

**100 yards** <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

10 4/5	J. Wright .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Stamford Bridge .....	22.07.1903
10 2/5	A.E. Grant .....	1	Inter-Club Match, Stamford Bridge .....	11.07.1912
10 2/5	L.C. Smith .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Price's Ground, Earlsfield ....	08.1922
10 1/5	W.C. Baldwin .....	?	<i>Details unknown</i> , .....	1923
10 1/5	W.C. Baldwin .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Battersea Pk .....	02.08.1924
10 1/5	M.E. Odell .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Battersea Pk .....	31.07.1926
10 1/5	M.E. Odell .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Battersea Pk .....	04.08.1928
10 1/5	M.E. Odell .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Battersea Pk .....	02.08.1930
10.2	Stanley C. Botwright .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Tooting .....	30.07.1938
10.1	Michael H.D. Broadbent .....	?	<i>Details unknown</i> .....	1944
10.1	Michael H.D. Broadbent .....	1	Belgrave H v London AC, White City .....	06.07.1949
10.0	Dennis J. Merrett .....	2	AAA v Oxford & Cambridge U., Cambridge .....	06.06.1950
10.0	Dennis J. Merrett .....	?	<i>Details unknown</i> .....	1952
10.0	<sup>4</sup> Alan D. Sexton .....	?	Oxford/Cambridge U. Tour, USA .....	06.1953
9.9	<sup>5</sup> Alan D. Sexton .....	n	Oxford/Cambridge U. Tour, Philadelphia PA, USA .....	20.06.1953
9.9	<sup>6</sup> Ronald D. Holtum .....	?	<i>Details unknown</i> .....	1954
9.9w	<sup>7</sup> Ivan A. Mayers BG .....	?	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , London .....	21.05.1955
9.9w	Ivan A. Mayers BG .....	3	Kinnaird Trophy Meeting, Chiswick .....	15.06.1957
9.9	Peter Eldridge .....	1	Beds. & Hunts. County Champs., Bedford .....	03.06.1961
9.9	James Vivian .....	2	AAA Junior Champs., Hurlingham .....	07.08.1965
9.9	John Mitchell .....	2	Lough. Coll. v Camb. U. v London U., Cambridge ..	10.05.1967
9.9	John Mitchell .....	2	Oxford U. v London U., Iffley Rd .....	24.05.1967
9.9w	3.7 John Mitchell .....	4	Brockman Trophy Meeting, Wimbledon Pk .....	08.07.1967
9.8	James Vivian .....	2	Inter-club Match, Ruislip .....	05.08.1967
9.8	James Vivian .....	1	National League Pilot Match, Nottingham .....	03.08.1968

<sup>1</sup> Early watches recorded times to 1/4th or 1/5th of a second. Where they were originally returned to the 1/5th, we have shown them as such. Manual timekeeping guidelines are that an athlete's time should be recorded by three timekeepers with a consensus being reached among them as to the time to be officially returned. Even the best manual timekeepers today may find themselves at odds with each other, either side of 1/10th with the need to round up to the next whole 1/10th. Consider that a hand-timed 9.91 on a modern digital watch = a returned time of 10.0, whereas 9.89 or 9.90 = a returned time of 9.9. And who knows, now, whether a single watch might have sometimes been used at a club meeting?

<sup>2</sup> For the 100 yards wind readings for races earlier than 1960 are often not known and quite possibly were not even recorded or much considered in the very earliest days. Therefore, performances known to be wind-assisted are included in the list. However, see also the 100 yards supporting list and the footnote relating to it.

<sup>3</sup> Frank L. Craft, who joined Belgrave in June 1951, aged 25, reputedly ran 9.9 at Motspur Park (in 1951 or earlier?) and 9.8 in 1952. These times are not listed among the best British performances during those years and we are unable to find any further information to back them up. During 1951 Frank did run in club races for Belgrave some half a second slower than the 9.9 which has been noted against his name by a former statistician, but he had emigrated to Queensland, Australia by December 1951. Writing home in 1952 he mentions that he had there run 9.8 and 21.8w. Colin Collis, Belgrave statistician from the 1950s and writing in December 1952 and April 1953, makes no mention of Craft, and records Denis Merrett's 10.0 performances as being the Club's Record. So, Frank was no longer a member in 1952 and as for his possible 1951 9.9 we simply record it here as a footnote.

<sup>4</sup> Alan Sexton was in the USA with an Oxford & Cambridge University/Achilles team in June 1953 and Colin Collis noted that he ran 10.0, equalling the Club Record. The exact date is not known. See also the following footnote.

<sup>5</sup> Not previously recorded in Belgrave H records, Alan Sexton, as reported in 'Athletics World', October 1953, published by the McWhirters, and the UK All-time lists 1957 by the same authors, ran 9.9n in Philadelphia on 20.06.1953. The 'n' indicates 'not a winning time'. The Philadelphia race was won in 9.7 and Alan did not place in the first 4. In this era, it was common for just the winning time to be published and it is possible that even Alan Sexton did not know his exact time and assumed it to be 10.0 - i.e. his 9.9 and 10.0 are the same performance. In correspondence with the NUTS regarding Sexton, Peter Matthews stated, "I'd accept the 9.9, as the McWhirters ... were very close to the Achilles Club and would have had access to information on the Oxford & Cambridge tour. On the same day it is believed that Alan Sexton placed =4 in a 220 yards race in 21.9. Michael Sheridan also includes Sexton's time of 9.9 in 'British Athletics 1951-1959'.

<sup>6</sup> Ron Holtum's 9.9 100 yards performance of 1954 has been clearly noted by a previous statistician, without any further detail, but no trace of it can be found in any ranking lists of the era and Colin Collis did not list it as a Club Record. Ron's 10.0 at the AAA Champs of 1955 was given an honourable mention in Athletics Weekly as, "Holtum put up his very best ever performance ..."

