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2017 European Race Walking Cup Podebrady, Czech Repbulic



Tom Bosworth

20km 4th – Highest position ever by a Briton



Callum Wilkinson
British U23 20km Record 1:22:17



Gemma Bridge
New 20km Personal Best 1:34:24



Chris Snook
New 10km Personal Best 44:23

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European Cup of Race Walking, Podebrady (Sun. 21st May)

Tom Bosworth finished fourth in the men's 20km race walk at the European Race Walking Cup in Podebrady on Sunday, recording the highest ever placing by a British athlete to also lead the men's team to a fourth place in the team competition, *reports lan Richards*.

Bosworth set of at the front of the lead pack and was joined by teammate Callum Wilkinson at the front for the first three laps. Bosworth passed the 5km mark in the lead pack of nine with all the main contenders in attendance in 20:19. Wilkinson was in the second pack, passing the quarter distance in 20:26, with Cameron Corbishley in 21:12 and Dominic King in 21:25.



By 8km the lead pack was down to six as pre-race favourite Christophe Linke of Germany began to increase the pace. By halfway Linke had moved into the lead with a time of 40:04 as Bosworth was in the chase pack of 40:16.

Bosworth slipped back to sixth on the 12^{th} lap, but recovered to move into medal contention in fourth at 13km. However, an increase in pace from Miguel Lopez of Spain, Kevin Campion of France and Perseus Karlstrom of Sweden saw Bosworth unable to go with them as he slipped to sixth.

At the 15km point Linke moved further ahead with 59:37 as Bosworth moved up to fifth in 60.43.

Linke cruised through the last 5km to win in 1:19:28. In the battle for the minor medals, Campion was disqualified leaving the way clear for Lopez to take the silver in 1:20:21 ahead of Kalstrom with 1:20:40. This moved Bosworth up to fourth as he clocked 1:21:22.

Behind him, Wilkinson recovered from his fast start and finished in the top 10 with a British under-23 record of 1:22:17 that moves him to fourth on the UK all-time list.

Corbishley held on in the tough hot conditions as he came home in 36th in 1:27:26. King used his 50km strength to clock 1:29:28 in 47th.

This saw Britain finish a best-ever fourth in the team competition, just missing out on the bronze to Ireland by five points.

There, Alex Wright led the team home in sixth in 1:21:48, with Robert Heffernan 13th in 1:22:40 and Cian McManamon 26th in 1:24:03.

"Despite finishing fourth I am very disappointed," said Olympic sixthplacer Bosworth. "My hip was tight and it meant I couldn't respond as I would have liked when the others picked the pace up."

Wilkinson said: "That is the perfect race. I am only 20 years old and this is just my second 20km ever. To walk alongside and beat Rob Heffernan and finish $10^{\rm th}$ was awesome. I now look forward to securing my place on the team for London."

Cameron Corbishley said" I felt strong and to produce a performance like this on my senior debut is brilliant. This team is young and to finish 4^{th} is great for the future"

Dominic King said, "It is fantastic in my 7th European Cup to be part of such a successful team".

Italy's Antonella Palmisano produced a dominant display in the women's 20km, breaking away from the lead group on the second lap as she won by nearly 2 minutes in 1:27:57. This would have been a personal best if it was not for the fact she stopped to pick up the Italian flag she dropped in the home straight!

Behind her, Portugal's Anna Cabecinha took the silver in 1:29:44 ahead of Laura Garcia-Caro of Spain with 1:29:57.

Britain's Bethany Davies and Gemma Bridge both made positive starts walking at the back of the lead group. Davies went through the halfway point in 46:20 with Bridge just behind. At 15km, Bridge passed Davies holding 14th in 70:27 with Davies just behind in 70:37.

Bridge maintained her 14^{th} place all the way to the finish to clock the third fastest ever time by a British athlete in 1:34:24. Davies found the last 5km tough but came home in a 22^{nd} place with a clocking of 1:36:04. Heather Lewis suffered in the second half but held on to come home in 39^{th} as the team finished sixth, the best-ever placing by a British team.

Bridge said "It was very hot, but unlike my two previous 20km's I was able to hold it together in the middle. I am learning this event every time". Both Davies and Lewis mentioned the tough hot conditions had impacted on their performances.

The first title of the day went to Leo Kopp of Germany who won a close battle for the gold in the under-20 10km in a personal best of 41:08. Chris Snook, making his Great Britain debut, clocked a personal best of 44:23 for 19th.

Snook said "I started off slowly the settled into a good pack to work with. I pulled way on the last lap but was nearly sick in the last 200 meters, which cost me a few seconds".

The last event of the day saw an under-20 women's 10km victory for Yana Smerdova, a Russian competing as a neutral athlete, in 46:39 as she moved away from the silver medallist Meryem Bekmez of Turkey and Teresa Zurek of Germany.

Molly Davey, on her GB debut, came home in 54:02 for 31st place. She said, "I am disappointed with that performance, I just had nothing in my legs today, but I have learnt so much from being part of such a great team".

