The first ever 'National' Cross-Country Championship was held at Buckhurst Hill, Epping Forest in 1876, organized by Thames Hare \& Hounds. Invitations had been sent to Birmingham Athletic Club, Spartan Harriers and South London Harriers, but there was the possibility of the race being additionally thrown open to any other cross-country club. In fact, just the three London clubs took up the challenge. With a total of 32 runners between them, in pouring rain, after the trail-layers had run out of paper to mark the way, every single runner went off course and the race was declared void.

The organizer, Thames Hare \& Hounds founder member Walter Rye, made sure that successive races went off more successfully. Unsurprisingly, they were held in his club's own territory, covering, variously, the areas of Wimbledon Common, Putney Heath, Malden, Morden, and other places that we know so well - although now covered by the suburbs of south-west London.

In 1883 the National Cross-Country Union was formed to ensure that Amateur Athletic Association laws were followed. It was also established that the race should be held in turn in the areas of the North, the Midlands and the South. The more appropriate title of the English Cross-Country Union was assumed in 1933.

The current organizing body, the English Cross-Country Association (ECCA), was reconstituted in 1992 with the amalgamation of the former men's and women's bodies, the English Cross-Country Union and the Women's CrossCountry and Road Running Association. However, under whatever banner the races have been held, they have almost always been known as the 'National.'

## Senior Men

After the initial influence and success of the Thames Hare \& Hounds, and the formation of the NCCU, the balance of power in the sport shifted to the North and Midlands. And in over three decades leading up to the First World War, just a handful of times a team from the South prevailed over the might of the usual victors Birchfield, Salford or Hallamshire Harriers.

No championships were held from 1915 to 1919 due to the First World War and then, on resumption in 1920, Belgrave Harriers at last sent along a team to take part in the race in Windsor Great Park where King George V was scheduled to present the medals, specially struck at the Mint and bearing his image; this was in recognition of all that the sport had done for the Services during the war. In fact, the King was not present on the day and Brigade General, the Earl of Athlone, took charge of proceedings. Unfortunately, Belgrave were unable to get more than five men home.

The Club's first steps in the 'National' cross-country enterprise were tentative - a first complete team in 1923 was followed by a few more fallow years until the feat was repeated in 1928; but gradually the club's fortunes changed, due in no small way to the leadership of inspirational Captain Bert Footer. A leap took the Club from 'nowhere' to 6th team place in 1930, to 3rd place in both 1933 and 1934, followed by a resounding win in 1935. The claret and gold colours were then never out of the medals until the break in competition caused by the Second World War. That 1935 victory was the first by a Southern club since Surrey Athletic Club took the title in 1914, and a second win came in 1939. When hostilities were over, the Club began the post war era just where it had left off seven years earlier with 1 st $-2 \mathrm{nd}-1$ st. Is it conceivable that such success could have been carried through sixteen seasons from 1933 to 1948, but for the war?

Under Footer that remarkable group of Belgravians trained and competed together for nigh on 20 years. Many years later, with competitive years long behind them, they were the men who organized Belgrave affairs, represented the Club on County, Area and National bodies - and coached the young Club members of the ' 50 s and ' 60 s .

But such success as they achieved cannot last forever, and the 'golden years' were replaced by 'solid' ones until the arrival of Gerry North, the 1962 winner (in Blackpool \& Fylde Harriers' colours), who had migrated South and joined Belgrave. With Gerry's impetus the Club was then rarely out of the top ten in the '60s, and for three years, from 1966, occupied that most melancholy of positions - 4th.

An era of ever increasing field sizes during the ' 70 s and ' 80 s, saw the Club's standing slowly sink away again. 1976 saw the club start an incomplete team for the first time since the '20s. Then, after a couple more unfortunate occasions when a scoring six could not be got to the finish-line in the '80s, in the '90s Belgrave occupied their lowest ever position of 105th, followed by a whole series of incomplete teams. These things go in cycles, however, and things were stirring again as the millennium was neared.

In 1999, much to the amusement of some, Belgrave, who were now mighty on the track \& field and had been four times winners of the 'National' in the long-distant past, were awarded the trophy for the most improved club. They had soared
from nowhere to 15 th - and it would have been better still, but for overzealous officialdom ruling out a highly placed runner in the finishing funnel. Greater things still - even medals - were hoped for in 2000, forlornly as it turned out; but top ten positions and 'first Southern club' had been achieved again and eventually a fifth 'National' win was chalked up in 2004.

In early days, through to the beginning of the 1950s, the race distance was usually about 10 miles but sometimes extending to 11. It was dropped to approximately 9 miles thereafter, and to $7 \frac{1}{2}$ miles or 12 kilometres in the ' 90 s . Throughout most of the race's life there was a limit on the number of names allowed to be entered from each club. From these names only twelve were allowed to run on the day until 1929, when a team's complement was reduced to nine. Therefore, to finish nine to challenge for the Charles Otway Memorial Cup was a considerable achievement.

Until 1951 individuals were removed before calculating team scores. From that date onwards, other runners deemed to be ineligible for team scoring, for some reason, were sometimes removed. It could be that an athlete was not included on the original entry or, for a few years after 2000, simply that an athlete was not eligible to represent Great Britain \& N. Ireland.

From 1996 any limit on the number per team allowed to be entered and to run was removed and this had the effect of hugely inflating the scores of teams whose 'scoring six' were further down the field.

Notes regarding the statistics:
Up to and including 1939 we often only know each runner's scoring position and not his actual position in the race. Where we have been able to find the actual positions then we additionally show this in brackets - e.g., for 1930, '17 (20) H.E. Footer'. From 1946 onwards (with the exception of 1949) when we have a runner's actual position, we show this preceding the runner's name but where there are any differences between actual and scoring, we have included additional information to show how the team score was calculated - e.g., for 1946, 'scoring - $5,11,13,21,22,24$ '. As alluded to earlier, from 1952 actual and scoring positions are almost always the same.

We need to remember that the restriction on those allowed to run, and indeed gaining selection for the limited number of entries in the first place, greatly affects our 'most runs' and 'most consecutive runs' in the individual statistics. It is far easier to enter those lists in modern times.

Venues before Belgrave's participation: 1876 - Buckhurst Hill, Epping Forest, 1877 to 1883 - Roehampton, South West London, 1884 - Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, 1885 - Manchester, 1886 - Croydon, 1887 - Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, 1888 - Manchester, 1889 - Kempton Park, Surrey, 1890 - Sutton Coldfield, 1891 - Prenton, Birkenhead, 1892 Ockham, Surrey, 1893 - Redditch, 1894 - Blackpool, 1895 - Wembley, 1896 - Water Orton, Warwickshire, 1897 Trafford Park, Manchester, 1898 - Horton, Northants., 1899 - Wembley, 1900 - Rotherham, 1901 - Leicester, 1902 Lingfield, 1903 - Haydock, Lancs., 1904 - Wolverhampton, 1905 - Lingfield, 1906 - Haydock, Lancs., 1907 - Colwall, Herefordshire, 1908 - Newbury, Berkshire, 1909 - Haydock, Lancs., 1910 - Derby, 1911 - Taplow, Bucks., 1912 Haydock, Lancs., 1913 - Wolverhampton, 1914 - Chesham, Bucks.

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1922 Closed in; team winners Birchfield H 54 pts.; individual winner W.W. Freeman (Birchfield H). team winners Birchfield H 41 pts.; individual winner guest J. Guillemot (France/CASG Paris), champion H. Eckersley (Warrington AC).
1923 23rd 913 pts. Lord Burnham's Estate, Beaconsfield, South Bucks., 10 Mar. - 91 J.G. Flatt, 105 R.J. Savage, 142 J.J. Crichton, 178 A.E. Smith, 192 J. Pritchard, 205 R.E. Wills; 327 runners; 23 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 36 pts.; individual winner C.E. Blewitt (Birchfield H).
Doncaster Racecourse, 8 Mar. - Belgrave did not take part; 219 runners; at least 15 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 53 pts.; individual winner L-Cpl W.M. Cotterell (Royal Corps of Signals AC).
1925 Hereford Racecourse, 14 Mar. — running as an individual and finishing in an unknown position beyond 30 H.E. Footer; 245 runners; 19 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 78 pts.; individual winner L-Cpl W.M. Cotterell (Royal Corps of Signals AC).
1926 Stacey Hill Harm, nr. Wolverton, 13 Mar. - running as individuals 42 H.E. Footer, 136 J.G. Flatt; 321 runners; 18 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 43 pts.; individual winner J.E. Webster (Birchfield H).
1927 Crewe Hall Park, Crewe, 12 Mar. - running as an individual 56 H.E. Footer; 429 runners; 32 teams closed in; team winners Hallamshire H 36 pts.; individual winner E. Harper (Hallamshire H).

1928 17th 711 pts. Leamington, 10 Mar. - 63 (86) W.G. Webb, 79 (105) H.E. Footer, 95 (121) A.D. Pyer, 141 W.L. Bayliss, 149 A.E. Smith, 184 A.G. Jones, 250 F.G. Ford; 375 runners; 34 teams started, 27 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 49 pts.; individual winner J.E. Webster (Birchfield H).
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1930 6th 320 pts. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { team winners Birchfield H } 911 / 2 \\ & \text { Graves Pts.; individual winner E. Harper (Hallamshire H). }\end{aligned}$ W.G. Webb, 74 F.R. Webb, 81 E.A. Duffett, 133 W.A. Rice; 334 runners; 23 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 94 pts.; individual winner W.B. Howard (Kettering Town H).
1931 9th 329 pts. Wickstead Park, Kettering, 14 Mar. - 4 (5) A. Allum, 36 (48) S.H. Warboys, 46 (61) A.W. Penny, 67 (86) H.E. Footer, 83 (105) W.G. Webb, 93 (115) J.E. Flower, 113 (140) E.A. Duffett, 165 (194) C.T. Carter; 348 runners; 35 teams started, 30 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 104 pts.; individual winner J.H. Potts (Saltwell H).
1932 10th 433 pts. Stacey Hill Harm, nr. Wolverton, 12 Mar. - 21 (34) J.E. Flower, 22 (35) H.E. Footer, 87 (109) S.H. Warboys, 91 (114) C.T. Carter, 97 (120) E.A. Duffett, 115 (139) W.G. Webb, 151 (180) F.R. Webb, dnf A. Allum, A. Robertshaw: 289 runners; 29 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 66 pts.; individual winner J.A. Burns (Elswick H).
1933 3rd 233 pts. Alderley Edge, Alderley Park, Cheshire, 11 Mar. - 4 (4) A.W. Penny, 5 (5) H.E. Footer, 34 A. Allum, 48 C. Mains, 62 J.E. Flower, 80 A.R. Shaw, 94 C.W. Tame, 126 F.R. Webb, dnf C.T. Carter; 344 runners; 37 teams started, 32 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 80 pts.; individual winner T. Evenson (Salford H). ${ }^{1}$
1934 3rd 113 pts. Himley Park, nr. Dudley, 10 Mar. - 4 (5) A.W. Penny, 9 (13) H.E. Footer, 16 (22) A.E. Taylor, 20 (27) A. Allum, 28 (38) J.E. Flower, 36 (48) H.W. Shields, 62 F.A. Walker, 91 W.A. Rice, 95 C.T. Carter; 297 runners; 35 teams started, 26 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 88 pts.; individual winner S. Dodd (Wirral AC).
1935 1st 97 pts. Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, 9 Mar. - 11 (16) H.E. Footer, 14 (21) D. Patience, 15 (22) J. Ginty, 18 (25) A.E. Taylor, 19 (26) C.T. Carter, 20 (27) H.W. Shields, 37 (46) A.R. Shaw, 42 A. Allum, 57 J.E. Flower; 295 started, 248 finished; 30 teams started, 28 closed in; team winners Belgrave H 97 pts.; individual winner F. Close (Reading AC).

