



Blackheath & Bromley Courier

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19 Consecutive Mob Match defeats – see 100 years ago in November 1921 for a solution...

Congratulations to

Phil Kissi - Phil has been named BMC Coach Of The Year - He coached Steff Davis (2.27.16) to the Olympic Games and Rose Harvey(2.29.45) to third in the UK rankings.

Joe Fuggle - Joe has been elected to the UK Athletics Athletes Commission

John Hubbard - John has been voted Kent Official Of The Year

Chris Moss – former member Chris has been appointed to the role of interim Development Director of UK Athletics for a six month period. Below the Blackheath 4x400 quartet at the European Champions Club Cup for juniors in 1994. Left to right, Mensah Elliott, Chris Moss Tim Beames and Steve Timmins



Rest in Peace. We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our oldest members Philip Critchley. He had been a member for 61 years. Our condolences to his family.

Wednesday Night Training

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



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

Forthcoming Social Events

22/12/21. Wednesday Nighters Christmas Supper. Beccehamian Rugby Football Club, Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham BR4 9BB. £20. 7.30 for 8. Christmas tie and jeans. Tickets from Gerry Alger.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS CHRISTMAS

Venue - Beccehamian Rugby Football Club
Corkscrew Hill BR4 9BB

Time - 7:30 for 8:00

Cost - £20.00

- Pre Supper Run
- Bar Open
- Christmas Supper
- Songs and Carols
- Raffle
- 300 Club Draw

Tickets - From Gerry Alger
At Beccehamian Club on Wednesdays

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Dress Code
Christmas Tie and Jeans

SUPPER - DECEMBER 22ND 2021

Forthcoming Fixtures.

December

- 4/12/21 – Kent Masters Cross Country Championships, Dartford
- 11/12/21 – SE Inter Counties, Lloyd Park
- 11/12/21 – SE Masters and Inter Counties Championships, Lloyd Park

18/12/21 – South Of The Thames Senior, Beckenham Place Park.

18-19/12/21 – SEAA Combined Events Championships for Seniors, U20s, U17s and U15s, Lee Valley. Entries close 7/12/21.

19/12/21 – Christmas Yacht Handicap (10.30), Croydon RFC Clubhouse, 35 Addington Road.

26/12/21 – Boxing Day Paperchase, Beccehamian Rugby Football Club, Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham BR4 9BB.

January

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

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

29/1/22 – SEAA Cross Country Championships, venue still TBA.

Results.

A busy month for some, particularly the youngsters many of whom raced each weekend. Two sets of medals and teams in every race at the England Cross Country Relays, very good. Bromley wins both boys and girls overall titles at the London Borough Championships and we win both youngsters overall trophies at the Kent League. So from Lydd to Liverpool, from Tallahassee to Tonbridge, from Wimbledon to Waco...

2/11/21

Exmouth 5. 35. Bob Minting 38.19.

6/11/21

English Cross Country Relays, Mansfield. Senior Men. 60. B&B (Charlie Davis 16.00.85, Angus Harrington 17.08.75, Dan Kennedy 17.59.90, Darren Corneille 20.38.05) 61.47.55. **Senior Women.** 24. B&B "A" (Niamh Bridson Hubbard 9.50.95, Kelsi Cornish 12.12.65, Jessica Keene 11.04.45) 33.08.05, Inc. B&B "B" (Leah Everson 11.20.05, Amy Leach 11.53.15). **Under 20 Men.** 21. B&B (Henry Fisher 9.27.85, Tom Brash 9.16.60, Sam Reardon 9.57.40) 28.41.85. **Under 20 Women.** 11. B&B "A" (Morgan Squibb 9.14.25, Ailbhe Barnes 9.56.15, Isabelle Stoneham 9.45.70) 28.56.10. Inc. B&B "B" (Zakia Mossi 9.45.35). **Under 17 Men.** 19. B&B "A" (Alessio Tutt 9.46.70, Miles Brown 9.52.85, George Shaw 10.00.40) 29.39.95, 32. B&B "B" (Arthur Starvis 10.07.15, Ted Marston 10.13.50, Thomas Sugden 9.57.20) 30.17.85. **Under 17 Women.** 3. B&B "A" (Hannah Clark 9.24.70, Lara Mannes 9.24.50, Fleur Todd Warmoth 8.53.95) 27.43.15, 17. B&B "B" (Kate Price 9.36.95, Olivia Magee Brown 10.07.60, Gabriella Martin 9.52.15) 29.36.70, 24. B&B "C" (Liberty Whyte 9.55.35, Carys Firth 10.10.25, Lily Meers 10.06.30) 30.11.90. **Under 15 Boys.** 12. B&B "A" (Jasper Brooks 6.50.30, Harry Fage 7.11.40, Alexander Middleton 7.06.10) 21.07.80, 52. B&B "B" (Hendri Verster 7.14.85, Ryan Tran 8.42.75, Josh Healey 7.21.80) 23.19.40. **Under 15 Girls.** 22. B&B "A" (Megan Barlow 7.33.95, Millie May Collins-Smith 8.30.15, Lydia Whitcombe 7.46.25) 23.50.35, 45. B&B "B" (Cristina Gilodi Johnson 7.48.50, Matilda Shilland 8.40.80, Amie Gould 8.35.50) 25.04.35, 55. B&B "C" (Emily Deveney 8.18.45, Francesca Middleton 8.13.65, Molly Shaw 9.15.25) 25.47.35. **Under 13 Boys.** 3. B&B "A" (Alfie Whitelock 7.37.85, Joseph Scanes 7.04.40, Lucas Elmqvist 7.10.65) 21.52.90, 20. B&B "B" (James Shaw 7.34.85, Joseph Hill 7.51.40, Ben O'Grady 7.44.55) 23.10.80. **Under 13 Girls.** 5. B&B "A" (Niamh Stanley 7.51.65, Naimah Mossi 7.48.95, Luciana Smith 7.41.45) 23.22.50, 29. B&B "B" (Charlotte Bloodworth 8.03.60, Lydia Marston 8.51.35, Sophie Fleming 8.25.25) 25.20.20, Inc. B&B "C" (Mariana Caceres 8.58.10, Sophie Tran 8.42.95).