The men's 50km resulted in a top two for Ukraine. Ivan Banzeruk won in 3:48:15 and behind him a great battle for the minor medals played out. His teammate Ihor Hlavan was second in 3:48:38 ahead of Michele Antonelli in 3:49:07. Ukraine took the team title ahead of Italy.

Men's 20km

| Posn | Athlete | Nation | ı | Perf | Notes |
|------|--------------------------|------------------|-----|---------|-------|
| 1 | Christopher Linke | | GER | 1:19:28 | |
| 2 | Miguel Angel Lopez | E | ESP | 1:20:21 | SB |
| 3 | Perseus Karlstrom | + | | 1:20:40 | SB |
| 4 | Tom Bosworth | N 122 201 (5) | GBR | 1:21:21 | |
| 5 | Marius Žiukas | | LTU | 1:21:38 | |
| 10 | Callum Wilkinson (U23) | 20 Le | GBR | 1:22:17 | NR |
| 36 | Cameron Corbishley (U23) | 20 Les | GBR | 1:27:26 | |
| 47 | Dominic King | 는 기타 | GBR | 1:29:28 | SB |

Women's 20km

| Posn | Athlete | Nation | 1 | Perf | Notes |
|------|---------------------|--------------|-----|---------|-------|
| 1 | Antonella Palmisano | | ITA | 1:27:57 | SB |
| 2 | Ana Cabecinha | * | POR | 1:29:44 | SB |
| 3 | Laura Garcia-Caro | 6 | ESP | 1:29:57 | SB |
| 4 | Inna Kashyna | | UKR | 1:30:11 | РВ |
| 5 | Nadiya Borovska | | UKR | 1:30:26 | SB |
| 14 | Gemma Bridge | N 12 2015 | GBR | 1:34:24 | РВ |
| 22 | Bethan Davies | N 12 2015 | GBR | 1:36:04 | |
| 39 | Heather Lewis | N 12 | GBR | 1:44:41 | |

Junior Men's 10km

| Posn | Athlete | Nation | ı | Perf | Notes |
|------|-------------------|----------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1 | Leo Klopp | | GER | 41:08 | РВ |
| 2 | Mikita Kaliada | W | BLR | 41:19 | РВ |
| 3 | Lukasz Niedziatek | | POL | 42:28 | РВ |
| 4 | Viktor Shumik | | UKR | 41:38 | РВ |
| 5 | David Kuster | | FRA | 42:02 | |
| 19 | Christopher Snook | <u> </u> | GBR | 44:23 | РВ |

Junior Women's 10km

| Posn | Athlete | Nation | l | Perf | Notes |
|------|------------------|--------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1 | Yana Smerdova | OW | ANA | 46:39 | SB |
| 2 | Meryem Bekmez | (C) | TUR | 46:48 | |
| 3 | Teresa Zurek | | GER | 46:51 | |
| 4 | Marina Pena | E | ESP | 48:02 | РВ |
| 5 | Sofia Alikanioti | 丰 | GRE | 48:16 | РВ |
| 31 | Molly Davey | N 12 | GBR | 54:02 | |



Steve Taylor to Judge in the Gold Coast

Congratulations to Steve Taylor (Manx Harriers) who has accepted an invite to be part of the race walking judging team for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.



England RWA Team Selected for the Nihill Shield Trophy Match 2017

| Athlete | Club | Lead Coach |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Owen Bradshaw (U13B) | C of Sheffield & Dearne | Brian Adams |
| Abigail Smith (U13G) | Blackheath & Bromley | Shaun Lightman |
| Katie Stringer (U13G) | Medway & Maidstone | Unknown |
| Devina Nova (U13G) | Ashford Athletic Club | Chris Hobbs |
| Alex Macheath (U15B) | Cambridge Harriers | Noel Carmody |
| Jack Childs (U15B) | Medway & Maidstone | Peter Selby |
| Faris Alkhamsei (U15B) | Nuneaton Harriers | Steve Arnold |
| Nicholas Hart (U15B) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | Verity Snook |
| Lois Carty (U15G) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | Verity Snook |
| Molly Meleady-Hanley (U15G) | C of Sheffield & Dearne | Brian Adams |
| Izzy Elliott (U15G) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | Verity Snook |
| Ben Allen (U17M) | Leicester Walking Club | Unknown |
| George Wilkinson (U17M) | Enfield & Haringey AC | Mick Graham |
| Lucy Lewis Ward (U17W) | Cambridge Harriers | Noel Carmody |
| Isabelle Bridge (U17W) | Blackheath & Bromley | Shaun Lightman |
| Alice Bellando | Manx Harriers | Unknown |
| Laura Achurch | Leicester Walking Club | Unknown |

Non-Competing Team Captains

Emily Ghose (U20W) Tonbridge Athletic Club
Oliver Hopkins (U20M) Lewes Athletic CLub

Domestic

South Yorkshire League, Millhouses (Fri. 5th May)

Simon Pugh was the first to set off with a 39 second advantage over Tony Bell, *reports Brian Adams*, it took a few laps before Tony started to pull him back and was still six seconds short as they crossed the line 5km later. Meanwhile as Simon approached 3km Imogen walker started her 2km race, he caught her inside the last 500m lap. She responded to this challenge and Simon was unable to regain the lead until the last 100m (though he didn't help his own cause by shouting her on!). Imogen split the 5km walkers for second place, first three finishers in six seconds. Having been stuck with times just outside 18 minutes for 3km, Kai Cundey produced his second sub-18 in 7 days.