[^0]| 1936 | 2nd | 112 pts. | Alderley Edge, Alderley Park, Cheshire, 14 Mar. - 6 (12) C.T. Carter, 10 (17) A.W. Penny, 11 (18) H.E. Footer, 15 (22) J. Ginty, 32 (44) A. Allum, 38 (50) S.T. Ring, 52 A.R. Shaw, 54 H.W. Shields, 68 A. Patience; 285 runners; 30 teams started, 27 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 90 pts.; individual winner J.H. Potts (Saltwell H). |
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| 1937 | 2nd | 94 pts. | Stratford upon Avon Racecourse, 13 Mar. - 1 (3) L-Sgt. J. Ginty, 2 (4) J. Parker, 11 (14) D. Patience, 13 (16) H.E. Footer, 26 L.J. Cohen, 41 C.T. Carter, 60 H.W. Shields, 69 A.R. Shaw, 82 A. Allum; 315 runners; 33 teams started, 30 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 90 pts.; individual winner H.D. Clark (York H). |
| 1938 | 3rd | 199 pts. | Reading, 12 Mar. - 7 (11) J. Parker, 13 (18) A.W. Penny, 18 (24) C.T. Carter, 50 S.T. Ring, 52 H.W. Shields, 59 D. Patience, dnf L.J. Cohen; 288 runners; 29 teams started, 26 closed in; team winners Mitcham AC 91 pts.; individual winner J.T. Holden (Tipton H). |
| 1939 | 1st | 122 pts. | Worsley, nr. Manchester, 11 Mar. - 3 (4) E.S. Stimpson, 5 (8) A.W. Penny, 17 (23) C.T. Carter, 28 (35) H.E. Footer, 34 (43) H.W. Shields, 35 (44) D. Patience, 36 (45) A.W. Jerman, 41 (50) A.R. Shaw, 65 F.A. Walker; 392 runners; 33 teams closed in; team winners Belgrave H 122 pts.; individual winner J.T. Holden (Tipton H). |
| 1940 | - 19 |  | No races during Second World War period. |
| 1946 | 1st | 96 pts. | Leamington Spa, 9 Mar. - 7 L.W. Herbert, 14 D.J. Main, 16 C.T. Carter, 25 G.M. Pearson, 26 T.G. Clinton, 32 R.W. Tobin, 46 D. Patience, 70 T.F. Morrell, 86 A.F. Mitchell; scoring - 5, 11, 13, $21,22,24,38,58,73 ; 239$ runners started, 214 finished; 26 teams entered, 25 started, 21 closed in; team winners Belgrave H 96 pts.; individual winner J.T. Holden (Tipton H). |
| 1947 | 2nd | 184 pts. | Shendish Park, Apsley, Herts., 8 Mar. - 6 L.W. Herbert, 17 A.E. Frost, 31 R.W. Tobin, 37 V.S. Blowfield, 51 E.S. Stimpson, 65 S.R.J. Eales, 80 E.H. Herbert, 92 A.F. Mitchell; scoring $5,15,28,33,45,58,73,85 ; 274$ runners started, 228 finished; 50 teams entered, 33 started, 24 closed in; team winners Sutton H\&AC 160 pts.; individual winner A.A. Robertson (Reading AC). |
| 1948 | 1 st | 154 pts. | Graves Park, Sheffield, 13 Mar. - 2 V.S. Blowfield, 16 L.W. Herbert, 19 E.S. Stimpson, 33 F. Abberton, 48 C.T. Carter, 67 T.G. Clinton, 74 C.L. Stokell, 107 A.E. Frost, 147 R.W. Tobin; scoring $-2,12,15,27,41,57,64,95,132 ; 402$ runners started, 377 finished; 57 teams started, 38 teams closed in; team winners Belgrave H 154 pts.; individual winner S.C. Wooderson (Blackheath H). |
| 1949 | 6th | 350 pts. | Bromford Bridge Racecourse, West Bromwich, 12 Mar. - 18 (23) V.S. Blowfield, 58 S. Charlton, 62 L.W. Herbert, 65 R.F. Towndrow, 70 F.J. Abberton, 77 E.S. Stimpson, 128 C.T. Carter, 140 M.F. Porter, 152 L.M. Marchant; 449 started, 404 finished; 52 teams started, 40 closed in; team winners Sutton H\&AC 128 pts.; individual winner F.E. Aaron (Leeds St. Marks H). ${ }^{2}$ |
| 1950 | 8th | 451 pts. | Aylesbury, 11 Mar. - 56 C.L. Stokell, 65 S. Charlton, 83 S. Davies, 87 J.W. Brown, 112 J.H. Braggington, 113 E.S. Stimpson, 176 F.K. Blunden, 223 M.E. Heard, 225 C.T. Carter; scoring $-47,55,73,77,99,100,156,196,198 ; 493$ runners started, 446 finished; 54 teams started, 48 closed in; team winners Sutton H\&AC 142 pts.; individual winner F.E. Aaron (Leeds St Mark's H). |
| 1951 | 7th | 432 pts. | Richmond Racecourse, Yorks., 10 Mar. - 35 J.W. Brown, 59 C.L. Stokell, 64 E.H. Herbert, 68 J. Bromley, 87 E.S. Stimpson, 124 L.A. Adams, 129 S. Charlton, 133 L.C. Bishop, 181 R.W. Tobin; scoring $-35,58,63,67,86,123,128,132,180 ; 306$ finished; 46 teams started, 31 closed in; team winners Sutton H\&AC 183 pts.; individual winner F.E. Aaron (Leeds St Mark's H) |
| 1952 | 5th | 356 pts. | Great Barr, Birmingham, 8 Mar. - 26 V.S. Blowfield, 40 J.W. Brown, 43 C.W. Walker, 58 E.A. Short, 93 B.L. Hudson, 96 A.W. Bedford, 134 L.A. Adams, 152 L.W. Herbert, 158 L.C. Bishop; 364 finished; 52 teams started, 38 closed in; team winners Victoria Park AAC 241 pts.; individual winner W. Hesketh (Manchester A\&CC). |
| 1953 | 6th | 375 pts. | Caversham Park, Reading, 7 Mar. - 34 J.W. Brown, 39 J. Bromley, 55 D.A. Brickwood, 75 E.A. Short, 85 C.W. Walker, 87 E.H. Herbert, 98 J.E. Burr, 218 H.A. Bishop, 246 L.C. Bishop; 459 finished; 65 teams started, 54 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 160 pts.; individual winner D.A.G. Pirie (South London H). |
| 1954 | 9th | 463 pts. | Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, 13 Mar. - 31 C.W. Walker, 41 J. Masters, 73 D.A. Brickwood, 93 D. Briggs, 98 S.W. Gawler, 127 E.A. Short, 197 E. Gebbett, 236 M.J. Stearman, 241 L.C. Bishop; 401 finished; 50 teams started, 39 closed in; team winners Bolton United H\&AC 152 pts.; individual winner D.A.G. Pirie (South London H). |

[^1]| 1955 | 5th | 478 pts. | R.A.F. Cardington, Beds., 5 Mar. - 61 J. Masters, 71 C. Roffey, 72 P. Bagnall, 87 E Patterson, 89 A.W. Bedford, 98 C.W. Walker, 126 E. Gebbett, 139 J.W. Brown, 148 D.H. Baulch; 474 finished; 69 teams started, 50 teams closed in; team winners South London H 180 pts; individual winner D.A.G. Pirie (South London H). |
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| 1956 | 7th | 551 pts. | Warwick Racecourse, 3 Mar. - 52 J.W. Brown, 60 P. Bagnall, 63 C.W. Walker, 72 D.H. Baulch, 143 E. Gebbett, 161 E.A. Short, 177 C. Roffey, 255 B.C. Trower, dnf J. Masters; 477 finished; 68 teams started, 50 teams closed in; team winners Sheffield United H\&AC 172 pts. individual winner K.L. Norris (Thames Valley H). |
| 1957 | 11th | 767 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 9 Mar. - 11 J.W. Brown, 114 E. Gebbett, 141 D.H. Baulch, 147 R.C. Tooby, 173 C.W. Walker, 181 L.C. Bishop, 205 C. Shippen, 340 J. Heathfield, 362 D. Hooper; 771 started; 648 finished; 96 teams started, 69 closed in; team winners South London H 206 pts.; individual winner F.D. Sando (Aylesford Paper Mills AC). |
| 1958 | 15th | 889 pts. | Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, 8 Mar. - 39 P. Newell, 77 C.W. Walker, 134 E. Gebbett, 175 C Shippen, 200 P. Hitchcock, 264 D.H. Baulch, 288 J. Dooley, 307 E.A. Short, 319 L.C. Bishop; 554 runners, 513 finished; 81 teams started, 50 closed in; team winners South London H 212 pts; individual winner A.F. Perkins (llford AC). |
| 1959 | 14th | 974 pts. | Fletton, Peterborough, 7 Mar. - 58 P. Newell, 135 C. Shippen, 157 D.H. Baulch, 173 E. Gebbett, 204 A.W. Bedford, 247 C.W. Walker, 265 L.C. Bishop, 334 E.A. Short, 346 J. Heathfield; 567 finished; 90 teams started, 55 closed in; team winners Sheffield United H\&AC 145 pts; individual winner F. Norris (Bolton United H\&AC). |
| 1960 | 21st | 1111 pts. | Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 12 Mar. - 76 C. Dabbs, 92 C.W. Walker, 166 D.F. Jones, 221 E. Gebbett, 247 C. Shippen, 309 E.A. Short, 340 E.M. Bishop, 283 D.W. Jones, 410 L.C Bishop; 605 finished; 97 teams started, 61 teams closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 171 pts.; individual winner B.B. Heatley (Coventry Godiva H). |
| 1961 | 23rd | 1386 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 11 Mar. - 129 E. Gebbett, 196 C. Shippen, 230 C.W. Walker, 256 B. Sawyer, 285 M. Robinson, 290 E.A. Short, 326 J. Dooley, 401 K. Miller; 672 finished; 109 teams started, 70 closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 164 pts.; individual winner B.B. Heatley (Coventry Godiva H). |
| 1962 | 17th | 1218 pts. | Royal Lancashire Agricultural Showground, Blackpool, Lancs., 10 Mar. - 78 R. Linstead, 136 C.W. Walker, 162 B. Sawyer, 197 C. Shippen, 219 E. Gebbett, 426 J. Dooley, 451 D. Maclean; 672 finished; 112 teams started, 65 closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 147 pts.; individual winner Gerry A. North (Blackpool \& Fylde H). |
| 1963 | 11th | 706 pts. | Coldham's Common, Cambridge, 2 Mar. - 12 Gerry A. North, 75 W. Kerr, 85 R. Linstead, 147 P. Newell, 156 B. Sawyer, 231 D. Maclean, 392 J.W. Brown, dnf C.W. Walker, A. Black; 711 finished; 118 teams started, 74 closed in; team winners Coventry Godiva H 155 pts.; individual winner B.B. Heatley (Coventry Godiva H). |
| 1964 | 8th | 607 pts. | Western Park, Leicester, 29 Feb. - 6 Gerry A. North, 64 J. Thresher, 108 B. Sawyer, 132 L. O'Hara, 137 Geoff A. North, 160 P. Newell, 164 T.K. Hart, 210 C.W. Walker, 255 A. Black; 764 finished; 119 teams started, 78 closed in; team winners Portsmouth AC 124 pts.; individual winner M.R. Batty (Thurrock H). |
| 1965 | 6th | 484 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 6 Mar. - 10 Gerry A. North, 49 C. Dabbs, 63 A. Fairclough, 90 W. Kerr, 132 J. Thresher, 140 L. O'Hara, 211 M. Thorpe, dnf Geoff A. North, T.K. Hart; 838 finished; 133 teams started, 76 closed in; team winners Portsmouth AC 151 pts.; individual winner M.R. Batty (Thurrock H). |
| 1966 | 4th | 447 pts. | Graves Park, Sheffield, 5 Mar. - 4 Gerry A. North, 38 Geoff A. North, 81 A. Fairclough, 85 C. Dabbs, 105 L. O'Hara, 134 J. Reilly, 159 A. Black, 193 C. Steer, dnf M. Thorpe; 808 finished; 134 teams started, 76 closed in; team winners North Staffordshire \& Stone H\&AC 225 pts.; individual winner R. Hill (Bolton United H\&AC). |
| 1967 | 4th | 443 pts. | Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showgrounds, Norwich, 4 Mar. - 42 A. Fairclough, 48 Gerry A. North, 50 J. Thresher, 83 T.K. Hart, 106 W. Kerr, 114 L. O'Hara, 127 G. Williams, 128 J. Bicourt, 140 G.W. Dance; 754 finished; 126 teams started, 73 closed in; team winners Portsmouth AC 226 pts.; individual winner R. Taylor (Coventry Godiva H). |
| 1968 | 4th | 354 pts. | Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 2 Mar. - 11 Gerry A. North, 31 Geoff A. North, 45 J. Thresher 78 A. Major, 87 G.W. Dance, 102 P. Whewell, 139 L. O'Hara, 160 T.K. Hart, 179 A. Fairclough 944 started, 856 finished; 132 teams started, 84 closed in; team winners Coventry Godiva H 256 pts.; individual winner R. Hill (Bolton United H\&AC). |

