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HOME



A view from the water jump.

And so the new facility at Norman Park is not only up and running, it has now been officially opened by the Mayor of Bromley, Hannah Gray, who had arrived hot foot, or rather wet foot, from attending the Bromley Primary Schools Cross Country Races at Crystal Palace.





Julie is looking forward, Dave appears to have spotted a snag.

The Club History written to celebrate the Centenary in 1969 made an observation about the Club and change, and almost seems prophetic. We now have to make the new move work.

In “The Gazette” nearly twenty years ago and writing of the Dyball era it was observed “All organized interests and institutions depend for their survival upon two basic needs which appear at times to conflict: the need for a unifying tradition and for the capacity to adapt to changing circumstances”. The future is by definition uncertain, the only assured things being difference and change. For the authors, as has already been suggested, the writing of this History has been not simply a commemorative matter but a signal lesson that perpetuation depends upon adaptability, as throughout man’s evolution. One must be prepared to change — even if it implies an alteration foreign to the present. Just as we have had to move in the past so we may have to in the future: the fixity of the Hayes Headquarters is no more permanently assured in the long term than was that of “The Green Man”. This age of the motor car implies the necessity — but the means also — to move out, as we have done more than once in the past. Many pride themselves on the permanence of the Club’s identity, its personality, but to equate this tradition with immutability is a vain delusion, and there would have been no celebration of the Centenary had our predecessors believed so. Indeed, one of the chief characteristics of Blackheath’s past has been empirical commonsense. This too we have attempted to demonstrate as aspects of, for example, the moves from Peckham to Blackheath, from Blackheath to West Wickham, from West Wickham to Hayes, while, constitutionally, the built-in safeguards are but a different face of the same coin.

We should be unworthy of the legacy we have inherited if we did not perpetuate this tradition.

So our physical journey now looks something like this.

On 23rd October 1869 a small group met at the King's Arms in Peckham for a paperchase. This was the origin of Peckham Hare & Hands who would soon be known as Peckham AC to reflect the broad Athletic activities of the Club. The name changed again to Blackheath Harriers in 1878 with a move to the Green Man at Blackheath. Seeking access to more countryside, the Club moved out to the Railway Hotel, West Wickham in 1921 before the purchase of a facility at Hayes in 1926.

Wigmore Harriers were formed in 1885, its original members being employees of Benham & Sons of Wigmore Street. After bases in Hampstead at the West End Coffee House, the Alliance Hotel, the Roebuck Hotel, and Jack Straws Castle, they settled at the Freemasons Arms and on the 8th of September 1950 began a ladies section.

In 1966 the two split, the men becoming Camden AC, the women Wigmore Ladies. A year later the ladies moved South to Crystal Palace, the first tartan track in Europe. Then with the opening of the track at Norman Park in 1980 they changed their name to Bromley Ladies from the 1st of January 1981.

In March 2003 the Blackheath and Bromley clubs merged to become Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC with the clubhouse in Hayes and track activities at Norman Park.

Now the two centres of operation have been brought together with the building at Hayes sold and the proceeds used to help fund the Norman Park Community Sports Centre.

So coinciding with the opening of our new facility, we also celebrate 20 years since the merger of Blackheath Harriers, Bromley and Bromley AC. It doesn't seem 20 years since the first social gathering at the old Clubhouse.



The late night picture under the clock continued. A thorn between two roses, Montell Douglas, Mike Peel and Christina Mantoura.



The merger was for some areas of the new Club a game changer.

In 2003 the newly merged Club was in Division One of the Southern Womens Athletics League. After a near miss that year, it finished second to Thames Valley in the promotion match in 2004, and entered division four of the UK Womens League. In 2009 they celebrated promotion to the top division.

In 2003 the Junior Womens team were in the Medway Division of the National Junior Athletics League. They would need to get promoted to the Southern Premier division just to have the opportunity to qualify for the National Final. Three and a half years later they were strolling around the Kremlin and Red Square, the UK's representatives in the European Champions Club Cup for Juniors, having won the NJAL in 2005. (They would represent the UK in all but one of the following years up until 2019, when the competition ended. It has been replaced by a DNA event).



Before 2003, neither Bromley AC nor Blackheath, had competed in the National Young Athletes Final for girls, though in 2002 Bromley AC had won the Auxiliary Final. In 2003 the merged Club not only made the final, they won it.



When the National Young Athletes League became a boys and girls joint scoring competition in 2004 the first winners were Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC.

When the National Junior Athletics League became a womens and mens joint scoring competition in 2006 the first winners were Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC.



And talking of change... our new President can be revealed...





Our President for 2023-24 is John Hubbard and he has a few words.

Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC is a wonderful club with a long and proud history, and it is a tremendous honour to be its President for 2023/24.

This coming year will see our first full track and field season of normal league matches and open meetings at Norman Park since 2019, and the first since the opening of our new club headquarters and community facility. We will also have some other notable 'firsts' this summer. On 15 April, the club will host an International Challenge match, with visiting teams from the Republic of Ireland and the Channel Islands, as well as familiar neighbouring clubs from Medway & Maidstone and Tonbridge. Then on 13 and 14 May, we will host the main Kent County Track & Field Championships for the first time in 30 years.

2022/23 was a year of significant success for the club, both athletically and 'off the field'. Hopefully the club and its athletes will continue to shine on tracks, fields, cross-country courses and roads up and down the country for years to come. However, our future success depends on our volunteer helpers. Not only the people on our Management Committee and our Trustees, but our coaches, team managers, cross-country and track and field officials, fundraisers and the people who do the unglamorous but necessary things at open meetings and behind the scenes. If you can give even a small amount of time to help the club, in whatever capacity you think you can contribute something, it will be deeply appreciated.

Just over 30 years ago, Blackheath Harriers AC went open and admitted female members, and it is exactly 20 years since the merger with Bromley AC. August will see the centenary of the first Women's Amateur Athletic Association Championships, held at the Oxo Sports Ground in Bromley (which is now a training ground for Millwall FC). So 2023 seems an appropriate occasion to celebrate the contribution of our women members both on and off the track.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the next year: if you don't already know me, please introduce yourself and have a chat, as I'm keen to engage with all parts of the clubs.

John Lissaman – 70 years membership

John celebrated 70 years of being a Club Member on the 2nd of March. John was an International long jumper in the late 50s and early 60s. He was third in the AAAs Championships in 1960 with a leap of 7.10. He is pictured below on the right, clutching one of John Turner's publications, with two more of the Club's great servants, Derek Gregory on the left and John Baldwin in the centre. Together, the three have over 200 years of Club Membership between them. The photo was taken at the official opening of the new facility.



