of 1955, Vets Self-handicap, Tooting Bec Hospital Match (in conjunction with Tommy Richards) and the Sunday Times Fun Run. But, as spontaneous tributes amply testify, he will chiefly be remembered as a concerned man, both for his friends and the Club. Many will have reason to be grateful to him for visits during illness and for suggestions and help in problems. And the greater the complication the more concerned he would be.

Our sympathy goes out to his widow Eileen, and family.

## D. F. G. HARROLD

News has come to us belatedly that Dennis Harrold died ten years ago on 12th October, 1974. He joined the Club in March 1940 having already shown great promise as an athlete when he won the South London Schools cross country championship. As a wartime pilot he ran for the RAF on numerous occasions often partnering or competing against Arthur Wint. Although the quarter mile was his best event he was equally at home at middle distances and sprints — and indeed won the Clubs' Rampley Challenge Cup in 1946. Business commitments then took him over to Canada for quite a few years. Upon his return he took up residence in Keston in 1962 where his wife Sheila still lives.

## GLADYS TAYLOR

It is with regret that we report the death of Gladys Taylor in July.

Many older members will remember with affection Gladys, widow of the late P. P. Sidney Taylor. Before, during and after the war she was always to be found supporting club activities, especially social functions. Many will remember the wonderful teas she provided after the farmers walk which took place every year just before Christmas. We extend to her family our sympathy in their great loss.

### A. T. G. TRUMBLE

Alec Trumble, whose death was reported in July, joined the Club in September 1919 and took part in a wide range of the Club's fixtures though his best performances were on the track where he won the "Barclay Esson" 880 yd Cup in 1922 and served as track captain in 1923. Later that year he went out to Nigeria where he was to serve with distinction in the Colonial Police Service for the next 28 years and was awarded The Colonial Police Medal in 1946.

On retirement in 1951 he settled in the Isle of Wight and was able to develop his love of horses by entering into partnership in a riding school, starting with six horses and ponies increasing to thirty or so. He never lost interest in the Club and was always proud to say that he was a member of Blackheath Harriers and had once been summer captain though he confessed that in later years he did find the look of wonder in the other person's eyes a little disconcerting! Distance made visits to Hayes impracticable but he was able with other 'Heathens in the IOW and in mainland Hants to support the Club at fixtures such as the Ryder Trophy meeting at Southampton.

We mourn the passing of a devoted Blackheath Harrier and send our deepest sympathy to his family.



*Alec Trumble*

### C. L. WESTLEY

We are sorry to report the death early in 1984 of Charles Westley who joined the Club in October 1923. His main interest was in cross country running and he was in the Southern team at Beaconsfield in 1925. Consistent running in that season in fact enabled him to win the Points Handicap and he also served in the administration of the Club as Assistant Secretary. Later his career took him to many parts of the country and opportunities for participation in Club events were few.

In recent years he lived at Wittersham near Tenterden on the edge of Romney Marsh and it was there that he received a 50 years' membership pot from one of the Club's Past Presidents to add to a much valued Club pewter from his earliest days in the Club. He came to Hayes from time to time and when the Club celebrated its 50 years at Hayes in 1977 was able to pay tribute to his life long friend the late PP D. K. Saunders through whom he came to join the Club.

Of activities outside athletics he was a lay reader in the Church of England and it gave him much pleasure to have had the opportunity to take service in nearly all the churches in Romney Marsh.

We extend our sympathy to his family.

### T. J. G. HAYNES

We were sorry to hear of the death early in August of T. J. G. Haynes, who joined in the "Green Man" days at Blackheath in October 1920. He ran regularly over the country in the twenties and like so many others kept up his interest in the Club after giving up running. We were pleased that he was able to join many other older members in coming to the Club House when we celebrated 50 years at Hayes. His latest communication was gently to query how the Gazette managed to acknowledge a donation from him and in the same issue put him down as a "lost address" (but to show no ill-feeling he sent another donation!). A Novices Pewter from 1920 proudly shared a place on his mantelpiece with his 50 years' membership pot.

Our sympathy goes out to his family.

## FOOTBALL

On a sunny Sunday morning in early December the Blackheath Senior Football XI turned out in Norman Park to answer to a challenge by the young upstarts of the club. The seniors mustered the best squad available whilst the juniors were scraping the 'youth' barrel somewhat, judging by one or two selections!

The seniors were soundly thrashed by the juniors 4-1.



*The Senior Squad.*



*The "Junior?" Squad.*

### BLACKHEATH HARRIERS v CHIPSTEAD F.C.

*Chipstead*

*23rd December, 1984*

After the Christmas Supper on the previous evening, the appearance of a grey mist before the eyes on this morning was to be expected; but as this continued throughout the match it was proved (with some relief) to be of meteorological origin. The Blackheath strip of white vests coupled with a white ball rendered spectating difficult but it had its uses, making recognition difficult for our opponents too.

A strong supporters group appeared (some coming straight from the supper, including indefatigable, multi-talented Brian Stone). So the 'Heathens weren't short of advice, comment, cheers, sympathy, and where necessary, abuse; all of which spurred them on to a three goal lead at half-time! Wisely ignoring the advice coming from the "goalmouth", the 'Heathens played with flair and combination which disconcerted the Chipsteadians. The tackling speed, ball control and enthusiasm of the 'Heathens

sometimes led them to fall into the offside trap, but this was a minor fault. The second half saw a resurgence from our rivals which produced an awkward lofting shot, forcing the goalkeeper into an exaggerated backward lean on slippery mud to concede a goal. Thereon the 'Heathens, urged on by the now baying crowd, pressed the Chipsteadians hard and another goal was secured after a few near misses. The final result of four ghostly goals to one put Blackheath one up in the series.

In the comforting warmth of the pavilion, victory was duly celebrated with our adversaries in joint goodfellowship — beer.

#### Blackheath Team

Colin Brand  
 Richard Coe — 2 goals  
 Mike Cronin  
 Ken Daniel  
 Bruce Grant  
 Gordon Hickey  
 Ken McSweeney (4 uprights, 2 crossbars)  
 Steve Rutherford  
 Garry Spencer  
 Keith Whicheloe — 2 goals  
 Dave White  
 Subs: George Butlin, John Hills, Ron Lakeman.



### BLACKHEATH HARRIERS v SURREY WALKING CLUB JOHNSON BOWL 7 MILES

*Hayes*

*30th March, 1985*

Pos. Name	Club	Time
1. S. Lightman	S	57.27
2. P. Hannell	BH	59.56
3. P. Selby	BH	62.29
4. W. King	S	66.09
5. N. Simmons	S	67.50
6. B. Cottrell	S	69.40
7. P. Crane	S	71.19
8. R. Green	BH	72.03
9. A. Goodwin	S	73.25
10. S. Bennett	S	73.51
11. F. Butler	S	74.37
12. B. Todd	BH	75.55
13. D. Johnson	BH	82.23
14. J. Ashton	BH	82.23
15. H. Neilson	S	87.30

6 a side.  
 1. Surrey Walking Club 32  
 2. Blackheath Harriers 46



### ROWING MATCH v RANELAGH v SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS

*Kew*

*2nd December, 1984*

On a bleak, moist morning at the Horseferry R.C. Boathouse by Kew Bridge, the preliminary negotiations were early under way, being of the three crews, two boats order. It was thus decided to divide the two trophy challenges into two distinct races. As the 'Heathens were so keen as to be afloat before the other crews had changed, they were naturally selected to row off against South London Harriers (making a

welcome re-appearance after some years) and the winners to meet Ranelagh.

Here it should be explained that there was usually one race between the three clubs for the Frankeiss Cup including a "side-encounter" between Blackheath Harriers and S.L.H. for the St. John Mathews Cup. So the hardy supporters were doubly rewarded by being able to view the finish from the comfort of the clubhouse and see two races for the price of one.

The start being upstream and round the bend gave pause, but soon a neck and neck (or should it be bow and bow?) tussle was evident with both the lead and water hotly disputed from the sharp barks which echoed across the river. From this close encounter the 'Heathens were adjudged the winners by a canvas. Our gallant lads were duly applauded and proceeded to dry off (roughly), take a few deep breaths and remind each other of the necessity for rhythm and balance in oarsmanship. During this "breather" the Ranelagh crew paddled off to the start shortly followed by our crew. Then followed another wait while anxious eyes scanned the swirling stream to view a crew as yet unidentified, rowing with apparent ease, followed by an equally smooth crew. This pattern was preserved to the finish, Ranelagh being the worthy winners, continuing their run of success.