<sup>7</sup> Possibly the meeting was the Caledonian Games, held at the White City, London, on 21.05.1955. It would have to have been a heat as Dennis Merrett won the final in 10.0. Not shown as w/a by the McWhirters in Athletics World.

**100 yards** (supporting list, 1953-1961) <sup>8</sup>

10.0	Dennis J. Merrett.....	1	Caledonian Games, White City .....	21.05.1955
10.0	Basil Walden .....	2	Surrey County Champs., Motspur Pk.....	04.06.1955
10.0	Dennis J. Merrett.....	2	Kinnaird Trophy Meeting, Chiswick also 04.05 .....	18.06.1955
10.0	Ronald D. Holtum.....	h	AAA Champs., White City .....	15.07.1955
10.0	Ivan A. Mayers BG .....	1	Beverley Baxter Trophy Meeting, .....	02.07.1955
10.0	Ronald D. Holtum.....	2	Beverley Baxter Trophy Meeting, .....	02.07.1955
10.0	<sup>9</sup> Ivan A. Mayers BG .....	1	Belgrave Season Opening Meeting, Battersea Pk..	27.04.1957
10.0	Clive E. Ryan .....	3	Lough. Coll v Cambridge U., Loughborough.....	07.05.1958
10.0	Sylvan Deane.....	?	<i>Details unknown</i> .....	27.05.1959
10.0	Gerard Leroy TRN.....	1	Inter-club Match, Battersea .....	01.06.1960

**100 metres** (manual timing) <sup>10</sup>

11.1	Dennis J. Merrett.....	1	London U. v AAA, (rep. LU), Motspur Pk .....	14.05.1952
11.0	Dennis J. Merrett.....	1	London v Stockholm, Stockholm NOR.....	07.07.1955
10.9	Peter Eldridge .....	?	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Bombay, IND.....	25.01.1959
10.7	0.7 John Mitchell .....	1	Paris U. v London U., Clamart, Paris, FRA .....	11.06.1967
10.6w	John Mitchell .....	2	SCAAA rep. match, Woodford Br. ....	30.06.1968
10.7w	John Mitchell .....	4	AAA v London U. v Boro. Rd. Coll., Motspur Pk .....	14.05.1969
10.7	James Vivian.....	4s	SCAAA Junior Champs., Crystal Palace.....	12.07.1969
10.7	Cliff J. "Snowy" Brooks.....	?	<i>Details unknown, poss. Barbadian Champs</i> .....	30.06.1973
10.6w	Stephen H. White .....	1	Oxford U. v Cambridge U., West London Stad. ....	16.05.1974
10.7w	Stephen H. White .....	1	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Oxford .....	05.1975
10.6	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	Southern Lg. Div. 1, Haringey .....	02.07.1977
10.6	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....		.....	.....1977
10.6	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....		.....	.....1977
10.5	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	Highgate H Open Meeting, Parliament Hill .....	17.08.1977
10.5	0.7 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	SCAAA v WLIHE, RAF, Lond. U., Crystal Palace...03.05.1978	
10.4	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	SCAAA, v Oxford U., Lough. U, Crystal Palace .....	26.04.1978
10.3w	3.2 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	Philips International Games, Crystal Palace .....	24.05.1978
10.1	-1.3 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1h	1st CAA African Champs., Dakar, SEN .....	02.08.1979

**100 metres** (fully-automatic timing)

10.71	0.2 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	5	AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	13.08.1976
10.46	1.5 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	CAU Inter-Counties Champs., Cwmbran .....	28.05.1978
10.44	<sup>11</sup> -1.3 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	2q4	XI Commonwealth Games, Edmonton, CAN .....	06.08.1978
10.29	1.5 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	3	Rotary Watches Int. Games, Crystal Palace.....	23.08.1978
10.21	0.6 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	International Invitation Meeting, Budapest, HUN ....	11.08.1980
10.21	0.2 Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	2	3rd IAAF World Cup, Rome, ITA.....	04.09.1981
10.20	0.3 John P.L. Regis.....	4s1	15th European Champs., Split, YUG .....	28.08.1990
10.15	1.9 John P.L. Regis.....	1r2	European Clubs' Cup, UTE Stad. Budapest, HUN .....	29.05.1993
10.06	<sup>12</sup> 2.0 Dwain A. Chambers .....	1	European Junior Champs., Ljubliana, SLO.....	25.07.1997
10.04	0.3 Darren A. Campbell.....	1	17th European Champs., Budapest, HUN .....	19.08.1998
10.03a	<sup>13</sup> -0.2 Dwain A. Chambers .....	3	8th IAAF World Cup, Johannesburg, RSA .....	11.09.1998
9.99	1.1 Dwain A. Chambers .....	2	Nuremberg Live 99 Meeting, Nuremberg, GER .....	13.06.1999
9.97	<sup>14</sup> 0.2 Dwain A. Chambers .....	3	7th IAAF World Champs., Seville, ESP.....	22.08.1999

<sup>8</sup> Due to the slight doubt about Alan Sexton's 9.9 in 1953, the fact that details are not known about Ron Holtum's 9.9 in 1954, and that Ivan Mayers' 9.9 times were both wind assisted, this supporting list 1953 to 1961 is presented, showing times equalling the previous record of 10.0. In 1961 Peter Eldridge's 9.9 tied things up with a performance that fulfilled our Club Record criteria.

<sup>9</sup> Hindsight casts some doubt on this time as it was set extremely early in the year in a 'Training Match' at Battersea between two Belgrave teams. One might guess at there having been a single (inexperienced?) timekeeper.

<sup>10</sup> For manually timed 100 metres performances, wind readings are often not known. Therefore, performances known to be wind-assisted are included in the list which then continues with other performances that equalled the previous best time.