Results. (some late March results will appear in the next Courier)

Not quite so busy results wise this month but it is the lull before the storm. Even so we still had Sam Reardon competing in the European Indoor Championships; Joe Scanes winning the Junior Boys race at the English Schools Cross Country Championship; and Joshua Dako taking the under 15 boys pentathlon title at the National Indoor Multi Events Championships. At the other end of the age scale a small bit of history was made with John Turner taking a podium position for the first time in the Closing 5 mile yacht handicap. The race marked the last race of Chris Haines as handicapper a role he has performed for the last nineteen years. We all owe Chris a great debt for all the work he has put into the job. Thank you Chris.

There are plenty of other representative honours, personal bests, Club Records but let the results speak for themselves. So from Tucson to Tokyo, from Lydd to Leiria, from High Point to Petersham, from....

2-5/3/23

European Indoor Championships, Istanbul, TUR. Men. 4x400. 5. Great Britain 3.09.61 (inc Sam Reardon Leg 3. 47.75).

4/3/23

Molly Barnett Open Track Walks inc England Athletics Winter Track Championships, Coventry. 3000. U15. DQ. Trejan Checheku Boamah. 10,000. MX. 14. Jonathan Ellerton 57.03.4.

Sri Chimnoy Mad March 10km. 35. Graeme Lugar 34.35, 72. Carole Coulon 37.03, 93. Simon Harris 37.58.

Sound Running 10, San Juan Capistrano, CA, USA. 10,000. Women. R1. 7. Rose Harvey* 33.57.40.

Parkruns. Bromley. 1. Alexander Middleton 16.05, 4. Morgan Squibb 17.00 (1st woman), 5. Joseph Hill 17.01, 10. Roger Beswick 17.41, 11. Paul Sharpe 17.42, 14. Luciana Smith 17.47, 21. Clayton Aves 18.20, 27. Steve Evenden 18.37, 28. Nathan Crossan 18.39, 49. Aaron Crossan 19.40, 58. Harry Schmidt 19.50, 65. Sophie Tran 20.19, 66. Tuan Tran 20.19, 69. Katy Sugden 20.26, 68. Steve Pairman 20.26, 70. Benjamin Evans 20.28, 72. Micah Evans 20.29, 123. Tim Ayres 22.00, 143. Austin Adams 22.26, 151. Islay Pearson 22.37, 152. Ashley Pearson 22.39, 158. Colin Pearson 22.48, 165. Richard Byford 22.55, 166. Roger Vilardell 22.56, 173. Ryan Tran 23.12, 176. Stuart Cullum 23.25, 285. Gareth Griffin 25.38, 339. Andre Verster 26.53, 342. Paul Byfield 26.57, 379. John Isaacs 27.42, 395. Mick Keene 27.59. 409. Bernard Wilson 28.16, 526. David Appleton 31.32, 593. Anthony Pontifex 33.46, 686. Denis Lawrie 44.48. **Bexley.** 80. Chris Pike 25.06, 286. George Collins 38.06. **Beckenham Place park.** 28. Rod Harrington 22.01, 55. Luigi Arcuri 23.37, 100. Iain Swatton 25.37, 106. Ian Montgomery 25.44, 141. Zoe Kingsmill 27.03. **Hoblingwell.** 5. Alexander Martin 21.02, 9. Chris Martin 22.09. **Orpington.** 1. Aoife McDonagh 19.16, 135. Karen Desborough 33.12. **East Grinstead.** 38. Anne Cilia 29.13. **Tonbridge.** 75. Mark Ellison 22.46. **Lullingstone.** 9. Robert Perry 24.15, 14. Adrian Perry 25.34. **Swansea Bay.** 84. Cameron Swatton 22.59. **Malling.** 3. Steve Hough 18.53. **Exmouth.** 175. Bob Minting 27.37. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 9. Aurelia Osborne* 21.37 (1st woman), 14. Jason Meers 23.18, 21. James Unwin 24.13. **Momoi harappa koen.** 16. David Adams 21.48. **Mote Park.** 95. Tom Phillips 33.10.

4-5/3/23

Vaxjo Inomhuskast, Vaxjo, SWE. Men. DT. 5. Dillon Claydon 48.37. **Under 20 Women.** SP. 1. Cleo Agyepong 14.75.

Surrey & Sussex Indoor Championships, Carshalton. Surrey. Senior Men. 60. 1. Brandon Murray 6.91. SF2. 1. Brandon Murray 7.01. SF3. 3. Kyle Reynolds Warmington 7.15. Ht1. 1. Kyle Reynolds Warmington 7.10. Ht7. 2. Brandon Murray 7.06.

Senior Women. 1. Mallory Cluley 7.75. Ht1. 1. Mallory Cluley 7.74. 60H. 1. Mallory Cluley 8.47 (CBP). **Under 20 Men.** SF2. 4. Samuel Mowa 7.24. Ht1. 2. Samuel Mowa 7.33. **Under 20 Women.** TJ. NM. Charlotte Hosp. **Under 17 Women.** 60. 2. Indiana Marshall 7.85. SF2. 2. Indiana Marshall 7.91. Ht5. 1. Indiana Marshall 7.97. 60H. 1. Sienna Kidd 8.91. LJ. 1. Sienna Kidd 5.50, 2. Indiana Marshall 5.22. **Under 13 Boys.** 60. 1. Piers Spencer Simms 7.86. SF. 1. Piers Spencer Simms 7.91. Ht1. 1. Piers Spencer Simms 7.88. **Sussex. Senior Men.** TJ. 1. Patrick Apantaku 11.85. SP. 1. Patrick Apantaku 10.95.

BMAF Winter Throws, Horspath. M65. 1. Steve Langdon 35.57.

IC4A/ECAC Championships Boston, MA, USA. 400. 4. Holly Mpassy 54.79. Ht7. 1. Holly Mpassy 55.08. 1000. Ht3. 5. Naomi Toft 2.53.75. PV. 7=. Lois Warden 3.51.