Back in the boathouse, the warm hospitality was enjoyed and soon the respective cups were presented, with only S.L.H. being bereft. There is no doubt that they will be better prepared next year. Thanks are due to Bill Bird, Ranelagh president for "master-minding" the whole enterprise, and due recognition given him. Vigorous support for the 'Heathens came from our President and his lady and a sprinkling of interested spectators, including Chris Haines, who raised speculation as to whether his undoubted talents might take a watery course.

All praise to the 'Heathen team comprising cox, Sunny Nairn, stroke, Phillip Metcalf, Bob Cliff, Morris Poole and bow Garry Spencer, (some of whom met for the first time that morning). They estimated that one way or the other (up stream or down) they had covered some seven miles in the two one-mile races. Undeterred they were, after the fourth pint discussing the finer points of oarsmanship. This leaves the final question — "Is there a third 'Clinker' on the river?"

J.W.



## B.H.H. CRICKET XI 1985 SEASON

### Prologue

Eighty one years ago after a game of cricket played between B.H.H. and S.L.H. at the London C.C. ground at Crystal Palace, by courtesy of W. G. Grace, and having seen J. C. Stevens of Blackheath score 100 not out in a drawn game, W. G. himself did remark after observing the teams for a little while, "Got some cricketers in the teams." This from the greatest authority of this or any other day. (Thanks to P. P. J. Walker for researching the above facts).

Ironically, the only ingredient missing from the two games played this summer by the B.H.H. Cricketing XI was indeed 'Grace' itself.

### B.H.H. v THE GROUNDHOGS

26th May, 1985

This was a warm-up match in preparation for the "Kent A.C. Challenge Trophy" match to be contested the following month and annually thereafter.

The teams took the field at 2.30 and upon winning the toss, the Groundhogs elected to bat. The B.H.H. captain's

objective, being that all team members should participate to the full in all aspects of the game, ignored plaintive cries of "I haven't done this since I left school", "since the war" or "since I got married", and called on C. Brand and S. Gibson to open the bowling. And a most effective attack it proved to be — restricting the 'Hogs' opening batsman to 16 runs in the first 8 overs for the loss of two wickets. In fact Colin finished with the amazing figures of 5 overs 2 runs for 3 wickets.

Despite further protestations from the rest of the bowlers and a break of 40 minutes for the inevitable rain to interrupt play, the opposition managed the formidable score of 129 runs for 9 wickets off 32 overs. Dismissals included two excellent stumpings from wicket keeper Garry Spencer and the 'Hogs' top scorer being R. Thomas with 52 not out.

Blackheath bowling figures were:

	O	M	R	W
C. Brand	5	3	2	3
S. Gibson	4	0	14	0
S. Fitzcosta	4	0	14	1
W. O'Donnell	4	0	18	0
J. Brown	4	0	18	1
R. Ebbutt	3	0	15	2
M. Cronin	4	0	17	0

After a break for tea and the inevitable repeating cucumber sandwiches, it was the Heath's turn to grasp the willow in the shape of Bill O'Donnell and Mike Cronin. Whilst Bill made an excellent 20 before being caught, Mike was unfortunately run out for 1, but in his brief sojourn at the wicket, displayed an obvious familiarity with the bat. He was followed to the crease by Garry Spencer who also showed a good deal of cricketing finesse by hitting a rapid 18 runs before being bowled by a certain D. Underwood!

Here followed your captain, who despite his lack of stroke play, top scored with a dour 22 runs and saw a succession of batsmen at the other end unfortunately succumb to the Groundhogs attack; John Brown caught for a duck, Stuart Gibson caught after a creditable 15 and Steve Fitzcosta also caught for 3.

It was at the captain's demise, run out with the score at 100, with the run total still tantalisingly close to the target, that the game seemed over. Two batsmen remained, both self professed novices and only a handful of overs left... but not so! Indeed, the scene was set for a remarkable finish. Brand and Ebbutt set about the bowling attack with relish, runs flowed from the bat and pad and with successive overs of 7 and 10, fourteen runs off the last over stood between us and victory. Two 4s and 3 singles off the next 5 balls left us needing a four off the last ball to win. Colin could but manage a single and we lost by 3 runs; he remained 18 not out and our score closed at 125 with Roger contributing seven valuable runs.

It was an excellent match enjoyed by all and a fixture which will certainly be repeated in coming seasons.

J.P.



JP, JB, SG, RE, Helen Spencer (scorer), MC, GS, CB. Front Row — SFC, BO'D.

## B.H.H. XI v KENT A.C. XI

Warren Avenue

30th June 1985

One month later, adjustments having been made for holiday absentees and selectors having taken note of current form, a revised and strengthened B.H. team took to the field against a formidable Kent A.C. team lead by the feared, fiery and ferocious Fairbrass twins. The Kent A.C. challenge trophy being offered as the spoils to the victors of this epic contest.

Upon loosing the toss it was B.H. who were invited to bat first and Malcolm Walker, making his debut appearance for the 'Heathens, came to the wicket with John Brown.

After a steady start against an aggressive attack, it was Malcolm who settled into an early rhythm whilst John succumbed to the accurate seam bowling of Fairbrass N. but not before accumulating a valuable five runs. It was now the turn of Fairbrass D. to continue the assault and having dismissed skipper Jim Phelan for a duck, homed in on javelin thrower extraordinaire, Clive Morris, our next man at the wicket. And it was here that the tide was turned in Blackheath's favour. Runs flowed from the bat as Clive quickly overtook Malcolm's run total, and stroked his way to a very speedy 31 before being bowled by Brown.

With the exception of M. Walker who remained to the bitter end with a superb 40 not out, few of the remaining 'Heathens troubled the scorer. Steve Brown was bowled by B. Brown for 3, Roger Ebbutt was caught off the bowling of Fairbrass D. for 1 whilst Mike Allen was skittled for 0, a victim of the same bowler.

Next to the crease came Ken Pike, and despite heavy side bets being laid on his not surviving the first ball, he remained for a further few overs before being caught, also off the bowling of Fairbrass D. for the unfortunate duck. A brief stand then took place with Stan Ridgewell hitting 2 before he too fell in the same manner as Pike and Ebbutt before him, caught off the bowling of Fairbrass D.



Back: P. Betts, M. Cronin, S. Ridgewell, M. Allen, S. Brown, M. Walker, M. Pearce. Front: K. Pike, J. Phelan (Capt.), R. Ebbutt, J. Brown, C. Morris.

Mike Pearce failed to trouble the scorer, being caught off the bowling of Brian, whilst Mike Cronin was dismissed in a similar fashion for 1. To complete the Blackheath innings Paul Betts was converted from spectator to reluctant 12th man, to add his personal contribution of one run to the Blackheath total of 100; that being the final score on Paul's dismissal, l.b.w. to Brian, with only one of the allotted overs remaining. The pick of the Kent bowling attack was Fairbrass D. who conceded twenty runs for his four wickets in six overs.

Now it was the turn of Kent to occupy the crease and with a highly regarded batting line up, the ton looked well within their grasp; the required scoring rate being 3.3 runs per over. Morris and Cronin opened the bowling for the Heath, whilst Fairbrass D. and Brian faced for Kent.

After three successive maidens from Morris at the pavilion end, Walker was brought into the attack whilst at the other end Cronin was making a breakthrough. Having dismissed Fairbrass D. caught and bowled for a solitary run, to take his first wicket for 20 years, Mike went on to dismiss Brian for 10 (a superb stumping by wicket keeper Roger Ebbutt), and to cause Stan Ridgewell to make a scintillating catch to dismiss N. Dickens for a duck. Meanwhile Baron was bowled by Malcolm Walker for nought and Brown became his second victim, a caught and bowled chance, after making seven.

Mike Allen now entered the attack and he too helped himself to three wickets: Gilbally l.b.w. for 2, Sellers caught and bowled for 7 and Curtis, bowled for 2. With the score at 29 for 9, Kent needed a miracle to save the match. Ken Pike was brought, reluctantly, to bowl and with his first delivery came a wicket. Only to have the umpire declare no ball!

Norman Fairbrass now took up the challenge on behalf of Kent and played a captain's innings scoring twenty four superbly crafted runs before falling victim to Paul Bett's lively bowling. Fear was the last man to fall, to Brown for two runs, Kent's total being 72 including 17 extras. It was at this point that a most unusual pitch invasion began. Successive spectators, all wearing pads and carrying bats, appeared at the crease and on being dismissed, were immediately followed by another and another until the Kent score finally crept up to a total of 89 for 14, when the last, last man was removed.

Man of the match with his 40 not out and three wickets for 7 runs, was Malcolm Walker and Roger Ebbutt made a fine debut behind the timbers with his three dismissals, two catches and a stumping.