<sup>11</sup> Following this performance Ernest Obeng set a time of 10.42 in his heat at the All-Africa Games in Algiers in July 1978. He went on to place 5th in the final in 10.58. Unfortunately, as far as we can tell, no wind speed readings have been published, so the 10.42 has not been included here as a Club Record. It is shown instead in the category that follows.

<sup>12</sup> At the time, Dwain Chambers' 10.06 was a World Junior Record.

<sup>13</sup> Dwain Chambers' reaction time at the start was 0.063 seconds as against an allowable 0.1. However, the start was allowed.

<sup>14</sup> After testing positive for a banned performance-enhancing substance, Dwain Chambers' results between 01.01.2002, and 01.08.2003 were 1 officially annulled, thus ruling out improvements of 9.96, 9.94 and 9.87, all set during 2002.

**100 metres** (fully-automatic timing but ineligible for record purposes)

These times would have been Club Records but for wind-assistance above the allowable 2.0mps or lack of wind-speed measurements.

10.70w	2.3	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	h	AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	13.08.1976
10.42	<sup>15</sup>	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	h	All-Africa Games, Algiers, ALG .....	07.1978
10.34w	3.0	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	1	Philips SCAAA Champs, Crystal Palace.....	03.06.1978
10.32w	4.6	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	4s2	XI Commonwealth Games, Edmonton, CAN .....	06.08.1978
10.20w	?	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	2s	1st CAA African Champs., Dakar, SEN .....	02.08.1979
10.14w	2.1	Ernest A. Obeng GBR.....	2r3	Dairy Crest International, Portsmouth .....	20.06.1987
10.14w	3.9	Marcus Adam .....	4	XIV Commonwealth Games, Auckland, NZL .....	21.01.1990
10.07w	2.2	John P.L. Regis.....	3	15th European Champs., Split, YUG .....	28.08.1990
10.10wA	3.5	John P.L. Regis.....	1	IAAF Grand Prix, Sestriere, ITA (2,035m altitude)..	31.07.1994
9.97	<sup>16</sup>	Dwain A. Chambers .....	1q4	8th IAAF World Champs., Edmonton, CAN .....	04.08.2001

<sup>15</sup> As far as we can tell, no wind speed readings were published for the All-Africa Games. It may well be that Ernest Obeng's 10.42 was completely valid.

<sup>16</sup> A faulty wind gauge meant that there were no wind speed readings for this or any of the other quarter-finals at the 2001 Edmonton IAAF World Championships. A World Junior Record by Mark Lewis-Francis was subsequently not ratified. Most statisticians agreed that the quarter-final performances may have been helped by a following wind, so we have followed suit and listed Dwain Chambers' 9.97 here instead of showing it as equalling his record.

**220 yards** <sup>17, 18, 19</sup>

24	M.E. Odell .....	1h1	Club Evening Meeting, Battersea Pk .....	23.05.1928
23 4/5	M.E. Odell .....	1	Club Evening Meeting, Battersea Pk .....	23.05.1928
21.9	<sup>20</sup> George R. Dunckley .....	1	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , High Wycombe .....	07.09.1929
21.9w	Dennis J. Merrett .....	1	London U. Champs., Motspur Pk .....	10.05.1952
21.9	Alan D. Sexton .....	=4	Oxford/Cambridge Tour, Philadelphia, USA .....	20.06.1953
21.7	Alan D. Sexton .....	1s	Southern Counties AAA Champs., Croydon .....	19.06.1954
21.6	Brian H.A. Morris .....	?	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Belfast .....	17.06.1961

**200 metres** (manual timing)

22.4	Alan D. Sexton .....	2	International Military Champs., Rome .....	24.09.1951
22.2	Dennis J. Merrett .....	3	London U. v AAA, (rep. LU), Motspur Pk .....	14.05.1952
21.9	Peter Eldridge .....	?	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Bombay, IND .....	25.01.1959
21.7	Stephen H. White .....	1	London Schools Champs., Crystal Palace .....	14.06.1969
21.7	Stephen H. White .....	1	Surrey County AAA Champs, Motspur Pk .....	30.05.1970
21.7	Stephen H. White .....	1	Southern Lg. Div. 1, Ilford .....	22.05.1971
21.6	Stephen H. White .....	1	Southern Lg. Div. 1, Redhill .....	28.07.1973
21.2w	Stephen H. White .....	1	Oxford U. v Cambridge U., West London .....	16.05.1974
21.6	Stephen H. White .....	1	Oxford & Camb. U. v Penn.& Cornell U., Oxford .....	13.06.1974
21.6	Stephen H. White .....	1	Oxford & Camb. U. v Harvard & Yale U., Oxford .....	12.06.1975
21.6w	Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	1	SCAAA Open Meeting, Crystal Palace .....	24.04.1976
21.5w	Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	1	<i>prob. Beverley Baxter Meeting</i> , Haringey .....	06.07.1977
21.4	0.0 Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	1	SCAAA v WLIHE, RAF, London U, Crystal Palace .....	03.05.1978
21.4	Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	1	SCAAA v Lough, London, Oxf'd U., Crystal Palace .....	25.04.1979
21.0	Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	3	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Adelaide, AUS .....	12.02.1980
20.1	<sup>21</sup> 2.0 John P.L. Regis .....	1	International Meeting, Nicosia, CYP .....	30.05.1990