1969 7th 510 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 1 Mar. - 10 Gerry A. North, 36 A. Fairclough, 81 P. O'Connor, 110 A. Major, 133 G.W. Dance, 140 T.K. Hart, 168 L. Mann, 185 R. Piotrowski, dnf J. Thresher; 1046 started, 901 finished; 153 teams started, 88 closed in; team winners Tipton H 175 pts.; individual winner M. Tagg (Norfolk Gazelles). ${ }^{3}$
1970 6th 444 pts. Stanley Park, Blackpool, 28 Feb. - 17 Gerry A. North, 51 J. Bicourt, 52 Geoff A. North, 98 L. Mann, 105 A. Major, 121 T.K. Hart, 143 G.W. Dance, 224 A. Fairclough, 337 J. Dear; 997 started; 931 finished; 148 teams started, 86 closed in; team winners City of Stoke on Trent AC 331 pts.; individual winner T. Wright (Hallamshire H).
1971 12th 833 pts. Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showgrounds, Norwich, 6 Mar. - 18 Gerry A. North, 102 L. Mann, 129 A. Brien, 152 J. Thresher, 210 A. Fairclough, 222 G.W. Dance, 232 P. O'Connor, 282 T.K. Hart, dnf J. Bicourt; 851 finished; 130 teams started, 90 closed in; team winners Shettleston H 282; individual winner D. Bedford (Shaftesbury H).
1972 32nd 1707 pts. Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 4 Mar. - 170 A. Brien, 244 P. O'Connor, 294 J. Rimmer, 309 R. Smith, 338 A. Fairclough, 352 C. Pearson, dnf Gerry A. North, J. Bicourt; 887 finished; 90 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 232 pts.; individual winner M. Thomas (Thames Valley H).

1973 16th 953 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 3 Mar. - 55 J. Bicourt, 86 Gerry A. North, 137 L. Mann, 200 T.K. Hart, 235 R. Smith, 240 J. Rimmer, 298 P. O'Connor, 724 C. Pearson, dnf D. Wiseman; 1195 runners started, 1069 finished; 112 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H 299 pts.; individual winner guest R. Dixon (New Zealand), champion D. Bedford (Shaftesbury H).
1974 30th 1470 pts. Graves Park, Sheffield, 2 Mar. - 108 Gerry A. North, 143 L. Mann, 189 J. Rimmer, 228 P. O'Connor, 365 J. Bicourt, 437 C. Pearson, 467 J. Stow, 627 L. Coy, dnf T.K. Hart; 968 finished; 100 teams closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 337 pts.; individual winner D. Black (Small Heath H).
1975 58th 2761 pts. Stopsley Common, Luton, 1 Mar. - 54 J. Bicourt, 269 P. O'Connor, 532 W. Kerr, 540 C. Pearson, 563 L. Coy, 803 D. Maughan; over 1100 runners started; 1053 finished; 107 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H 264 pts.; individual winner A. Simmons (Luton United AC).
1976 Western Park, Leicester, 13 Mar. — incomplete team; 175 J. Stow, 321 P. O’Connor, 785 P. Hardwick; 1314 runners started; 1214 finished; 119 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H 257 pts.; individual winner B. Ford (Aldershot Farnham \& District AC).
1977 60th 2975 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 5 Mar. - 224 Gerry A. North, 386 S. Holmes, 441 P. O'Connor, 579 L. Mann, 639 L. Coy, 736 B. Gorman, 809 M. Riley, 830 S. Williams, 845 D. Maughan; 1368 finished; 145 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H 155 pts.; individual winner B. Foster (Gateshead H).
1978 55th 2913 pts. Roundhay Park, Leeds, 4 Mar. - 17 J. Bicourt, 295 P. O'Connor, 346 L. Mann, 659 S. Holmes, 724 D. Maughan, 872 P. Hardwick, 877 A. Painter, 1057 -. Cowley; 1536 started; 1379 finished; 140 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 180 pts.; individual winner B. Ford (Aldershot Farnham \& District AC).
1979 68th 3473 pts. Stopsley Common, Luton, 3 Mar. - 217 I. Duncan, 434 P. O'Connor, 607 S. Williamson (Birmingham University AC), 675 S. Holmes, 705 L. Mann, 706 C. Pearson, 736 L. Coy, 962 D. Maughan, 1046 T. Dowdall; 1672 started; 1556 finished; 170 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H 198 pts.; individual winner M. McLeod (Elswick H).
1980 71st 3623 pts. Western Park, Leicester, 23 Feb. - 402 I. Duncan, 410 P. O'Connor, 510 A. Binda, 566 J. Rimmer, 836 T. Dowdall, 899 L. Coy, 926 D. Searle, 1052 S. Holmes, 1152 D. Maughan; 1710 started, 1627 finished; 166 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 206 pts.; individual winner N. Rose (Bristol AC).

1981 68th 3429 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 7 Mar. - 223 I. Duncan, 498 P. O’Connor, 605 T. Dowdall, 613 S. Williamson, 742 L. Coy, 748 D. Maughan, 875 L. Mann, 966 M. Manning; 1546 finished; 162 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 164 pts.; individual winner J. Goater (Shaftesbury H).

1982 81st 4036 pts. Roundhay Park, Leeds, 6 Mar. - 174 J. Bicourt, 487 A. Binda, 568 L. Lyons, 761 S. Williamson, 844 P. O'Connor, 1202 D. Maughan; 1605 finished; 240 teams entered, 173 closed in; team winners Tipton H 263 pts.; individual winner D. Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon AC).

[^2]| 1983 |  | Stopsley Common, Luton, 5 Mar. - incomplete team; 415 S. Williamson, 719 Don Anderson, 729 M. Nouch, 846 A. Binda, 1118 D. Clack, dnf M. Sinclair; 1610 finished; 170 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& District AC 135 pts.; individual winner T. Hutchings (Crawley AC). |
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| 1984 | 77th 3854 pts. | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 3 Mar. - 63 K. Sturman, 157 D. North, 726 M. Nouch, 897 D. Clack, 949 L. Coy, 1062 M. Lake, 1201 Don Anderson; 1862 started; 1723 finished; 192 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& District AC 227 pts.; individual winner E Martin (Basildon AAC). |
| 1985 | 45th 2486 pts. | Campbell Park, Milton Keynes, 2 Mar. - 59 O. Foote, 207 M. Hayes, 265 M. Lake, 448 D. North, 636 L. Lyons, 871 M. Bizio, 1274 M. Nouch; 1807 finished; 194 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& District AC 251 pts.; individual winner D. Lewis (Rossendale $A C$ ). |
| 1986 | 61 st 3170 pts. | Town Moor, Newcastle, 1 Mar. - 152 M. Hayes, 164 D. North, 262 M. Sinclair, 526 M. Bizio, 911 Don Anderson, 1155 D. Clack, 1363 L. Coy, 1610 A. Stone; 1707 finished; 188 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 208 pts.; individual winner T. Hutchings (Crawley AC). |
| 1987 | 59th 3146 pts. | Stopsley Common, Luton, 21 Feb. - 213 P. Richley, 342 F. Ward, 468 J. Mather, 475 M. Lake, 757 Don Anderson, 891 M. Head, 1456 L. Coy; 2006 finished; 223 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H 171 pts.; individual winner D. Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon AC). |
| 1988 | 88th 4242 pts. | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 20 Feb. - 390 M. Lake, 462 M. Bizio, 518 S. Zealey, 843 M. Head, 1013 A. Painter, 1016 T. Williams, 1034 Don Anderson, 1367 L. Coy, 1469 A. Stone; 2136 finished; 331 teams entered, 230 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 248 pts.; individual winner D. Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon AC). |
| 1989 |  | Nonsuch Park, Ewell, Epsom, 25 Feb. - incomplete team; 279 O. Foote, 303 P. Sadgrove, 460 F. Ward, 461 J. Mather, 721 M. Lake; 1903 finished; 204 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 278 pts.; individual winner D. Lewis (Rossendale AC). |
| 1990 | 59th 3133 pts. | Roundhay Park, Leeds, 24 Feb. - 18 P. Evans, 151 O. Foote, 429 P. Sanders, 660 J. Mather, 851 R. Alsop, 1024 T. Williams; 2195 finished; 250 teams closed in; team winners Valli H 200 pts.; individual winner R. Nerurkar (Bingley H\&AC). |
| 1991 | 105th 5232 pts. | Stopsley Sports Centre, Luton, 23 Feb. - 334 M. Webb, 532 G. Teahan, 713 R. Alsop, 955 J. Wah, 1020 Don Anderson, 1678 N. Clarke; 2170 finished; 236 teams closed in; team winners Bingley H\&AC 175 pts.; individual winner R. Nerurkar (Bingley H\&AC). |
| 1992 | 51st 2756 pts. | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 29 Feb. - 208 O. Foote, 219 J. Hobbs, 455 M. Mazzotta, 462 M. Webb, 629 M. Lake, 783 M. Anderson, 1040 Don Anderson; 2197 finished; 246 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 229 pts.; individual winner E. Martin (Basildon AAC). |
| 1993 | 74th 3989 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 27 Feb. - 230 J. Estall, 421 O. Lewes, 532 M. Lake, 696 M. Mazzotta, 1011 R. Harding, 1099 S. Willimont, 1946 A. Stone; 2156 finished; 238 teams closed in; team winners Bingley H\&AC 162 pts.; individual winner R Nerurkar (Bingley H\&AC). |
| 1994 |  | Temple Park, South Shields, 12 Mar. - incomplete team; 375 M. Webb, 929 Don Anderson; 1552 finished; 165 teams closed in; team winners Blackheath H 171 pts.; individual winner D. Lewis (Rossendale H). |
| 1995 |  | Wigmore Valley Park, Luton, 11 Mar. - incomplete team; 390 M. Webb, 1088 Don Anderson, 1379 T. Williams; 1790 finished; 184 teams closed in; team winners Blackheath H 120 pts.; individual winner S. Duval (Cannock \& Stafford AC). |
| 1996 |  | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 9 Mar. - incomplete team; 50 K. Tadesse, 66 M. Yates, 308 P. Carstairs, 491 M. Webb; 1954 finished; 175 teams closed in; team winners Bingley H\&AC 105 pts.; individual winner J Nuttall (Preston H). |
| 1997 |  | Staunton Country Park, Havant, 8 Mar. - incomplete team; 256 M. Webb, 514 R. Harding, 784 Don Anderson; 1529 finished; 133 teams closed in; Tipton H 162 pts.; individual winner S. White (Coventry Godiva H). |
| 1998 |  | Roundhay Park, Leeds, 14 Mar. - incomplete team; 31 L. Hurst, 255 G. Adams, 297 M. Webb, 442 P. Carstairs, 809 Don Anderson; 1666 finished; 147 teams closed in; team winners Bingley H\&AC 146 pts.; individual winner D. Bannister (Shaftesbury Barnet H). |