The Blackheath bowling figures were:

	O	M	R	W
C. Morris	3	3	0	0
M. Cronin	5	0	12	3
M. Walker	4	1	7	3
S. Brown	4	0	10	0
J. Brown	4	0	6	1
M. Allen	3	0	12	3
K. Pike	1	0	6	0
S. Ridgewell	3	0	12	2
P. Betts	4	0	7	1

And so, after an absence from the hallowed turf of some years, a victorious B.H. Cricketing XI brought home yet another trophy for the club to proudly display.

There are those amongst you who have not played for decades, there are those who have not played for years and there are some who have not played before. If you are interested in a game next season, please make yourself available for what could be a fuller fixture card, by contacting Jim Phelan.

J.P.

## NOW BACK TO ATHLETICS



# TRACK & FIELD

## 1985

After establishing themselves in the First Division of the British League in 1984 Blackheath were keen to make a bigger impact this year and improve on last year's position of fifth. However with the League having been enlarged from six to eight, Sale, Edinburgh Southern and old rivals Thames Valley had replaced the relegated Essex Beagles so things would be tough.

Our task was not made any easier by the amalgamation of Invicta and East Kent as this cost us the services of top 5000/10000m men Jon Wigley and Merv Brameld whose first claim club now had a track section. Further, Mike Winch would miss the beginning of the season due to a knee operation, and club High Jump record holder Trevor Llewelyn was out for the whole season. But the arrival of decathlete Brad McStravick, eleventh in the Los Angeles Olympics, certainly improved the overall strength and depth of the team.

The team was further strengthened throughout the season with the arrival of 800m runner Giles Clifford, 5000m man Jerry Barton and hammer thrower Nigel Spivey, all of whom made impressive starts to their Blackheath careers.

The season was to begin at the Perry Barr Stadium, Birmingham and via the long trek to Edinburgh to hopefully culminate in the G.R.E. Gold Cup final at Cophall at the end of August.

N.K.

### MATCH ONE — BIRMINGHAM

11th May, 1985

It was a cold and rather miserable day at Birmingham which saw the beginning of the 1985 British League Season. As far as Blackheath were concerned it was a rather miserable day all round, as it was more a case of who wasn't there rather than who was and what went wrong rather than what went right. This should not however be allowed to take away from the performances of those who did compete. A number were making their British League debut.

As so often in the past the Javelin proved to be the club's strong point, with Pete Yates throwing 82.10m for second in the 'A' string and Darryl Brand winning the 'B' string with 71.86m. The other star performance came from Graham Savory in the discuss where he came second in the 'A' string shot with a putt of 16.67m only 8cm behind the winner.

On the track it was a different story with only one Heathen making the top 3, that being Paul Austridge, 3rd in the 'A' string 400m Hurdles in 54.09. But with so many top track men missing Blackheath could not really have expected much more. The strength of the British League Division One is emphasized by the fact that Colin Hamplett finished only sixth in the 'A' string 110m Hurdles in a new PB and very fast time of 14.89.

Brad McStravick had a debut he would probably rather forget. In difficult conditions Brad failed at his opening height of the pole vault, and could not quite find his form in the 110m Hurdles.

Things were made worse when on the final changeover the 4 x 100m relay team dropped the baton and thus scored no points. So in the end the 'Heath' finished a disappointing eighth just 5 points behind seventh placed Edinburgh Southern.

### Results:—

1. Birchfield (357) 8 pts, 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston (352) 7 pts, 3. Haringey (351) 6 pts, 4. Shaftesbury (269) 5 pts, 5. TVH (252) 4 pts, 6. Sale (233) 3 pts, 7. Edinburgh Southern (194) 2 pts, 8. Blackheath (189) 1 pt.

### MATCH TWO — WEST LONDON

1st June, 1985

The British League arrived at West London for the second match of the season to be greeted by a very warm and sunny day. After the disasters of Birmingham, Blackheath were keen to remedy their present predicament of propping up the rest of the division. The problems of Birmingham however seemed to be continuing with the late withdrawals of top javelin throwers Pete Yates and Darryl Brand due to injury, meaning the loss of a great many points.

However the club got off to an unexpectedly good start with seventeen year old debutant Neil Haffenden placing second in the 'B' string hammer throwing a PB and junior club record of 41.78m.

Graham Savory again proved to be a valuable points scorer winning the 'A' string discus with a throw of 52.70m placing fourth in the 'A' string shot with 15.37m and sixth in the 'A' string hammer with 43.12m. The shot also saw the welcome return of Mike Winch to the British League team where he finished second in the 'B' string with 15.03m.

West London also saw a sharp upturn in the fortunes of the club's sprinters, with Dominic Emery and John Shaw placing fifth and fourth respectively in the 400m 'A' and 'B' strings and Jel Phillips finishing fourth in the 200m 'A' string behind olympians Mike McFarlane and Phil Brown. The star of the day on the track however was not for the first time, Phil Davies in the 'B' string 200m. In a desperately close race Phil snatched victory on the line clocking 21.3 secs the same as the 2nd and 3rd placed men, Steve Heard and Paul Dunn.

In the hurdles events GB junior international Derek Wilson scored valuable points placing third in both the 110m and 400m 'B' strings.

So a much better all round team performance ensured that Blackheath hung onto sixth place and therefore improved to seventh in the League overall. There was still however the hope of much better things to come.

### Results:

1. Wolverhampton & Bilston 348, 2. Birchfield 344, 3. Haringey 332, 4. Shaftesbury 289, 5. TVH 242, 6. Blackheath 225, 7. Edinburgh Southern 215, 8. Sale 201.

### Aggregate after 2 matches:

1. Birchfield (701) 15 pts, 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston (700) 15 pts, 3. Haringey (683) 12 pts, 4. Shaftesbury (558) 10 pts, 5. TVH (494) 8 pts, 6. Sale (434) 4 pts, 7. Blackheath (414) 4 pts, 8. Edinburgh Southern (409) 4 pts.

### MATCH THREE — EDINBURGH

29th June, 1985

If Blackheath were to remain in Division One it was clear that they would have to live up to their reputation for travelling long distances successfully. True, we could not match the style of rivals Haringey and travel up by air on the morning of the match. But when the team assembled at Kings Cross station the day before the match it was clearly by far the strongest team of the season.

On the day, Edinburgh lived up to its reputation for being the windy city, though the wind did subside during the course of the afternoon. The first result of the day could not have been much better with Gary Pullen finishing 3rd in the 'A' string long jump and Bob Weaver winning the 'B' string with a jump of 6.80m. This was followed by the rare sight of a Heathen leading a British League 800m down the final straight — however it was not to be and in the end debutant Giles Clifford finished a very creditable 3rd in 1 min 51.69 secs. This was followed by Blackheath's first 'A' string track victory of the season with Buster Watson pipping European Junior Champion Elliott Bunny on the line in the 100m. Colin Hamplett and Derek Wilson were both 3rd in the 'A' and 'B' strings respectively of the 110m hurdles.

In the javelin Peter Yates and Darryl Brand proved to be as reliable as ever winning their respective 'A' and 'B' strings. Another debutant, Jerry Barton, ran in the 5,000m and in a very close finish Jerry hung on for 3rd place overall and 2nd in the 'A' string in a PB of 14 min 10.35 secs.

Mike Winch continued his comeback finishing 2nd in the 'A' string shot putt with a putt of 15.72, just 18cm behind the winner. Unfortunately, Malcolm Cannon seriously injured his ankle whilst competing in the pole vault.

So an outstanding all round team performance meant that Blackheath finished the match in 4th place, just 26 points behind league champions Haringey. This was a performance based on real team spirit, a fact obvious to all those present.

N.K.

#### Result:

1. Birchfield (381), 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston (299), 3. Haringey (287), 4. Blackheath (261), 5. Sale (250), 6. Shaftesbury (250), 7. Edinburgh Southern (248), 8. Thames Valley Harriers (221).

#### Aggregate after 3 matches:

1. Birchfield (1082) 23 pts; 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston (999) 22 pts; 3. Haringey (970) 18 pts; 4. Shaftesbury (808) 13.5 pts; 5. Thames Valley (715) 9 pts; 6. Blackheath (695) 9 pts; 7. Sale (684) 7.5 pts; 8. Edinburgh Southern (657) 6 pts.

### GRE CUP SEMI FINAL

Luton

4th July, 1985

The entire country suffered appalling weather conditions on this particular day — high winds whipped up the rain and launched it across the nation in rods of steel.

Luton had it as bad as anywhere, but what made it harder to bear here was the almost total absence of shelter. Despite all the discomforts the club spirit remained high and no-one let the side down. In fact, some very respectable performances were produced. Buster Watson attempted, and very nearly succeeded, in drying out the water logged track with a scorching 20.5 in the 200m. (Although unacceptably wind assisted, he proved his form the following week with 20.4 under good conditions at Wigan.)