RunThrough Victoria Park 10km. 17. Steve Evenden 39.04 (39.03).

RunThrough Victoria Park Half Marathon. 181. Gerry Alger 1.54.56 (1.54.26).

Parkruns. Woodhouse Moor. 24. Ellie Osmond 19.54. **Greenwich.** 83. Chris Pike 26.23. **Southampton.** 126. Gracie Horton 21.50. **Beckenham Place park.** 4. Luca Ercolani 18.15, 9. Millie Smith 19.09 (1st woman), 11. Clayton Aves 19.17, 14. Chris Tuck 19.45, 22. Alfie Fletcher 20.25, 55. Rod Harrington 22.55, 94. David Beadle 24.48, 107. Iain Swatton 25.33. **Worcester.** 50. Paul Ross-Davies 22.31. **Whitstable.** 168. Claire Springett 28.34. **Medina I.O.W.** 22. Steve Pairman 21.59, 122. Julia Pairman 29.44. **Hoblingwell.** 1. Roger Vilardell 18.12, 2. David Adams 20.02, 7. Austin Adams 21.29, 41. Sally Smith 28.26. **Hilly Fields.** 39. Nick Barber 21.55. **Orpington.** 6. Cameron Kelly-Gordon 20.49 (1st woman), 11. Gregory Firth 21.26. Tonbridge. 82. Mark Ellison 23.06. **Peckham Rye.** 46. James Morris 22.19, 84. John Turner 23.58, 87. Hannah Garcia 24.06, 221. Maz Turner 34.04. **Lullingstone.** 5. Steve Hough 21.52. **Rushmere.** 1. Robert Perry 19.20, 26. Adrian Perry 23.14. **Exmouth.** 58. Bob Minting 23.40. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 16. Tim Ayres 22.15, 26. Jason Short 23.19, 45. James Unwin

25.33. **Great Yarmouth North Beach.** 12. Andy Tucker 25.55. **Swanley.** 93. George Collins 27.30, 100. Zoe Kingsmell 28.23, 113. Andrew Kingsmell 29.47.

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Deal Castle 5. 178. David Hoben* 53.24 (53.12).

10/11/21

RunThrough Chase The Moon, Olympic Park 10km. 14. Darren Corneille 39.10.

12/11/21

NCAA Div 1 South Central Regionals, Waco, TX, USA. Senior Men. 41. Declan Neary 32.20, 84. Lewis Mills 33.24. **Senior Women.** 6. Katy Ann McDonald 20.55.

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Chiltern League including British Athletics Cross Challenge, Milton Keynes. Senior Women. 11. Pippa Woolven* 20.38, 15. Niamh Bridson Hubbard 20.54.

Kent League, Danson Park. Senior Women. 5. Jessica Keene 30.41, 16. Jennie Butler 32.14, 22. Ashley Pearson 32.38, 24. Amy Leach 32.59. Teams. 3. B&B 43. **M70.** 2. Paul Ross Davies 23.09. **Under 20 Men.** 6. Callum Horton 18.23. **Under 20 Women.** 2. Isabelle Stoneham 17.30, 6. Ailbhe Barnes 18.23. **Under 17 Men.** 4. George Shaw 16.48, 6. Alessio Tutt 16.59, 7. Miles Brown 17.11, 12. Thomas Sugden 17.41, 13. Ted Marston 17.43, 18. Matthew Smith 18.08. Teams. 1. B&B 17. **Under 17 Women.** 2. Hannah Clark 17.43, 3. Cameron Kelly Gordon 18.06, 5. Carys Firth 18.16, 9. Olivia Magee Brown 18.29, 13. Liberty Whyte 18.56, 23. Olivia Wauters 21.18. Teams. 1. B&B 10. **Under 15 Boys.** 4. Jasper Brooks 14.01, 7. Alexander Middleton 14.20, 8. Joshua Healey 14.23, 12. Hendri Verster 14.57, 13. Mark Constable 14.59, 15. Franco Hillier 15.10, 29. Tane Chambers 16.10. Teams. 1. B&B 19. **Under 15 Girls.** 2. Megan Barlow 15.26, 4. Lydia Witcombe 15.34, 11. Amber Cockburn 16.22, 15. Jessica Kelly 16.39, 16. Francesca Middleton 16.42, 19. Isla Spink 17.06, 22. Matilda Shilland 17.25, 26. Eva Chambers 17.45, 31. Molly Shaw 18.02, 37. Eliz Saoik 19.05, 39. Islay Pearson 19.57. Teams. 1. B&B 17. **Under 13 Boys.** 1. Lucas Elmqvist 10.06, 2. Joseph Scanes 10.07, 6. James Shaw 10.46, 17. Alfie Whitelock 11.07, 19. Benjamin O'Grady 11.12, 33. Samuel Barlow 11.53, 35. William Spurle 11.54, 40. Oliver Ward 12.21, 49. Jacob D'Cruze Howarth 12.46, 52. Isaac Evans 13.08, 60. Jose Pedro Candia 13.33. Teams. 1. B&B 9. **Under 13 Girls.** 2. Luciana Smith 11.16, 11. Lily Bridgeman 12.07, 15. Leah Kyriacou 12.19, 16. Lydia Marston 12.26, 18. Beth Regan 12.31, 19. Rowan Pearson 12.32, 21. Angelina Mernaka 12.33, 23. Sopia Tran 12.49, 34. Abbie Lee 13.55, 35. Abigail Williams 13.59. Teams. 3. B&B 28.