5/3/23

Sutcliffe Indoor 60s. Men. A. R1. 3. Abdul Rahaman Jolaoso 6.96. R3. 3. Duayne Bovell 7.11, 6. Rico Cottell 7.32. R4. 4. Mario Stewart 7.17. R6. 5. Nkwazi Ndila (U20) 7.40. R12. 2. David Ikuesan (U17M) 7.51. R15. 5. Jericho Senior (U13B) 9.21. R16. 2. Oscar Sadowski (U15B) 8.80. R17. 2. Daniel Djan Krofa (U13B) 9.15. B. R1. 6. Abdul Rahaman Jolaoso 6.97. R3. 2. Duayne Bovell 7.10, 6. Mario Stewart 7.17. R5. 3. Rico Cottell 7.32. R6. 5. Nkwazi Ndila 7.37. R8. 2. David Ikuesan 7.45. R14. 1. Oscar Sadowski 8.72, 3. Daniel Djan Krofa 9.16. R15. 1. Jericho Senior 9.18. **Women.** A. R4. Sianna Nelson Langaigine (U17W) 8.18. R5. 4. Emilia Adese (U15W) 8.42. R6. 3. Isabella Campbell Andou (U15G) 8.51, 6. Abigail Ikuesan (U15G) 9.29. R7. 3. Kara Bryan (U13G) 8.70, 6. Nielle Springer (U13G) 9.29. R9. 1. Ella Brooker (U13G) 8.59. R10. 1. Eunice Olagbolabo (U15G) 8.86, 5. Helen Godsell (W65) 9.23. R13. 1. Chizam Boniface (U15G) 8.12. B. R3. 5. Chizam Boniface 8.08. R4. 4. Sianna Nelson Langaigine 8.18. R5. 5. Emilia Adese 8.39. R6. 5. Isabella Campbell Andou 8.48. R7. 4=. Ella Brooker 8.60. R8. 4. Kara Bryan 8.66. R9. 4. Eunice Olagbolabo 8.87. R11. 2. Helen Godsell 9.16, 6. Abigail Ikuesan 9.36. R12. 2. Nielle Springer 9.20.

Vault Cardiff. A. 10. Holly Platt 2.58. F. 6=. Sophie Dowson 3.83.

Dartford Half Marathon. 3. Blair Wilson 77.51.

Cambridge Half Marathon. 99. Robert Perry 74.22, 635. Francois Berrier 84.39.

City Of Newport Half Marathon. 8. Dan Kennedy 73.46, 768. David Leal 1.56.50 (1.56.36).

Tokyo Marathon. 749. David Adams 2.48.17 (2.47.17).

Trafford 10km. 15. Charlie Davis 29.41.

Junior Parkruns. Bromley. 4. Benjamin Evans 7.42, 41. Sebastian Rayner 11.24. **Hoblingwell.** 1. James Bunn 8.04, 21. Alexander Martin 21.57.

10-11/3/23

NCAA D1 Indoor Championships, Albuquerque, NM, USA. Women. 400. R1. 6. Amber Anning* 51.22. Ht1. 1. Amber Anning* 51.42. 400 relay leg. Amber Anning* 51.47. 60H. DQ. Marcia Sey.

11/3/23

UK CAU Inter Counties Championships (Including British Athletics Cross Challenge). Senior Women. 82. Morgan Squibb 36.21. **Under 20 Men.** 94. Miles Brown 32.55. **Under 20 Women.** 28. Hannah Clark 25.30. **Under 17 Men.** 90. Arthur Starvis 22.35. **Under 17 Women.** 24. Carys Firth 22.14, 77. Liberty Whyte 23.31, 88. Megan Slattery 23.42. **Under 15 Boys.** 27. Joseph Scanes 15.03, 55. Joseph Hill 15.27, 56. Jed Starvis 15.31. **Under 15 Girls.** 55. Megan Barlow 17.33. **Under 13 Boys.** 80. Daniel Horgan 13.23, 117. Kian Farrell 13.49. **Under 13 Girls.** 20. Aoife McDonagh 13.39, 168. Alba Homans Yau 15.15, 187. Evie De Bruyn 15.29.

Mob Match v Ranelagh, Petersham. Match Result. Scoring 7 (**SEVEN**) a side. 1. Ranelagh 28. 2. B&B 192. 8. Ian Scott 50.44 (h/cap 50.44), 12. Jessica Keene 52.30 (49.50), 26. Luigi Arcuri 59.46 (47.16), 30. Mark Ellison 60.16 (46.06), 35. David Leal 66.43 (46.33), 38. John Turner 68.05 (47.25), 43. Jim Phelan 73.12 (47.42). **B&B H/cap.** 1. Mark Ellison, 2. David Leal, 3. Luigi Arcuri. **Bennett Cup After 7 events.** 1. Ian Scott 136, 2. Luigi Arcuri 134, 3. Steve Pairman 127, 4. John Turner 124, 5. Darren Corneille 92, 6. Jessica Keene 74, 7. Chris Pike 73, 8. Jason Meers 65, 9. Gareth Evans and Steve Hough 63.

British Masters Pentathlon & 3000 metre championships, Lee Valley. Pentathlon. M50. 5. Ian Firla 2475 (SP – 8.18, LJ – 4.40, HJ – 1.26, 60H – 11.62, 1000 – 3.11.11).

Parkruns. Richmond. 1. Robert Perry 16.57. Roundshaw Downs. 24. Ian Montgomery 26.06. **Bromley.** 6. Paul Sharpe 17.44, 7. Luca Ercolani 17.51, 14. Clayton Aves 18.26, 19. Nathan Crossan 18.46, 32. Imogen Meers 19.41, 43. Aaron Crossan 20.27, 44. Harry Schmidt 20.27, 47. Katy Sugden 20.44, 50. Sophie Tran 20.52, 51. Tuan Tran 20.53, 53. Benjamin Evans 21.00, 56. Micah Evans 21.09, 67. Austin Adams 21.36, 79. Tim Ayres 21.58, 80. Roger Vilardell 21.59, 120. Andy Tucker 23.02, 245. Paul Kerekgyarto 26.35, 250. Stuart Cullum 26.44, 262. Ryan Tran 26.59, 311. Mick Keene 28.22, 494. Bob Thomas 34.52, 495. John Isaacs 34.58. **Bexley.** 12. James Bunn 20.45, 76. Chris Pike 25.32. **Brockwell Park.** 183. Gareth Griffin 27.53. **Beckenham Place park.** 211. Anthony Pontifex 35.38. **Crystal Palace.** 33. Rod Harrington 22.04. **Barnstaple.** 57. Angela Powell 26.46. **Gunpowder.** 131. George Collins 40.06. **Orpington.** 93. Karen Desborough 34.06. **Exmouth.** 89. Bob Minting 24.33. **Clapham Common.** 133. James Cunningham 23.01. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 6. Adrian Perry 24.46. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 2. Ted Marston 18.41, 6. Lydia Marston 22.17 (1st woman), 7. Jennie Butler 22.23, 42. Andrew Kingsmell 33.13, 57. Zoe Kingsmell 51.48. **Mote Park.** 133. Tom Phillips 47.36.