Phil Davies won the triple jump and only lost the long jump by 1cm in the last round. Darryl Brand won the javelin and Graham Savory both the shot and discus. These field athletes must be particularly commended. Such conditions affect them far more than the runners.

The one contestant who revelled in it all was Les Roberts, jubilant to be able to race the "long one" for once without a high sun. He charged round to finish 2nd in his fastest time of the year, 30 mins 27 secs, beating ex-England international Andy Holden in the process.

We gave Wolverhampton and Bilston a good run for their money but we never really expected to beat them. Second spot and a place in the Final was a job well done.

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### MATCH FOUR — HARINGEY

10th August, 1985

After the good results at Edinburgh had lifted Blackheath out of the relegation-zone another good performance would be needed at Haringey to ensure Blackheath's place in Division One for next year.

In the first event, the hammer, Nigel Spivey made his club debut with an impressive throw of 51.56m in the 'A' string but only gained 6th place in a very high standard competition. Phil Davies and Paul Ashen scored valuable points in the 100m, both gaining 4th places in the 'A' and 'B' strings respectively. Graham Savory continued a successful season by placing 2nd in the 'A' string discus with a throw of 54.48m. Paul Betts produced his best ever British League performance finishing 3rd in the 'B' string 3000m steeple chase and Jerry Barton ran impressively again, this time in the 1500m gaining 3rd in the 'A' string in a time of 3.54.72. Meanwhile, Bill Foster moved up in distance to gain 2nd place in the 'B' string 5000m. However, a number of below par performances amidst strong opposition meant that half way through the meeting Blackheath were languishing in last place and on our way down to Division Two. But how things can change.

Buster Watson produced an outstanding performance to win the 200m 'A' string in a PB of 20.55 beating Donovan Reid who had just been selected in preference to Buster to run the 200m for Great Britain in the European Cup Final. As the 'B' string runners lined up on the track, memories came flooding back of Phil Davies' great victory over Mike McFarlane at Haringey the year before and another victory would have been most welcome. Phil duly obliged running away from the opposition to win in an impressive 21.33. This was followed almost immediately by the result of the javelin where Blackheath again enjoyed a double success, Peter Yates winning the 'A' string with 80.94m and Darryl Brand the 'B' with 70.44m. Suddenly the thoughts of relegation seemed a long way away. A third and fourth in the shot further strengthened the position and Blackheath held on to clinch sixth place in the match thus securing our place in Division One for 1986 at the expense of our rivals Thames Valley.

N.K.

#### Result:

1. Birchfield (371), 2. Wolverhampton and B (327), 3. Haringey (298), 4. Sale (274), 5. Shaftesbury (257), 6. Blackheath (248), 7. Thames Valley (223), 8. Edinburgh Southern (291).

#### Final league positions:

1. Birchfield (1453) 31 pts; 2. Wolverhampton and B (1326) 29 pts; 3. Haringey (1268) 24 pts; 4. Shaftesbury (1064) 17.5 pts; 5. Sale (958) 12.5 pts; 6. Blackheath (923) 12 pts; 7. Thames Valley (938) 11 pts; 8. Edinburgh Southern (858) 7 pts.

### GRE CUP FINAL

Cophthall Stadium

31st August, 1985

On a wet and windy day at Cophthall under the eyes of ITV's World of Sport cameras, Blackheath's first team completed the season with the GRE Cup Final. The competing teams were the eight from Division One, minus Thames Valley who were replaced by Southampton and Eastleigh. Blackheath's aim therefore was to improve on their league position of sixth.



On the day that saw all three senior track teams in action, this fixture was already threatening to be the season's most difficult. Unfortunately circumstances were exacerbated by injuries and late withdrawals and this left team manager Brian Stone reaching for the Paracetamols and somewhere quiet to lie down.

However, young high jumper Andrew Hodge, having recently set a new championship best in winning the County Youths title, showed what he could also do in the triple jump. His performance in this match of 13.48m will surely place him highly in the National Youths rankings. Andrew also having shown outstanding ability in sprints up to 400m and long jump is undoubtedly a star of the future, and his progress will be watched with the greatest of interest.

Another young athlete to have made great strides this season is 800m and 1500m man Mike Laws. Mike will have been disappointed with his performance this day, having tried to stay with the hot pace set by Hercules's Dave Clarke. But having previously run his first sub 4 min 1500m and having reduced his 800m time to around 1.52, Mike has time on his side and will benefit from this experience.

Well done to Mr. Stone. He did eventually persuade 800m runner Peter Lester that pole vault and long jump are only basically running events, and James Cunningham that the steeplechase was ideal training for his pole vaulting! It was worth it; we did, after all, defeat Thames Valley Harriers, didn't we Brian?

		<b>400m Hurdles</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
3. P. Byfield	Blackheath	59.3	2. S. Munday	Blackheath	58.3
		<b>100m</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. R. Pinson	Blackheath	12.5	5. P. Sparks	Blackheath	11.9
		<b>800m</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. D. Cocker	Blackheath	1.56.6	3. P. Lester	Blackheath	1.59.2
		<b>Hammer</b>			
4. A. Paffett	Blackheath	30.90	4. C. Morris	Blackheath	14.48
		<b>High Jump</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
2. A. Hodge	Blackheath	1.92	2. P. Brookes	Blackheath	1.85
		<b>5000m</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
3. W. O'Donnell	Blackheath	15.00.9	2. P. Betts	Blackheath	15.08.0
		<b>400m</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. P. Byfield	Blackheath	55.0	1. M. Allen	Blackheath	51.6
		<b>Pole Vault</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
2. J. Cunningham	Blackheath	3.40	2. P. Lester	Blackheath	2.20
		<b>Long Jump</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
3. P. Brookes	Blackheath	6.18	4. P. Lester	Blackheath	4.79
		<b>110m Hurdles</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. S. Munday	Blackheath	17.5	2. P. Brookes	Blackheath	16.9
		<b>200m</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. P. Sparkes	Blackheath	23.9	4. M. Allen	Blackheath	24.1
		<b>Shot</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. G. Hickey	Blackheath	10.63	4. D. Cocker	Blackheath	9.89
		<b>Triple Jump</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
3. A. Hodge	Blackheath	13.48	3. D. Cocker	Blackheath	12.20
		<b>1500m</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. M. Jackson	Blackheath	4.02.9	4. M. Laws	Blackheath	4.12.7
		<b>Javelin</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
2. C. Morris	Blackheath	49.28	3. G. Hickey	Blackheath	38.68

		<b>3000 S/Chase</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. P. Betts	Blackheath	9.53.0	5. J. Cunningham	Blackheath	12.23.8
		<b>Discus</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. J. Overall	Blackheath	30.02	4. R. Pinson	Blackheath	22.62
		<b>4 x 100m Relay</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. Blackheath		45.4	4. Blackheath		3.28.1
		<b>Match Result</b>			
		1. GEC Avionics			138
		2. Hercules Wimbledon			129
		3. Norfolk Oly.			99
		4. Blackheath			90
		5. TVH			75

Colindale

20th July, 1985

This was the outstanding team performance of the season by far, and included 10 individual wins, 5 PBs, a senior club record, a British veteran record and an exciting 4 x 400m relay win which clinched the match.

Personal bests were achieved by David Coleman in winning the pole vault B string and John Kitching while scoring a win in the javelin A string. Nigel Spivey, who was competing in club colours for the first, shattered Mike Winch's club hammer record with his opening throw. Chris Ellis, not content with winning shot and hammer B strings, produced his best ever discus throw to re-capture the British vets record from arch rival John Hillier.

It was not only field events to hit peak form. Hayes school teacher Bill O'Donnell scored a stirring victory in the 5000m. Faced with a near gale force head wind on the back straight, Bill gradually burnt off all opposition to score his first track win for Blackheath. With the match finally balanced, 16 year old high jumper Andrew Hodge ran the opening leg in the 400m relay and to everyone's delight accelerated way from the field in the home straight to hand over a lead that was never lost. Blackheath B team thus recorded their first ever Southern League division one victory.