OpenTrack Surrey Mens League Div One, Wimbledon Common. 13. Ross Braden 27.24.

Birmingham League, Crewe. Senior Men. 4. Charlie Davis 30.09, 193. Joshua Dowling 36.13.

Midland Womens League, Crewe. Senior Women. 13. Maddie Matrolonardo 25.31.

Start Fitness Metropolitan League, Welwyn Garden City. Senior women. 12 Carole Coulon (W45) 31.04.

EDF Lydd 10km. 45. Austin Adams 45.36 (45.25).

Enfield Open 7 Walk. 20. David Hoben* 84.59

Parkruns. Bromley. 1. Micah Evans 16:29, 5. David Adams 17.43, 7. Robert Perry 17.58, 8. Gareth Evans 18.06, 11. Tim Ayres 18.34, 38. Nick Barber 20.41, 66. Robert Whyte 21.47, 69. Adrian Perry 21.59, 98. James Unwin 23.15, 127. Alex Pope 24.16, 257. Graham Coates 27.16, 264. Bernard Wilson 27.27, 271. Sally Smith 27.43, 390. Neil Ives 32.12. **Bexley.** 6. Darren Corneille 19.45. **Beckenham Place park.** 2. Luca Ercolani 18.07, 4. Clayton Aves 19.42, 29. Rod Harrington 22.36, 64. Iain Swatton 24.48, 65. Ian Montgomery 24.49. **Riddlesdown.** 75. Anne Cilia 32.13. **Hoblingwell.** 1. Roger Vilardell 18.19. **Dulwich.** 96. James Morris 21.55. **Orpington.** 130. Karen Desborough 34.29. **Tooting Common.** 39. Ross Braden 21.15. **Exmouth.** 66. Bob Minting 23.44. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 19. John Turner 25.42, 49. Maz Turner 36.23, 50. Zoe Kingsmell 36.24. **Zuiderpark.** 6. Mike Simms 22.15. **Sutcliffe park.** 141. Mick Keene 31.34.

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Mob Match v Orion, West Wickham. 5. Gareth Evans 50.19, 6. Fintan Parkinson 50.55, 7. Ian Firla 51.12, 9. Darren Corneille 51.51, 12. Carole Coulon 53.24, 15. Elaine Rayner 54.53, 17. Steve Evenden 55.18, 18. Steve Hough 55.27, 20. Nick Kinsey 56.51, 21. Jason Meers 57.01, 24. Matt Bullen 57.59, 25. Steve Pairman 58.13, 26. Matthew Maddocks 58.16, 28. Paul Kerekgyarto 59.52, 30. David Beadle 61.55, 32. Robert Whyte 62.43, 35. Luigi Arcuri 63.25, 37. Rod Harrington 64.28, 40. Mark Ellison 66.15, 43. Chris Pike 68.33, 45. David Leal 70.52, 47. John Turner 73.15, 49. Jim Phelan 79.39. DNF. Roger Villardel. **Match.** 1. Orion Harriers 429, 2. Blackheath & Bromley HAC 477. **Veterans Match.** 1. B&B 211, 2. Orion 331. **Club 7.5 Mile Championships. Men.** 1. Gareth Evans, 2. Fintan Parkinson, 3. Ian Firla. **Women.** 1. Carole Coulon, 2. Elaine Rayner. **Handicap.** 1. Steve Hough, 2. Darren Corneille, 3. Luigi Arcuri. **Bennett Cup after 4 events.** 1. Gareth Evans 76, 2. Chris Pike

74, 3. Jason Meers 71, 4. Steve Pairman 70, 5. Steve Hough 65, 6. Steve Evnden 61, 7. Darren Corneille 59, 8. Andy Tucker 54, 9. Matt Bullen 53, 10. Jennie Butler 51.

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London Championships, Parliament Hill. Senior Men. 51. Micah Evans 38.50, 61. Dan Kennedy 39.35, 158. Darren Corneille 43.20, 223. Blair Wilson 45.07, 265. Chris Tuck 46.53, 281. Tim Ayres 47.28. Teams. 15. B&B 493. **Senior Women.** 12. Jessica Keene 23.15, 28. Isabelle Stoneham 24.11, 61. Kelsi Cornish 25.29, 68. Ashley Pearson 25.47. Teams. 9. B&B 168.