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf/Dist |
|------|---------------|------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Simon Pugh | M55 | Rotherham Harriers | 31:22/5km |
| 2 | Imogen Walker | U11G | Greenhill School | 14:10/2km |
| 3 | Anthony Bell | M50 | Lancashire Walking Club | 30:49/5km |
| 4 | Kai Cundey | U13B | C of Sheffield & Dearne | 17:53/3km |
| 5 | Owen Bradshaw | U13B | C of Sheffield & Dearne | 11:10/2km |
| 6 | Lara MacColl | U15G | C of Sheffield & Dearne | 20:03/3km |

Northern (Isle of Man) Athletic Club 10 Mile (Sun. 7th May)

Result only – no report received.

Mixed 10 Mile (B)

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|------|------------------|------|-------------------------|---------|
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Adam Cowin | U23M | Manx Harriers | 1:20:49 |
| 2 | Hannah Hunter | SW | Manx Harriers | 1:25:21 |
| 3 | Steve Partington | M50 | Manx Harriers | 1:26:55 |
| 4 | James Quirk | M45 | Manx Harriers | 1:34:02 |
| 5 | Marie Jackson | W55 | Manx Harriers | 1:38:42 |
| 6 | Jayne Farquhar | W45 | Manx Harriers | 1:43:19 |
| 7 | Stephanie Quayle | W50 | Unattached | 1:43:19 |
| 8 | Stuart Gibson | M45 | Unattached | 1:46:15 |
| 9 | Sharon Cain | W45 | Western Athletic Club | 1:49:30 |
| 10 | Louise Hollings | W35 | Isle of Man Veterans AC | 1:49:32 |
| 11 | James Moore | SM | Unattached | 1:53:13 |
| 12 | Steve Parker | M50 | Unattached | 1:54:28 |
| 13 | Colin Moore | M55 | Isle of Man Veterans AC | 1:54:41 |
| 14 | Andy Bexendale | W45 | Isle of Man Veterans AC | 1:57:11 |
| 15 | Rob Clynes | M50 | Unattached | 2:04:04 |
| 16 | Carol Ray | W55 | Northern Athletic Club | 2:05:00 |
| 17 | Michelle Sherry | W45 | Northern Athletic Club | 2:05:59 |
| 18 | Dierdre Hughes | W50 | Unattached | 2:27:27 |
| 19 | Honor Beard | W45 | Unattached | 2:27:27 |
| 20 | Voirrey Cain | W50 | Northern Athletic Club | 2:30:04 |
| 21 | Angie Robinson | W50 | Unattached | 2:30:04 |
| 22 | Leanne Faragher | U20W | Unattached | 2:31:43 |
| 23 | Melinda Faragher | W40 | Unattached | 2:31:43 |
| 24 | Maria Sanchoz | SW | Unattached | 2:39:27 |
| 25 | Carolanne Hanley | SW | Northern Athletic Club | 2:40:07 |
| 26 | Michelle Hall | W35 | Unattached | 2:52:09 |
| 27 | Sarah Olsen | W40 | Unattached | 2:52:37 |
| | | | | |

Sarnia Walking Club Graham Mann Memorial Trophy 3 Kilometre Handicap Road Walk, Vale (Sun. 7th May)

Donna Allan took the individual win and was part of the team win in the 50th annual Graham Mann Memorial Trophy over a handicapped start 3 kilometres, *reports Rob Elliott*. Overtaking Dave Dorey, the first walker to start, late in the race she crossed the line with a five second advantage and an actual time of 17:10 to smash her previous best time by over half a minute.

The team of Stuart Le Noury and Rob Elliott finished in third and fourth place but with Peter Beckerleg only a stride behind he had done enough with his team mate Donna Allan to take first place in the team section. Sixth place went to Mick Le Sauvage who had been on the winning team almost 50 years ago in the second edition of the

event. Kevin Le Noury brought the walkers home with his 19:53 actual time.

Only 19 seconds separated the three teams at the end.