		<b>100 Metres</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. Salmon	Blackheath	11.3	4. Pinson	Blackheath	11.6
		<b>200 Metres</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
2. Shaw	Blackheath	22.5	1. Salmon	Blackheath	22.8
		<b>400 Metres</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
5. Allen	Blackheath	51.7	3. Lester	Blackheath	53.7
		<b>800 Metres</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
3. Cocker	Blackheath	2.01.4	3. Kemp	Blackheath	2.00.7
		<b>1500 Metres</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. Calnan	Blackheath	4.07.4	4. Jackson	Blackheath	4.26.2
		<b>5000 Metres</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
1. O'Donnell	Blackheath	15.01.9	1. Betts	Blackheath	15.23.4
		<b>3000 Metres S/C</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. Betts	Blackheath	9.59.2	2. O'Donnell	Blackheath	10.16.6
		<b>110 Metres Hurdles</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
2. Fisher	Blackheath	15.6	3. Holder	Blackheath	17.7
		<b>400 Metres Hurdles</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
4. Lester	Blackheath	60.5	3. D. Cocker	Blackheath	65.8
		<b>FIELD EVENTS</b>			
		<b>Pole Vault</b>			
	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>		
3. Gascoigne	Blackheath	3.40	1. Coleman	Blackheath	3.40

		High Jump			
		A	B		
2. Hodge	Blackheath	1.90	4. Holder	Blackheath	1.70
		Long Jump			
		A	B		
2. Holder	Blackheath	6.39	4. Pinson	Blackheath	5.52
		Triple Jump			
		A	B		
2. Hodge	Blackheath	12.74	2. Holder	Blackheath	12.46
		Hammer			
		A	B		
1. Spivey	Blackheath	54.34	1. Ellis	Blackheath	36.40
		Shot			
		A	B		
1. Ellis	Blackheath	12.93	3. Spivey	Blackheath	11.01
		Discus			
		A	B		
1. Ellis	Blackheath	49.08	3. Spivey	Blackheath	32.28
		Javelin			
		A	B		
1. Kitching	Blackheath	54.18	3. Ellis	Blackheath	38.64
		4 × 100 Metre Relay			
		A	B		
3. Blackheath		44.5	1. Blackheath		325.5
		Final Result			
		1. Blackheath			125
		2. Shaftesbury			119
		3. Bedford			107
		4. Met. Police			90
		5. Oxford			87

### Norman Park

3rd August, 1985

World veteran bronze medalist, Chris Ellis was again the shining light for Blackheath in their 5th fixture of the season at Norman Park. Unbeaten in all six matches last season, Chris again won both shot and discus against strong opposition and is proving as prolific a points scorer in the Southern League as Mike Winch has been in the British League matches. Let's hope the first team keep their hands off him. Sorry Andy, just a little joke.

A seven second improvement for Paul Betts in the steeplechase and Paul says he wants to establish himself as No. 1 chaser in the club. Now he has graduated from breaststroke to crawl at the water jump — beware King Coles.

PBs also for Steve Fitz-Costa in the B string chase and Mike Laws in the 1500m, under 4 mins at last.

Congratulations also to Jeff Salmon for a PB in the hammer, proving conclusively that sprinters do have a sense of humour, even though the technical events are a little confusing for them.

		Hammer			
		A	B		
5. S. Williams	Blackheath	28.72	5. J. Salmon	Blackheath	4.30
		Long Jump			
		A	B		
2. G. Holder	Blackheath	6.35	1. P. Brookes	Blackheath	6.26
		Shot			
		A	B		
1. C. Ellis	Blackheath	13.24	3. G. Hickey	Blackheath	10.60
		High Jump			
		A	B		
2. P. Brookes	Blackheath	1.85	4. G. Holder	Blackheath	1.75
		Pole Vault			
		A	B		
2. J. Cunningham	Blackheath	3.60	2. G. Holder	Blackheath	3.40
		Triple Jump			
		A	B		
3. D. Cocker	Blackheath	12.29	3. G. Holder	Blackheath	11.74
		Javelin			
		A	B		
2. J. Kitching	Blackheath	50.48	3. S. Oxlade	Blackheath	38.48

		Discus			
		A	B		
1. C. Ellis	Blackheath	46.82	3. S. Oxlade	Blackheath	31.94
		400 Metres Hurdles			
		A	B		
4. Fisher	Blackheath	57.5	3. S. Munday	Blackheath	59.0
		100 Metres			
		A	B		
4. J. Evans	Blackheath	11.5	2. J. Salmon	Blackheath	11.5
		800 Metres			
		A	B		
2. D. Cocker	Blackheath	1.57.3	3. P. Lester	Blackheath	2.00.0
		5000 Metres			
		A	B		
5. K. Pike	Blackheath	15.42.3	5. M. Athawes	Blackheath	16.11.1
		400 Metres			
		A	B		
4. M. Allen	Blackheath	51.4	3. G. Fernandez	Blackheath	52.7
		110 Metres Hurdles			
		A	B		
1. M. Fisher	Blackheath	15.8	2. P. Brookes	Blackheath	17.2
		200 Metres			
		A	B		
4. J. Salmon	Blackheath	23.6	3. R. Pinson	Blackheath	23.4
		1500 Metres			
		A	B		
5. M. Laws	Blackheath	3.59.7	5. P. Calnan	Blackheath	4.05.6
		3000 Metres S/Chase			
		A	B		
2. P. Betts	Blackheath	9.35.9	4. S. Fitz-Costa	Blackheath	10.59.2
		4 × 100 Metres Relay			
		A	B		
2. Blackheath		43.8	4. Blackheath		3.26.2

### Match Result

1. Old Gaytonians	137½
2. Sutton & Cheam	112
3. Blackheath	107½
4. Highgate	104
5. Basildon	68

### McMillan Stadium

17th August, 1985

Blackheath arrived at Essex and Newhams track for their final fixture, assured of a strong position in the top half of the league. With this relaxed no pressure situation some outstanding performances were recorded.

Nick Terry who started the season with a PB of 1.90m in the high jump produced an impressive display to win with 2.05m and earn himself a high position in the British rankings. Nick also achieved another PB in the 110 hurdles to win in 16 seconds dead.

Two former Great Britain internationals were also in action, Steve Green who won the 100m dash and then dashed off to a wedding and Tim Foulger the former England National high jump record holder, who on this occasion ran three 400m races. Tim won the 400 hurdles B race finished second in the flat 400m A race and also ran anchor leg in the 400m relay.

Former World Veteran 10km road champion John Baldwin arrived as usual to time keep, but after much verbal abuse from the team manager and several Chinese burns, John volunteered to run the 5000m B race and produced the goods to win in 15 min 31 secs.

I would like to thank everyone concerned, officials and athletes alike for making it such an enjoyable season but if I may pick out just one in particular it has to be decathlete Garth Holder who was frequently found dashing about the track and field and competing in many events. I must find out what he means when he mumbles about the three card trick and something about a blue bottomed fly.





Buster Watson on his way towards a 20.55 beating of Donovan Reid in Division 1.

Earlier, in the hammer Mike Davies made a good start to the season by winning the 'a' string, with a very good throw of 33.86 m and was well supported by the 'b' string thrower Roger Ebbutt who secured 2nd place with a throw of 18.46 m.

Alas though, all the good work put in by the field athletes was undone on the track, where our relay team in the 4 × 100 (who must be said hadn't run together before) were unfortunately disqualified. This left Tendering and Cambridge Harriers tying for first place with Blackheath behind in 3rd.

A			B		
100	Paul Stack 4th	12.4 sec	Bob McGowen 5th	13.0	
200	Paul Stack 4th	25.2 sec	John Kemp 3rd	25.1	
400	Paul Groves 3rd	60.5 sec	Derrek Farnelly 4th	56.3	
800	Richard Coe 3rd	2.03.5	John Kemp 2nd	2.06.2	
1500	Neil Colvin 3rd	4.15.0	Jim Phelan 2nd	4.29.4	
5000	Ken Pike 4th	15.40.5	Paul Barrington-King 3rd	16.21.4	
110H	Roger Ebbutt 4th	19.9	Nick Latchem 4th	23.2	
400H	Derrek Farrelly 3rd	64.6	Roger Ebbutt 4th	65.3	
3000S/C	Chris Haines 5th	10.40.8	Andy Blacknell 3rd	10.51.8	
HJ	Simon Tolson 2nd	1m.75	John Novelli 1st	1m.70	
LJ	Stewart Gibson 3rd	5m.97	Richard Coe 1st	5m.87	
TJ	Richard Coe 2nd	12m.27	John Novelli 1st	12m.00	
PV	David Coleman 1st	3m.20	Nick Latchem 1st	2m.80	
Shot	Steve Oxlade 3rd	10m.90	Nick Latchem 2nd	8m.38	
Discus	Steve Oxlade 1st	32m.30	Colin Brand 1st	26m.80	
Jav.	Mark Clark 1st	47m.66	Colin Brand 1st	38m.16	
Hammer	Mike Davies 1st	33m.86	Roger Ebbutt 2nd	18m.46	
4 × 100	Blackheath (Disq.)	49.6			
4 × 400	Blackheath 3rd	3.40.3			

Match result: 1st equal Tendering, Cambridge H. 121 pts; 3rd Blackheath 120 pts; 4th Colchester 115 pts; 5th Bedford.