London Youth Games, Parliament Hill. Under 17 Men. 13. Ted Marston 17.41, 15. Matthew Smith 17.46, 16. George Shaw 17.51, 17. Thomas Sugden 17.54, 18. Alessio Tutt 17.55, 34. Arthur Starvis 18.30. Teams. 2. Bromley 44. **Under 17 Women.** 2. Lara Mannes 11.47, 4. Hannah Clark 12.03, 5. Gabriella Martin 12.08, 8. Liberty Whyte 12.15, 9. Kate Price 12.22, Camron Kelly Gordon 12.24, 13. Olivia Magee Brown 12.34, 18. Carys Firth 12.42, 20. Lily Meers 12.57, 44. Cara Gould 13.42, 52. Amelie Willars 14.01, 76. Sophie Lee 15.19. Teams. 1. Bromley 17. **Under 15 Boys.** 4. Alexander Middleton 10.43, 8. Jasper Brooks 10.53, 11. Joshua Healey 11.01, 26. Harry Fage 17.22, 31. Franco Hillier 11.28, 52. Hendri Verster 11.46, 90. Jed Starvis 12.18, 133. Tane Chambers 13.01, 160. Ryan Tran 14.14. Teams. 1. Bromley 23. **Under 15 Girls.** 5. Megan Slattery 7.45, 9. Megan Barlow 8.04, 10. Lydia Witcombe 8.09, 27. Lara Tunali-Flynn 8.25, 30. Isla Spink 8.27, 32. Cristina Gilodi-Johnson 8.28, 34. Francesca Middleton 8.31, 50. Tallulah Ndikanwu 8.44, 51. Amie Gould 8.45, 57. Emily Deveney 8.48, 60. Matilda Shilland 8.53, 87. Eva Chambers 9.09, 120. Erin Simpson 9.45. Teams. 1. Bromley 24. **Under 13 Boys.** 1. Joseph Scanes 7.13, 24. James Shaw 7.54, 26. Matias Caceres 7.54, 33. Alfie Whitelock 8.05, 38. Joseph Hill 8.08, 56. Benjamin O'Grady 8.19, 110. Oliver Ward 8.56, 139. Liam Hough 9.18, 181. Isaac Evans 10.05. Teams. 5. Bromley 51. **Under 13 Girls.** 3. Luciana Smith 8.06, 6. Naimah Mossi 8.21, 10. Niamh Stanley 8.26, 15. Isobel Pauling 8.35, 18. Sophie Fleming 8.42, 24. Elizabeth Regan 8.54, 37. Sophie Tran 9.06, 44. Hissah Al Faisal 9.11, 48. Lydia Marston 9.13, 51. Angelina Mermaka 9.15, 86. Caitlin Hough 9.37, 92. Mariana Caceres 9.43, 117. Maya Al Faisal 10.00, 133. Francesca Newman 10.13. Teams. 2. Bromley.

SWC Christmas Cup, Tonbridge. 3000 Walk. 2. Christopher Stone (U15B) 20.24.6. 5000 Walk. 6. Abigail Smith (U20W) 27.53.6, 10. David Hoben* (M65) 37.21.1.

NCAA Div 1 Championships, Tallahassee, USA. 163. Katy Ann McDonald 20.53.

MRWA Winter League, Warwick University. 5KW. 8. Roger Michell (M70) 32.51.

Parkruns. Bromley. 6. Simon Harris 18.13, 28. Steve Pairman 19.53, 90. Damian Hayes 23.02, 98. James Unwin 23.22, 144. Niamh Milmo 24.45, 221. Julia Pairman 27.32. **Bexley.** 49. George Collins 24.38, 60. Chris Pike 25.17. **Greenwich.** 48. Ian Montgomery 25.11. **Beckenham Place park.** 3. Clayton Aves 19.15, 6. Paul Sharpe 19.27, 37. Rod Harrington 22.19, 64. Iain Swatton 24.28, 129. David Beadle 28.26, 130. Zoe Kingsmell 28.29. **Royal Tunbridge Wells.** 181. Anthony Pontifex 36.41, 193. David Appleton 38.17. **Cannon Hill, Birmingham.** 20. Millie Smith 18.23 (1st woman). **Dulwich.** 83. Paul Ross-Davies 21.23. **Orpington.** 5. Austin Adams 21.29, 51. Dave Leal 26.29, 96. Karen Desborough 33.50. **Dartford.** 39. John Turner 24.49, 153. Maz Turner 34.44. **Stratford-upon-Avon.** 43. Adrian Stocks 21.12. **Exmouth.** 68. Bob Minting 23.32. **Clapham Common.** 90. James Morris 21.31, 467. Mick Keene 31.37. **Bethlem Royal Hospital.** 2. David Adams 19.07, 13. Mike Simms 23.10. **Sutcliffe park.** 56. Barry Wetherilt 24.32. **Swanley.** 11. Robert Perry 21.45, 15. Adrian Perry 22.33.

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RunThrough Chase The Moon, Battersea Park 10km. 7. Dan Kennedy 34.42 (34.40).