11-12/3/23

England Athletics Under 17, Under 15 Combined Events & Para Championships, Sheffield. Under 17 Women. 21. Tallulah Ndikanwu 3076 (800 – 2.28.31, 60H – 10.02, HJ – 1.50, LJ – 4.48, SP – 11.22). **Under 15 Boys.** 1. Joshua Dako 2825 (SP – 10.86, LJ – 5.86, HJ – 1.74, 60H – 9.11, 800 – 2.21.33) (**CLUB UNDER 15 BOYS RECORD**).

European Athletics Throwing Cup, Leiria, POR. DT. U23 Women. 5. Zara Obamakinwa (U20W) 52.82.

12/3/23

Be Fit Today Track Academy Indoor Series 2, Lee Valley. 100. A. R1. 5. Helen Godsell (W65) 15.15, R10. 4. Isabella Campbell – Andou (U15G) 13.62. B. R5. 2. Isabella Campbell – Andou 13.51. R10. 2. Helen Godsell 14.98. 200. MX5. 5. Helen Godsell 31.69. 800. MX5. 7. Kate Price (U20W) 2.22.80. HJ. MX. 2. James Nightingale 1.70, 4. Qi'–Chi Ukpai (U17W) 1.65. LJ. MXA. 7. Isabella Campbell-Andou 4.30. PV. MX. 3. Finn Kitteridge (U17M) 3.60.

Chester 10km. 5. Scott Overall 31.22.

Lambert & Foster Paddock Wood Half Marathon. 66. Fintan Parkinson 75.47 (75.44), 75. Graeme Lugar 76.57 (76.54), 132. Steve Hough 80.25 (80.22), 159. Tony Crowder 82.29 (82.27), 231. Steve Evenden 86.30 (86.25), 246. Paul Kerekgyarto 87.19 (87.09), 284. Simon Harris 88.03 (87.57), 620. Tim Ayres 1.44.27 (1.44.08), 697. Austin Adams 1.47.14 (1.46.28).

Lydd 20. 32. Ashley Pearson 2.20.15, 158. Matthew Maddocks 2.51.38 (2.51.31), 251. George Collins 3.10.21.

Lydd Half Marathon. 100. Zoe Kingsmell 2.00.04 (1.59.42).

Thirsk 10. 1. Graham Rush* 49.03 (49.02).

Junior Parkruns. Bromley. 2. Benjamin Evans 7.56, 4. Ariana Jenner-Heard 8.09.

16-18/3/23

Alan Connie Shamrock Invitational, Myrtle Beach, SC, USA. PV. NH. Lois Warden.

17-18/3/23

TSU Relays, Houston, TX, USA. 1500. R2. 2. Ava White 4.44.97.

Bill Webb Combined Events and Bob Davidson Memorial, High Point NC, USA 800. R4. 2. Sabrina Mannes 2.24.33.

GCU Invitational, Phoenix, AZ, USA. SP. 1. Nana Gyedu 14.99.

18/3/23

English Schools Cross Country Championships, Nottingham. Senior Girls. 30. Hannah Clark 17.25, 31. Carys Firth 17.27.

Intermediate Girls. 51. Megan Barlow 13.08, 84. Megan Slattery 13.23. **Junior Boys.** 1. Joseph Scanes 14.04, 19. Joseph Hill 14.51, 85. Lucas Elmqvist 15.33. **Junior Girls.** 23. Luciana Smith 12.47, 206. Aoife McDonagh 14.03, 219. Ines Maigran 14.10.

Closing 5, Norman Park. 1. Katy Sugden 20.21 (37.11), 2. Faye Scott 27.28 (52.28), 3. Luigi Arcuri 28.40 (39.10), 4. John Turner 29.15 (45.25), 5. Jessica Keene 29.25 (34.25), 6. Christian Clement 29.28 (35.38), 7. David Leal 29.35 (44.15), 8. Ian Scott 29.53 (33.13), 9. Steve Pairman 30.04 (36.54), 10. Micah Evans 30.09 (30.09), 11. Mark Ellison 30.12 (40.42), 12. Chris Martin 30.57 (39.07), 13. Andy Rayner 31.00 (31.00), 14. George Collins 31.08 (42.48), 15. Maz Turner 33.25 (64.45), 16. John Leeson 33.25 (46.15), 17. David Lilley 36.56 (37.16). **Fastest. Men.** 1. Micah Evans 30.09, 2. Andy Rayner 31.00, 3. Ian Scott 33.13. **Women.** 1. Jessica Keene 34.25, 2. Katy Sugden 37.11, 3. Faye Scott 52.28. **Final Bennett Cup Standings.** 1. Luigi Arcuri 162, 2. Ian Scott 159, 3. John Turner 151, 4. Steve Pairman 149, 5. Jessica Keene 100, 6. Darren Corneille 92, 7. Micah Evans 82, 8. Mark Ellison 75, 9. Chris Pike 73, 10. Jason Meers 65.

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Brockwell park. 7. Alex Leggatt 18.48. **Beckenham Place park.** 1. Ted Marston 19.02, 4. Liberty Whyte 19.27 (1st woman), 34. Robert Whyte 23.43, 63. David Beadle 25.16, 93. Zoe Kingsmill 26.55. **Crystal Palace.** 13. Bertie Harrington 20.44, 36. Rod Harrington 22.36. **Orpington.** 95. Karen Desborough 34.56. **Harrow Lodge.** 138. George Collins 40.07. **Exeter Riverside.** 59. Cameron Swatton 22.38. **Exmouth.** 71. Bob Minting 23.37. **Clapham Common.** 70. James Cunningham 23.06, 148. Adrian Perry 26.22. **Catford.** 141. Andrew Lawes 49.33. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 4. Niamh Stanley 22.04 (1st woman), 8. Jennie Butler 22.53, 9. James Unwin 24.40, 11. Mike Simms 25.30. **Sutcliffe.** 59. Steve Pairman 23.40, 123. Julia Pairman 28.24.

