

HARROW COUNTY SCHOOL ATHLETIC CLUB RECORDS.

This is a list of the school records as they stood in 1975:
S- 6th form, I- 4th/5th form, J- 2nd/3rd form, M- 1st form.

100 metres	S	A. Cronin	10.9	1964
		A. Franklin	10.9	1965
		F. Esteve	10.9	1968
	I	M. Stokes	11.1	1959
	J	A. Franklin	11.6	1961
	M	P. Lloyd	12.5	1964
200 metres	S	F. Esteve	22.7	1968
	I	J. Dando	23.6	1967
	J	J. Dando	24.2	1965
400 metres	S	D. Franks	50.9	1965
	I	D. Franks	52.0	1963
	J	M. Edwards	54.7	1968
800 metres	S	J. Broadribb	1.57.8	1964
	I	G. Newberry	2.01.9	1962
	J	J. Clubb	2.10.1	1965
	M	D. Green	2.30.2	1967
1500 metres	S	D. Wolfe	4.10.0	1971
	I	D. Wolfe	4.10.0	1971
	J	D. Wolfe	4.29.7	1969
75m hurdles	M	A. Barnett	11.1	1967
80m hurdles	J	S. Rigby	11.9	1971
100m hurdles	I	S. Rigby	15.5	1973
110m hurdles	S	G. Poole	15.9	1972
Long Jump	S	A. Franklin	6.75	1963
	I	A. Franklin	6.75	1963
	J	? ? ?		
	M	R. Philps	16' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1966
High Jump	S	J. Russell	1.83	1961
	I	A. Moore	1.71	1971
	J	R. Philps	1.59	1968
	M	R. Philps	1.47	1966
Triple Jump	S	D. Philps	14.27	1968
	I	R. Philps	14.01	1970
	J	R. Philps	13.25	1968
Shot Putt	S	A. Kerr	15.16	1964
	I	A. Kerr	15.14	1963
	J	A. Grove	11.02	1965
Javelin	S	F. Tyrell	58.16	1964
	I	D. Ambridge	48.30	1962
	J	D. Ambridge	48.26	1960
Discus Throw	S	A. Kerr	50.50	1964
	I	A. Kerr	56.06	1963
	J	A. Grove	42.60	1965

Best performances in other events were not recorded.

THE KERTON RELAY.

This year sees the 20th Kerton Relay. Victor Kerton was St. Nicholas's first leading athlete in the late fifties/early sixties and he later went on to run for Loughborough. One year after his departure from St. Nicholas he presented a trophy for the instituted relay event. By a quirk of fate, the present organiser Roger Kraushaar was competing that first year (time 11.17!) on the 4th leg for the Harrow County team which finished 4th (66.41) behind Dr. Challoners (64.01) who were over 1½ minutes ahead of St. Nicholas (65.32) and Bishopshalt (66.36). Orange Hill were 5th (66.48) and Eliots Green/Northolt 6th (66.51). Not all the old results are available and until recent years, names weren't filled in on those that are. In the 2nd race in 1964 Dr. Challoners again won in a much faster 61.44. The runner of the fastest lap's name is unrecorded but it could have been Strudwick or Don Faircloth of Selhurst Grammar.

The course has remained pretty well constant, although times between years have varied considerably when the course has been muddy. The main feature of the course is the infamous Kerton Hill through Park Wood leading back to the top of Haste Hill and the finish. Kerton Hill was also part of the course for the 1972 English Schools which started and finished in Northwood Rec. and the intermediate race saw the only clash on the country between Steve Overt and Sebastian Coe. Overt was 2nd to St. Alban's Kirk Dumbleton and Coe finished 10th. The hill saw off one or two fancied runners in the senior race, the main contenders Dave Glassborow and Neil Saunders (King Henry VIII and Minchenden respv.) finished out of the placings, victory going to Surrey's J. Lee.

