

Marathon

3:10:32	¹ George F. Piper.....	19 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Stamford Bridge ...09.05.1909
2:59:15	² George F. Piper.....	4 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Stamford Bridge ...27.05.1911
2:53:09	³ George F. Piper.....	3 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Stamford Bridge ...17.07.1920
2:54:21	F.W. Jude.....	7 AAA Champs., Windsor-Stamford Bridge05.07.1929
2:52:32	⁴ F.A. Walker	15= Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-White City13.06.1936
2:52:13.6	Alfred F. Mitchell	10= AAA Champs., Windsor-White City11.07.1936
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2:42:20	Alfred F. Mitchell	2 Blackpool Marathon.....07.05.1938
2:39:12	Robert G. Plummer	8 AAA Champs., Cardiff25.07.1953
2:37:20	⁵ Robert G. Plummer	2 Welsh AAA Champs., Margan, Port Talbot.....17.07.1954
2:37:04	Colin N. Collis.....	8 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Chiswick18.06.1955
2:31:26	Colin N. Collis.....	18 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Chiswick16.06.1956
2:30:47	Leonard C. Bishop	11 AAA Champs., Watford10.08.1957
2:30:39	Leonard C. Bishop	13 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Chiswick28.06.1958
2:30:27	Gerald A. North	6 AAA Champs., Welwyn Garden City11.08.1962
2:28:08	Barry Sawyer RSA	9 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Chiswick15.06.1963
2:25:58	Trevor K. Hart.....	20 Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor-Chiswick13.06.1970
2:24:07	Lionel Mann.....	9 International Maxol Marathon, Manchester23.08.1970
2:22:50	Trevor K. Hart.....	33 International Maxol Marathon, Manchester13.06.1971
2:18:45	Anthony Brien IRL.....	4 Athlone, IRL.....25.06.1972
2:17:21	Anthony Brien IRL.....	12 Boston, MA USA21.04.1975
2:17:03	Graham Macky NZL.....	2 New Zealand National Champs., Auckland, NZL....02.02.1985
2:16:17	Graham Macky NZL.....	47 1st World Marathon Cup, Hiroshima, JPN14.04.1985
2:16:11	⁶ Graham Macky NZL.....	8 5th Beijing Marathon, Beijing, CHN.....13.10.1985
2:12:53	Paul Evans	9 Carpi, ITA17.10.1991
2:10:36	Paul Evans	5 London Marathon, Greenwich-The Mall.....12.04.1992
2:10:31	Paul Evans	5 London Marathon, Greenwich-The Mall.....02.04.1995
2:08:52	Paul Evans	1 Chicago Marathon, IL USA20.10.1996

¹ It has previously been recorded that George F. Piper had run in the 1908 London Olympic Marathon, but he does not appear in the results. He may have run in an event over the same course in 1908 but we do not have any trace of a result. He had been a member since at least 1905.

² On 30 September 1909 the Committee Minutes record that G.F. Piper's resignation had been accepted with regret and in 1911 he competed in the Polytechnic Marathon under the club name of Ashcombe A.C. However, in 1917 The "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News" refers to the, "Belgrave Harrier and Ashcombe Athletic Clubman, G.F. Piper, winning the 3 miles event," at a sports meeting at Paddington and there are references to him competing in walking events as "Belgrave Harriers". It is difficult to ascertain exactly what his club status was during this period.

³ On 7 November 1919, among the new members was G.W. Piper. The initial "W" appears to be a typographical error. Was he formally clearing up his club status? He certainly (as G.F. Piper) competed for Belgrave Harriers in December 1919 in a Race Walk, in which Ashcombe A.C. also had a team entered. Nevertheless, he competed in the 1920 Polytechnic Marathon again as Ashcombe A.C., and thus qualified for the 1920 British Olympic Team. Perhaps we can assume that from September 1909 he was "Belgrave Harriers" for Race Walking and "Ashcombe A.C." for running; or maybe in those days, one could compete for which ever club one wanted, as long as one was a member. In any event, no Belgrave Harrier beat his 3:10:32 from 1909, until 1929. As a Belgrave Harrier, competing in the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, he would have been the club's first ever international athlete.

⁴ How unusual, that F.A. Walker staged two dead heats within one month in 1936. On the first occasion he ran in 15= with one Jack Brockbank, the second, 10=, with clubmate Alf Mitchell.

⁵ This performance has yet to be found. The Association of Road Running Statisticians (ARRS) reports it as 2:37:02 at Port Talbot with a query on the time. Previous Belgravian statisticians have reported it as 2:37:20 without a venue. The race would appear to have been the Welsh AAA Marathon at Margan, Port Talbot, but the AthleticsStatsWales only show the Welsh medallists.

⁶ ARRS reports this as a performance by John Macky of New Zealand. However, no other recorded instance of a marathoner named John Macky has been found. The Belgravian reports that Graham Macky ran 2:16:11 in Beijing.