Mixed 3km (B)

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Watch/Actual |
|------|-----------------|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Donna Allan | W40 | Sarnia Walking Club | 22:10/17:10 |
| 2 | Dave Dorey | M75 | Sarnia Walking Club | 22:15/22:15 |
| 3 | Stuart Le Noury | SM | Sarnia Walking Club | 22:20/14:15 |
| 4 | Rob Elliott | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 22:50/16:50 |
| 5 | Peter Beckerleg | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 22:51/16:50 |
| 6 | Mick Le Sauvage | M75 | Sarnia Walking Club | 23:02/20:47 |
| 7 | Kevin Le Noury | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 23:08/19:53 |

Team Result (Watch times added together)

| 1 | Donna Allan & Peter Beckerleg | 45:01 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| 2 | Mick Le Sauvage & Dave Dorey | 45:17 |
| 3 | Stuart Le Noury & Rob Elliott | 45:20 |

Midland Track Championships, Tamworth (Sun. 7th May)

Result only – no report received.

Men's 10,000m

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Mark Williams | M50 | Birchfield Harriers (Indv.) | 56:16.5 |
| 2 | Peter Boszko | M65 | Birchfield Harriers | 59:48.8 |
| 3 | Colin Vesty | M50 | Leicester Walking Club | 64:46.0 |
| 4 | John Constandinou | M45 | Birchfield Harriers | 66:55.8 |
| 5 | David Fall | M70 | Birchfield Harriers | 74:28.1 |
| 6 | Julian Barnett | M55 | Birchfield Harriers | 79:05.6 |
| | Terry Morris | M70 | Nuneaton Harriers | DQ |
| Wome | en's 5000m | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Carolyn Dyall | W35 | Nuneaton Harriers | 29:20.0 |
| 2 | Wendy Kane | W45 | Notts Athletic Club | 30:34.9 |
| 3 | Ann Wheeler | W60 | Leicester Walking Club | 30:54.9 |
| 4 | Sarah Trundley | W45 | Nuneaton Harriers | 31:44.5 |
| Under | 17 Men's 5000m | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Ben Allen | U17M | Leicester Walking Club | 28:49.7 |
| Under | 15 Boys 3000m | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Faris Alkhamsei | U15B | Nuneaton Harriers | 17:41.8 |
| Under | ⁻ 13 Girls 2000m | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Caitlin Casey | U13G | Birchfield Harriers | 12:53.9 |
| 2 | Elizabeth Pap | U13G | Nuneaton Harriers | 13:34.4 |
| Under | · 11 Girls 800m Develop | ment Ra | ce (B) | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Katie Collis | U11G | Birchfield Harriers | 6:20.7 |

Rodney Parkins RIP

It's with sadness that I report the passing of Rodney (Rod) Parkins at the end of February. He was 76 and for two or so years suffered from advanced Alzheimer's. Rod was an active race walker for Medway AC in the 60's to the early 80's. Readers may recall this tall, bespectacled chap used to train like the clappers, so fast that internationals of the time couldn't keep pace. Always friendly (when not training), willing to give advice and highly principled. He became Kent Walking Secretary in the 1980's when he thought he previous incumbent wasn't doing a good job and organized many events including the Magog Trophy Match and the legendary Kent 20km in 1984 when Ian McCombie and Tim Berrett achieved phenomenal times. Hip problems put paid to his racing career and after trying golf for a couple of years took up highly competitive croquet. He also became County Secretary in that sport but records don't reveal what he thought of his predecessor. His wife tragically died in 1976 and he is survived by his daughter, Helen.

Chris Hobbs

Veterans AC 5 Mile, Battersea Park (Tue. 9th May)

The second fixture of the season was again held in perfect conditions for racing, on a sunny spring evening, which was lees cold than of late, *reports David Hoben*.

The results showed an emergence of girl power as Penelope Cummings had her second overall win in four weeks at a VAC fixture in a time very close to her personal best, and Melanie Peddle of Loughton came third overall and went under 50 minutes for the first time showing what can be achieved in only a year in the event.

Further down the field Paul King and Chris Flint are gradually returning to their previous form and Peter Hannell returned to this distance after several months' absence and achieved a better than expected time.

Mixed 5 Mile (B) (* = Non-Veterans AC Members)

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
|------|--------------------|-----|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Penelope Cummings* | W40 | Aldershot Farnham & Dist | 48:01 |
| 2 | Mark Culshaw* | M50 | Ilford Athletic Club | 48:02 |
| 3 | Melanie Peddle* | W45 | Loughton Athletic Club | 49:23 |
| 4 | David Bowker* | M55 | Fairlands Valley Spartans | 50:11 |
| 5 | Dan Maskell | M65 | Surrey Walking Club | 51:55 |
| 6 | Maureen Noel | W50 | Belgrave Harriers | 51:58 |
| 7 | Christopher Flint | M70 | Surrey Walking Club | 54:06 |
| 8 | Paul King | M60 | Belgrave Harriers | 54:06 |
| 9 | Peter Hannell | M70 | Surrey Walking Club | 57:40 |
| 10 | David Hoben | M60 | Surrey Walking Club | 59:09 |
| 11 | Michael Neale* | M65 | Unattached | 60:31 |
| 12 | David Delaney | M70 | Surrey Walking Club | 61:53 |

Sheffield Schools AA Secondary Schools Championships, Sheffield Hallam Uni. City Stadium, (Wed. 10th May)

It was disappointing that only two of our five regular walkers could make it to the start of the City Schools Championships, *reports Brian Adams*.