**200 metres** (fully-automatic timing)

22.23	<sup>22</sup> -1.9 Stephen H. White .....	5	CAU Inter-Regional Champs., Crystal Palace .....	27.05.1974
21.78	0.0 Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	5h	AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	14.08.1976
21.36	0.9 Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	3	Philips SCAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	03.06.1978
21.27	-1.0 Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....		Philips Night of Athletics, Crystal Palace .....	16.05.1979
21.10	Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....		.....	1979
20.99	0.6 Ernest A. Obeng GHA .....	2	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Nice, FRA .....	15.08.1979
20.78	0.1 John P.L. Regis .....	1	International Youth Friendship, Crystal Palace .....	29.09.1985
20.41	1.4 John P.L. Regis .....	1	Kodak AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	21.06.1986
20.25	1.5 John P.L. Regis .....	1	Kodak AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	02.08.1987
20.18	<sup>23</sup> -0.5 John P.L. Regis .....	3	2nd IAAF World Champs., Rome, ITA .....	03.09.1987
20.16	0.5 John P.L. Regis .....	1s1	15th European Champs., Split, YUG .....	30.08.1990
20.11	0.0 John P.L. Regis .....	1	15th European Champs., Split, YUG .....	30.08.1990
20.09	-0.2 John P.L. Regis .....	2s1	XXV Olympic Games, Barcelona, ESP .....	05.08.1992
19.94	<sup>24</sup> 0.3 John P.L. Regis .....	2	4th World Athletics Champs., Stuttgart, GER .....	20.08.1993
19.87a	<sup>25</sup> 1.8 John P.L. Regis .....	1	IAAF Grand Prix, Sestriere, ITA (2,035m altitude) .....	31.07.1994

<sup>17</sup> Wind-speed readings for the earlier days are often not known and quite probably were not even taken. Therefore, for the 220 yards and 200 metres (manual timing) lists we include times whether they are known to be wind-assisted or otherwise.

<sup>18</sup> There may well have been faster times set during the 1928-29 period but published results in 'The Belgravian' mostly did not include times, even for the winner.

<sup>19</sup> Frank L. Craft may have run 220 yards in 21.8 in 1952 (wind-assisted) but this cannot be backed up by any evidence found so far. He had emigrated to Australia by the end of 1951. We simply show here that his 21.8 has been noted.

<sup>20</sup> George Dunckley's 21.9 was an extraordinary time for 1929 but in view of his last leg 4 x 440 performance of 48.6 for England in the match vs. Germany on 24.08.1929, it is possible that he did run this fast.

<sup>21</sup> UK Record.

<sup>22</sup> For this race at Crystal Palace on 27.05.1974, Stephen White's 5th in 22.23 is shown as listed by the NUTS in their year-book of best performances. AW reported Stephen as placing 6th with the same time as the 5th placed runner - 22.2. Other sprinters in that race have manual times that correspond directly with the fully automatic times published by the NUTS. It would seem that Stephen's position and time were changed to as given above after the event when the photo-finish had been consulted.

<sup>23</sup> UK Record.

<sup>24</sup> UK Record.

<sup>25</sup> UK Record.

**200 metres** (fully-automatic timing but ineligible for record purposes)

These times would have been Club Records but for wind-assistance above the allowable 2.0mps or lack of wind-speed measurements.

21.82w	3.1	Stephen H. White .....	5	British International Games, Crystal Palace .....	31.05.1975
21.06	<sup>26</sup>	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	2	Jomo Kenyatta Memorial, Nairobi, KEN.....	20.06.1979
20.83w	3.8	Ernest A. Obeng GHA.....	5	IAC Coca-Cola Meeting, Crystal Palace .....	14.09.1979
20.67w	3.9	John P.L. Regis.....	1h3	Kodak AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	21.06.1986
20.10w	2.4	Marcus Adam .....	1	XIV Commonwealth Games, Auckland, NZL .....	02.02.1990
20.08w	2.1	John P.L. Regis.....	1	Great Britain & N Ireland v USA, Edinburgh .....	02.07.1993

<sup>26</sup> Ernest Obeng's performance at the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Meeting may well have been perfectly legitimate but we have been unable to find any record of a wind-speed reading. The time has been alternatively reported as 21.10 (still inside the previous best).

**440 yards**

55 2/5	A.E. Grant .....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Stamford Bridge .....	17.07.1905
53	R.W. "Bob" Ricketts.....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., Stamford Bridge .....	16.07.1908
51 4/5	George R. Dunckley.....	1	Belgrave Club Champs., .....	30.07.1926
50 1/5	<sup>27</sup> George R. Dunckley.....	1	London AC Meeting, Stamford Bridge .....	04.09.1926
49.2	<sup>28</sup> H.E. "Eddie" Pack.....	4	AAA Champs., White City .....	17.07.1937
49.1	Alan D. Sexton .....	1	Cambridge U. Trials, Cambridge.....	30.10.1952
48.2	Alan D. Sexton .....	2	CAU Inter-Counties Champs., White City .....	25.05.1953
48.2	Peter Eldridge .....	2	MCAAA Champs., Wolverhampton.....	24.06.1961
48.0	Brian H.A. Morris.....		LCC Champs., Hurlingham .....	02.09.1961

**400 metres (manual timing)**

48.4	Alan D. Sexton .....	1	Victoria Pk. H. tour of Germany, Bonn, GER .....	22.08.1956
48.4	Gerard Leroy TRN.....	1	J. Louis Trophy Meeting, Mayesbrook Pk .....	31.08.1957
48.4	Brian H. A. Morris.....	1	European Police Champs., Wiesbaden, GER .....	09.08.1958
48.3	Peter Eldridge .....	?	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Bombay, IND.....	25.01.1959
48.2	Peter Eldridge .....	5	Invitation Race during GB&NI v FRA, White City....	01.08.1960
47.7	Gerard Leroy TRN.....	4rA	British Games, White City .....	13.08.1960
45.2	Du'aine Ladejo .....	1	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , College Station, TX, USA .....	01.05.1993