Back to the relay, and 1965 saw the first victory for Harrow County. Roger Kraushaar brought the team in 4th on leg one, and Pete Griffiths took a 6 second lead on leg two, after which we were never headed. Conditions must have been poor as our winning time of 67.03 was the slowest winning time on record. The team was Roger 10.54, Pete 11.00, C. Oxley 11.21, Julian May 11.15, Clive Wilson 11.17, R. Easting 11.16. Fastest laps were also the slowest on record, R. Melvern (Challoners) and Green (St. Nichs) both recorded 10.37. Pete Griffiths ran the fastest lap in 1966 in 9.54, but our team position is unknown, team victory going to Orange Hill (62.48) who also won in 1967 (64.16), their F. Roberts running fastest lap in 10.11. 1968 saw Haberdashers coming to the fore winning in 66.04 and Julian Goater running fastest lap in 10.13.

Harrow County re-entered the Kerton in 1969 finishing 9th. Haberdashers again won in spectacular fashion. They were over 2 minutes down on the leaders, Alleynes, after 4 legs but Julian Goater (9.31) and Ben Brown (9.36) between them turned that into a win by over a minute to finish in 64.28 to 2nd placed Stationers 65.40. Habs had an easier time in 1970 taking the lead on 3rd leg to win in 63.32, Goater running fastest lap (9.53) for the third year running, no one else having been fastest more than once. St. Nicholas were beginning to come back to the fore finishing 2nd (65.29) with Challoners 3rd (66.27), Harrow County finishing 7th, Derek Wolfe having brought us in 4th on leg 4. Two months later saw the inauguration of the Haste Hill Relay for under 15's over the same course. The last lap saw a close battle between St. Albans' Kirk Dumbleton (10.34) and Hab's Robin Pepper (10.47), St. Albans winning in 68.55 to Hab's 68.59. Dumbleton ran fastest lap from Barry Walters/Barnhill in 10.35.

Dr. Challoners were the top school on the circuit in 1971/2 but they couldn't match St. Nicholas over the home course who led from gun to tape winning in 63.00 to Challoners 63.49 not far ahead of Watford 64.10. Harrow County were 6th having been 2nd through Mark July (10.33) on leg 2, but fading badly on leg 3. Meanwhile, Neil Saunders was running 9.20 for fastest lap and the still-to-bettered course record with his Minchenden team mate Graham Side also running a fast 9.30 helping his school finish 4th. St. Nicholas won again in 1972 but they didn't have things all their own way. Challoners led for the first two laps but Steve Shellard gave St. Nichs a 18 second lead on lap 3. St. Nichs increased the lead on the next two legs but the pressure was on last leg runner Martin Fullick as Rod Lees took off behind him. The battle came to a climax on Kerton Hill but Rod couldn't quite close the last few yards gap, St. Nicholas winning in 61.45 to Challoners 61.50, Lees having taken 45 secs. out of the leader. Harrow County were 6th, Derek Wolfe running 10.02, 2nd best by a Harrow County runner up until then, Kirk Dumbleton ran 9.26 for fastest lap.

Harrow County again scored a victory in 1973. Colin Greatrex came in 9th in 11.00 on lap 1, 1 min 8 secs adrift of Vyners' Tony Waterman. Jim Moseley pulled us through to 4th (10.20) into the leading group of Challoners, Vyners and Bishopshalt. Trevor Hartman held 4th then Dennis Orme brought us into the placings overtaking a fading Bishopshalt and Vyners. Gareth Smith took the lead on Kerton Hill and Phil O'Brien set off for the final lap, but behind him Robin Pepper took off for Haberdashers at such a speed that Challoners' member of staff commented "he's not human". The gap was narrowing as they ran along the hedge on the far side of the golf course as the spectators watched from the top of Haste Hill, and things look ominous when they reappeared to cross the stone bridge where Pepper was less than 50 yards adrift of Phil, who still hadn't realised how close the race was becoming. The spectators dived into the woods and on to Kerton Hill but by the time Phil hit the hill, Pepper's challenge had died off and we won in 63.36 to Hab's 63.50, while Challoners had faded to 4th behind Vyners. Pepper, it turned out, was only 2 seconds off the course record in 9.22. 1974 saw a more youthful Harrow County team. Phil O'Brien gave us the lead on lap 4 with the day's fastest lap of 9.48 on a slow course, 26 secs. ahead of next fastest Richard Jenkins of Habs. Mike Baron lost contact with leaders Challoners on leg 5 but Dennis Orme closed down the gap on the anchor leg, but, in a repeat of the 1972 finish, just couldn't quite catch Challoners' Steve Barber on Kerton Hill, so we lost the trophy by 5 seconds.