1999 15th 1158 pts. Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 13 Mar. - 21 K. Tadesse, 64 J. Lobo, dq (146) N. Hliouat, 233 P. Carstairs, 277 W. Cockerell, 286 R. Alsop, 290 M. Webb, 360 M. Kazimierski, 367 S. Armanini, 376 G. Adams, 516 R. Harding, 882 Don Anderson; scoring - 21, 64, 231, 274, 282; 286, 356, 363, 372; 1554 finished; 133 teams closed in; 9th from 56 teams at 9 to score, 2249 pts; team winners Tipton H 102 pts.; individual winner J. Pugsley (Birchfield H). ${ }^{4}$

2000 6th 390 pts. Stowe Park, Stowe, Bucks, 26 Feb. - 32 L. Hurst, 36 J. Lobo, 47 P. Freary, 74 A. Stewart, 77 C. Herrington, 136 R. McHarg, 209 W. Cockerell, 245 K. Nash, 258 P. Carstairs, 385 D. Ochse, 428 R. Harding, 770 Don Anderson, dnf P. Evans; scoring - 30, 34, 45, 72, 75, 134, 206, 242, 255; 1419 finished; 122 teams closed in; 4th from 51 teams at 9 to score, 1093 pts; team winners Tipton H 138 pts.; individual winner G. Tromans (Coventry Godiva H).
2001 8th 628 pts. Maiden Castle, Durham, 24 Feb. - 49 L. Hurst, 56 A. Stewart, 64 P. Freary, 147 R. McHarg, 161 R. Alsop, 165 W. Cockerell, 194 N. Hliouat, 201 M. Byansi, 279 P. Carstairs, 832 Don Anderson; scoring - 47, 54, 62, 145, 158, 162, 191, 274; 1228 finished; 108 teams closed in; 9th from 37 teams at 9 to score 1916 pts.; team winners Bingley H\&AC 162 pts.; individual winner M. Openshaw (Birchfield H). ${ }^{5}$
2002 9th 693 pts. Ashton Court Estate, Bristol, 23 Feb. - 2 Allen Graffin, 46 A. Stewart, 69 C. Herrington, 155 L. Hurst, 201 J. Wolf, 220 W. Cockerell, 286 James Browne, 336 M. Byansi, 392 A. Jones; 1220 finished; 95 teams closed in; 10th from 42 teams at 9 to score 1707 pts.; team winners Bingley H\&AC 184 pts.; individual winner S. Haughian (Windsor, Slough, Eton \& Hounslow AC).
2003 28th 1905 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 22 Feb. - 92 W. Cockerell, 106 R. Alsop, 167 K. Hegvold, 319 S. Zealey, 334 P. Carstairs, 887 Don Anderson; 1258 finished; 101 teams closed in; team winners Leeds City AC 181 pts.; individual winner M. Smith (Tipton H).
2004 1st 160 pts. Temple Newsam Park, Leeds, 21 Feb. - 5 S. Barden, 6 Allen Graffin, 16 P. Freary, 22 K. Nash, 48 H. Raidi, 73 S. Sharp, 99 W. Cockerell, 159 S. Marwood, 211 R. Alsop, 255 T. Hadfield, 257 J. Wolf, 291 W. Lynch, 957 Don Anderson; scoring - 4, 5, 14, 20, 46, 71, 97, 155, 208; 1399 finished; 117 teams closed in; 2nd from 50 teams at 9 to score, 620 pts.; team winners Belgrave H; individual winner G. Tromans (Coventry Godiva H).
2005 6th 362 pts. Cofton Park, Birmingham, 19 Feb. - 3 M. Miles, 32 K. Nash, 53 David Anderson, 66 T. Watson, 97 H. Raidi, 111 W. Cockerell, 175 J. Clarke, 182 J. Charles, 229 T. Hadfield, 450 P. Carstairs, 990 Don Anderson, dnf S. Barden; 1316 finished; 102 teams closed in; 5th from 39 teams at 9 to score, 948 pts.; team winners Salford H\&AC 188 pts.; individual winner G. Tromans (Coventry Godiva H).
2006 7th 437 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 25 Feb. - 41 P. Wicks, 44 David Anderson, 60 T. Watson, 70 D. Gauson, 92 P. Freary, 134 W. Cockerell, 166 P. Willis, 180 T. Ellacott, 192 T. Hadfield, 223 M. Byansi, 278 W. Lynch, 934 Don Anderson, 978 H. Corbett, 1083 S. Baxendale, dnf L. Greatorex; 1288 finished; 100 teams closed in; 4th from 45 teams at 9 to score, 976 pts.; team winners Leeds City AC 234 pts.; individual winner P. Riley (Leigh H).
2007 17th 1178 pts. Herrington Country Park, Sunderland, 10 Mar. - 71 S. Jones, 92 M. Byansi, 194 W. Cockerell, 244 J. Kimaiyo, 250 D. Mason, 331 M. Whiting, dnf B. Poore, P. Willis; scoring - 71, 92, 193, 243, 249, 330; 916 finished; 72 teams closed in; team winners Leeds City AC 162 pts.; individual winner F. Tickner (Wells City H).
2008 19th 1228 pts. Alton Towers, Staffordshire, 23 Feb. - 2 P. Wicks, 191 W. Cockerell, 223 K. Hegvold, 237 M. Byansi, 257 J. Fairbourn, 318 T. Weeks, 392 D. Mason, 462 M. Whiting, 498 S. Zealey; 1244 finished, 99 teams closed in; 12th from 40 teams at 9 to score, 2580 pts.; team winners Leeds City AC 183 pts.; individual winner T. Humphries (Cannock \& Stafford AC).
2009 13th 938 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 21 Feb. - 4 P. Wicks, 72 James Kelly, 151 W. Cockerell, 186 R. Dessaix-Chin, 201 M. Byansi, 324 P. Willis, 331 K. Hegvold, 342 L. Eguia, 438 T. Fordyce, 564 M. Humphrey, 754 A. Luce, 831 T. Hadfield, 1356 Don Anderson; 1455 finished; 112 teams closed in; 11th from 46 teams at 9 to score, 2049 pts.; team winners Newham \& Essex Beagles 214 pts.; individual winner F. Tickner (Wells City H).
2010 7th 567 pts. Roundhay Park, Leeds, 27 Feb. - 16 D. Mulhare, 41 James Kelly, 89 P. Owor, 103 M. Pollard, 153 J. Fairbourn, 165 W. Cockerell, 232 M. Byansi, 290 L. Eguia, 1008 R. Harding, 1254 Don Anderson, dnf M. Trees; 1428 finished; 107 teams closed in; 10th from 45 teams at 9 to score, 2097 pts.; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& District AC 182 pts.; individual winner A. Vernon (Aldershot, Farnham \& District AC).

[^3]2011 19th 1334 pts. Alton Towers, Staffordshire, 19 Feb. - 7 P. Wicks, 54 James Kelly, 144 S. Lindner, 169 W. Cockerell, 236 J. Fairbourn, 724 M. Byansi, 729 R. Harding, 847 A. Lang, 1098 Don Anderson, dnf David Anderson; 1302 finished; 95 teams closed in; 16th from 34 teams at 9 to score, 4008 pts.; team winners Leeds City AC 188 pts.; individual winner S. Vernon (Stockport H\&AC).
2012 25th 1709 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 25 Feb. - 42 James Kelly, 169 W. Cockerell, 284 M. Holm, 338 K. Gadd, 356 M. Byansi, 520 L. Eguia, 537 T. Weeks, 599 K. Hegvold, 899 T. Hadfield, 1553 Don Anderson; 1689 finished; 125 teams closed in; 23rd from 62 teams at 9 to score, 3744 pts.; team winners Leeds City AC 219 pts.; individual winner K. Gerrard (Newham \& Essex Beagles).
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Herrington Country Park, Sunderland, 23 Feb. - incomplete team; 25 James Kelly, 204 W. Cockerell, 1034 Don Anderson; 1085 finished; 80 teams closed in; team winners Morpeth H 153 pts.; individual winner K. Gerrard (Newham \& Essex Beagles).
2014 21st 1349 pts. Wollaton Park, Nottingham, 22 Feb. - 18 P. Owor, 155 K. Marks, 243 W. Cockerell, 257 M. Trees, 298 R. Maddams, 378 D. Morton, 477 F. Logan, 671 R. Norville, 693 M. Young, 1387 Don Anderson; 1657 finished; 127 teams closed in; 17th from 56 teams at 9 to score, 3190 pts.; team winners Bedford \& County AC 265 pts.; individual winner S. Vernon (Stockport H\&AC).
2015 15th 1073 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 21 Feb. - 38 P. Wicks, 72 T. Telkovsky, 173 A. Miller, 192 R. Maddams, 255 N. Bundle, 343 L. Pikett, 361 N. Smallwood, 433 W. Cockerell, 503 P. McDougall; 2007 finished; 145 teams closed in; 13th from 74 teams at 9 to score, 2370 pts.; team winners Notts AC 213 pts.; individual winner C. Hulson (Sale H).
2016 25th 1829 pts. Donington Park, Derbyshire, 27 Feb. - 92 P. Owor, 185 Z. Abery, 232 N. Bundle, 370 N. Smallwood, 463 W. Cockerell, 487 T. O'Beirne; 1730 finished; 123 teams closed in; team winners Morpeth H 130 pts.; individual winner J. Hay (Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC).
2017 27th 1703 pts. Wollaton Park, Nottingham, 25 Feb. - 29 P. Wicks, 52 A. Jaksevicius, 272 J. Williams, 306 P. Owor, 381 A. Dumez, 663 W. Cockerell; 1763 finished; 131 teams closed in; team winners Tonbridge AC 289 pts.; individual winner B. Connor (Derby \& County AC).
2018 39th 2441 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 24 Feb. - 72 N. Buckle, 122 P. Owor, 421 A. Dumez, 544 W. Cockerell, 610 A. Mills, 672 P. McDougall, 1141 T. Oldman, 1473 W. Johnson, 2161 Don Anderson; 2328 finished; 162 teams closed in; 37th from 90 teams at 9 to score, 7216 pts.; team winners Tonbridge AC 131 pts.; individual winner A. Hickey (Southend H\&AC).
2019 52nd 3765 pts. Harewood House Estate, Leeds, 23 Feb. - 88 P. Owor, 147 A. Jaksevicius, 216 N. Buckle, 910 W. Cockerell, 1129 S. Jones, 1275 J. Morris; 2008 finished; 146 teams closed in; team winners Leeds City AC 110 pts.; individual winner M. Mahamed (Southampton AC).
2020 36th 2609 pts. Wollaton Park, Nottingham, 22 Feb. - 259 M. McCarthy, 377 A. Miller, 397 A. Dumez, 470 C. McNally, 549 B. Hurley, 557 D. Walsh, 652 B. Ireland, 705 W. Cockerell, 1020 R. Norville, 1476 T. O' Neill; 1716 finished, 115 teams closed in; 25th from 59 teams at 9 to score, 4986 pts.; team winners Tonbridge AC 246 pts.; individual winner C. Johnson (Gateshead H).
2021
No race due to coronavirus pandemic.
2022 19th 1409 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 26 Feb. - 68 P. Wicks, 127 H. Hart, 290 J. Neville, 295 J. Scott, 313 C. McNally, 316 A. Lamb, 333 J. Nutt, 398 M. Edgar, 403 M. McCarthy, 409 T. Fletcher, 459 A. Mills, 497 B. Hurley, 501 T. Lole, 616 A. Elsadig, 619 J. Williams, 628 D. Walsh, 655 V. Rigori, 712 R. Kelly, 892 M. Horn, 1037 L. Burton, 1112 P. McDougall, 1363 S. Hodges, 1547 W. Cockerell; 2087 finished; 132 teams closed in; team winners Southampton AC 209; individual winner M. Mahamed (Southampton AC).