**400 metres (fully-automatic timing) <sup>29</sup>**

46.57	John P.L. Regis.....	1	GRE Cup Final, Haringey.....	20.08.1988
45.37	Du'aine Ladejo .....	3	<i>Meeting unknown</i> , Austin, TX, USA .....	09.05.1992
45.25	Du'aine Ladejo .....	2h1	NCAA Champs., Austin, TX, USA.....	03.06.1992
45.16	Du'aine Ladejo .....	1	TSB Challenge, Edinburgh.....	08.07.1994
45.00	Du'aine Ladejo .....	2	TSB Games, Crystal Palace .....	15.07.1994
44.94	Du'aine Ladejo .....	3	Herculis IAAF/Mobil GP, Monte Carlo, MON .....	02.08.1994
44.66	Du'aine Ladejo .....	2	AAA Champs., Birmingham .....	16.06.1996
44.56	Tim Benjamin .....	2	IAAF World Athletics Final, Monte Carlo, MON .....	09.09.2005

<sup>27</sup> George Dunckley ran a quarter mile in 48.6 in the 4 x 440 yards relay for England in an international match v Germany at Stamford Bridge on 24.08.1929. The time is ineligible for record purposes as it involved a rolling start.

<sup>28</sup> 'The Belgravian' reported that Eddie Pack, in placing 4th in the AAA, "... is the fastest quarter-miler we have had since the days of George Dunckley ..." It may well be that Dunckley ran times that we have not yet tracked down.

<sup>29</sup> As with the shorter sprints, we have separated manual and fully automatic timing, although the discrepancy between the two methods is less likely to be significant over 440 yards/400 metres.

**880 yards** <sup>30</sup>

2:08 3/5	Wally L. Bayliss .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	02.08.1924
2:05 3/5	F.L.G. Buckingham .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	01.08.1925
2:05 3/5	Herbert W. Smith.....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	31.07.1926
2:03 e	<sup>31</sup> A. Clark .....	3	Belgrave Handicap Meet., Battersea Pk .....	25.05.1927
2:01 3/5	J. Cooper-Clark .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	04.08.1928
2:01 3/5e	<sup>32</sup> H. Titherley .....	2	Civil Service Champs., Stamford Bridge .....	08.06.1929
2:01 1/5	Thomas H. Scrimshaw U20 .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	03.08.1929
1:57.5	<sup>33</sup> James E. Tosh U20 .....	1	Belgrave Handicap Meet., Battersea Pk .....	02.07.1930
1:57 e	Thomas H. Scrimshaw .....	4	Southern Counties AAA Champs. Southend .....	20.06.1931
1:56.4	<sup>34</sup> Thomas H. Scrimshaw .....	2h	AAA Champs., White City .....	03.07.1931
1:54.5	<sup>35</sup> Thomas H. Scrimshaw .....	2	AAA Champs., White City .....	08.07.1933
1:54.4	<sup>36</sup> Thomas H. Scrimshaw .....	1	Rangers FC Race, Glasgow .....	05.08.1933
1:53.4	<sup>37</sup> G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	1	Army Meeting, Aldershot .....	26.06.1948
1:53.6	<sup>38</sup> Robert T. Taylor .....	2	Heathfield Trophy, Walton .....	12.06.1954
1:52.8	John E. Davies .....	1h1	AAA Champs., White City .....	13.07.1956
1:52.4	Robert Norton RSA .....	1	Oxford U. Sports, Iffley Rd .....	21.04.1961
1:50.7	David A. Cocks.....	3	Brockman Trophy, Wimbledon Pk.....	20.07.1963
1:49.6	David A. Cocks.....	1	Surrey County Champs., Motspur Pk.....	30.05.1964

**800 metres**

1:56.0	Thomas H. Scrimshaw .....	<sup>39</sup>	2	France v England, Paris, FRA.....	02.08.1931
1:55.8	Thomas H. Scrimshaw .....		3	Italy v England, Milan, ITA .....	17.09.1933
1:52.3	John E. Davies .....		5	Intl. Invitation Race in British Games, White City....	19.05.1956
1:50.8	John W. Gladwin U20 .....		1	Belgrave Junior Champs., Motspur Pk.....	12.07.1980
1:48.66	John W. Gladwin U20 .....		3h1	AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	05.09.1980
1:46.46	John W. Gladwin U20 .....		5	Bislett Games, Oslo, NOR .....	07.07.1982
1:46.46	John W. Gladwin .....	<sup>40</sup>	5	Bislett Games, Oslo, NOR .....	09.07.1983
1:46.11	John W. Gladwin .....		1	Bislett Games, Oslo, NOR .....	27.07.1985
1:46.09	John W. Gladwin .....		2	Pearl Assurance Intl, Birmingham.....	19.07.1986
1:45.14	John W. Gladwin .....		3	BNP d'Athlétisme, Jean Bouin Stad., Paris, FRA ..	22.07.1986

<sup>30</sup> Detailed club results from before 1924 are virtually non-existent, and then from 1924 until the 1930s they are very sparse. There may well have been faster times set during this era, but none have yet been identified. From 1931 onwards, we are far more confident of the record progression shown. Times set in handicaps, when run from the scratch mark, are included, as these were almost the only type of half mile race held as club races.

<sup>31</sup> A. Clark was placed 3rd in the handicap where the winning time as reported in "The Belgravian" was 2:01.8 and the distance between 1st and 2nd was recorded as a "foot" with the distance between 2nd and 3rd being recorded as "same". This means that the mark of 2:04.6 set by F.G.L. Buckingham when winning the Belgrave Champs. at Battersea Pk on 30.07.1927 is no longer listed above.

<sup>32</sup> H. Titherley lost his Civil Service 880 yards title by a foot, winner's time 2 mins. 1 1/5 sec. (2:01.2). We have taken a view that he must have at least equalled the previous Belgrave Record of 2:01.6.

<sup>33</sup> This mark of 1:57.5 was set by James Tosh when placing 2nd in a handicap race, running from the scratch mark. The race was won in 1:57 but James's individual time was taken.