18-19/3/23

Kent Indoor Championships, Lee Valley. Senior Men. 60. 2. Charles Nortey 7.10. Ht1. 5. Ashley Reid (M40) 7.85. Ht3. 1. Charles Nortey 7.17, 4. Chima Ndukwa 7.38. 200. Ht1. 4. Ashley Reid 25.19. 400. 5. Ian Firla 59.80. 800. 5. Ian Firla 2.20.82. 2000 walk. 3. Matthew Ellerton (M45) 12.33.84. LJ. 4. Rico Cottell 5.71, 5. Ashley Reid 5.13. **Senior Women.** 200. 2. Chanelle Cole 26.16. 400. 2. Chanelle Cole 59.41. 800. 1. Morgan Squibb 2.14.20 (CBP). 1500. 2. Morgan Squibb 4.34.43. LJ. 2. Claudia Baker 5.28. TJ. NM. Rachael Ilori. **Under 20 Men.** 60. F. DNS. Ralph Baker. SF1. 4. Ralph Baker 7.41, 5. Chinedu Ndukwa 7.44. SF2. 5. Nkwazi Ndila 7.44. Ht1. 2. Ralph Baker 7.39. Ht2. 3. Nkwazi Ndila 7.43. Ht4. 3. Chinedu Ndukwa 7.53. 200. 4. Chinedu Ndukwa 24.40. Ht1. 2. Chinedu Ndukwa 24.00. 800. 1. Thomas Sugden 1.59.88, 2. George Shaw 2.00.61. 1500. 1. Thomas Sugden 4.18.69, 2. Arthur Starvis 4.19.84. 2000 walk. 1. Jonathan Ellerton 10.23.06. LJ. 2. Chinedu Ndukwa 5.98. PV. 2. Oscar Witcombe 4.10. SP. 1. Brydon Duncan 13.02. **Under 20 Women.** 60. 3. Tianna Haynes 7.95, 4. Emily Kerr 7.97. 200. 3. Tianna Haynes 26.35. 400. 1. Camron Kelly Gordon 58.47, 2. Faith Mpassy 62.11, 3. Olivia Magee Brown 65.17. 800. 1. Camron Kelly Gordon 2.23.59 (CBP), 2. Lily Meers 2.26.43, 5. Olivia Magee Brown 2.33.19, 6. Emily De Backer 2.34.99. 1500. 1. Hannah Clark 4.50.64. 60H. 3. Jessie Sargeant 9.58. 2000 walk. 2. Abigail Smith 11.01.85. HJ. 1. Jessie Sargeant 1.60. LJ. 2. Jesse Sargeant 4.94, 5. Faith Mpassy 4.61, 7. Emily Algeo 4.41. TJ. 2. Emily Algeo 10.21. **Under 17 Men.** 60. 2. Reo McCausland 7.20, 5. Marley Byfield 7.32. Ht1. 1. Reo McCausland 7.24. Ht2. 1. Marley Byfield 7.44. 200. 3. Marley Byfield 22.91, 4. Rayhan Mourtada 23.50, 5. Alexander Morrell 24.20. Ht1. 2. Alexander Morrell 24.34. Ht2. 1. Marley Byfield 23.13. Ht3. 2. Rayhan Mourtada 23.62. 400. 6. Hendri Verster 55.79. 800. 1. Hendri Verster 2.11.21. 1500. 1. Harry Fage 4.26.17, 2. Jed Starvis 4.27.75. 60H. 2. Rayhan Mourtada 8.23. PV. 1. Finn Kitteridge 3.70. **Under 17 Women.** 60. 3. Zara Okoroafor 7.90. Ht1. 1. Zara Okoroafor 7.95. 200. 1. Nina Whitter 25.58. Ht1. 1. Nina Whitter 25.73. Ht3. DQ. Zara Okoroafor. 300. 1. Alyssa Firla 41.53, 5. Tallulah Ndikanwu 43.68. Ht1. 2. Alyssa Firla 41.81, 4. Tallulah Ndikanwu 43.75. Ht2. 4. Megan Barlow 43.79, 5. Matilda Shilland 46.61. 800. 3. Matilda Shilland 2.35.11. 1500. 1. Megan Barlow 4.56.76. 60H. 2. Daisy Snell 9.07. Ht2. 2. Daisy Snell 9.02. LJ. 1. Daisy Snell 5.64, 2. Qi'-Chi Ukpai 5.25. TJ. 1. Qi'-Chi Ukpai 12.08 (CBP). PV. 1. Lydia Witcombe 2.40. SP. 1. Tallulah Ndikanwu 11.82, 4. Qi'-Chi Ukpai 10.54. **Under 15 Boys.** 60. Joshua Dako 7.89. 800. 3. Kian Farrell 2.19.65, 5. Benjamin O Grady 2.23.08. 1500. 1. Alex Martin 5.09.61, 2. Aaron Sebuwufu 5.32.76. 60H. 4. Joshua Dako 8.99,

6. Jamie Ellerton 9.74. Ht1. 2. Joshua Dako 9.02, 3. Jamie Ellerton 9.69. Ht2. DNS. Benjamin O'Grady. HJ. 3. Joshua Dako 1.75. LJ. 6. Jamie Ellerton 4.75. NM. Joshua Dako. PV. 1. Charlie Platt 3.80 (CBP). **Under 15 Girls.** 60. 2. Chizam Boniface 7.93, 5. Emilia Adese 8.41. Ht1. 2. Emilia Adese 8.42. Ht2. 1. Chizam Boniface 7.98, 3. Mariana Caceres 8.96. Ht3. 4. Isabella Campbell-Andou 8.51. 300. 2. Leah Kyriacou 43.96, 3. Abigail Williams 47.74. 800. 2. Leah Kyriacou 2.29.65. 60H. Ht1. 4. Heidi Coulson 10.79. HJ. 1. Heidi Coulson 1.40. LJ. 1. Chizam Boniface 5.01, 5. Isabella Campbell-Andou 4.33, 7. Heidi Coulson 4.25. PV. 2. Luna Corry 2.00. SP. 1. Emilia Adese 10.22, 4. Heidi Coulson 6.46.

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Junior Parkruns. Bedford. 3. Nathan Crossan 7.06, 4. Aaron Crossan 7.30.

23-24/3/23

BUC Scoring Invitational, Spokane, WA, USA. 2. Nana Gyedu 14.26.

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Willie Williams Classic/Dave Murray Distance Carnival, Tucson, AZ, USA. HT. B. 5. Tom Parker 63.41.

25/3/23

South East Schools Inter Counties, Tonbridge. Year 8 Boys. 11. Kian Farrell 11.56, 59. James Shaw 13.00, 68. Aaron Sebuwufu 13.20. **Year 8 Girls.** 26. Ariana Jenner-Heard 13.29, 36. Sophie Tran 13.49, 47. Rowan Pearson 14.12. **Year 7 Boys.** 10. Alex Smith 11.02, 41. Finn Gotkine 11.38, 57. James Bunn 11.52, 64. Jake Martin 12.02. **Year 7 Girls.** 20. Alba Homans Yau 12.12, 31. Amelie Ramdeen 12.24, 33. Evie De Bruyn 12.26, 76. Elizabeth McGillivray 13.39.