1975 saw the first entry from the Kent Schools, Sevenoaks winning and P. Rowland of Kings Canterbury running fastest lap of 9.59. Skinners/Tunbridge Wells won in 1976 and Adrian Stewart of Longmead/Hemel Hempstead was fastest in 9.38. Langleybury won in 1977 and Neil Cowie of King Henry VIII ran 9.42 for fastest lap, but the trophy went back south of the Thames in 1978, Maidstone winning in a course record of 60.15, the strong Haydon squad finishing over a minute behind. Harrow Weald S.F.C. had now absorbed most of the Harrow County cross country team after the school lost its 6th form and Mark Cursons ran the 3rd equal fastest lap with Haydon's Chris Cornwell in 9.47, Dave Black of Maidstone being fastest in 9.33. 1979 saw Haberdashers win back the trophy with Hamish McInnes running the glory leg. Harrow Weald, meanwhile, were running up and down the field, starting 18th through Dave Knox, Russell Ball gaining 10 places on leg 2, then Vince Reynolds dropping to 14th on leg 3. Andy Deighton ran fastest lap of the day (9.39) to gain 7 places and Stuart Penny pulled us up to 5th. Mark Cursons ran a fast 9.41 to bring the team within 6 seconds of St. Albans and bronze medals, finishing 4th.

Maidstone again won in 1980 and in an interesting race, Haydon eventually finished 3rd, Laurence Harvey running 3rd fastest lap in 9.43, whilst an unknown, M. Parker of Bishop Douglas, ran the fastest lap in 9.41. An Old Gayts team guested and finished last. Maidstone became the first team to break the magic hour in 1981 setting a course record 59.42, well ahead of second placed St. Albans 62.19. Haydon were 11th and Harrow Weald 17th. A. Saker of Maidstone was fastest man in 9.34.

Best times by Old Gayts runners: (some 1975-78 times not available)

9.39	Andy Deighton	1979	11.05	Pete Nichols	1963
9.41	Mark Cursons	1979	11.12	Trevor Hartman	1973
9.43	Laurence Harvey	1980	11.15	Ian Barnfather	1974
9.47	Chris Cornwell	1978	11.22+	Mike Baron	1974
9.48	Phil O'Brien	1974	11.29	Tony McGahan	1969
9.54	Pete Griffiths	1966	11.31	Ian White	1981
10.02	Stuart Penny	1979	11.32	Vince Reynolds	1979
10.02	Derek Wolfe	1972	11.33	Chris Birtles	1981
10.07	Tony Perkins	1980	11.34	Chris Trowell	1979
10.14	Hamish McInnes	1979	11.35+	Mike Lepps	1974
10.17	Russell Ball	1979	11.35	Nigel Bastin	1980
10.20	Jim Moseley	1973	11.46	Peter Taberner	1980
10.24	Dennis Orme	1973	11.49	Andy Welch	1980
10.35	Adrian Hopson	1979	11.58	Keith White	1981
10.35	Gareth Smith	1973	12.09	Warren Thomas	1981
10.42	Rob Heath	1971	12.19	Andy Dyer	1980
10.43	Graham Sillitoe	1971	12.49	Bob Fox	1981
10.54	Roger Kraushaar	1965	13.10	Simon Cass	1980
11.00+	Colin Greatrex	1973			

+ may not be a p.b.

OLD GAYTS GOLDEN JUBILEE SEASON.

As Diamond Jubilee year draws to a close, let us look back 10 years to the club's Golden Jubilee season 1971. Out of eleven fixtures contested, the club won ten and gained promotion to Division 3 of the Southern League.

Unlike this year, the Diamond Jubilee Cross Country race was held before the track season. In those days the race was held over Harrow Hill starting in Sudbury Court Drive and taking in Football Lane twice. Previously, this annual race had just been an old boys versus school fixture, but in 1971 several other clubs were invited and it was the first official Old Gayts C.C. Race. Pete Griffiths won for the sixth consecutive year in 18.06, a time which was never bettered over the hill course, but the club lost to Old Fullerians. A young Hugh Jones, this year's A.A.A. marathon champion, finished 12th and 30 finished the race and 6 teams closed in.

