

100 yards ^{1, 2, 3}

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	⁴ Alan D. Sexton	?	Oxford/Cambridge U. Tour, USA	06.1953
9.9	⁵ Alan D. Sexton	n	Oxford/Cambridge U. Tour, Philadelphia, PA USA	20.06.1953
9.9	⁶ Ronald D. Holtum	?	<i>Details unknown</i>	1954
9.9w	⁷ 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

¹ 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?

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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'.

⁶ 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 ..."

⁷ 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) ⁸

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	⁹ 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) ¹⁰

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	¹¹ -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	¹² 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	¹³ -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	¹⁴ 0.2 Dwain A. Chambers.....	3	7th IAAF World Champs., Seville, ESP.....	22.08.1999

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² At the time, Dwain Chambers' 10.06 was a World Junior Record.

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

¹⁴ 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	¹⁵	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	¹⁶	Dwain A. Chambers	1q4	8th IAAF World Champs., Edmonton, CAN	04.08.2001

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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 ^{17, 18, 19}

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	²⁰ 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, PA 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	²¹ 2.0 John P.L. Regis	1	International Meeting, Nicosia, CYP	30.05.1990

200 metres (fully-automatic timing)

22.23	²² -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	²³ -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	²⁴ 0.3 John P.L. Regis	2	4th World Athletics Champs., Stuttgart, GER	20.08.1993
19.87a	²⁵ 1.8 John P.L. Regis	1	IAAF Grand Prix, Sestriere, ITA (2,035m altitude)	31.07.1994

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ UK Record.

²² 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.

²³ UK Record.

²⁴ UK Record.

²⁵ 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	²⁶	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

²⁶ 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	²⁷ George R. Dunckley.....	1	London AC Meeting, Stamford Bridge	04.09.1926
49.2	²⁸ 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) ²⁹

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

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ '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.

²⁹ 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 ³⁰

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	³¹ 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	³² 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	³³ 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	³⁴ Thomas H. Scrimshaw	2h	AAA Champs., White City	03.07.1931
1:54.5	³⁵ Thomas H. Scrimshaw	2	AAA Champs., White City	08.07.1933
1:54.4	³⁶ Thomas H. Scrimshaw	1	Rangers FC Race, Glasgow	05.08.1933
1:53.4	³⁷ G.W. "Bill" Nankeville	1	Army Meeting, Aldershot	26.06.1948
1:53.6	³⁸ 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	³⁹ 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	⁴⁰ 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

³⁰ 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.

³¹ 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.

³² 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.

³³ 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.

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

³⁵ 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 : 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.

³⁶ 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.

³⁷ 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.

³⁸ 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.

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

⁴⁰ 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	⁴¹ 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	⁴² 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 Hallowell	6 Kinnaird Trophy Meeting, Chiswick.....	16.06.1956
4:10.6	⁴³ 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	⁴⁴ 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	⁴⁵ 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	⁴⁶ John W. Gladwin	5 England v Spain v Sweden, Gateshead.....	06.07.1984
3:39.47	⁴⁷ 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

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

⁴² 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.

⁴³ "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.

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

⁴⁵ 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.

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

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

3 miles

15:45	⁴⁸ 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	⁴⁹ James Ginty	1	British Games, White City	01.06.1935
14:32.5e	⁵⁰ 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	⁵¹ 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	⁵² 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	⁵³ J.C. "Charlie" Smart	1	BAOR Champs., <i>unknown venue</i> , GER	1953
14:55	⁵⁴ 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
13:49.0	John Thresher	1	International Meeting, Paris (Charley), FRA	04.07.1968
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	⁵⁵ 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

⁴⁸ 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.

⁴⁹ 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.

⁵⁰ 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).

⁵¹ 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.

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

⁵³ British Army of the Rhine Championships.

⁵⁴ 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.

⁵⁵ 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 ^{4/5e}	⁵⁶ Arthur W.C. Penny	2	AAA Champs., White City	13.07.1934
	⁵⁷ 31:00.6	1	2nd British Empire Games, White City	06.08.1934
29:57	⁵⁸ Arthur W.C. Penny	5	AAA Champs., White City	10.07.1936
29:29.6	⁵⁹ 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., Derbyor-	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

⁵⁶ 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.

⁵⁷ 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.

⁵⁸ 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."

⁵⁹ 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.