#### 2nd Fixture

25th May, 1985

In complete contrast to Colchester, the weather for the Eastbourne fixture was sunny and hot, ideal for athletics, and although the track was cinder it was in very good condition. Unfortunately though the home team and London Athletic Club fielded very strong teams which we never quite came to grips with.

On the track only one first place was achieved; this was by Andy Blacknell in the 'b' string 3000 m steeple chase, with a time of 11 min. 12 secs.

However some useful 2nd places were achieved. In the 800 John Kemp and Peter Davies took that place in their respective 'a' and 'b' strings. Lance Edmondson with a time of 24 secs. came second in the 'a' 200 m, Garry Spencer achieved 2nd place twice in the afternoon, the first in the 400 m hurdles, a completely new event for him and where he was only beaten by one tenth of a second, to record a time of 62.6 secs. Later he ran the 'b' string 1500 m in a time of 4.18.2.

In the field our star was Nick Latcham, who had to turn his hand to four events having already run the 110 hurdles on the track. He started well in the pole vault where he partnered Jim Day. Jim won the 'a' string with a vault of 3m.10 and Nick the 'b' string, clearing 2.30m. Nick then went on to take two second places, the long jump 'b' string with 5.75 m and the discus 'b' string with 22.58m. He finished his afternoon's work by gaining third place in the 'b' string shot, with a putt of 7.67 m. Alas, though, Nick's efforts were to no avail, match and were to finish the clear winners with 132 points with L.A.C. taking second place with 120 points and ourselves finishing third with 112 points. Tower Hamlets were fourth with 95 and Highgate fifth with 79.

It was now left to our coach driver to lift our spirits, which he managed well, by taking a small diversion on our way home, stopping off for some liquid refreshment that soon replenished the inner man!

A			B		
100	Lance Edmondson 4th	12.4 sec.	Clive Wilton 5th		12.4
200	Lance Edmondson 2nd	24.0 sec.	Mike Mahoney 3rd		25.0
400	Mike Allen 4th	54.4 sec.	Paul Groves 2nd		54.3
800	John Kemp 2nd	2:04.9	Peter Davies 2nd		2:08.8
1500	Ken Daniel 3rd	4:22.4	Garry Spencer 2nd		4:18.2
5000	Peter Hamilton 4th	16:14.3	Martin Athawes 5th		16:27.0
110H	Roger Ebbutt 3rd	20.2	Nick Latcham 5th		22.8
400H	Roger Ebbutt 3rd	64.6	Gary Spencer 2nd		62.6
3000S/C	Jim Phelan 2nd	11.07	Andy Blacknell 1st		11.12
HJ	Simon Tolson 4th	1m.70	John Novelli 3rd		1.65
LJ	Stewart Gibson 4th	6m.22	Nick Latcham 2nd		5m.75
TJ	John Novelli 5th	12m.07	Stewart Gibson 3rd		11m.08
PV	Jim Day 1st	3m.10	Nick Latcham 1st		2m.30
Shot	Colin Brand 4th	8m.90	Nick Latcham 3rd		7m.67
Discus	Colin Brand 4th	26m.50	Nick Latcham 2nd		22m.58
Jav	Stewart Gibson 2nd	39m.0	Colin Brand 2nd		37m.81
Hammer	Andy Paffett 3rd	29m.52	Colin Brand 5th		24m.68
4 x 100	Blackheath 5th				
4 x 400	Blackheath 3rd	3:37.7			

Match result: Eastbourne 132; L.A.C. 120; Blackheath 112; Tower Hamlets 95; Highgate 79.

### 3rd Fixture

29th June, 1985

For our third fixture of the year we travelled to Walton on Thames to the Stompond Lane track, which I must say has seen better days. The condition of the track and its equipment were poor to say the least, which only adds to the excellent performance put up by the team.

In a very close match, some very good results were achieved. In the 800 m both our runners recorded first places. John Kemp in the 'a' string ran a storming race, always leading the pack and finally killing them off with a charge to the line from 100 m out, to win with 5 m to spare. Peter Davies in the 'b' race played a more cautious game, waiting until the bell before surging away to open up a considerable gap, which he maintained right to the line.

The 5000 m was a real joy to watch especially as John Baldwin was making a welcome return to the track. Both John and Ken Pike from the gun settled into an even pace, behind the eventual winner, Pigot of Great Yarmouth. Ken was quite happy to match John stride for stride and Ken's tactics paid off very well as they both pulled steadily away from the rest of the field, for John to finish second in the 'a' race and Ken to win the 'b' race by a clear 35 secs.

In the field also, we were doing very well. John Novelli cleared 1.85 m in the 'a' string high jump, a P.B. to finish third and Simon Tolson in the 'b' string, cleared 1.65 m to win. As if this wasn't sufficient they both went on to accumulate more points in the triple jump, John winning the 'a' string with a jump of 11.94 m and Simon coming fourth in the 'b' string.

Earlier on in the afternoon, David Coleman, continued to show good form in the pole vault, by winning the 'a' string, with a vault of 3.30 m. He was well supported by Nick Latcham in the 'b' string who finished second with a vault of 2.65 m.

With only the final 3 events of the afternoon to come — the 3000 m s/c, 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays, the position of the match was very close. In the 'chase' Chris Haines and Steve Robinson both ran well, with Chris finishing third in the 'a' string and Steve winning the 'b' string, in his first race of the season.

The 4 x 100 relay was a close fought race between ourselves and Great Yarmouth. Both teams were equal up to

the last changeover, where Yarmouth's better change gave them the edge to win in 46.6 secs. to our 46.8 secs. However, more important was the fact that Walton came in fourth, giving us a three point advantage, going into the 4 x 400 relay.

Though Walton were on paper a stronger team than us, we knew that the three point advantage over them gave us some leeway and as long as we came in third, we would win the match. From the gun Walton ran well and won with superior strength and style, but we hung on and our determination gave us second place, winning us the match by two points. A splendid team performance.

A			B		
100	Lance Edmondson 3rd	12.3	Clive Wilton 4th		12.4
200	Paul Stack 4th	24.3	Mike Mahoney 2nd		24.5
400	Paul Groves 3rd	55.0	Pete Davies 4th		56.6
800	John Kemp 1st	2:03.0	Pete Davies 1st		2:09.7
1500	Garry Spencer 4th	4:12.0	Ken Daniel 2nd		4:14.4
5000	John Baldwin 2nd	15:48.9	Ken Pike 1st		15:49.2
110H	Roger Ebbutt 3rd	19.7	Stephen Oxlade 3rd		19.7
400H	Garry Spencer 4th	63.0	Roger Ebbutt 3rd		64.3
3000S/C	Chris Haines 3rd	10:43.8	Steve Robinson 1st		10:48.9
HJ	John Novelli 3rd	1m.85	Simon Tolson 1st		1m.65
LJ	Richard Chitty 3rd	5m.71	Nick Latcham 4th		5m.26
TJ	John Novelli 1st	11m.94	Simon Tolson 4th		9m.83
PV	David Coleman 1st	3m.30	Nick Latcham 2nd		2m.65
Shot	Steve Oxlade 2nd	10m.87	Nick Latcham 2nd		9m.22
Discus	Steve Oxlade 3rd	30m.32	Mike Davies 3rd		24m.68
Jav	Steve Oxlade 2nd	42m.48	Stirling Davis 2nd		33m.44
Hammer	Mike Davies 3rd	29m.64	Stan Williams 3rd		28m.62
4 x 100	Blackheath 2nd	46.8			
4 x 400	Blackheath 2nd	3:36.5			

Match result: Blackheath 125; Walton 123; East Grinstead 108; Great Yarmouth, 103; Oxford 63.

### 4th Fixture

20th July, 1985

After our win at Walton, we now knew that if we were going to achieve promotion we would have to win all of our last three fixtures. As it happened this was too much to ask of such a young team. However at Croydon we came very close to emulating the Walton result.

Having obtained average results i.e. third and fourth places early on in the afternoon, things picked up when both our 1500 metre runners, Mike Laws and Neil Colvin destroyed the field to win both the 'a' and 'b' strings. This was closely followed by another double success in the 5000 metres, Ken Pike and Peter Hamilton winning the 'a' and 'b' races. In the field first places were achieved by Simon Tolson in the 'b' string high jump, Steve Oxlade 'a' string shot, Colin Brand 'b' string javelin and Andy Paffett 'b' string hammer in the pole vault Roger Ebbutt and Steve Oxlade won the 'a' and 'b' strings

Unfortunately, though, disaster befell us in the 3000 steeple chase, where only one runner, Jim Phelan, managed to finish in fifth place. This meant that we sacrificed the two points that were available for last place in the 'b' race, as Croydon hadn't fielded an athlete. Had our runner finished, the two points obtained at this stage of the afternoon would almost certainly have given us first place in the match. As it was we finished second to Mitcham by just 'one point'.