<sup>34</sup> "The Belgravian" reports that "Scrimshaw, although beating 1:57 for the distance, was only placed 4th."

<sup>35</sup> Tommy Scrimshaw's 1:54.5, is recorded on the website of the National Union of Track Statisticians (NUTS) ([www.nuts.org.uk/Champs/AAA/AAA800.htm](http://www.nuts.org.uk/Champs/AAA/AAA800.htm) : accessed 05 October 2019). However, Ian Buchanan's "Who's Who of UK & GB International Athletes 1896-1939" (NUTS) has the time as an estimated 1:54.4.

<sup>36</sup> As this performance was set in a handicap race and has been accepted by Buchanan in "Who's Who of UK & GB International Athletes 1896-1939" we may safely assume that Tommy ran from the scratch mark.

<sup>37</sup> Club records show that Bill Nankeville was a member of Belgrave Harriers for a period from the end of the Second World War until, and including, 1948. He then became a competitive member of the recently founded Walton A.C., having been made President of its forerunner Old Woking AC in 1947. Various statistical sources show Bill as a member of Old Woking A.C. in 1947 and 1948, and he certainly competed in the name and singlet of that club in the AAA Championships of 1948. He was definitely a full member of Woking AC for 1949 and onwards.

<sup>38</sup> In view of the doubt regarding Bill Nankeville's membership status in 1948, Bob Taylor's 1:53.6 set in 1954 is also shown in the record progression.

<sup>39</sup> From 1921 until 1932 British teams were styled 'England' although they were drawn from the whole of the Great Britain & N. Ireland.

<sup>40</sup> This is not a typographical error. In 1982 and 1983 John Gladwin did indeed run an identical time and finish in an identical position at the Bislett Games.

**1 mile**

4:30 - 4:39 <sup>41</sup>	Alfred H.N. Edwards.....	<i>Details unknown</i> .....	1887-1898
4:32	J.E. "Jack" Flower .....	n Kinnaird Trophy, <i>venue unknown</i> .....	18.05.1929
4:22	<sup>42</sup> A.D."Micky" Pyer .....	<i>Details unknown</i> .....	1920-1929
4:21.0	Leonard W. Herbert.....	h AAA Champs., White City .....	07.07.1939
4:18.8	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	3 AAA Champs., White City .....	19.07.1947
4:18.8	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	1 Inter-Services Match, Uxbridge.....	30.07.1947
4:14.2	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	1 AAA Champs., White City .....	03.07.1948
4:13.6	John W. "Jack" Brown .....	5 AAA Champs., White City .....	21.06.1952
4:13.4	John W. "Jack" Brown .....	1 City Charities Meeting, White City.....	10.09.1952
4:13.0	John W. "Jack" Brown .....	1h2 AAA Champs., White City .....	10.07.1953
4:11.8	John W. "Jack" Brown .....	1h1 AAA Champs., White City .....	09.07.1954
4:10.6	Brian Hollowell .....	6 Kinnaird Trophy Meeting, Chiswick.....	16.06.1956
4:10.6	<sup>43</sup> John E. Davies .....	? <i>Oxford U. v Middlesex, Oxford</i> .....	10.06.1958
4:08.7	Ranjit Bhatia IND.....	1 Oxford U. team trials, Oxford .....	20.04.1960
4:08.3	<sup>44</sup> Malcolm E. Robinson .....	<i>Unknown Meeting, Hammond, LA, USA</i> .....	12.05.1962
4:07.1	Malcolm E. Robinson .....	1 Inter-State Collegiate Meet, Baton Rouge LA, USA	
30.03.1963			
4:05.5	John Thresher .....	2 Surrey County Champs., Motspur Pk.....	26.05.1964
4:02.1	John Thresher .....	5 City Charity Meeting Inv., Motspur Pk.....	22.07.1964
4:02.1	Gary Staines .....	1 TVH Open Meeting, West London Stadium.....	04.09.1984
3:59.24	Gary Staines .....	2 Peugeot Talbot Games, Crystal Palace.....	20.07.1985
3:54.52	John W. Gladwin .....	3 McVitie's Challenge Invitation, Crystal Palace.....	12.09.1986
3:51.02	John W. Gladwin .....	2 Weltklasse IAAF Mobil Grand Prix, Zürich, SUI.....	19.08.1987

**1,500 metres**

4:09.0	<sup>45</sup> G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	1 BAOR Champs., <i>unknown venue</i> , GER.....	<i>dd.mm.</i> 1946
4:04.0	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	1 Union St Gilloise Club event, Bruxelles, BEL.....	<i>dd.</i> 07.1946
4:01.5	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	1 Armed Forces "Olympic Games", Berlin, GER .....	08.09.1946
3:58.2	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	<i>Unknown Meeting, Antwerp BEL</i> .....	29.06.1947
3:55.8	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	2h3 XIV Olympic Games, Wembley .....	04.08.1948
3:52.6	G.W. "Bill" Nankeville .....	6 XIV Olympic Games, Wembley .....	06.08.1948
3:50.6	John Thresher .....	2 Brockman Trophy, Wimbledon.....	20.07.1963
3:47.3	John Thresher .....	7 Invitation Race, Crystal Palace .....	01.08.1964
3:46.7	John Thresher .....	1 London v Milan, Milan ITA.....	09.10.1965
3:44.6	John Thresher .....	1 Brockman Trophy, Wimbledon.....	27.07.1968
3:43.06	Stuart Paton U20 .....	1 AAA U20 Champs., Cwmbran.....	01.08.1982
3:42.86	Stuart Paton U20 .....	1 U20 Int. v N'lands v Israel v Belgium, Amsterdam .....	29.08.1982
3:42.69	Stuart Paton .....	1h3 AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	23.06.1984
3:41.45	<sup>46</sup> John W. Gladwin .....	5 England v Spain v Sweden, Gateshead.....	06.07.1984
3:39.47	<sup>47</sup> John W. Gladwin .....	3 Edinburgh Games, Meadowbank.....	17.07.1984
3:36.28	John W. Gladwin .....	2 UK Champs., Cwmbran.....	26.05.1986
3:35.93	John W. Gladwin .....	1 AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	21.06.1986
3:35.26	John W. Gladwin .....	4 Ivo van Damme IAAF Grand Prix, Bruxelles, BEL .....	05.09.1986

<sup>41</sup> The Club's first Hon. Secretary Alfred Edwards is reported to have been a sound 4:30 miler.