Even Splits 5km, Leeds. 40. Ellie Osmond 19.44.

27/11/21

British Athletics Cross Challenge, Liverpool. Senior Men. 45. Charlie Davis 29.50. **Senior Women.** 14. Pippa Woolven* 27.35, 99. Maddie Mastrodonardo 32.21.

Kent Cross Country League, Foots Cray Meadows. Senior Men. 13. Micah Evans 30.08, 14. Alex Gibbins 30.16, 26. Dan Kennedy 31.06, 27. Graeme Lugar 31.07, 38. Luca Ercolani 32.12, 48. Fintan Parkinson 32.52, 53. Darren Corneille 33.25, 60. Gregory Firth 33.53, 68. Simon Harris 34.14, 70. Blair Wilson 34.24, 98. Chris Tuck 36.12, 103. Jason Meers 36.21, 113. Tim Ayres 36.55, 116. Steve Hough 37.05, 135. Richard Byford 38.36, 167. Richard Whyte 41.17, 179. Michael Neal 42.25. **M70.** 1. Paul Ross Davies 28.18. **Under 20 Men.** 7. Callum Horton 21.37. **Under 20 Women.** 1. Ailbhe Barnes 23.35. **Under 17 Men.** 7. George Shaw 20.32, 8. Ted Marston 20.37, 10. Arthur Starvis 20.58. Teams. 2. B&B 25. Overall. 2. B&B 17. **Under 17 Women.** 3. Hannah Clark 23.32, 4. Liberty Whyte 23.41, 5. Carys Firth 23.43, 9. Kate Price 24.04, 10. Cameron Kelly Gordon 24.14, 13. Olivia Magee Brown 24.24, 26. Amelie Willars 27.21, 27. Isabella Louth 27.25, 28. Olivia Wauters 27.49, 42. Sophie Lee 33.12. Teams. 1. B&B 12. Overall. 1. B&B 20. **Under 15 Boys.** 5. Alexander Middleton 14.12, 6. Jasper Brooks 14.20, 8. Joshua Healey 14.30, 10. Mark Constable 14.38, 11. Harry Fage 14.58, 17. Franco Hillier 15.15, 21. Jed Starvis

15.49, 31. Tane Chambers 16.17. Teams. 2. B&B 19. Overall. 2. B&B 28. **Under 15 Girls.** 2. Megan Slattery 15.31, 11. Lara Tunali-Flynn 16.39, 12. Jessica Kelly 16.40, 13. Isla Spink 16.42, 18. Francesca Middleton 17.12, 20 Matilda Shilland 17.25, 21. Amie Gould 17.30, 29. Eva Chambers 17.47, 30. Emily Deveney 17.49, 33. Kyla Dervish 18.24, 39. Molly Shaw 19.11, 42. Islay Pearson 20.06. Teams. 2. B&B 25. Overall. 1. B&B 22. **Under 13 Boys.** 1. Luas Elmqvist 11.21, 2. Joseph Scanes 11.25, 6. James Shaw 12.15, 20. Benjamin O'Grady 12.52, 28. William Spurie 13.21,38. Oliver Ward 14.00, 46. Jacob D'Cruze Howarth 14.25, 47. Isaac Evans 14.28. Teams. 1. B&B 9. Overall. 1. B&B 38. **Under 13 Girls.** 4. Sophie Fleming 13.04, 10. Lydia Marston 13.48, 13. Beth Regan 14.00, 18. Angelina Mernaka 14.12, 21. Rowan Pearson 14.27, 23. Lea Kyriacou 14.39, 24. Caitlin Hough 14.49, 25. Sophie Tran 14.51, 31. Abbie Lee 15.15, 32. Francesca Newman 15.34, 35. Abigail Williams 15.52. Teams. 2. B&B 27. Overall. 2. B&B 20.

Overall Top 3 individuals

M70. 1. Paul Ross Davies

Under 20 Men. 3. Callum Horton

Under 17 Men. 3. Ted Marston

Under 17 Women. 2. Hannah Clark

Under 15 Boys. 3. Alexander Middleton

Under 13 Boys. 1. Lucas Elmqvist

Doris Lucas Memorial Trophy for best overall club in the U20M, U17M, U15B and U13B age groups - **Blackheath & Bromley Royal Bank Of Scotland Silver Salver** for best overall club in the U20W, U17W, U15G and U13G age groups – **Blackheath & Bromley.**

Parkruns. Bromley. 3. Thomas Sugden 17.12, 26. Austin Adams 20.39, 66. Damian Hayes 22.36, 182. Sally Smith 26.58, 216. Bernard Wilson 27.53, 306. Mick Keene 31.10. **Bexley.** 62. Chris Pike 26.42. Greenwich. 17. Steve Pairman 21.56.

Beckenham Place park. 5. Clayton Aves 19.47, 85. David Beadle 27.10, 102. Zoe Kingsmell 28.49. **Lloyd park.** 137. David Appleton 35.48. **Dulwich.** 92. James Morris 21.41. **Orpington.** 91. Karen Desborough 34.28. **Homewood park.** 23. Zoe Wood 26.14. **Dartford.** 48. John Turner 25.57. **Bevendean Down.** 6. Robert Perry 23.26. **Exmouth.** 39. Bob Minting 24.41. **Catford.** 45. Barry Wetherilt 23.25. **Foots Cray Meadows.** 9. Ian Montgomery 26.08, 39. George Collins 1.03.21. **St Mary's.** 16. Adrian Perry 23.34. **Sutcliffe park.** 40. Peter Hamilton 24.27. **Charlton.** 36. Mike Simms 22.50.