The first and second placed walkers from last year's Year 6 championships now find themselves together at the same secondary school. Emma Hancox decided to take the race on by trailing Owen Bradshaw for the first 150m, Year 6 Champion Lucy Walker didn't panic and soon after 200m was challenging, then moving ahead of Emma. Emma eventually lost 3rd place to Ines Bell who also came into walking through the primary school events. Owen went on to a clear victory against a field that was otherwise made up of girls.

Charlotte Birch was the second walker home to take the junior girl title. Charlotte has only ever competed in the City Schools and the County Schools Championships, but now in her 5th year has only been beaten by Molly Meleady-Hanley. (Apart from second place to her school mate in her first ever race). This is her 4th Sheffield Schools title.

Mixed 1000m

| Posn | Athlete | AG (Pos) | School | Perf |
|------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Owen Bradshaw | Y7B (1) | Westfield School | 5:11.2 |
| 2 | Charlotte Birch | JG (1) | Tapton School | 5:45.2 |
| 3 | Lucy Walker | Y7G (1) | Meadowhead School | 5:56.2 |
| 4 | Ines Bell | Y7G (2) | Sheffield High School | 6:27.4 |
| 5 | Emma Hancox | Y7G (3) | Meadowhead School | 6:40.4 |
| 6 | Lizzy Lumb | Y7G (4) | Sheffield High School | 6:53.2 |
| 7 | Eva Shrimpton | JG (2) | King Edwards School | 6:56.4 |
| 8 | Alexandra Zalewska | Y7G (5) | King Edwards School | 6:59.8 |
| 9 | Alice Myers | Y7G (6) | Meadowhead School | 7:00.0 |

Sarnia Walking Club 4th Annual Sean Pender Trophy 2000m Handicap Track Walk, Osmond Priaulx (Sun. 14th May)

Dave Dorey walked to victory in the fourth annual Sean Pender Trophy handicap race with an untroubled win, *reports Rob Elliott*. Set off first he had his best race for some time with the rest of the field unable to get near him.

Rob Elliott, second across the line, thought momentarily that the win was his as he closed in on Mick Le Sauvage and Jayne Le Noury with

100 metres to go before noticing that Dave was well ahead and metres from the finish. He finished 23 seconds behind the winner with third placed Donna Allan a few seconds behind. Donna recorded another personal best time over the distance, staying relatively close to Elliott after he had made up his 15 second handicap within the first lap.

Stuart Le Noury recorded the fastest time of the day in 6th place with an actual time of 9:34. Phil Lockwood got the better of Kevin Le Noury for seventh, whilst race sponsor Sean Pender brought up the rear. Thanks go to visitor Sean Pender whose name the race is under but also supplies awards to the first three to finish and the fastest male and female walkers on the day.

Mixed 2000m (B)

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Watch/Actual |
|------|-----------------|-----|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Davey Dorey | M70 | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:05/14:05 |
| 2 | Rob Elliott | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:28/10:58 |
| 3 | Donna Allan | W40 | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:31/11:16 |
| 4 | Mick Le Sauvage | M75 | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:34/13:34 |
| 5 | Jayne Le Noury | W55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:41/14:26 |
| 6 | Stuart Le Noury | SM | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:49/9:34 |
| 7 | Phil Lockwood | M40 | Sarnia Walking Club | 14:57/12:27 |
| 8 | Kevin Le Noury | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 15:05/13:20 |
| 9 | Sean Pender | M60 | Enfield & Haringey AC | 15:35/13:50 |

Hampshire, Portsmouth (Sat. 13th May)

A routine win for Chris Snook, the week before his GB debut, ahead of the ever present, at Hampshire Championships, Jim Ball.

Mixed 3000m

| Posn | Athlete | AG (Pos) | Club | Perf |
|-------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Christopher Snook | U20M (1) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 13:24.0 |
| 2 | Jim Ball (M50) | SM (1) | Steyning Athletic Club | 16:17.6 |
| 3 | Abigail Jennings | U20W (1) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 16:22.6 |
| 4 | Keith Vallis (M50) | SM (2) | Overton Harriers | 16:56.4 |
| 5 | Nicholas Hart | U15B (1) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 17:05.4 |
| 6 | Sue Davies (W50) | SW (1) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 17:51.7 |
| U15 (| Girls 2500m | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG (Pos) | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Lois Carty | U15G (1) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 14:01.3 |
| U13 (| Girls 2000m | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG (Pos) | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Charlotte Wallis | U13G (1) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 12:05.7 |
| 2 | Megan Packett | U13G (2) | Aldershot Farnham & Dist. | 12:59.8 |
| | | | | |
| 3 | Natasha Mitchell | U13G (3) | New Forest Juniors AC | 14:58.8 |

West Wales Championships, Carmarthen (Sun. 14th May)

A good size field for the West Wales championships, held in windy conditions.