A			B		
100	David Barlow 4th	12.0	Clive Wilton 3rd		12.3
200	Vaughn Corless 3rd	24.1	Paul Stack 3rd		24.5
400	Derek Farnelly 3rd	55.4	Pat Squires 3rd		54.6
800	Paul Groves 5th	2:10.8	Garry Spencer 2nd		2:06.5

100m	Neil Colvin 1st	4.08.6	4.15.9
100m	Pete Hamilton 1st	15.34.9	15.52.0
100m	Roger Ebbutt 2nd	19.0	19.3
100m	Garry Spencer 3rd	68.0	65.1
100m	Mike Williams	10.55.6	D.N.F.
100m	Simon Tolson 1st	1m.70	1m.60
100m	B. Gibson 2nd	5m.75	5m.46
100m	John Novelli 2nd	12m.14	11m.32
100m	Steve Oxlade 1st	2m.80	2m.60
100m	Jim Overall 3rd	11m.39	9m.72
100m	Steve Oxlade 2nd	29.98	28m.84
100m	Colin Brand 1st	44m.58	42m.24
100m	Andy Paffett 1st	31m.14	28m.74
100m	Blackheath 3rd	47.0	
100m	Blackheath 2nd	3.32.8	

100m: Mitcham 129; Blackheath 128; Croydon B 109; Poly 104; Dartford

### 3rd August, 1985

The Summer Park match, being our home fixture, we were looking out again to put out a strong team, especially as we were in second place in the division and were looking to be a good all round team.

The afternoon got off to a good start. In the sprints, Paul Stack won the 'a' 100 m and Clive Wilton came second in the 'b' string. In the 200 m Lance Edmondson won the 'a' string and Paul Stack was second in the 'b' string.

The 400m saw Paul Galloway or 'Herb' to his friends, lead the field to win the 'a' string and ever constant John Kemp came 2 P.B. 1.59.4 to finish second in the 'b' string.

In the high jump Bruce Briggs and Simon Tolson won the 'a' and 'b' string. While Mike Davies threw the hammer to win the 'b' string competition. Unfortunately our best performances didn't manage to effect the predicted result, that being a run away victory by Haselmer.

	A	B		A	B
100m	Paul Sparks 1st	11.7	Clive Wilton 2nd	12.0	
100m	Lance Edmondson 1st	24.4	Paul Stack 2nd	24.7	
100m	Pat Squares 3rd	52.9	Derek Farrelly 3rd	53.2	
100m	Paul Galloway 1st	2.03.5	John Kemp 2nd	1.59.4 P.B.	
100m	Neil Colvin 4th	4.16.7	Ken Daniel 2nd	4.19.6	
100m	Pete Hamilton 3rd	15.45.6	Mark Colpus 2nd	16.15.3	
100m	Roger Ebbutt 5th	20.9	Nick Latcham 5th	23.1	
100m	Roger Ebbutt 5th	65.1	Darren Pope 3rd	62.4	
100m	Pat Sparks 3rd	10.56.3	Paul Barrington King 3rd	11.10.0	
100m	Bruce Briggs 1st	1m.75	Simon Tolson 1st	1m.65	
100m	Stewart Gibson 4th	5m.78	Darren Pope 4th	5m.36	
100m	Neil Moss 4th	12m.08	Pete Davis 5th	10m.03	
100m	Jim Day 4th	3m.0	Nick Latcham 2nd	2m.80	
100m	Jim Overall 5th	9m.30	Nick Latcham 4th	8m.96	
100m	Colin Brand 4th	40m.52	Stirling Davis 4th	33m.66	
100m	Colin Brand 3rd	29m.26	Jim Overall 4th	26m.92	
100m	Andy Paffett 2nd	31m.84	Mike Davies 1st	31m.44	
100m	Blackheath 1st	46.2			
100m	Blackheath 2nd	3.28.2			

100m: Haselmer 124½; Blackheath 110½; Havant 107; Harlow 98½; W.S.E.

### 17th August, 1985

The last fixture of the Summer at Sutcliffe Park we played out to win all conquering Crawley 'B' team who until this point had won every match.

As it turned out neither ourselves, Ashford or Dacorum were able to stop them completing a grand-slam.

It was nice to see some of the old guard turning out for the club in this fixture. Doug Cocker showed tremendous form to win the 'a' string 800 m in 1.59.8, this gave John Kemp the incentive to also win, which he managed quiet comfortably in the 'b' race in 2.02.2. In the 1500 m it was a case of the young showing the old the way home. Neil Colvin in the 'a' race coming 2nd in 4.14.4 and Ken Daniels following him closely over the line to win the 'b' race in 4.16.4. Having consistently struggled all season to obtain points in the 110 hurdles it was really pleasing to see us obtain the double this time out. Ian Holder winning the 'a' string in 17.3 sec. and ex-British league man John Pyman winning the 'b' string in 17.7 sec.

But the performance of the afternoon had to be that of Pat Calnan in the 5000 m. He ran a really well paced race from the front to win the 'a' string in 15.47.4 ably supported by Paul Barrington-King in the 'b' string who finished second in 16.13.6.

When approached by yours truly and asked to help out in the 3000 chase Pat said he'd run but only as a warm, down. Some warm down! Pat started at the back of the pack but as the laps passed to our amazement he was slowly moving through the field. Need I say there was plenty of encouragement from the rest of the team around the track, enough that Pat finally found his way to the front with two laps to go. From here he then really started to "warm down". A gap soon opened and Pat by now had "cooled" those behind, to win in 10.17. Not bad for first attempt at this event and having already won the 5000.

And so the season came to an end. Not on as high a note as we had hoped, but nevertheless our team is young and will get better, stronger, fitter and faster. I would like to thank all the officials, athletes and supporters for their efforts during the summer of '85. And I hope to see you all in '86.

G.S.

	A	B		A	B
100	Clive Wilton 4th	12.3	Paul Stack 3rd	12.2	
200	Paul Stack 4th	24.8	Mike Mahoney 3rd	24.8	
400	Pete Lester 2nd	53.2	Paul Groves 2nd	54.2	
800	Doug Cocker 1st	1.59.8	John Kemp 1st	2.02.2	
1500	Neil Colvin 2nd	4.14.4	Ken Daniels 1st	4.16.6	
5000	Pat Calnan 1st	15.47.4	Paul Barrington King 2nd	16.31.6	
110H	Ian Holder 1st	17.3	John Pyman 1st	17.7	
400H	Pete Lester 2nd	62.2	Roger Ebbutt 3rd	65.1	
3000S/C	Pat Calnan 1st	10m.17	Roger Ebbutt 4th	11m.42.4	
HJ	John Novelli 4th	1m.75	Simon Tolson 2nd	1m.70	
LJ	Doug Cocker 4th	5m.81	John Pyman 3rd	5m.77	
TJ	Doug Cocker 2nd	12m.46	John Novelli 2nd	11m.92	
PV	Jim Day 3rd	3m.00	Roger Ebbutt 2nd	2m.80	
Shot	Jim Overall 4th	9m.68	Doug Cocker 3rd	8m.76	
Discus	Jim Overall 4th	30m.14	Colin Brand 2nd	28m.54	
Jav.	Colin Brand 4th	40m.32	Mike Mahoney 4th	29m.40	
Hammer	Mike Davies 2nd	28m.62	Colin Brand 4th	18m.18	
4 x 100	Blackheath 2nd	47.2			
4 x 400	Blackheath 2nd	3.33.8			

Result: Crawley 'B' 151; Blackheath 'C' 125; Ashford 124; Dacorum 104; Par 0 (failed to show up).

### DREAMERS MILE 1985

Many are the ideas discussed over pints, salted nuts and stale crisps on a Wednesday night. Such was the origin of the Dreamers' Mile, a competition devised by Garry Spencer with the help of track guru Franky Anguish. The main aim

was to devise a means by which people would have the chance to improve their mile times. As an incentive two trophies were up for grabs. Firstly, there was an award for the individual who showed the greatest improvement in his mile time. The second award was slightly more complex. Using a decathlon scale each runner was awarded points for his time. Having completed another mile, points were either added or deducted depending on whether he improved or not. Thus, someone who ran 4.41 in his first mile would be awarded 659 points. If he then ran 4.39.7 he would receive 668, a 9 point improvement. If he then ran 4.58.9 he would receive 542 points, a 126 point deterioration. This would be subtracted from his 9 points and he would be left with a total of — 117, giving an average over two races of — 58.5. The best points average won the second award. Each number had to compete in at least four races to be eligible for the prizes.