28/11/21

Club 10 Mile Championships, West Wickham. 1. Tom Desborough 61.05 (61.05 hcp), 2. Fintan Parkinson* 64.00 (60.20), 3. Darren Corneille* 66.20 (58.30), 4. Gareth Evans 67.31 (65.21), 5. Steve Evenden 68.25 (56.35), 6. Ian Scott 70.01 (65.51), 7. Jessica Keene 70.10 (65.50) (1st woman), 8. Steve Hough 70.58 (57.48), 9. Nick Kinsey 71.49 (65.49), 10. Matt Bullen 72.13 (57.23), 11. Steve Pairman 75.54 (61.04), 12. Glen Read 85.47 (70.57), 13. David Leal 88.25 (53.35), 14. John Turner 93.53 (60.43). DNF. Blair Wilson. **Bennett Handicap.** 1. David Leal 53.35, 2. Steve Evenden 56.35, 3. Matt Bullen 57.23. **Bennett Cup standings after 5 events.** 1. Gareth Evans 97, 2. Steve Pairman 93, 3. Steve Hough 92, 4. Steve Evenden 90, 5. Darren Corneille 85, 6. Matt Bullen 81, 7. Chris Pike 74, 8. Fintan Parkinson 72, 9. Jason Meers 71, 10. David Leal 61. * Adjusted time, short course.

Kent Fitness League, Eltham. 72. Jennie Butler 41.56.

100 years ago in November 1921

The 5th of November is Nicholls Cup Day...." "What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better" – Wendell Phillips.... The field consisted of 37 Heathens and 51 SL members, and only six of our men finished among the first 25...Our friends too, are rich in members of the promising youngster type, and that's the secret of success! Our "first step to something better" would be a pretty big jump if every individual member of the club started recruiting... next year we must get the Cup back, and the way to do it is not by apathy, but by a general rally and keen look-out for suitable additions to our ranks...so wake up Heathens!

At five-thirty the new Club room was full to overflowing by about 90 hungry souls, and the joints which T. K. Grant and Co had been deputed to carve were very thoroughly dealt with." " Curious features of the day" included "the absence of the usual "pea-souper" "

The first Kent C AAA Road Walking Championship takes place. The Club finish third behind Herne Hill and Cambridge Harriers. "The roads afforded good going over a course which extended from the Green Man over Blackheath to Woolwich Common, thence to Shooters Hill, Well Hall Station, and home."

About 230 attend the Bohemian Concert at the Midland Hotel

75 years ago in November 1946.

The 16th of November is the Nicholls Cup race – “The revival of this time-honoured fixture gave the Club a chance to try out its strength early in the season and resulted in a decisive win for Blackheath over our old rivals the SLH and on their own course. We had a satisfactory turn-out of 73 runners....” President Sydney Wooderson finishes 8th. “After the race we returned to S.L.H. headquarters and found excellent arrangements for tea, on the cafeteria system, in the hands of Mrs Pirie and other ladies.”

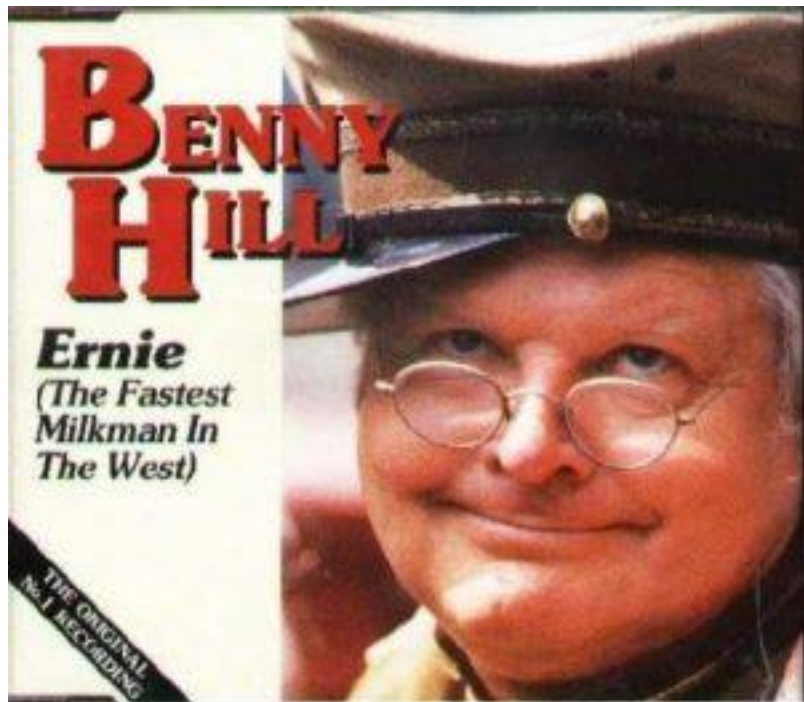
Sydney Wooderson and Roger Bannister go head to head as Blackheath’s 2nd team take on Oxford University H&H at Hayes. Wooderson finishes 3rd with Bannister 6th. In his book *The First Four Minutes*, Bannister reveals that ever since he saw Wooderson race the Swede Arne Anderson at the White City on Bank Holiday Monday in 1945 he had wanted to be a runner. “As boys we all have our sports heroes, and Wooderson from that day became mine. I admired him as much for his attitude to running as for the feats he achieved. Sydney Wooderson was a methodical and unassuming athlete who was prepared to give up his time and energy to encouraging young athletes even if they showed no promise of outstanding ability...Sydney Wooderson’s run that day inspired me with a new interest that has continued ever since.” Later in the book he surprisingly says “I cannot remember when I first met Wooderson.” There is a good chance it was the 23rd November 1946 with Wooderson as President. (The Gazette report of the race appeared in the December 2020 edition of the Courier)