Mixed 1000m

| Posn | Athlete | AG (Pos) | Club | Perf |
|-------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Jordan Price | U20M (1) | Brecon Athletic Club | 4:30.91 |
| 2 | Megan Stratton-Thomas | U20W (1) | Swansea Harriers | 4:44.08 |
| 3 | Matthew Phipps | U20M (2) | Neath Harriers | 4:48.96 |
| 4 | Daniel McKerlich | U20M (3) | Cardiff AAC | 5:05.73 |
| 5 | Jeri-Lynne Grabham | U17W (1) | Neath Harriers | 5:11.10 |
| 6 | Mollie Dainton | U17W (2) | Llanelli Athletic Club | 5:11.79 |
| 7 | Owain Rhys Nicholas | U17M (1) | Pembrokeshire Harriers | 5:12.82 |
| 8 | Caerwyn Phillips | U17M (2) | Cardiff AAC | 5:29.13 |
| 9 | Maddie Draycott | U15G (1) | Swansea Harriers | 5:32.17 |
| 10 | Amy Victoria White | U13G (1) | Pembrokeshire Harriers | 6:24.24 |
| 11 | Molly McKerlich | U13G (2) | Cardiff AAC | 6:31.22 |
| 12 | Scarlett Lewis | U13G (3) | Swansea Harriers | 6:33.60 |



Kent County Championships, Ashford (Sun. 14th May)

Hot blustery conditions greeted the sixteen walkers, from 20 entrants, who toed the start line. Luc Legon took the lead from the gun and was never headed, to win his first senior county title ahead of Jonathan Hobbs. Sophie Lewis Ward sat in behind Jonathan for much of the race and was rewarded with a quick time. National U15-boys champion struggled a bit in the conditions, but had enough to finish ahead of Jack Childs.

Mixed 3000m

| Posn | Athlete | AG (Pos) | Club | Perf |
|------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Luc Legon (U23M) | SM (1) | Bexley Athletic Club | 13:22.66 |
| 2 | Jonathan Hobbs | SM (2) | Ashford Athletic Club | 14:02.61 |
| 3 | Sophie Lewis Ward | U20W (1) | Cambridge Harriers | 14:28.24 |
| 4 | Marshall Smith | U20M (1) | Ashford Athletic Club | 14:40.02 |
| 5 | Alex Macheath | U15B (1) | Cambridge Harriers | 15:27.33 |
| 6 | Jack Childs | U15B (2) | Medway & Maidstone AC | 15:41.51 |
| 7 | Emily Ghose | U20W (2) | Tonbridge Athletic Club | 15:59.28 |
| 8 | Chris Hobbs (M60) | SM (3) | Ashford Athletic Club | 16:36.50 |
| 9 | Matthew Crane | U17M (1) | Bexley Athletic Club | 16:51.79 |
| 10 | Isabelle Bridge | U17W (1) | Blackheath & Bromley HAC | 17:27.85 |
| 11 | Beatrice Fury | U17W (2) | Medway & Maidstone AC | 18:56.90 |
| 12 | Hannah Hopper | U15G (1) | Cambridge Harriers | 19:05.15 |
| 13 | Lesley Hall (W60) | SW (1) | Ashford Athletic Club | 19:34.46 |
| 14 | Jacqueline Benson | U17W (3) | Ashford Athletic Club | 20:16.12 |
| 15 | Geraldine Legon (W55 | 5)SW (2) | Bexley Athletic Club | 20:59.71 |
| 16 | Benjamin Howe | U15B (3) | Swanley & District AC | 21:10.46 |

Manx Harriers 5km - T.T. Access Road (Thu. 18th May)

Result only – no report received.

Mixed 5km

| Mixed | d 5km | | | |
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| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Gianni Epifani | M45 | Manx Harriers | 23:27 |
| 2 | Hannah Hunter | SW | Manx Harriers | 24:19 |
| 3 | Tony Edwards | M50 | Unattached | 28:20 |
| 4 | Alice Bellando | U17W | Manx Harriers | 30:15 |
| 5 | Jayne Farquhar | W45 | Manx Harriers | 30:43 |
| 6 | Bernie Johnson | SW | Unattached | 31:26 |
| 7 | Sharon Cain | W45 | Western Athletic Club | 31:54 |
| 8 | Nikki Raven | M50 | Manx Harriers | 32:23 |
| 9 | Louise Hollings | W35 | Isle of Man Veterans AC | 32:26 |
| 10 | Maura Kelly | W45 | Northern Athletic Club | 33:12 |
| 11 | Louise Cowell | SW | Unattached | 35:28 |
| 12 | Henry Da Silva | M80 | Isle of Man Veterans AC | 44:27 |
| 2km | | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Abbie Edwards | U15G | Unattached | 13:31 |
| 1km | | | | |
| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
| 1 | Alexandra Nicoll | U11G | Manx Harriers | 6:35 |
| 2 | Orla Goddard | U11G | Northern Athletic Club | 6:48 |
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Hewitt Cup 2017 - Round 2, Leicester (Wed. 24th May)

Despite being in the middle of his exam "season" Ben Allen (Countesthorpe Leysland Community College) maintained his great support of this race walking series for Leicestershire students, *reports George Smolinski*.