## Individual medallists

Vernon 'Vic' Blowfield
Allen Graffin
Phil Wicks
James Ginty
Mark Miles

## Team medallists

C.T. 'Tom' Carter

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Spencer Barden
Allen Graffin
Paul Freary
Kevin Nash
Hassan Raidi
Stephen Sharp
Arthur Allum
S.T. Ring
J. 'Pat' Parker
L.J. 'Les' Cohen
A.E. Frost
S.R.J. Eales
J.E. 'Jack' Flower
C. Mains
A.R. Shaw

## Top ten individual summary ${ }^{6}$

1st - Winner of the 'Chesham Cup' - no Belgravian so far.
2nd - Vernon Blowfield (1948), Allen Graffin (2002), Phil Wicks (2008).
3rd - Jim Ginty (1937), Mark Miles (2005).
4th — Arthur W. Penny (1933), Pat Parker (1937), Ted Stimpson (1939), Gerry North (1966), Phil Wicks (2009).
5th — Arthur Allum (1931), Bert Footer (1933), Arthur W. Penny (1934), Spencer Barden (2004).
6th - Len Herbert (1947), Gerry North (1964), Allen Graffin (2004).
7th — Len Herbert (1946), Phil Wicks (2011).
8th — Arthur W. Penny (1939).
10th - Gerry North (1965, 1969).

## Top ten team summary

1st - Winners of the 'Frank Wynne Trophy' - 1935, 1939, 1946, 1948, 2004 (5 times).
2nd - 1936, 1937, 1947 (3 times).
3rd - 1933, 1934, 1938 (3 times).
4th - 1966, 1967, 1968.
5th - 1952, 1955
6th - 1930, 1949, 1953, 1965, 1970, 2000, 2005.
7th - 1951, 1956, 1969, 2006, 2010.
8th - 1950, 1964, 2001.
9th - 1931, 1954, 2002.
10th - 1932.
Belgrave teams have medalled 11 times and placed in the top ten 35 times.
Winners of the 'Charles Otway Memorial Cup,' awarded to the first team to finish 9 runners excluding the first 3 teams - 1951, 1952, 1955, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1970.

Winners of the 'W. Finch-Wayte Cup' for the first Southern Club. - 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1952, 2000, 2004.

Winners of the 'Michelin Minor Club Trophy' for most improved team (not in the first 30 in previous 5 years). - 1999.

[^4]Most times first Belgravian home, (and since 1951 the recipient of the The 'Harry Parker Memorial Trophy')
10 -Gerry A. North (1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1977).
7 — Phil Wicks (2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2022).
5 -H.E. 'Bert' Footer (1925, 1926, 1927, 1930, 1935).
4 - J.W. 'Jack’ Brown (1951, 1953, 1956, 1957).
— John Bicourt (1973, 1975, 1978, 1982).
— Mike Webb (1991, 1994, 1995, 1997).
3 — Vernon Blowfield (1948, 1949, 1952).

- lan Duncan (1979, 1980, 1981).
- Ollie Foote (1985, 1989, 1992).
- Lee Hurst (1998, 2000, 2001).
- Paskar Owor (2014, 2016, 2019).

2 —Bill Webb (1928, 1929).

- Arthur W. Penny (1933, 1934).
— Len Herbert (1946, 1947).
- Pat Newell $(1958,1959)$.
— James Kelly $(2012,2013)$.
Most times in the scoring six (including incomplete teams)
18 — Will Cockerell (1999, 2001-2003, 2005-2008, 2010-2014, 2016-2018, 2019).
13 - H.E. 'Bert' Footer (1925-1928, 1930-1937, 1939) ${ }^{7}$.
12 - Gerry A. North (1963-1971, 1973-1974, 1977).
11 - Charlie Walker (1952-1962).
10 — Pat O'Connor (1969, 1974-1982).
— Don Anderson (1983, 1986-1987, 1991, 1994-1995, 1997-1998, 2003, 2013).
8 - Tom Carter (1932, 1935-1939, 1946, 1948, spanning the missing war years).
— Mike Webb (1991-1992, 1994-1999³).
7 — Arthur W. Penny (1929, 1931, 1933-1934, 1936, 1938-1939).
- Eric Gebbett (1956-1962).
- Lionel Mann (1970-1971, 1973-1974, 1977-1979).
- Martin Lake (1984-1985, 1987-1989, 1992-1993).
- Phil Wicks (2006, 2008-2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2022).

6 - J.W. 'Jack' Brown (1950-1953, 1956-1957).

- Eddie A. Short (1952-1954, 1956, 1960-1961); plus Junior scorer (1948-1949) and Youth scorer (1946).
- Tony Fairclough (1965-1967, 1969, 1971-1972); plus Junior scorer (1962-1964) and Youth scorer (1961).
— John Bicourt (1970, 1973-1975, 1978, 1982); plus Junior scorer (1965-1966) and Youth scorer (1963-1964).
- Paskar Owor (2010, 2014, 2016-2019).

5 -W.G. 'Bill' Webb (1928-1932).

- Arthur Allum (1930-1931, 1933-1934, 1936).
- Clive Shippen (1958-1962).
- John Thresher (1964-1965, 1967-1968, 1971); plus Junior scorer (1959-1961) and Youth scorer (1958).
— Leo Coy (1975, 1977, 1980-1981, 1984).
- Roger Alsop (1990-1991, 1999, 2001, 2003).
- Malachi Byansi (2007-2009, 2011-2012).
- James Kelly (2009-2013).


## Most consecutive completed runs

23 - Will Cockerell (1999-2022).
12 - A. 'Tony' Fairclough (1961 as a Youth, 1962-1964 as a Junior, 1965-1972 as a Senior).

- Pat O'Connor (1971-1982).

11 —Charlie Walker (1952-1962).
9 — Eric Gebbett (1954-1962).

- Gerry A. North (1963-1971, plus 1959-1962 when running as a Senior for Blackpool \& Fylde,).

8 — Bert Footer-1 (1930-1937).
7 - Tom Carter (1934-1946, spanning the missing war years).

- Malachi Byansi (2006-2012).

6 - Harry Shields (1934-1939).
${ }^{7}$ Bert footer's tally includes individual runs in the era before Belgrave regularly entered teams.
${ }^{8}$ Mike Webb promoted to 6th scorer in 1999 after disqualification of a Belgrave man ahead of him.

- Clive Shippen (1957-1962).
- Doug Maughan (1977-1982).
- Mike Webb (1994-1999).
- Don Anderson - 1 (2009-2014).

5 - W.G. 'Bill' Webb (1928-1932).

- Arthur Allum (1933-1937).
- J.E. 'Jack' Flower (1931-1935).
- E.S. Ted Stimpson (1947-1950).
- Laurie O'Hara (1964-1968).
- Trevor K. Hart (1967-1971).
- G.W. 'Bill' Dance (1967-1971).
- Don Anderson - 2 (1997-2001).
- James Kelly (2009-2013).


## Most runs

25 - Don Anderson - plus 1 other earlier run as a member of Surrey AC.
23 - Will Cockerell.
15 - Charlie Walker (including 1 dnf and 2 runs as a Junior).
14 - Bert Footer (including 1 dnf ).
13 - Tom Carter (including 1 dnf , spanning the missing war years).

- Gerry North (including 1 dnf) - plus 4 other runs as a member of Blackpool \& Fylde AC.
- John Bicourt (including 2 dnf, 2 runs as a Junior and 2 as a Youth).
- Pat O'Connor.

12 - Trevor K. Hart (including 2 as a Junior and 1 as a Youth).

- A. 'Tony' Fairclough (including 3 as a Junior, 1 as a Youth).

11 - Eddie A. Short (including 2 as a Junior and 1 as a Youth).
10 - John Thresher (including 3 as a Junior, 1 as a Youth).

- Leo Coy.

9 - Eric Gebbett.

- Trevor K. Hart (including 2 as a Junior and 1 as a Youth).
- Lionel Mann.
- Malachi Byansi.

8 - Arthur Allum.

- Harry W. Shields (including 2 as a Junior).
- J.W. 'Jack' Brown.
- Mike Webb.

7 - Arthur W. Penny.

- Martin Lake.
- Doug Maughan.

6 - E.S. Ted Stimpson.

- Clive Shippen.
— Roger Alsop.
- Robert Harding.
- Phil Wicks.
- Paskar Owor.

5 - W.G. 'Bill' Webb.

- J.E. 'Jack' Flower.
- Laurie O'Hara (1964-1968).
- G.W. 'Bill' Dance (1967-1971).
— James Kelly (2009-2013).
The lowest ever points score for Belgrave Harriers was 94 for 2nd place at Stratford upon Avon in 1937.
The highest ever points score for Belgrave Harriers was 5232 for 105th place at Luton in 1991.
The largest field seems to be that at Parliament Hill Fields in 2018 when 2328 finished and 162 teams closed in.


## Junior / Under 20 Men

The Southern Counties Cross Country Association had held Junior Men's races before the Second World War, but it wasn't until 1946 that competition was offered for younger men at National level with the Youths' race for 16 to 18-year olds. The Junior Men's race for those under 21 was initiated two years later. Age groupings have been adjusted since then, and the race is currently for those who were 17, 18 or 19 as at the 31st Aug/1st Sept.

Belgrave Harriers embraced the competition from the outset and only missed one competition in the first 40 years, with a considerable number of runners going on to represent the Club in Senior competition. In 1964 Club followers were delighted to be able to support three male teams in high-class action on the same afternoon as the Seniors came home 6th, the Juniors 5th and the Youths 7th. This was not to become the norm, however, and in spite of some super top ten runs, individuals percolated their way into the senior squad while whole squads did not.

The '90s and first decade of this millennium often saw some truly outstanding individuals with no team to back them up - and sometimes no team at all! Indeed, the Club have not completed a team in the last 30 years or had a single competitor taking part in the last 10.

But over the years those 'truly outstanding individuals' have certainly given Club supporters something to enthuse over. In the 'National' the groundwork was laid for three-time Olympian John Bicourt to launch an international steeplechase career; the team of ' 83 contained John Gladwin, who went on to become one of the nation's fastest ever milers, and another international in Stuart Paton; three time Olympic 'chaser Justin Chaston turned out in each of his Junior years; we had race medallists Darren Mead and Kassa Tadesse - and of course stellar double victories from Nick Goolab.