National Primary Schools and Year 7 Championships, Prestwold Hall. Year 7 Girls. 10. Sofia Mossi 12.34.

Victor Lopez Classic, Houston, TX, USA. 800. R3. 1. Yasmin Austridge 2.04.37. 1500. R4. 5. Ava White 4.38.36. 400H. R2. 3. Yasmin Austridge 62.16.

Parkruns. Bromley. 1. Robert Perry 16.32, 3. Fintan Parkinson 17.08, 4. David Adams 17.10, 5. Roger Vilardell 17.15, 6. Thomas Sugden 17.28, 7. Peter Brooks 17.33, 14. Harry Fage 18.24, 19. Nathan Crossan 18.42, 24. Aaron Crossan 19.32, 44. Katy Sugden 20.38, 45. Harry Schmidt 20.39, 52. Matthew Maddocks 20.55, 53. Tuan Tran 21.03, 88. Damian Hayes 22.44, 125. Ian Montgomery 23.49, 171. James Unwin 24.59, 272. Andre Verster 27.16, 320. Mick Keene 28.19, 327. Jackie Montgomery 28.25, 340. John Isaacs 28.51, 424. David Appleton 31.25, 618. Denis Lawrie 44.28. **Bexley.** 98. Chris Pike 27.24. **Andover.** 51. Adrian Perry 26.13. **Beckenham Place park.** 37. Steve Pairman 23.44, 82. Nigel Wood 26.04, 121. Stuart Cullum 27.43, 164. Julia Pairman 30.39, 235. Jon Pairman 42.05. **Crystal Palace.** 2. Ted Marston 18.53. **Raphael.** 90. Zoe Kingsmill 25.53, 181. George Collins 29.45, 270. Andrew Kingsmill 36.56. **Orpington.** 9. Aoife McDonagh 21.55 (1st woman), 87. Karen Desborough 35.29. **Tonbridge.** 74. Mark Ellison 23.45. **Dartford.** 57. John Turner 26.19. **Thurrock, Orsett Heath.** 54. Gareth Griffin 28.32. **Exmouth.** 117. Bob Minting 24.31. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 8. Steve Evenden 21.00, 12. Jennie Butler 22.38 (1st woman), 19. Andy Tucker 24.16, 28. Iain Swatton 26.02, 35. Mike Simms 26.36, 57. Claire Austridge 30.09. **Squerries Winery.** 109. Bob Thomas 42.02. **Sutcliffe park.** 1. Darren Corneille 17.32. **Mile End.** David Hoben* 35.36.

125 years ago in March 1898.

Blackheath Harriers 29th seson comes to a close with a one mile handicap at Blackheath. First home is Tom Crafter with S T Pyrke second and H G Johnson third.

Plans are well advanced for the Club's Easter Meeting on the 11th of April.

100 years ago in March 1923.

The National Cross Country Championships take place at Lord Burnham's Hall Barn estate at Beaconsfield. "There was an enormous field for the forty second Championship race... there being 327 runners from all parts of England. The event had little in it to make the 'Heathen optimist go wild with delight, for at least nine of our regular runners were unable to participate...Additionally, the captain. S H Claydon, met with further misfortune, his ankle again giving out before he reached the half distance; ...but with commendable grit finished the course and was not among the sixty members of various clubs who were not timed in." The team finished 24th.

Also this month the Club travelled to Canterbury to compete against Kings School; and hosted the Inter Banks Cross Country Championships at West Wickham.

In addition "A 'Heathen team visited the stronghold of the Bellingham Golf Club for the annual return Whist Match."

75 years ago in March 1948.

Sydney Wooderson wins the National Cross Country Championships at Sheffield, the Club's only ever winner of the Senior Mens race. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of his victory the following two pages from the Gazette records his feat and the Club's highest ever placing in the team race, third. It would be another 46 years before this was bettered.

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS' GAZETTE AND CLUB RECORD

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Saturday, March 6, 1948.

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS v. ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY AT CAMBERLEY.

WE regret that only the bare result of this fixture is available for publication. It will, however, speak for itself, and it is very much to be hoped that next year care will be taken to ensure that a strong first team goes to Camberley to give our opponents competition worthy of the Blackheath Harriers.

In fairness to those responsible for the fixture list, we must point out that this particular date was unfortunately overloaded by the necessity for fitting in the postponed match against Sutton Valence School, but it was that team which should have been weakened, rather than this.

ORDER OF FINISH.

1.	O. H. Robertson	...	R.M.A.	...	28 min. 43 sec.
2.	A. B. Cran	...	R.M.A.	...	" "
3.	J. H. Jacob	...	R.M.A.	...	" "
4.	W. R. Reynolds	...	R.M.A.	...	29 " 5 "
5.	A. A. Rolls	...	R.M.A.	...	29 " 9 "
6.	G. Scotting	...	B.H.	...	29 " 13 "
7.	G. R. Russell	...	B.H.	...	29 " 23 "
8.	J. A. Tass	...	R.M.A.	...	29 " 32 "
9.	B. H. C. Emsden	...	R.M.A.	...	30 " 0 "
10.	J. A. Moreton	...	R.M.A.	...	30 " 7 "
11.	W. F. Lake	...	B.H.	...	30 " 8 "
12.	A. E. Beedle	...	B.H.	...	30 " 12 "
13.	A. E. Keepax	...	B.H.	...	30 " 35 "
14.	A. C. Dashwood	...	B.H.	...	30 " 55 "
15.	A. Dale	...	B.H.	...	31 " 17 "
16.	C. Busby	...	B.H.	...	(did not close in)

RESULT.

1.	R.M.A. (Sandhurst)	...	...	...	23 points
2.	Blackheath Harriers	...	...	...	63 "

Saturday, March 13, 1948.

ENGLISH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS AT GRAVES PARK, SHEFFIELD.

It was a cheery party that met at St. Pancras at 4.30 on the Friday afternoon. There were ten potential runners and seven supporters—the President, Thwaites, Cross, Cockburn, Paige, Western and D. K. Saunders. All the runners were fit and full of beans and no one was late enough to cause any worry. The journey was a comfortable one and a satisfactory dinner helped to pass away the time.

On arrival in Sheffield, we were met by a local reporter who conducted us to our hotel. The only thing that impressed us on the way was an interesting piece of—can we say—statuary which called to the minds of Monshall and Clark the recent spell of cold weather and the habits of brass monkeys.

The moment we set foot in the hotel foyer it was apparent that cross-country was well to the fore. Our arrival was loudly hailed by Messrs. Jewell, Gale, A. Holland and many other old friends of the "Official" class. We were informed that there was dinner for those who wanted it and it was with considerable surprise that we found practically the whole team demanding a second go. Reynolds and Clark went out into the town "to get something solid," but we are not certain whether this was instead of a second dinner or in addition. The supporters preferred to confine themselves to something less solid.