50 years ago in November 1971

It’s the Nicholls Cup race at Hayes and scoring 50 a side Blackheath win 2401 to SLH’s 2655. John Baldwin is first home for Blackheath in third place with Ian Wilson 4th... “with 7 in 10 and 14 in 20, a strength in depth which our visitors could not match, and which helped to balance the weakness in depth at the other end of the field.” Among the other finishers are 6th Chris Haines, 54. Roger Michell, 75. Mike Mahoney, 75. Derek Gregory, 93. Brian Stone. “It is worth mentioning the continuing rise to prominence of Richard Coles” (who finished 15th). John Baldwin wins the Club 7.5 Mile Championships for the third time having won it previously in 1963 and 1965. He outsprints Ian Wilson to win by a second.

Past President K. N. Wilkinson passes away after the race “At Hayes that afternoon he organised and assisted in laying the trail for the Nicholls Cup Race and after farewells in the evening he journeyed to Crawley. He passed away shortly afterwards in the sanctuary of his home”

Blackheath win the GLC Championships for the first time at Parliament Hill. John Baldwin is first home in 4th with Ian Wilson 8th, Bob Richardson 15th and Peter Horwood 16th. Prior to this there is an IAC race “sponsored by the BBC, and given 40 minutes live coverage in Grandstand”



It’s hard to believe that it is now 50 years since Benny Hill galloped into the pop charts with his classic “Ernie (The Fastest Milkman In The West)”. Entering the top 30 in November, it hit number one in December and stayed there for four weeks. Former Prime Minister David Cameron named it as one of his Desert Island Discs and even quoted it in the House Of Commons. The song was also accompanied by a pioneering pop video. Now “That’s TV” have announced the Benny Hill Show will be part of it’s 2021 Christmas Schedule. Hill was remembered at the most recent Kent Cross Country League race at Fooks Cray Meadow with more than the odd ribald remark made when the M70 athletes were asked to line up behind the under 20 and under 17 women with the three age groups racing together. Given that one of the septuagenarians had suffered a stroke during the week but insisted on running, it is assumed there was a nurse in attendance. “They won’t forget Ernie!”

25 ago in November 1996.

John Robinson, representing Northern Ireland, finishes 15th in the M50s race at the Vets International Cross Country at Irvine.

Dave Taylor finishes 6th in the Margate International Cross Country races and helps the England team to victory. Blackheath are first team in the under 17 mens race with Steve Holmes 5th, Mike Skinner 7th, David Farnham 8th, and John Baker 11th; and win the U13 Boys as well courtesy of Chris Daniel, Dan Snow, Joe Godsell and Dave Griffin. Gemma Viney wins the under 15 girls race.

At the Heathrow Youth Games at Parliament Hill Michael Skinner leads the Bromley team to victory in Under 17 boys race. He is third with Steve Holmes fourth, John Baker 5th and Dan Ayrton 17th. In the under 15s Abdi Madar finishes second to Mo Farah with Matt Hill third. Future member Scott Overall is 15th.

Mary Peters opens the new Ladies showers at the Clubhouse and stays for the Orion Mob Match and dinner in the evening. Blackheath win the match with 691 points to Orion's 1519. Mark Watling wins the race and the Club 7.5 Mile Championship.

and trips I have ever been on.

The day after the race we were taken to see the Great Wall: an incredible sight. Climbing the wall with stiff legs was hard work and it was very steep in places. The Chinese children were amused to see a European and some African people hobbling down the steps, some-time backwards to make it easier on the quads!

The banquet after the race was a great event, with no expense spared and a 12 course meal. I still do not know all that I was eating but I tried everything and had a great time. The chinese organisers and people were very frindly and it certainly turned out to be a trip of lifetime.

Bill Foster

Olympic Champion dines at Blackheath.

Despite being publicly chastised (and caught on camera) for appearing to be somewhat short of 40 winks, I enjoyed the supper immensely where the dear golden lady from the emerald isle was in attendance. She had formally opened the ladies showers in the afternoon but unfortunately our photographer (official or otherwise) was unable to capture that more worthy event !



I am of course referring to Mary Peters, the past Olympic and Commonwealth Pentathlon Champion who charmed us all with a talk of her experiences. As a teenage girl, her father had bought her a couple of tons of sand for one of her birthdays to assist with her training, when at the time she would much rather have received all the normal things that we all know teenagers demand.