Positions shown are mostly scoring positions. Where we have found actual positions, and they differ, we have additionally shown them in brackets.

| 1948 | 8th | 168 pts. | Graves Park, Sheffield, 13 Mar. - 8 E.A. Short, 45 M. Heard, 63 A.H. Bruce, 73 E.M. Bishop, 122 R. Garwood, 127 L.C. Bishop, 149 L.A. Adams; scoring 7, 40, 56, 65, 102, 117, 138; 30 teams closed in; team champs Westbury H 66 pts.; individual champ W.M. Atkinson (Kettering Town H). |
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| 1949 | 24th | 415 pts. | Bromford Bridge Racecourse, West Bromwich, 12 Mar. - 13 (15) E.A. Short, 34 C.W. Walker, 170 C.N. Collis, 198 R. Danielson; 47 teams started, 41 closed in; team champs Sheffield United H\&AC 85 pts.; individual winner G.S. Saunders (Bolton United H). ${ }^{9}$ |
| 1950 | 21st | 422 pts. | Aylesbury, 11 Mar. - 40 C.W. Walker, 79 M.J. Stearman, 150 L.C. Bishop, 153 J.A. Lacey, 201 S.G. Brooks, 210 D.B. Evison, 245 R.J. Wolton, 246 R.F. Budd; 361 started, 323 finished; 54 teams started, 50 closed in; team winners East Cheshire H 79 pts.; individual winner W. Hesketh (Manchester AC). |
| 1951 | 12th | 269 pts. | Richmond Racecourse, Yorks., 10 Mar. - 47 D.J. Abbott, 50 G. Trower, 79 R.T. Taylor, 93 D.G. Maclean, 129 D. Briggs; 39 teams started, 34 closed in; team winners Thames Valley H 93 pts.; individual champ W. Hesketh (Manchester AC). ${ }^{10}$ |
| 1952 | 13th | 307 pts. | Great Barr, Birmingham, 8 Mar. - 39 D.G. Maclean, 64 M.J. Stearman, 70 B.C. Trower, 134 E.T. Paterson, 149 D. Briggs, 170 J.E. Godfrey; 55 teams started, 37 closed in; team winners Coventry Godiva H 54 pts.; individual champ J. Wild (East Cheshire H), |
| 1953 | 10th | 245 pts. | Caversham Park, Reading, 7 Mar. - 26 M.J. Stearman, 30 R.C. Tooby, 74 B.C. Trower, 115 G.J. Goode, 121 D.G. Maclean, 206 P.N. Gilbert; 68 teams entered, 58 started, 40 closed in; team champs Essex Beagles 87 pts.; individual winner P.B. Driver (South London H). |
| 1954 | 16th | 319 pts. | Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, 13 Mar. - 21 D.H. Baulch, 38 P.P. Courtney, 125 B.C. Trower, 135 F.J. Wright, 140 S. Boreham, 141 G.I. Biscoe; 42 teams started, 32 closed in; team winners Sheffield United H\&AC 145 pts.; individual winner K.F. Caulder (Surrey AC). |
| 1955 | 39th | 953 pts. | R.A.F. Cardington, Beds., 5 Mar. - 209 D. Hooper, 225 P. Pepé, 248 P. Childs, 270 F.J. Wright; 58 teams started, 39 closed in; team winners South London H 192 pts.; individual winner A.A. Cocking (Bramley \& Dist, H). |
| 1956 | 13th | 309 pts. | Warwick Racecourse, 3 Mar. - 40 G.E. Flanagan, 47 G. Lines, 88 G. Stevens, 134 D. Hooper, 162 W. Couzens, 219 P. Pepé; 74 teams started, 44 closed in; team winners South London H 42 pts.; individual winner S.R. Langridge (South London H). |

[^5]1957 30th 642 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 9 Mar. - 41 G.E. Flanagan, 143 G. Stevens, 204 T.F. Tupper, 254 W. Couzens; 88 teams started, 58 closed in; team winners Bristol AC 152 pts.; individual winner Gerry A. North (Blackpool \& Fylde H).
1958 16th 391 pts. Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, 8 Mar. - 52 G.E. Flanagan, 106 K. Miller, 115 C. Dabbs, 118 G. Stevens, 142 R. Weate, 208 R. Braine; 80 teams started, 48 closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 122 pts.; individual winner A.A. Cocking (Bramley \& Dist. H).
1959 26th 505 pts. Fletton, Peterborough, 7 Mar. - 66 K. Miller; 107 A. Black, 149 J. Thresher, 183 D. Crookes, 228 J. Radford, 311 T.K. Hart; 90 teams started, 57 closed in; team winners Middlesborough \&C AC 61 pts.; individual winner S. James (Middlesborough \&C AC).
1960 25th 635 pts. Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 12 Mar. - 70 A. Black, 114, M. Heck, 180 J. Thresher, 271 K. Venton, 295 E. Penny, 322 T.K. Hart; 90 teams started, 53 closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 73 pts.; individual winner A.E. Walker (North Staffs \& Stone H).
1961 32nd 762 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 11 Mar. - 103 J. Thresher, 207 E. Penny, 211 C. Forey, 241 E. Churchard; 92 teams started, 58 closed in; team winners Tipton H 158 pts.; individual winner C. Robinson (Rochdale H).

1962 48th 1005 pts. Royal Lancashire Agricultural Showground, Blackpool, 10 Mar. - 185 C. Steer, 248 E. Penny, 272 A. Fairclough, 300 C. Forey, 315 N.L. Rudd; 92 teams started, 57 closed in; team winners North Staffs \& Stone H\&AC 82 pts.; individual winner M.R. Heath (Cambridge University H\&H).
1963 8th 322 pts. Coldham's Common, Cambridge, 2 Mar. - 29 A. Fairclough, 83 D. Cocks, 92 K. Angus, 118 J. Hampshire, 313 H. Satchell; approx. 400 started; 99 teams started, 58 closed in; team winners Coventry Godiva H 118 pts.; individual winner J. Farrington (Cheltenham).
1964 9th 325 pts. Western Park, Leicester, 29 Feb. - 5 A. Fairclough, 83 C. Steer, 107 A. Morrison 130 J. Hampshire, 145 D. Cocks, 372 R. Brown; 100 teams started, 57 teams closed in; team winners Coventry Godiva H 117 pts.; individual winner P. Yates (Windsor \& Eton AC).
1965 28th 673 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 6 Mar. - 22 J. Bicourt, 148 J. Hampshire, 208 D. Cocks, 295 A. Morrison, 325 B. Merry, 367 H. Satchell; 97 teams started, 50 closed in; team winners Hallamshire H 120 pts.; individual winner R. Taylor (Coventry Godiva H).
1966 21st 564 pts. Graves Park, Sheffield, 5 Mar. - 43 J. Bicourt, 48 A. Major, 195 M. Baker, 278 J. Rimmer, 292 D. Hurd, 326 P. Smith; 84 teams started, 46 closed in; team winners Sale H 167 pts.; individual winner M. Tagg (Norfolk Gazelles).
1967 44th 1019 pts. Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showgrounds, Norwich, 4 Mar. - 52 A. Major, 278 D. Hurd, 337 J. Martin, 352 D. McMillan; 383 started; 82 teams started, 51 closed in; team winners Sale H 134 pts.; individual winner M. Tagg (Norfolk Gazelles).
1968 36th 922 pts. Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 2 Mar. - 108 P. Blair-Fish, 223 A. Brooks, 290 M. Dickson, 301 D. McMillan; 67 teams started, 37 closed in; team winners Mitcham AC 126 pts.; individual winner I. Stewart (Birchfield H).
1969 31st 772 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 1 Mar. - 173 C. Calderwood, 180 N. Bacon, 193 M. McNair, 226 John Kelly, 246 A. Brooks; 367 started, 311 finished; 75 teams started, 39 closed in; team winners Brighton \& Hove AC 95 pts.; individual winner A. Holden (Preston H).
1970 31st 938 pts. Stanley Park, Blackpool, 28 Feb. - 183 J. Blair-Fish, 242 N. Bacon, 247 R. Hamilton, 266 J. Hamilton; 274 finished; 31 teams closed in; team winners Brighton \& Hove AC 126 pts.; individual winner K. Rollason (Tipton H).
1971 24th 818 pts. Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showgrounds, Norwich, 6 Mar. - 173 J. Hamilton, 202 J. BlairFish, 220 R. Hamilton, 223 V. Butcher; 227 finished; 25 teams closed in; team winners Birmingham University CCC 64 pts.; individual winner J. Lane (Feltham AC).
1972 11th 288 pts. Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 4 Mar. - 10 P. Carton, 58 A. Binda, 109 W. Curtin, 111 J. Stow, 179 M. Clancy; 215 finished; 27 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC 86 pts.; individual winner D. Black (Small Heath H).
1973
Parliament Hill Fields, London, 3 Mar. - incomplete team; 15 P. Carton, 48 J. Stow, 193, R. Lettin; 234 finished; 21 teams closed in; team winners Loughborough Colleges AC 116 pts.; individual winner N. Coupland (Southampton \& Eastleigh AC).
Graves Park, Sheffield, 2 Mar. — incomplete team; 176 S. Holmes; 218 finished; 22 teams closed in; team winners City of Stoke AC 102 pts.; individual winner N. Coupland (Southampton \& Eastleigh AC).
1975
Stopsley Common, Luton, 1 Mar. - incomplete team; 190 M. Manning, 244 S. Holmes, 392 N. Kirmatzis; 409 finished; 46 teams closed in; team winners Birmingham University AC; individual winner S. Ovett (Brighton \& Hove AC).

| 1976 |  |  | Western Park, Leicester, 13 Mar. - incomplete team; 258 M. Manning, 263 S. Williamson, 307 P. Gardner; 390 finished; 45 teams closed in; team winners Sale H 128 pts.; individual winner N. Muir (Shettleston H). |
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| 1977 | 57th | 1493 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 5 Mar. - 310 P. Gardner, 317 S. Williamson, 429 R. Martin, 437 T. Thorogood, 445 J. Dunsford, 449 S. Bennett; 462 finished; 58 teams closed in; team winners Birmingham University AC 90 pts.; individual winner N. Muir (Shettlestone H). |
| 1978 |  |  | Roundhay Park, Leeds, 4 Mar. - incomplete team; 213 P. Gardner, 364 P. Joseph, 403 B. Marmion; 495 started; 435 finished; 53 teams closed in; team winners Birmingham University AC 66 pts.; individual winner N. Lees (Derby \& County AC). |
| 1979 |  |  | Belgrave H did not take part. |
| 1980 |  |  | Western Park, Leicester, 23 Feb. - incomplete team; 233. J. Searle, 602 started; 532 finished; 60 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 91 pts.; individual winner M. Morton (Blackburn H\&AC). |
| 1981 | 34th | 923 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 7 Mar. - 115 D. North, 145 S. Paton, 313 J. Searle, 350 M. Waller; 534 finished; 66 teams closed in; team winners Rossendale H\&AC 145 pts.; individual winner J. Docherty (Leeds City AC). |
| 1982 | 29th | 711 pts. | Roundhay Park, Leeds, 6 Mar. - 58 D. North, 134 P. Richley, 245 M. Sinclair, 274 M. Waller; 484 finished; 56 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 133 pts.; individual winner S. Harris (Shaftesbury H). |
| 1983 | 8th | 260 pts. | Stopsley Common, Luton, 5 Mar. - 12 J. Gladwin, 36 P. Richley, 74 S. Paton, 138 D. North, 170 A. Horton; 491 finished; 57 teams closed in; team winners Leicester 163 pts.; individual winner J. Richards (Duchy of Cornwall AC). |
| 1984 |  |  | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 3 Mar. - incomplete team; 8 P. Richley, 249 A. North; 575 started; 490 finished; 58 teams closed in; team winners Tipton H 89 pts.; individual winner R. Carter (Brighton \& Hove AC). |
| 1985 |  |  | Campbell Park, Milton Keynes, 2 Mar. — incomplete team; 20 A. North, 202 A. Moore; 470 finished; 57 teams closed in; team winners Birmingham University AC 166 pts.; individual winner P. Roden (East Cheshire). |
| 1986 | 3rd | 279 pts. | Town Moor, Newcastle, 1 Mar. - 6 A. North, 69 S.J. Maynard, 95 G. Adams, 109 M. Chaston, 192 R. O'Hara; team winners Tonbridge AC 71 pts.; individual winner C. Sweeney (Birmingham University AC). |
| 1987 | 8th | 346 pts. | Stopsley Common, Luton, 21 Feb. - 21 J. Chaston, 99 G. Tiernan, 109 S.J. Maynard, 117 R. O'Hara, 134 M. Chaston, 204 M. Forrester; 451 finished; 47 teams closed in; team winners Newham \& Essex Beagles 230 pts.; individual winner R. Findlow (Airedale \& Spen Valley AC). |
| 1988 | 4th | 178 pts. | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 20 Feb. - 26 S.J. Maynard, 40 M. Chaston, 45 J. Chaston, 67 M. Forrester, 123 G. Adams, 261 G. McGurren; 381 finished; 41 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC 132 pts.; individual winner S. Mugglestone (Westbury H). |
| 1989 | 5th | 215 pts. | Nonsuch Park, Ewell, Epsom, 25 Feb. - 3 D. Mead, 8 J. Chaston, 56 M. Stickles, 148 M. Barrett, 153 G. McGurren, 238 S. Webster; 313 finished; 38 teams closed in; team winners Bingley H\&AC 85 pts.; individual winner S. Brooks (Bingley H\&AC). |
| 1990 | - 19 |  | Belgrave H did not take part. |
| 1993 |  |  | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 27 Feb. - incomplete team; 2 K. Tadesse, 161 D. Winson; 248 finished; 26 teams closed in; team winners Coventry Godiva H 44 pts.; individual winner S. White (Coventry Godiva H). |
| 1994 |  |  | Belgrave H did not take part. |
| 1995 |  |  | Wigmore Valley Park, Luton, 11 Mar. — incomplete team; 204 W. Swaffer; 211 finished; 24 teams closed in; team winners London Irish AC 171 pts.; individual winner D. McCormack (Vauxhall AC). |
| 1996 |  |  | Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 9 Mar. - incomplete team; 92 A. Becirhodzic, 132 K. Quinn, 187 S. Alexander; 333 finished; 34 teams closed in; team winners Oadby \& Wigston Legionnaires 141 pts.; individual winner P. Morby (Solihull \& Small Heath $A C)$. |
| 1997 |  |  | Staunton Park, Havant, 8 Mar. — incomplete team; 92 K. Quinn, dnf A. Jones; 171 finished; 12 teams closed in; team winners Borough of Hounslow AC 77 pts.; individual winner S. Wilkinson (Stourport AC). |
| 1998 |  |  | Belgrave H did not take part. |