The team were eventually got off to bed at a fairly chaste hour, but the rest, reinforced by C. W. Starnes, stayed gossiping until considerably later.

The morning was dull and sunless. The rest of England was enjoying glorious sunshine, but it was perhaps too much to hope that it would penetrate the local smoke and filth. The writer can only affirm that his breakfast matched the weather.

The morning was spent in having a look round the town and unimpressed is what we were. Sheffield is a dull and uninspiring place with little to recommend

it. Even large numbers of cup-tie enthusiasts, sporting large black-and-white or red-and-white rosettes and cardboard top-hats, and ringing bells or twirling rattles at one another; even these could do little to relieve the gloom.

The team had an early lunch at the hotel, where they were further heartened by the arrival of Sydney Taylor, and then repaired to the dressing rooms. The remainder made their own way to Graves Park.

The course consisted of one small and three large laps of an entwined nature that made a great deal visible to the tremendous crowd of spectators that was assembled. The going was firm and dry and consisted almost entirely of good grassland with a small amount of easy plough. But it was a testing course by reason of its continual up and down hills. The finish was horrid, being sharply uphill over ploughed ground.

The writer has never watched a National before, and having done so he will now take good care that he never runs in another. The start is a fearful sight. There were over four hundred runners and they looked a whirling horde charging up the gap between the spectators. It seemed impossible that they could ever sort themselves out satisfactorily, and yet even after the first small lap the field had taken on recognisable shape with most of the expected figures to the fore.

The spectators were now dashing about nearly as much as the runners and for a moment we lighted on S. J. Wooderson encouraging his brother, then we saw a chagrined Clark, our tenth man. We could sympathise with him in not getting his run after all, but he is too good a sportsman to do other than determine to be indispensable next year.

But we must return to the race. After about two miles the leaders were still fairly well bunched, but Sydney was running comfortably and obviously just where he wanted to be. The rest of the team had positioned themselves well, Broughton, Choat, Nunns, Spencer, Monshall and Brent all being in the forties and fifties and Reynolds and May were inside the 100. The next lap saw little change as far as we were concerned. At 5 miles there was still a bunch of nine together in the lead. Downer, a junior and a most impressive looking runner, was in front and Wooderson was lying sixth. Choat and Broughton were our next at 38 and 39, closely followed by Spencer with Brent not far behind. Monshall was running lame and looking very unhappy and falling back rapidly, but Nunns was still hanging on as our sixth man.

It was about 1½ miles later that we noticed Nunns beginning to falter and shouted to Reynolds that we might still need him for our sixth man. The response was immediate; the jaw was set in grim determination and we knew we had nothing to fear here.

With a lap to go the leaders were clear and Sydney was there in front closely followed by Blowfield, looking full of running, Shorrocks and Charlesworth, and it was obvious that the race lay between these four. Wooderson did not appear unduly worried and we were confident of his success. Broughton and Choat were next, still going well and still 38 and 39, while Spencer had improved to 41. Then came Brent at 56, Reynolds 72, Nunns 73, May 82 and Monshall 119. A rough check at this point gave Belgrave a lead over us of some 50 points; this, of course, was not allowing for individuals, but it seemed unlikely that we could win.

Interest now shifted to the finish. With ¾ mile to go Wooderson and Blowfield were on their own with Sydney a couple of yards ahead. It was now that we received a shock: on the flat smooth going Blowfield suddenly shot into the lead and, going all out, opened up a gap of 20 to 30 yards. The crowd converged here leaving only a narrow funnel for the runners and it

seems probable that Blowfield mistook this for the finish. Sydney refused to be worried and when he made his effort in the last half mile there was no holding him and he stormed up the final hill to win by some 20 yards from a defeated but very gallant Blowfield. Shorrocks was only a short way away third and after a longer gap came Charlesworth. We watched the rest of the team finish in excellent style and then waited for the result. It wasn't long before we got it—Blackheath Harriers third—and we had gained a place in the National for the first time ever.

The strongest impression of the race is that our team ran far better than they did in the Southern. They were gaining places in the last lap as a good team should instead of losing ground as they had in the earlier race. The individual performances were noteworthy. We knew, of course, that Sydney could win but he was chased the whole way and had to run a great race to do so. Broughton and Choat fully lived up to their reputations to finish 28 and 29. They stuck together throughout; once or twice, notably in the last lap, it seemed as though Broughton would go ahead but with great determination our Captain overhauled him again. Spencer at 30th was a revelation; this was his best race for the Club yet, and again he triumphantly overcame the oddest of styles.

Brent, who has never yet run a bad race for us, was unlucky. Some small boys were playing with a football and he was knocked over by it; 42nd was creditable enough, but he would have been even higher but for this mishap. Reynolds was the personification of that old-fashioned word "guts" and his 53rd position was magnificent. He has done many fine things for the Club in his time but we doubt if he has ever bettered this performance.

Nunns is not yet a ten-miler but he will be in time, and in the circumstances 56th was no bad effort. May is still young but he is very keen and to finish 66th in his first National was most promising. Monshall was obviously uncomfortable throughout and it was only his perseverance that enabled him to finish at all.

The team as a whole deserve hearty congratulation; they have displayed keenness and heartening ability throughout the season. There were only three teams in it at the finish and we were the third—we might well have been second. We have proved that we have ability enough to win and there is no reason why we should not do so in the next two or three years. A special word of commendation is due to our Captain and Vice-Captain for their encouraging running and their leadership. The fine spirit amongst the team speaks for itself in this respect.

Let us say at once that the arrangements went like clockwork. It seemed a risky thing to have the dressing-rooms over a mile from the start and relays of buses to transport the teams, especially with three big races to deal with. Had the weather been really bad it might have been unpleasant as some hanging about would have been unavoidable. However, as it was, our fears were groundless and each race started dead on time. This was a triumph for the organisers who, indeed, are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of all their hard work. Personally we feel that it will be difficult to continue to hold the three races on one afternoon, especially if the junior events increase in size as they are likely to do. But on this occasion there were no complaints and the matter may be allowed to rest.

It was a great improvement to have the races started from the rear with a gun. This is the only way to get fields of this size away properly. It worked admirably and we hope it will now become the general practice.