Since his debut in late April 2009, Ben has competed in 23 Hewitt Cup races having missed just three in all that time. He took his incredible unbeaten record to 16 races with another sub 10-minute clocking over the 2km. distance on a night when the very warm conditions saw no-one get close to their personal bests. In only his second competitive walk, the stylish Jamie Wellard (Robert Smyth Academy, Market Harborough) finished second ahead of Jack Harrison (Blaby Stokes Striders).

Lyla Bryan, on her own unbeaten run (now five successive races), led home the girls where Izzy Smolinski (Thistly Meadow) and Sophie Williams (Blaby Stokes) battled it out for the runner-up slot with Izzy just managing to reverse their positions from Race 1.

In the overall standings, Ben leads Jack by a single point in the boy's section while Lyla, Sophie, Izzy and Jasmine also go into their final race with everything to race for.

| 1 | Ben Allen | 9:54 | 1 | Lyla Bryan | 13:41 |
|---|---------------|-------|---|---------------------|-------|
| 2 | Jamie Wellard | 13:30 | 2 | Isabelle Smolinski | 17:54 |
| 3 | Jack Harrison | 17:42 | 3 | Sophie Williams | 17:57 |
| 4 | Huey Bryan | 19:58 | 4 | Daisey Mitchell | 19:10 |
| | | | 5 | Faith Castledine | 19:50 |
| | | | 6 | Jasmine Joyce-Wykes | 20:02 |

Sarnia Walking Club Heritage Group Championships Race 4 5000m Track Walk, Osmond Priaulx, (Fri. 26th May)

Hot conditions welcomed the small field of walkers in the fourth race of the Heritage Group Championships resulting in a win for Rob Elliott finishing two minutes clear of Phil Lockwood. A good walk from Peter Beckerleg resulted in third place not too far ahead of Kevin Le Noury. Mick Le Sauvage closed the race after Jayne Le Noury pulled out of the race very early on with injury.

Mixed 5000m (B)

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
|------|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-------|
| 1 | Rob Elliott | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 30:13 |
| 2 | Phil Lockwood | M40 | Sarnia Walking Club | 32:17 |
| 3 | Peter Beckerleg | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 34:51 |
| 4 | Kevin Le Noury | M55 | Sarnia Walking Club | 35:08 |
| 5 | Mick Le Sauvage | M75 | Sarnia Walking Club | 36:18 |
| 6 | Jayne Le Noury | W55 | Sarnia Walking Club | DNF |

Fred Pearce 3 x 5km Relay, Simister (Sat. 27th May)

It was the 22nd anniversary of this unique and popular event, *reports Roy Gunnett*.

The race was held on the usual 'out & back' course from Lady Wilton Hall, Simister to Heaton Park. The weather was hot - around 23C and, although rain threatened, it thankfully held off for the race.

It was good to welcome four guests from other clubs to the event.

The battle for the team prize was closely contested with the lead changing throughout the race. Tony Malone put in a very powerful final leg to secure the team win for himself, Phil McCullagh and Dan Maskell. Adrian Edwards won the scratch race.

Men's 5km (B)

| Posn | Athlete | AG | Club | Perf |
|------|----------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Adrian Edwards | M55 | Lancashire Walking Club | 28:00 |
| 2 | Tony Malone | M65 | Lancashire Walking Club | 28:43 |
| 3 | Dave Crompton | M50 | Lancashire Walking Club | 31:45 |
| 4 | Greg Smith | M60 | Lancashire Walking Club | 31:55 |
| 5 | Glyn Jones | M70 | Coventry Godiva Harriers | 32:14 |
| 6 | Dan Maskell | M65 | Surrey Walking Club | 32:46 |
| 7 | Stuart Edgar | M45 | Dudley & Stourbridge | 32:50 |
| 8 | Joe Hardy | M70 | Lancashire Walking Club | 33:08 |
| 9 | Russ Jackson | M70 | Yorkshire RWC | 33:15 |
| 10 | Phil McCullagh | M60 | Lancashire Walking Club | 34:50 |
| 11 | Roy Gunnett | M70 | Lancashire Walking Club | 35:56 |
| 12 | John Payn | M80 | Lancashire Walking Club | 39:05 |

Team Result

| 1 | Phil McCullagh | 1:39:34 | 2 | Joe Hardy | 1:40:07 |
|---|----------------|---------|---|----------------|---------|
| | Dan Maskell | | | Dave Crompton | |
| | Tony Malone | | | Glyn Jones | |
| 3 | Roy Gunnett | 1:41:06 | 4 | John Payn | 1:42:15 |
| | Greg Smith | | | Stuart Edgar | |
| | Russ Jackson | | | Adrian Edwards | |



Results Round-Up

May

03 Ashford Leisure Trust Open Meeting, Julie Rose Stadium (B)

Mixed 1000m: 1 Jonathan Hobbs (Ashford AC) 4:19.46, 2 Marshall Smith (U20M – Ashford AC) 4:28.20, 3 Katie Stringer (U13G - Medway & Maidstone) 5:27.74, 4 Devina Nova (U13G - Ashford AC) 5:27.76, 5 Jacqueline Benson (U17W – Ashford AC) 5:47.10, 6 Chris Flint (M70 – Surrey WC) 6:35.29.