Mary spoke quite openly of her true-grit determination, especially to training and having to gain weight and to really believe that she was capable of winning ! This finally paid off with gold in the Pentathlon and I feel she was quite modest of her great achievements to athletics and Great Britain over the years.

It is worth noting that she has since attended every Olympics in some official capacity or another.

She recalled the hype in the '84 Olympics at Los Angeles surrounding Zola Budd and the famous incident on the track and joked of a very topical song going around the stadium.

'its a long way to trip a Mary' - (on the Decker label)

For one so entertaining and worthy of recognition, I stayed wide awake.

Mary closed with some of her priorities or 'Recipe of Life' which equate to her "important words" and these may be helpful to us all:

- 5 most important: I am proud of you.
- 4 most important: What is your opinion ?
- 3 most important: If you please
- 2 most important: Thank You
- ..and the least important... is I.

If only there were more Mary Peters' in life (and athletics!) A big 'Thank You' goes out to Mary and those parties responsible for organising the day.

Jonathan Brown

Rankings 2021

Under 23 Men

100. 4. Jeriel Quainoo 10.26, 11=. Korede Awe* 10.42
400. 6. Ethan Brown 46.62, 11. Sam Reardon 46.97.
800. 8. Alex Botterill* 1.46.52, 23. Angus Harrington 1.48.90
3000s/c. 10. Lewis Mills 9.15.76, 11. Lewis Harknett 9.17.12.
110H. 13. Rico Cottell 14.87
HJ. 5. Kelechi Aguocha 2.13,
LJ. 14=. Ben Sutton 7.13.
TJ. 25. Toby Dronfield 14.20
PV. 14. Barnaby Corry 4.40
DT. 7. Dele Aladese 48.35, 20. Dillon Claydon 41.66
JT. 25. Angus Harrington 54.98.

Under 23 Women.

100. 2. Immanuela Aliu 11.41, 19. Amber Anning* 11.78, 22. Faith Akinbileje 11.82.
200. 3. Amber Anning* 23.38, 4. Immanuela Aliu 23.44, 23. Faith Akinbilje 24.11, 28. Louise Evans 24.18,
400. 2. Amber Anning* 51.78, 17. Holly Mpassy 55.66.
800. 3. Katy Ann McDonald 2.01.67, 30. Amarisa Sibley 2.09.44
1500. 28. Katy Ann McDonald 4.25.95
3000. 4. Fleur Todd-Warmoth 9.19.77.
2000s/c. 4. Yasmin Austridge 6.45.81, 9. Morgan Squibb 7.01.14, 25. Ailbhe Barnes 7.39.20.
3000s/c. 6. Yasmin Austridge 10.45.04.
3000W. 7. Abigail Smith 15.35.51
5000W. 8. Abigail Smith 27.53.6
HJ. 7. Rebecca Hawkins* 1.76.
LJ. 4. Funminiyi Olajide* 6.28
TJ. 11. Amelia Gray* 12.11, 15. Mary Adeniji 11.97.
PV. 13. Lois Warden 3.55
SP. 2. Nana Gyedu 15.02
DT. 3. Zara Obamakinwa 49.05, 10. Hannah MacAulay 44.81.
JT. 1. Bekah Walton 54.27, 4. Lauren Farley 50.20.
HT. 28. Molly Walsh 48.72.

Under 20 Men

100. 2. Jeriel Quainoo 10.26
200. 14. Jeriel Quainoo 21.70, 24. Charles Nortey 21.8.
400. 4. Sam Reardon 46.97, 14. Pablo Seema Roca 48.74, 16. Jeriel Quainoo 48.85.
800. 12. Henry Fisher 1.50.59, 13. Sam Reardon 1.50.68.
400H. 17. Luke Dronfield 56.55
TJ. 16. Toby Dronfield 14.20, 29. Jacob Byfield 13.50.
PV. 12. Barnaby Corry 4.40, 25. Ethan Kitteridge 4.13, 27. 10. Ben Platt 4.10.
SP. 5. Dillon Claydon 15.46
DT. 5. Dillon Claydon 49.31.

Under 20 Women.

100. 10. Faith Akinbileje 11.82.
200. 10. Faith Akinbileje 24.11, 17. Kaliyah Young 24.52.
400. 6. Holly Mpassy 55.66, 15. Amarisa Sibley 56.76

800. 13. Amarisa Sibley 2.09.44
3000. 2. Fleur Todd-Warmoth 9.19.77
100H. 2. Mallory Cluley 13.70, 10. Shakanya Osahon 14.26, 28. Zoe Austridge 14.94.
1500s/c. 6. Morgan Squibb 4.58.73, 17. Ailbhe Barnes 5.11.43, 22. Isabelle Stoneham 5.15.43, 26. Gabriella Martin 5.17.13.
2000s/c. 2. Morgan Squibb 7.01.14, 12. Ailbhe Barnes 7.39.20.
10Km walk. 4. Abigail Smith 57.22
LJ. 1. Funminiyi Olajide* 6.28
TJ. 7. Amelia Gray* 12.11
PV. 8. Lois Warden 3.55
SP. 1. Nana Gyedu 15.02, 29. Zara Obamakinwa 10.96
DT. 3. Zara Obamakinwa 49.05
HT. 25. Abigail Stewart 43.07