Newark and Notts Agricultural Showground, Newark, 13 Mar. - incomplete team; 111 K . Quinn; 175 finished; 14 teams closed in; team winners Solihull \& Small Heath AC 151 pts.; individual winner S. Haughian (Borough of Hounslow AC).

2000-2002 Belgrave H did not take part.

2003

2004

2005
2006

2007

2008
2009
2010

2011 - 2020
2021
2022
Individual medallists
Nick Goolab
Kassa Tadesse
Darren Mead
Team medallists
Andrew North
Simon Maynard
Graham Adams
Matthew Chaston

Parliament Hill Fields, London, 22 Feb. - incomplete team; 5 J. Blackledge; 131 finished; 8 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC 59 pts.; individual winner M. Farah (Windsor, Slough, Eton \& Hounslow AC).
Temple Newsam Park, Leeds, 21 Feb. - incomplete team; 88 M. Humphrey; 149 finished; 10 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC 71 pts.; individual winner P. McGlory (Liverpool H\&AC).
Belgrave H did not take part.
Parliament Hill Fields, London, 25 Feb. - incomplete team; 8 K. Gauson, 161 J. Fairbourn; 177 finished; 10 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC 70 pts.; individual winner A. Vernon (Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC).
Herrington Country Park, Sunderland, 10 Mar. - incomplete team; 106 J. Fairbourn; 139 finished; 11 teams closed in; team winners Liverpool H\&AC 87 pts.; individual winner K. Deighton (Bridlington RR).
Belgrave H did not take part.
Parliament Hill Fields, London, 21 Feb. - incomplete team; 1 N. Goolab; 173 finished; 14 teams closed in; team winners City of Norwich AC 61 pts.
Roundhay Park, Leeds, 27 Feb. - incomplete team; 1 N. Goolab, 104 P. Dolan; 204 finished; 16 teams closed in; team winners Warrington AC 62 pts.

Top ten individual summary
1st Winner of the 'Arbiter Trophy' - Nick Goolab (2009, 2010).
2nd - Kassa Tadesse (1993).
3rd - Darren Mead (1989).
5th - Anthony Fairclough (1964).

- Jonathan Blackledge (2003).

6th — Andrew North (1986).
8th — Eddie Short (1948).

- Paul Richley (1984).
- Kris Gauson (2006).

10th - Peter Carton (1972).
Top ten team summary
3rd - 1986.
4th -1988.
5th - 1989.
8th - 1963, 1983, 1987.
9th -1964.

## Youths / Under 17 Men

As with the Junior age group, as soon as races for Youths were introduced in 1946 at the first championship after the Second World War, Belgrave Harriers wholeheartedly supported the competition - and immediately came away with a set of team medals. Sadly, that feat has not been achieved again, although we have come close in several eras. In 1980, for the first time, the Club failed to turn out any runners in the age group. In the 40 years since, on only six occasions has there been a Belgrave presence at all.

Originally the age-group was for those 16 to 18 years of age. Today it is for those who were 15 or 16 as at the 31 st Aug/1st Sept.

1946 3rd 74 pts. Leamington Spa, 9 Mar. - 6, E.A. Short, 15 J.R. Weames, 19 A.H. Bruce, 34 L.A. Adams, 96 L.C. Bishop, 105 R. Danielson, 135 C.N. Collis; 167 started, 150 finished; 28 teams started, 27 closed in; team winners Harehill Liberal Club 65 pts.; individual winner G.B. Saunders (Derby \& County A\&CC).
1947 16th 285 pts. Shendish Park, Apsley, Herts., 8 Mar. - 41 L.C. Bishop, 45 E. Gilbert, 102 R. Garwood, 109 L. Cheesley, 132 D. Edwards; scoring 38, 42, 99, 106; 147 finished; 29 teams started, 23 closed in; team winners South London H \& Liverpool H\&AC tied 69 pts.; individual winner P. Pirie (South London H).
 Simpson, 165 B.L. Chitty, 166 R.J. Wolton, 182 R.J. Mitchell; 46 teams started, 44 closed in; team champs Thames Valley H 64 pts.; individual champ J. Price (East Cheshire H).
1950 7th 240 pts. Aylesbury, 11 Mar. - 18 (20) D.G. Maclean, 30 H.E. Greene, 88 P.W. Adams, 104 G.A. Simpson, 140 J.E. Godfrey, 235 H. Cornell, 255 R.A. Butt, 297 E.S. Udall; 325 started, 317 finished; 52 teams started, 49 closed in; team winners Sutton H 76 pts.; individual winner W.I. Williams (Salford H).
1951 4th 19 pts. Richmond Racecourse, Yorks., 10 Mar. - 19 H.E. Greene, 26 P.P. Courtney, 29 G.J. Goode, 59 H. Cornell, 111 B.C. Trower, 159 P.M. Childs; 40 teams started, 33 closed in; team winners Sheffield United H\&AC 64 pts.; individual winner W.I. Williams (Salford H).
1952 4th 159 pts. Great Barr, Birmingham, 8 Mar. - 7 F.J. Wright, 27 G.J. Goode, 32 G. Lines, 93 J. Hills, 198 P.M. Childs, 233 D.A. Wise; 48 teams started, 40 closed in; team winners Ilford AC 50 pts.; individual winner D. Richards (Barry GS).
1953 10th 281 pts. Caversham Park, Reading, 7 Mar. - 8 F.J. Wright, 68 G. Lines, 102 D.G. Hooper, 103 J.F. Mitchell, 150 A.C. Maclean, dnf J.B. Edgar; 71 teams entered, 60 started, 43 closed in; team winners Sheffield United H\&AC 80 pts.; individual winner M. Reeve (Southend-on-Sea AC).
1954 8th 245 pts. Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, 13 Mar. - 30 R. Linstead, 31 J.B. Edgar, 85 D.G. Pettican, 99 G.E. Flanagan, 148 E. Cronk, 213 L.O. Harding; 53 teams started, 49 closed in; team winners South London H 82 pts.; individual winner A.A. Cocking (Bramley \&DH).
1955 15th 362 pts. R.A.F. Cardington, Beds., 5 Mar. - 17 G.E. Flanagan, 49 J. Palmer, 138 R. Braine, 158 H. Boreham, 167 C. Dabbs, 228 P. Carr; 74 teams started, 62 closed in; team winners South London H 192 pts.; individual winner A.A. Cocking (Bramley \& Dist. H).
1956 34th 694 pts. Warwick Racecourse, 3 Mar. - 7 C. Dabbs, 184 J. Radford, 233 J. Frost, 270 T. Gowar, 325 D. Taylor; 81 teams started, 60 closed in; team winners Liverpool H\&AC 126 pts.; individual winner J.R. Parker (Westbury H).
1957 29th 661 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 9 Mar. - 66 A. Black, 187 K. Miller, 203 D. Taylor, 205 J. Radford; 88 teams started, 65 closed in; team winners Shaftesbury H 110 pts.; individual winner G. Howard (Watford H).

1958 12th 414 pts. Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, 8 Mar. - 77 J. Thresher, 105 C. Thompson, 108 T.K. Hart, 124 D. Crookes, 127 E. Penny; 73 teams started, 53 closed in; team winners Walton AC 86 pts.; individual winner M. Harrop (Halifax H\&AC).
Fletton, Peterborough, 7 Mar. - incomplete team; 184 E. Penny, 213 B. Kolbe; 101 teams started; 67 closed in; team winners Saltwell H 123 pts.; individual winner K. Smith (Deptford Park AC).
1960 Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 12 Mar. - Belgrave did not take part; 94 teams started, 67 closed in; team winners Hallamshire H 208 pts.; individual winner R. Dungworth (Rotherham H).