Ten runners made up the field in the inaugural race in May with Bill O'Donnell moving down in distance to finish seven seconds clear of his nearest rival in 4.33.8. Numbers subsequently increased and by Race Three improvements were being made all round. Bruce Grant had lopped nine seconds off his time, and Paul Betts and Neil Colvin had both run seven seconds faster. These were overshadowed by the sensational fifteen second reduction in Jim Phelan's time, a feat which sent the statisticians rushing for their decathlon tables.

By the end of Race Four Paul Betts had chalked up three wins in a row and the spread of athletes was ever widening. The series was graced with fleeting glimpses of Gary Arthey, Mike Laws, whose 4.25.4 was the fastest winning time of the eight races, and Paul 'Herb' Galloway, who was beaten into second by Garry Spencer in Race Seven.

Jim Phelan's improvement seemed unbeatable and so it proved to be. However, others also made significant progress. Both Craig Daly and Colin St. Alban lowered their times by thirteen seconds. If the Greatest Improvement Award was relatively clear cut, the Higher Average Points Award was always in the balance. Modest, steady improvement proved the key here and resulted in Pat Calnan, winner of Races Five and Six, taking the title by a hair's breadth from Simon Parsons.

The series would never have got off the ground had it not been for the efforts of Garry Spencer and club stalwart George Brooks who organised the timekeeping at each of the races. As far as it being a success, the statistics speak for themselves. Thirty members of all standards competed at various times and a number of personal bests were recorded. The Dreamers Mile is now to become an annual event.

#### HIGHEST AVERAGE POINTS

Pat Calnan	18.66	Jim Phelan	7.8
Simon Parsons	18.33	Steve Fitzcosta	6.5
Garry Spencer	16.33	Ken Daniel	6.25
Pete Barlow	14.75	Neil Colvin	4.5
Craig Daly	11.25	Paul Barrington King	2.0
		Paul Betts	-0.25

P.C.



Brian Hartley on the point of running into two short planks.

#### GREATEST IMPROVEMENT AWARD

	Slowest Time	Points Awarded	Fastest Time	Points Awarded	Points Difference
Jim Phelan	4.56.4	557	4.41.1	659	102
Craig Daly	5.14.3	451	5.01.8	524	73
Paul Betts	4.37.3	685	4.28.2	753	68
Neil Colvin	4.39.7	668	4.31.4	729	61
Pete Barlow	5.07.6	489	4.56.7	549	60
Garry Spencer	4.42.4	650	4.34.2	708	58
Colin St. Alban	6.01.4	222	5.48.2	280	58
Pat Calnan	4.32.8	718	4.25.5	774	56
Simon Parsons	5.21.7	411	5.11.7	466	55
Bruce Grant	5.10.5	473	5.01.2	521	48
Paul Barrington King	4.48.9	606	4.42.2	651	45
Steve Fitz Costa	4.57.0	553	4.50.2	597	44
Richard Farish	5.09.8	477	5.02.5	520	43
Bill Wheeler	5.19.5	422	5.14.4	451	29
John Kelly	4.54.5	569	4.50.0	598	29
Ken Daniel	4.41.0	659	4.37.3	685	26

## Vith WORLD VETERANS GAMES

Rome

22-30 June, 1985

The Vith World Veterans Games attracted over 4,000 athletes, including four Blackheath Harriers, from 47 nations to Rome at the end of June for seven days of hectic competition. This surpassed the previous record and with over 20 different age groups covering the full range of track and field events it was perhaps not surprising that the Italian organisation was fully stretched leading to a myriad of technical difficulties. To accommodate the numbers it was necessary to utilise four stadia plus the Capannelle horse race track on the outskirts of Rome for the cross-country and the Villa Borghese for some of the walking events. When faced with the inevitable local problems the favourite response appeared to be 'impossible' or from the very rare English speaking official 'not possible'. Poor lap counting in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres, particularly the latter, caused some competitors to run extra laps; inspite of being metricated there appeared to be a mental block about counting accurately beyond 24! Another source of irritation concerned the sprinters who were unable to find out who had qualified for the semi-finals until a very late stage and even suffered lane changes after having set up their blocks. Perhaps the whole situation is best summed up by the report that the eventual marathon winner was knocked down by the lead motorcycle. However, despite all these deficiencies arising from the casual attitude and obvious inexperience of some of the officials, the Games were overall well run and generally enjoyable, particularly the good fellowship and friendships made.

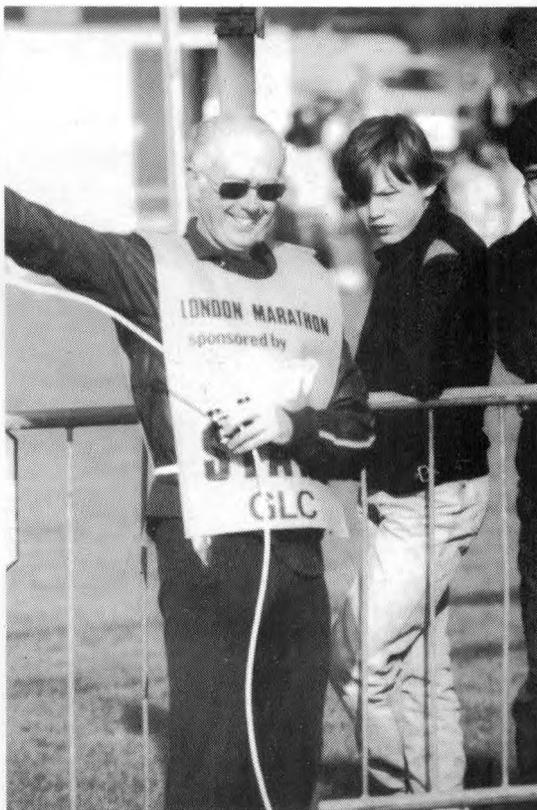
A majority of the events took place in the Olympic Stadium and the adjacent Marmi Stadium, which was used as the warm-up track for the 1960 Olympics. The latter has Fascist origins and it is said that all the numerous figures surrounding the track have Mussolini's head. I thought you should know that! The outstanding performance from the Club's point of view and perhaps one of the highlights of the whole Championships was the performance of Les Roberts in winning the M40 5,000m. Taking charge of the race from the first lap Les towed the field along at a consistent 71 second place and at the bell he led from Ireland's Pat Murphy and Italy's Michele Ieva. With some 350 metres to go Les moved up a gear and sprinted away from the others turning in a last lap of under 61 seconds for a final time of 14:40.03. His winning margin of some 5 seconds over Pat Murphy in second place illustrates the effectiveness of his devastating last lap and the correctness of his decision to forego the 10,000 metres two days earlier to concentrate on the 5,000 metres. This time is his best as a veteran and only just below his all time best. It was regrettable that the medal presentation ceremony was delayed until early the following evening when all the atmosphere and excitement built-up during the race had disappeared. This was one aspect where it was felt the organisers could have gained valuable publicity with improved presentation.

In the sprints Peter Baigent qualified for the semi-finals of both the 100m and 200m in the M55 class returning 13.65 and 28.6 seconds but failed to qualify for the final in either event. In the M40 5km track walk Peter Hannell in his well known impetuous style, blasted a 46.7 second opening 200m; his only response after the race — "was I that slow"! However, at the kilometre he had been caught by the leading group and from then on slipped down the field to finish a very creditable 10th in 25:10.7. Three days later Peter was in action again for the 20km Road walk held on a twisting and undulating 2km circuit around the Villa Borghese a pleasant area of parkland in the centre of Rome. With the M40 and M45 age groups being combined, the standard of walking amongst the leaders was high with Peter doing well to finish 8th with a time of 1:49.01.

In the field Chris Ellis picked up an excellent bronze medal in M40 Discus with a 5th round throw of 46.70 against the winning throw of 48.36. This proved to be a very competitive age group with some 5 metres covering the first eight places.

At the end of the Games, which take place bi-annually, athletes were already talking about the 1987 Games scheduled for Melbourne, Australia. These World Veteran Games are the athletics equivalent of the Olympics for older athletes where everyone competes seriously win or lose and the spirit of Baron de Conbertin is clearly evident. At the conclusion the small Blackheath contingent all agreed they had enjoyed the atmosphere and experience of the Games, particularly the weather with the temperature in the 80's and sunshine almost every day!

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*John Robinson never seems to go anywhere these days without his pet giraffe. Animal lovers look on with great interest.*