04 Haywards Heath Harriers Open Meeting, Crawley (B)

Mixed 1000m: 1 Oliver Hopkins (U20M – Lewes AC) 4:28.2, 2 Jack Childs (U15B – Medway) 4:51.7, 3 Rachel Hornigold (W35 – Lewes AC) 5:17.6, 4 Eva Payton-White (U17W – Lewes AC) 5:39.6, 5 Peter Hannell (M75 – Surrey WC) 5:49.9, 6 Lauren Morse (U15G – Lewes AC) 6:15.2, 7 Jack Hopkins (U17M - Lewes AC) 6:15.6, 8 Ron Penfold (M75 – Steyning) 6:21.0.

14 Essex County Championships, Chelmsford

Men's 3000m: 1 Dominic King (Colchester Hs) 12:00.91, 2 Daniel King (Colchester Hs) 12:31.76, 3 Simon Le Mare (Southend) 17:23.29, 4 Keith Palmer (Southend) 19:38.34

- Suffolk, Ipswich: Men's 3000m: 1 Tony Wilkinson (M55 Unattached) 21:09.1; Women's 3000m: 1 Joyce Crawford (W50 Eastern Veterans) 18:29.7; U17M 3000m: 1 George Wilkinson (Enfield & Haringey) 17:04.8; U15G 1000m: 1 Amber Ollett-Walton (West Suffolk AC) 8:30.5; U13G 1000m: 1 Molly Howell (West Suffolk AC) 8:58.2.
- 14 Middlesex, Lee Valley: Men's 3000m: 1 Mark Culshaw (M50 llford AC) 18:44.4; Women's 3000m: 1 Maureen Noel (W50 – Belgrave Hs) 18:44.4.
- 31 Blackheath & Bromley/Surrey WC 3000m Champs, Bromley (B)
 Mixed 3000m: 1 Abigail Smith (U13G Blackheath) 18:28.8, 2
 Peter Watts (M65 Swanley) 19:36.1, 3 Chris Flint (M65 Surrey
 WC) 19:54.4, 4 Peter Hannell (M75 Blackheath) 20:18.6, 5 David
 Hoben (M60 Surrey WC) 21:24.9, 6 Kevin Burnett (M75 Surrey
 WC) 24:18.6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| June | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| Sat 10 th | В | Jack Fitzgerald Memorial Walks | Crawley |
| Sun 11 th | В | Sarnia WC Championship 5 | Vale |
| Tue 13th | Α | Woodford Tuesday Walks 3000m | Woodford |
| | В | Veterans AC 5 Mile | Battersea Park |
| | Α | South Yorkshire League | Millhouses Park |
| Sat 17 th | В | Isle of Man Parish Walk | Douglas |
| Sun 18 th | Α | England Athletics U23/U20 Champs | Bedford |
| | Α | BMAF 5km Championships | Horwich |
| Sat 24 th | Α | BMAF Track & Field Championships | Birmingham |
| | Α | ESAA Development Walks | Milton Keynes |
| Sun 25 th | Α | BA/EA/RWA/Welsh 20km Champs | Leeds |
| | В | Sarnia WC 20km Championships | Vale |
| July | | | |
| Sun 2 nd | Α | British Athletics Senior Championships | Birmingham |
| | Α | Regional Inter-Counties | Kingston |
| | В | Sarnia WC 1 Hour Track Walk | Footes Lane |
| | Α | BMAF Inter-Area Match | Solihull |
| Tue 4 th | Α | Woodford Tuesday Walks, 3000m | Woodford |
| Fri 7 th | В | Sarnia WC Championships 7 (2000m) | Footes Lane |
| Sat 8 th | В | Lancs WC, Bernard Trophy 10km | Macclesfield |
| Tue 11 th | В | Veterans AC 5 Mile | Battersea Park |
| Thu 13 th | Α | Manx Harriers Summer Walks 10km | Andreas Village |
| Sun 16 th | В | Sarnia WC Championship 8 (10km) | Pleinmont |
| Wed 19th | В | Tonbridge AC Open Track 5000m | Tonbridge |
| Fri 21st | Α | South Yorkshire League | Millhouses |
| Sat 22 nd | Α | Northern Area 10km Championships | Dunnington |
| Sat 29 th | В | Lancs WC 1 Hour Track Race | Bury |
| Sun 30 th | Α | England Athletics Senior & CAU | Bedford |