The first athletics fixture of the season was against the school which the club won by 80 points to 59. A seven man team competed in a three way fixture at Roehampton winning with 77 points to Bank of England's 74 and St. Christophers 30.

The first Southern League fixture was at Croydon. As several members of the club were first claim members of other clubs in those days, we couldn't field our strongest team, and we finished 3rd, although the clubs ahead of us were ineligible for promotion. Our only winners were John Mahaffey 11.8 "B" 100m and 23.0 "B" 200m, and Rod Stevens "B" 110m hurdles. A week later we won a 4 way match at Teddington with 109 points to Latymerians 93, Lensbury 66, G.L.C. 40. And another week later we held a 4 way match at Bannister winning with 115, St. Mary's Hospital 93, Bank of England 89, Old Fullerians 72. Andy Kerr set club records of 14.75 shot and 48.41 discus.

The club's Golden Jubilee match was on June 27th at Bannister and we fielded probably our best ever team up to then, including 2 internationals and 7 past or present county champions. As this year, we won by a massive margin, 257 points to Old Fullerians 170, Lensbury 164, Old Latymerians 142 and G.L.C. 89. We won 10 of the 13 events, two others going to Lensbury's international Dave Scharer. Our winners were: Andy Kerr 14.45 shot/49.18 discus (club record), Pete Griffiths 4.10.0 1500m/8.51.0 3000m, Dick Philps 6.01 LJ/13.81 TJ, Derek Wolfe 2.02.8 800m, Bob Russell 1.67 HJ, Tim Raine 54.8 400m and the relay team won in 47.3.

A week later an eight man squad competed in the next Southern League at Southampton and we finished 3rd again. Our winners were John Mahaffey 11.0 100m and Rod Stevens 11.1 "B" 100m/110 hurdles. The small squad managed to fill every event, Frank Berry scoring 25 points in 7 events and Tim Raine 23 in 6 events.

We narrowly won another home fixture with 105 points to Lensbury 102½, G.L.C. 99, Meadhurst 61½. Andy Kerr set another club record with a 14.97 shot putt. A week later we won the London Old Boys championships for the 2nd year running, beating 10 other teams. Our winners were Andy Kerr 14.82 shot/46.78 discus (meeting record), Dick Philps 6.18 LJ, Dave Bateman 47.95 javelin and John Mahaffey 23.8 200m. A week later a weakened team just beat Old Fullerians at Watford, victory going on the final event, the sprint relay which we won in 46.8.

A week later a weakened team finished 3rd behind G.L.C. and Bank of England in a 4 way match at G.L.C. The final fixture of the season, the 3rd round of the Southern League, at Highgate, was cancelled due to a wet track, but our performances from the previous two rounds gave us promotion to Division 3 as a fitting end to the season. The only other club fixture in 1971 was the London Transport relay where we finished 5th out of 17, the "B" team finishing 8th, Pete Griffiths was 5th fastest in 13.41.

Club champion, and junior champion, in 1971 was Rod Stevens with 4935 points narrowly defeating Tim Raine who scored 4900. The club had four county champions, Andy Kerr winning the shot and discus, Pete Griffiths the steeple and Dick Philps the junior triple jump. Andy was also well placed in the A.A.A. and Inter-Counties champs.

Leading athletes in 1971: 100m J. Mahaffey 11.0, 200m J. Mahaffey 23.0, 400m A. Wiggett 52.8, 800m D. Wolfe 2.02.8, 1500m P. Griffiths 4.10.0, 3000m P. Griffiths 8.51.0, 5000m R. Kraushaar 16.35.0, 110H T. Raine 20.2, 400H T. Raine 66.5, S/C A. McGahan 12.15.0, HJ J. Russell 1.67, LJ R. Philps 6.52, TJ R. Philps 13.81, PV J. Mahaffey & F. Berry 1.52, Shot A. Kerr 14.96, Discus A. Kerr 49.17, Hammer A. Cresswell 18.44, Javelin D. Bateman 47.95.

Information drawn from Tony Bush's
captain's report for 1971.