| 1961 | 18th | 457 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 11 Mar. - 25 J. Hampshire, 123 C. Steer, 150 A. Fairclough 159 K. Redwood, 187 D. Cocks, 268 K. Davidson; 97 teams started, 66 closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 106 pts.; individual winner V. Poke (Hallamshire H). |
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| 1962 | 4th | 149 pts. | Royal Lancashire Agricultural Showground, Blackpool, $10 \mathrm{Mar} .-22 \mathrm{D}$. Cocks, 30 J. Hampshire, 47 A. Morrison, 50 P. Edwards, 70 K. Redwood, 254 H. Satchell; 85 teams started, 58 closed in; team winners Birchfield H 71 pts.; individual winner J. Simmons (Derby \& County $A C)$. |
| 1963 | 11th | 357 pts. | Coldham's Common, Cambridge, 2 Mar. - 12 J. Bicourt, 73 P. Edwards, 116 E. Simmonds, 156 J. Leaver, 260 F. Clark, 304 B. Merry; 93 teams started, 59 closed in; team winners Luton H\&H 109 pts.; individual winner P. Romaine (Spalding AC). |
| 1964 | 12th | 363 pts. | Western Park, Leicester, 29 Feb. - 7 J. Bicourt, 62 A. Major, 111 R. Hayes, 183 D. Hurd, 330 R. Clark, 345 W. Bruce; 105 teams started, 66 closed in; team winners Sale H 58 pts.; individual winner D. Aitken (Airedale \& Spen Valley AC). |
| 1965 | 64th | 1287 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 6 Mar. - 63 A. Major, 294 M. Nicklin, 463 A. Bousefield, 467 C. Rawlings; 112 teams started, 78 closed in; team winners Sale H 67 pts.; individual winner D. Atkin (Airedale \& Spen Valley AC). |
| 1966 | 65th | 1386 pts. | Graves Park, Sheffield, 5 Mar. - 302 A. Brooks, 323 R. Moody, 343 John Kelly, 418 W Ockenden, 432 D. McMillan; 104 teams started, 66 closed in; team winners Sale H 83 pts. individual winner B. Mileson (Sunderland H). |
| 1967 | 51st | 1000 pts. | Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showgrounds, Norwich, 4 Mar. - 194 John Kelly, 245 A. Brooks, 277 R. Moody, 284 P. Gee; 354 A. Chandler; 438 started; 98 teams started, 63 closed in; team winners Waterloo H\&AC 157 pts.; individual winner A. Simmons (Luton United AC). |
| 1968 | 45th | 956 pts. | Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 2 Mar. - 185 J. Crockford, 211 M. Day, 276 N. Bacon, 284 C. Calderwood, 310 J. Hamilton, 328 T. Day; 443 started; 436 finished; 99 teams started, 60 closed in; team winners Wakefield H 111 pts.; individual winner D. Bedford (Shaftesbury H). |
| 1969 | 43rd | 895 pts. | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 1 Mar. - 135 M. Day, 199 J. Crockford, 258 T. Day, 303 J. Hamilton, 313 R. Hofstedt, 384 J. Blair-Fish; 417 started, 390 finished; 92 teams started, 55 closed in; team winners Airedale \& Spen Valley AC 87 pts.; individual winner C. Garforth (Hull H). |
| 1970 | 4th | 196 pts. | Stanley Park, Blackpool, 28 Feb. - 21 P. Carton, 25 W. Curtin, 73 J. Stow, 77 A. Binda, 290 X. Yianni, 309 P. Breslin; 365 finished; 52 teams closed in; team winners Small Heath H 70 pts.; individual winner C. Falconer (Springburn H). |
| 1971 | 8th | 263 pts. | Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showgrounds, Norwich, 6 Mar. - 28 W. Curtin, 32 P. Carton, 50 A. Binda, 153 M. Clancy, 175 J. Stow, 197 P. Breslin; 309 finished; 41 teams closed in; team winners Liverpool Pembroke AC 112 pts.; individual winner D. Black (Small Heath H). |
| 1972 | 40th | 825 pts. | Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 4 Mar. - 41 R. Langley, 214 S. Holmes, 274 R. Hopkins, 296 D. Harvey; 327 finished; 47 teams closed in; team winners Sale H 146 pts.; individual winner N. Saunders (Southgate H). |
| 1973 |  |  | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 3 Mar. - incomplete team; 317 S. Holmes, 362 R. Hopkins, 365 D. Cobb; 406 started; 377 finished; 51 teams closed in; team winners Achilles AC, Belfast 88 pts.; individual winner R. Crabb (Swindon AC). |
| 1974 | 45th | 1059 pts. | Graves Park, Sheffield, 2 Mar. - 149 M. Manning, 287 J. Flynn, 307 M. Bentley, 316 S. Walters, 336 A. Ambler, 350 P. North; 352 finished; 46 teams closed in; team winners Bristol AC 118 pts.; individual winner M. Longthorn (Bradford Grammar School). |
| 1975 |  |  | Stopsley Common, Luton, 1 Mar. - incomplete team; 202 S. Foster, 373 P. Gardner, 439 finished; 57 teams closed in; team winners Gateshead H\&AC 108 pts.; individual winner J. Mills (Gateshead H\&AC). |
| 1976 | 65th | 1515 pts. | Western Park, Leicester, 13 Mar. - 253 A. Cook, 406 B. Marmion, 418 J. Dunsford, 438 P Churchley; 452 finished; 66 teams closed in; team winners Brighton \& Hove AC 134 pts.; individual winner N. Martin (Bracknell AC). |
| 1977 |  |  | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 5 Mar. - incomplete team; 525 B. Marmion, 530 finished; 80 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 110 pts,; individual winner M. Morton (Blackburn H\&AC). |
| 1978 | 61st | 1471 pts. | Roundhay Park, Leeds, 4 Mar. - 274 R. Dorman, 311 J. Searle, 399 M. Sinclair, 487 P. Satur; 563 started; 494 finished; 66 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 118 pts.; individual winner S. Catchpole (King Edward School, Witley). |
| 1979 | 50th | 1120 pts. | Stopsley Common, Luton, 3 Mar. - 69 D. North, 317 J. Searle, 336 J. Gladwin, 398 M. Sinclair; 631 started; 569 finished; 79 teams closed in; team winners Birchfield H 135 pts.; individual winner D. Lewis (Rossendale H). |
| 1980 |  |  | Belgrave H did not take part. |

1981 67th 1434 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 7 Mar. - 147 P, Richley, 305 A. Horton, 401 G. Thrush, 581 S. Pritchard; 625 finished; 91 teams closed in; team winners Wirral AC 156 pts.; individual winner J. Richards (Duchy of Cornwall AC).
1982-1986 Belgrave H did not take part.
1987 73rd 1524 pts. Stopsley Common, Luton, 21 Feb. - 304 R. Blick, 370 S. Herbert, 417 J. Coy, 433 N. Sutehall, 518 N. Khan, 547 P. Whiston; 551 finished; team winners GEC Avionics 82 pts.; individual winner J. Dennis (Camberley AC).
1988-1992 Belgrave H did not take part.
1993 17th 500 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 27 Feb. - 34 M. Hillier, 54 G. Mason, 180 Marlon Anderson, 232 B. Hamill, 240 A. Jones, 335 T. Earle; 338 finished; 39 teams closed in; team winners Derby \& County AC 68 pts.; individual winner K. Farrow (Derby \& County AC).
1994 - $2001 \quad$ Belgrave H did not take part.
2002
Ashton Court Estate, Bristol, 23 Feb. - incomplete team; 5 J. Blackledge, 204 finished; 20 teams closed in; team winners Liverpool, Pembroke \& Sefton H; individual winner T. Humphries (Cannock \& Stafford AC).
2003-2006 Belgrave H did not take part.
2007 Herrington Country Park, Sunderland, 10 Mar. —incomplete team; 59 H. John, 188 finished; 15 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. AC 125 pts.; individual winner D. Forrester (St Helens Sutton AC).
2008-2017 Belgrave H did not take part.
2018 36th 1087 pts. Parliament Hill Fields, London, 24 Feb. - 169 T. Kanani, 289 J. O'Clery, 310 J. Bennett, 319 Z. Adicott, 329 Q. Whitman; 356 finished; 36 teams closed in; team winners Cambridge \& Coleridge AC 110 pts.; individual winner D. Stone (Shaftesbury Barnet H).
2019 - $2020 \quad$ Belgrave H did not take part.
2021 No race due to coronavirus pandemic.
2022 Parliament Hill Fields, London, 26 Feb. - incomplete team; 124 O. Kinirons; 304 finished; 23 teams closed in; team winners South London H 127 pts.; individual winner S. Mills (Exeter H).

Individual medallists
None.

## Team medallists

E.A. 'Eddie' Short

John Weames
Arthur Bruce
Len Adams
Top ten individual summary
5th - Jonathan Blackledge (2002).
6th - E.A. 'Eddie' Short (1946).
7th — Frank Wright (1952).

- Charlie Dabbs (1956).
- John Bicourt (1964).

8th — Frank Wright (1953).
Top ten team summary
3rd - 1946.
4th - 1951, 1952, 1962, 1970.
7th - 1950.
8th - 1954, 1971.
10th -1953.

## Under 15 Boys

The championship was first held in 2003.

| 2003-2014 | Belgrave H did not take part. |
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| 2015 | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 21 Feb. — incomplete team; 213 J. O'Clery, 371 finished; 37 teams closed in; team winners Tonbridge AC 99 pts.; individual winner G. Groom (Shaftesbury Barnet H). |
| 2016 | Donington Park, Derbyshire, 27 Feb. - incomplete team; 220 J. O'Clery, 367 finished; 35 teams closed in; team winners Vale Royal AC 87 pts.; individual winner J. Cowperthwaite (Middlesborough AC). |
| 2017 | Belgrave H did not take part. |
| 2018 | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 24 Feb. - incomplete team; 503 E. Golshale, 504 finished; 52 teams closed in; team winners Aldershot, Farnham \& Dist. 61 pts.; individual winner M. Al (Ealing, Southall \& Middlesex AC). |
| 2019-2020 | Belgrave H did not take part. |
| 2021 | No race due to coronavirus pandemic. |
| 2022 | Belgrave H did not take part. |

## Under 13 Boys

The championship was first held in 2003.

| 2003-2011 | Belgrave H did not take |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 25 Feb. - incomplete team; 255 M. Nehaili, 373 finished; 39 teams closed in; team winners Bedford \& County AC 82 pts.; individual winner C. Solomon (Woodford Green with Essex Ladies AC). |
| 2013 | Herrington Country Park, Sunderland, 23 Feb. - incomplete team; 95 M. Nehaili, 206 finished; 19 teams closed in; team winners Tonbridge AC 76 pts.; individual winner T. Kendrick (Tonbridge AC). |
| 2014-2017 | Belgrave H did not take part. |
| 2018 | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 24 Feb. - incomplete team; 40 B. Robinson, 418 H. Shippey; 570 finished; 56 teams closed in; team winners Chiltern H 124 pts.; individual winner W. Rabjohns (Poole AC). |
| 2019 | Harewood House Estate, Leeds, 23 Feb. - incomplete team; 14 M. Juxon, 94 J. Juxon, 290 M. Simpson, 408 finished; 43 teams closed in; team winners South London H 102 pts.; individual winner B. Peck (Thetford AC). |
| 2020 | Wollaton Park, Nottingham, 22 Feb. - incomplete team; 86 S. Cockerell, 192 M. Simpson; 385 finished; 44 teams closed in; team winners Chiltern HAC 100 pts.; individual winner A. Collier (Chiltern HAC). |
| 2021 | No race due to coronavirus pandemic. |
| 2022 | Parliament Hill Fields, London, 26 Feb. - incomplete team; 183 H. Jodrell, 191 M. Colonius Xavier, 369 N. Gomes-Coley; 397 finished; 41 teams closed in; team winners Trafford AC 143 pts.; individual winner J. Meyburgh (Windsor, Slough, Eton \& Hounslow AC). |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1} 1933$ - An alternative result shows the positions for Penny and Footer reversed. In fact, they were both given exactly the same time, with Footer, in his own words, "hanging on to Penny's shoulder."

[^1]:    ${ }^{2} 1949$ - With the exception of V.S. Blowfield, scoring positions are all that we have and actual race positions are unknown.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3} 1969$ - Official results show position 110 occupied by J. Bicourt but A. Major had come in as a reserve after the former became injured.

[^3]:    ${ }^{4} 1999$ - N. Hliouat, who would have been 146th, was disqualified approaching the finishing funnel for having folded his number.
    ${ }^{5} 2001$ - M. Byansi was not allowed to score as, in that year, he was regarded as "a foreign athlete!"

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ Gerry North, when running for Blackpool \& Fylde H, was 1st in 1962 when the race was held on his home territory in Blackpool, but he didn't join Belgrave Harriers until a few weeks later. Gerry was also 3rd in 1961, 4th in 1960 and 12th in 1959. In the Junior age-group he won in 1957 and was 4th in 1956.

[^5]:    91949 - Actual positions of all except Eddie Short are unknown. Eddie was a real stalwart of the cross-country section, competing at Youth, Junior and Senior levels and on this occasion finishing three places and 11 seconds behind Gordon Pirie and one place and 1 second behind Chris Chataway - both World record holders on the track within a few years.
    101951 - P.G. Newell was running for his service unit 3rd Div. Ord. Fd. Park H. and placed 67th.