<sup>42</sup> Micky Pyer is reported to have run 4:22 for the mile in the 1920s, but no other detail is known. There are also unconfirmed reports of H.W. Bruce having run a similar time during this period.

<sup>43</sup> "The Belgravian" reports this as a Middlesex v Cambridge University meeting but doesn't mention a venue. "British Athletics" reports the time of 4:10.6 as being set at Oxford. "Athletics Weekly" does not appear to have reported the match at all. Why would Middlesex or Cambridge University host a match at Oxford? The most likely explanation is that it was actually an Oxford University v Middlesex match; and this ties up with information unearthed for Ranjit Bhatia's [biography](#), where in 1958 he ran the mile in just such a match, probably coming up against John Davies.

<sup>44</sup> Malcolm Robinson set his best times while competing for the University of Southwestern Louisiana, USA.

<sup>45</sup> British Army of the Rhine Championships. Bill Nankeville was a member of Belgrave Harriers for a period from the end of the Second World War until, and including, 1948. He then became a competitive member of the recently founded Walton A.C., having been made President of its forerunner Old Woking AC in 1947. Various statistical sources show Bill as a member of Old Woking A.C. in 1947 and 1948, and he certainly competed in the name and singlet of that club in the AAA Championships of 1948.

<sup>46</sup> Gary Staines also beat the previous 1,500m record in this race, placing 6th in 3:41.76.

<sup>47</sup> Stuart Paton also beat the previous 1,500m record in this race, placing 5th in 3:40.04.



**3 miles**

15:45	<sup>48</sup> A.D."Micky" Pyer .....	1	London Business Houses, <i>unknown venue</i> .....	1928
15:21	J.E. "Jack" Flower .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	20.06.1928
15:08.3	J.E. "Jack" Flower .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	19.06.1929
15:06	Arthur W. Penny .....	1	Belgrave Champs., Battersea Pk .....	24.06.1931
14:43	<sup>49</sup> James Ginty .....	1	British Games, White City .....	01.06.1935
14:32.5e	<sup>50</sup> J. "Pat" Parker .....	3	AAA Champs., White City .....	17.07.1937
14:28.6	William E. Lucas .....	1	Southern Counties AAA Champs., Motspur Pk .....	28.06.1947
14:25.0	William E. Lucas .....	3	AAA Champs., White City .....	19.07.1947
14:21.0	William E. Lucas .....	3	AAA Champs., White City .....	03.07.1948
14:11.6	William E. Lucas .....	4	AAA Champs., White City .....	15.07.1950
13:59	John W. "Jack" Brown .....	6	Southern Counties AAA Champs., Motspur Pk .....	23.06.1956
13:55.4	<sup>51</sup> John W. "Jack" Brown .....	1	LCC Champs., Hurlingham .....	08.09.1956
13:37.6	Gerald A. North .....	2	Leyton Floodlit Meeting, Eton Manor .....	02.05.1962
13:33.0	Geoffrey A. North .....	2	Leyton Floodlit Meeting, Eton Manor .....	05.05.1965
13:32.4	Geoffrey A. North .....		<i>Unknown meeting</i> , St Helen's .....	07.08.1965
13:27.4	Malcolm Robinson .....	1	Texas Relays, Austin, TX, USA .....	01.04.1966
13:18.8	Geoffrey A. North .....	1	Inter-County Champs., White City .....	28.05.1966

**5,000 metres**

15:29.0e	<sup>52</sup> William E. Lucas .....	7h2	XIV Olympic Games, Wembley .....	31.07.1948
15:07.8	William E. Lucas .....	3	England v Scotland v all-Ireland, Manchester .....	17.07.1948
14:56.8	William E. Lucas .....	2	England v Scotland v all-Ireland, White City .....	07.08.1950
14:55	<sup>53</sup> J.C. "Charlie" Smart .....	1	BAOR Champs., <i>unknown venue</i> , GER .....	1953
14:55	<sup>54</sup> J.C. "Charlie" Smart .....	1	International Meeting, Saarbrücken, GER .....	1953
14:21.8	John W. "Jack" Brown .....	1	Vancouver Trophy, Woodford Bridge .....	15.09.1956
13:57.6	Geoffrey A. North .....	4	<i>Unknown meeting</i> , Paris .....	11.06.1965
13:49.4	Geoffrey A. North .....	3	GB & NI v USSR, White City .....	18.06.1966
13:44.4	Geoffrey A. North .....	2	Southern Counties AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	12.07.1969
13:41.2	Gerard Deegan IRL .....	4	AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	14.08.1976
13:37.0	Gerard Deegan IRL .....	2	Donore International Meeting, Dublin IRL .....	11.07.1977
13:35.9	<sup>55</sup> Gerard Deegan IRL .....	2	Penn Relays, Philadelphia, PA, USA .....	27.04.1978
13:30.53	Gary Staines .....	2	AAA Champs., Crystal Palace .....	02.08.1987
13:20.00	Gary Staines .....	2	McVitie's Challenge, Crystal Palace .....	13.09.1987
13:14.28	Gary Staines .....	5	Weltklasse Meeting, Zürich, SUI .....	15.08.1990

<sup>48</sup> The Club's Championship for the "Griffen Cup" was instigated in 1928 and reports of the early races refer to the winner setting a Club Record. The only earlier result found so far for a 3 miles track race featuring a Belgrave Harrier is Micky Pyer's performance, also from 1928, although there must have been earlier track runs over the distance.