Teas were provided after the race by the kindness of Mr. Samson Howard, the E.C.C.U. President, and his friends, and they were much appreciated. We had some difficulty in getting back to the station, not having return tickets on the special bus service, and we were only saved by being rescued by the Officials' coach. The journey back in the special train was comfortable and, of course, cheerful if hungry. Furthermore, the train arrived on time, thus confounding certain schemes of the President, P. P. Cross and V. P. Taylor—or was it the quality of the Burton?

Thus ended a most pleasant trip and our most Successful National yet—and "yet" is the operative word.

ORDER OF FINISH.

1.	S. C. Wooderson	...	...	B.H.
2.	V. S. Blowfield	...	...	Belgrave H.
3.	A. Shorrocks	...	...	Halesowen
4.	J. Charlesworth	...	...	Aylesford P.M.
5.	R. Reid	...	...	Birchfield H.
6.	E. Downer	...	...	Eastleigh A.C.
28.	J. Broughton	...	...	B.H.
29.	R. R. Choat	...	...	B.H.
30.	W. F. Spencer	...	...	B.H.
42.	A. J. Brent	...	...	B.H.
53.	D. E. Reynolds	...	...	B.H.
56.	H. N. Nunns	...	...	B.H.
66.	E. R. May	...	...	B.H.
121.	G. E. Monshall	...	...	B.H.

RESULT.

1.	Belgrave Harriers	...	...	154 points
2.	Sutton Harriers	...	...	174 "
3.	Blackheath Harriers	...	...	183 "
4.	Aylesford P.M. S.C.	...	...	331 "

Saturday, March 13, 1948.

INTER-SCHOOLS RACE, 3½ MILES, AT HAYES.

THE 19th annual Inter-Schools cross-country race, which took place in ideal weather over a three-and-a-half miles course at Hayes, drew an entry of 23 teams, an increase of nine over last year, and was, as always, keenly contested. There was a good attendance of Club members and many visitors were on the Common to lend support to this notable annual event.

Club officials included G. A. Mullins (Referee), V. W. W. Beardon, C. A. Wiard and S. D. Taylor (Judges), R. E. Walker (Timekeeper), A. J. Johnson, C. H. R. Williams, G. F. Brooks and A. Dale (Recorders). K. N. Wilcockson laid the trail, and a number of members went out under the direction of D. J. Tingey to act as pointsmen.

Uppingham sent down a strong team which by really excellent packing at 2nd, 4th, 7th and 20th, won by an adequate margin from Wellington and Pangbourne and to secure the "W. J. Parrish" Memorial Cup at their first attempt. Alleyn's, Wellington and Wallington shared the honours in last year's race, but this year only Wellington were placed, Alleyn's and Wallington finishing 8th and 9th respectively.

We regret that we saw little but the finish of the race and have no record of its progress. Only five seconds separated the first three; Heasman (Eltham), 7th last year, was first home in 23 min. 50 sec., followed closely by Simpson (Uppingham), and Dawkins (Tonbridge), after which there was a gap of 8 sec. before the next bunch of three came in.

Of Club members, A. V. Hayday, M. B. McDonald and N. G. Saunders ran for Beckenham. Hayday, 4th last year, finished 16th. J. M. Caldow ran for Colfe's and J. Bickers for Eltham.

In the absence of Spray, at the "National" at Sheffield, Turner took charge in the dressing-room, and with some 140 visitors and a few 'Heathens to care for, his was no light task.

The President was also absent at Sheffield, and P.-P. G. A. Mullins, deputising for him, presented the medals and the Cup to the successful teams in the Club-room after tea.

A week later Wooderson is fastest in the Five Mile Handicap and Closing Run at Hayes. It's followed by a Smoking Concert. "It was good to see the Club's National team with us (all but Reynolds who had received "a dispensation"). The next week...



Saturday March 27, 1948.

DEDICATION

OF

THE MEMORIAL OF MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WHO DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE
1939-1945

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery,
And their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace.
For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.
And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them,
and found them worthy for Himself.

As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering.

WISDOM OF SOLOMON, III. 1-6.

The Memorial was dedicated in the presence of a large congregation of Members and relatives and friends of the fallen by the REV. W. TELFER, M.C., D.D., M.A., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, assisted by another of our clerical members, the REV. A. N. DANIEL.

A PROUD RECORD

How the Members of the Club served their Country in the Fight for Freedom.

WORLD WAR II. 1939-1945.

Branch of Service	Warrant Officers and Other Ranks	Commissioned Officers	Total	Killed in Action
Army ...	97	115	212	16
Royal Navy ...	19	28	47	4
Royal Marines ...	1	2	3	—
Royal Air Force	58	44	102	23
Home Guard ...	—	—	—	1
Total ...	175	189	364	44

50 years ago in March 1973

At the National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill, Bob Richardson is Blackheath's first home in the senior race in 56th. The Club are 13th with Ian Wilson, Joe Clare, John Baldwin, Peter Horwood and Chris Haines completing the scoring. The Club Dinner is held at the Charing Cross Hotel. "The Club Dinner always used to be regarded as the highlight of the Club's Social Calendar but since the never-to-be-forgotten Centenary Dinner at the Mansion House in November 1969, the fixture had lapsed in favour of a dinner-dance at a local venue in the late Spring of each year. To the pleasure of many, however, it was decided that a Dinner should once again be organised in 1973" Guests included New Zealander Rod Dixon a bronze medallist over 1500 in the Munich Olympics, who led home the National the previous weekend, albeit as a guest. At the Southern Veterans Championships at Woodford, Blackheath Harriers win the combined over 50s and 60s team race. The Club finish third in the Crawley relays, 5th in the Cambridge Harriers relays and 13th in the Cranford Relays.

25 years ago in March 1998

At the National Cross Country Championships at Leeds, the under 17 men win the team title for the second year in a row, the only times the Club has won the title in its history. The scoring four are Steve Holmes, Lee Cooper, John Baker, David Baker. The whole squad have been outstanding all Winter, having won the Kent, Southern and National Cross Country titles and finishing runners up in the National Cross Country relays and National Road relays.



The Senior Men finish in 12th place led home by Dave Taylor in 13th and Darrell Smith in 20th with the team completed by Roy Smith, Liam Bulson, Richard Daniels and Giles Clifford.
Heather Walker is first senior woman home in 85th place.

It is AGM time and Mike Mahoney introduces the new President. It is..... Chris Haines.





It was a great pleasure to see John Robinson at the recent Past Presidents Supper. John became President 20 years ago and so was the first President of the newly merged Club. John is now 80 and lives in Ireland. He sends his best wishes to all.



Subsequent to the January Courier, this is not just W G Suffield, a former member of Herne Hill Harriers. This is Will Suffield a founder member of Herne Hill Harriers. He switched to Blackheath Harriers in 1896.