<sup>49</sup> The British Games (believed to be held on 1 June 1937) featured a 3 miles Team Race – Birchfield Harriers v Belgrave Harriers – eight a side and six to score. Birchfield pipped the Bels by 4 points.

<sup>50</sup> Pat Parker's time was not recorded when he placed 3rd in the AAA 3 miles Championship of 1937 His time was reported within the Club as being about 14:28. We have taken the line of the National Union of Track Statisticians (NUTS) who have recorded that performance as 14:32.5 (estimated).

<sup>51</sup> A time of 13:52.4 has previously been recorded as a 3 miles Club Record set by Jack Brown in September 1956 – no other details known. We now know for sure that this is a conversion of the 14:21.8 that he set when winning the Vancouver Trophy 5,000m race on 15.09.1956. It is therefore now shown correctly in the 5,000m section.

<sup>52</sup> Bill Lucas' time in his Olympic heat was not taken. The NUTS have recorded it as an estimated 15:29.0.

<sup>53</sup> British Army of the Rhine Championships.

<sup>54</sup> Charlie Smart is reported to have run 14:55 on two separate occasions while serving with the Armed Forces in Germany. A 14:51 timing with no known date has been mentioned but we have found no trace of it at all.

<sup>55</sup> Gerard Deegan was definitely a member of Belgrave Harriers in 1976 and 1977. He spent a year on a scholarship in the USA at Providence College in 1978 and his membership status during this period is not clear; but as he hadn't joined another UK club we have shown his 13:35.9 time from that year as an advance in the Club Record. In any case, no other Belgravian beat his 13:37.0 until Gary Staines' day. Previously we have recorded David Swain's 13:37.8 from 1987 (see top 100) as a club record but Deegan's 1977 time of ten years earlier obviously contradicts that.

**6 miles**

30:57 <sup>4/5e</sup>	<sup>56</sup> Arthur W.C. Penny .....	2	AAA Champs., White City .....	13.07.1934
	<sup>57</sup> 31:00.6 .....	1	2nd British Empire Games, White City .....	06.08.1934
29:57	<sup>58</sup> Arthur W.C. Penny .....	5	AAA Champs., White City .....	10.07.1936
29:29.6	<sup>59</sup> J.C. "Charlie" Smart .....	6	Southern Counties AAA Champs., White City .....	23.04.1954
29:28.0	Charles S. Dabbs .....	10	AAA Champs., White City .....	15.07.1960
29:19.4	William Kerr .....	5	Southern Counties AAA Champs., Portsmouth .....	28.04.1962
28:11.6	Gerald A. North .....	6	AAA Champs., White City .....	13.07.1962
28:11.4	Gerald A. North .....	6	AAA Champs., White City .....	12.07.1963
28:08.4	Gerald A. North .....	5	Lauriston Runners v Rep. S. Africa, Walton .....	21.03.1967

**10,000 metres**

29:57.6	Gerald A. North .....	3	British Games & Euro. Trials, White City .....	18.08.1962
29:29.4	Gerald A. North .....	1	England v Norway, Bergen, NOR .....	25.07.1963
29:21.0	Gerald A. North .....	4	Southern Counties AAA Open, Crystal Palace .....	25.09.1968
28:12.93	Gary Staines .....	3	UK Champs., Derby- .....	05.06.1988
27:48.73	Gary Staines .....	6	Bislett Games, Oslo, NOR .....	06.07.1991
27:48.32	Paul Evans .....	3	Internationales Stadionfest, Berlin, GER.....	21.08.1992
27:47.79	Paul Evans .....	4	Dagens Nyheter Galan, Stockholm, SWE.....	05.07.1993

<sup>56</sup> Arthur Penny's second place in the AAA Championships of 1934 was not timed but he was given a position of 60 to 80 yards behind Jack Holden's winning 30:43.8. We have taken the distance to be the maximum 80 yards, which would have been covered in approximately 14.0 seconds, giving an estimated time for Penny of 30:57.8.

<sup>57</sup> In view of the fact that the previous best time was estimated, and that this time is close to it, although a little slower, we have included it here.

<sup>58</sup> All statistical information discovered so far has no time shown for Arthur Penny's 5th place in the 1936 AAA Championships. However, the National Union of Track Statisticians (NUTS), in their supplement to No.7 in the NUTS Historical Series, Ian Buchanan's *The AAA Championships 1880-1939*, published in 2003, shows that the 6th placed runner, A.F. Furze (Polytechnic H), had a recorded time of 30:12.0. Therefore, Penny's time could not be slower than that. But we also know from the club's gazette, 'The Belgravian', that Penny's time was within 5 seconds of the English Native Record and 27 seconds inside the previous Championship Best. NUTS Statistician Bob Phillips has told us that the English native record before this race was 29:51.4 by Bill Eaton in April 1936, which gives Arthur a time of 29:56.4 or better; he also tells us that the previous Championship record was 30:23.2 by Jack Potts in 1932, so this gives a possible time of 29:56.2 for Penny. In August 1953 when "The Belgravian" reported that Charlie Smart had set a new Club Record (see following note) Gordon Doubleday responded stating that Arthur's 1936 time "was 29 mins. 57 secs., and he still has his lap times carefully recorded."

<sup>59</sup> In August 1953 it was reported that Charlie Smart had set a Club Record of 30:16 for 6 miles in April of that year, but in view of Arthur Penny's more recently discovered 29:57 dating from 1936, this has been removed from the list.