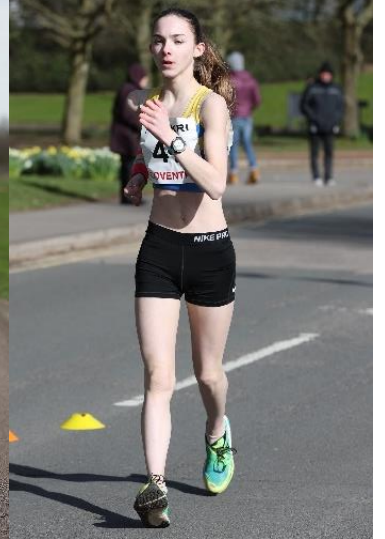




Race Walking Record

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“The Road to Recovery”

A Limited Return to Competition – July 2020

The officers of the association have been monitoring the advice and restrictions given by the government and the sport's governing bodies (EA and UKA) and then looking at how some form of race walking competition might be re-introduced.

Race walking events are now resuming on both the Isle of Man and Guernsey as both islands have been Covid-free for some time. These events are, however, only open to residents of the respective island and must be staged in strict adherence to the locally imposed Covid control measures. Permit applications for races on these islands are now back to the normal process.

The latest easing or restrictions announced by the government means that some amateur sporting events on the mainland are feasible but the staging of race walking events will be very difficult. The blanket ban on athletic events in England has now been lifted and EA are planning to stage some limited track and field events later in July and into August.

The RWA have decided to follow the same path as other athletics disciplines, at least for the time being. This means that there will be **no road** race walking events until at least the end of July. We will be reviewing this towards the end of the month. Permits for **track** race walking events will be considered but in a similar manner to the T&F permitting process.

All **track** race walking events should be carefully planned to comply with all national, local and venue imposed restrictions and advice (e.g. social distancing, hygiene etc.). This will need to include a fully detailed Covid control action plan. Before applying for a permit (race licence), the organiser should secure permission from the venue and confirmation of attendance by a full cohort of officials.

To assist with “track and trace”, it is expected that all events will need to be pre-entry only and a register maintained of names and addresses for all attendees (athletes, officials, volunteers, supporters, and spectators).

Permit applications should then be made to the RWA Honorary General Secretary in the usual manner but supported by copies of the Covid control action plan, usual risk assessment, permission from venue and confirmation from officials. This will be reviewed by the officers of the association and if considered viable it will then be submitted to UK Athletics and their insurance provider. If UK Athletics approve and the insurer is willing to underwrite the event then, and only then, will a permit be issued.

Under no circumstances should an event be advertised until a permit application has been submitted. Once an application has been submitted, it is permissible to advertise the event provided that it clearly states: **“Permit Applied For”**. Once a race licence has been granted, the permit number should be clearly shown on all adverts and event documents.

ATHLETES and OFFICIALS: Make sure you do not attend any event without a valid permit.

A full list of permitted events is pinned on the Race Walking Association Facebook page, so will be the first post you see when you visit. If the event doesn't appear here then it doesn't have an RWA permit, although it could potentially have a T&F permit if it is part of a T&F meeting.

RWA Championships & Inter-Area Match

It had been hoped to stage this year's inter-area match on a track in early September. Unfortunately, the re-arranged British Athletics championships will now clash with our planned date and it appears that other national level events are also being considered for September. In light of this, we have taken the decision to abandon all RWA promotions for the competition year ending 31st September 2020 but are looking forward to the possibility of great race walking in the 2020-21 season.

Colin Vesty

RWA President and Honorary General Secretary

05-07-2020

Winners in the recent R.W.A 200 Club draws

	£25.00	£15.00	£10.00
May	S.R.W.A.	Michael George	John Eddershaw
June	Pam Ficken	Carl Lawton	John Constantinou
July	Tony Taylor	Greg Smith	Michael George

It is £12 per number per year, so if you wish to join please contact Mark Easton (rwatreasurer@yahoo.co.uk) for further details.

NEWS



The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has announced a 24-hour change to the dates for Birmingham 2022. Competition will now take place between 28th July and 8th August, instead of 27th July and 7th August. The adjustment comes after the "significant impact to the international sporting calendar caused by COVID-19", the CGF said. It means the Games will now open on a Thursday and end on a Monday and include two full weekends.

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The traditional international race walking event in Podesbrady, Czech Republic, which should have taken place on 4th April but was postponed due to coronavirus, has been re-scheduled to the 10th October.

The 88th edition, is an EAA Permit Meeting and a match between national teams of France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, and the Czech Republic.

There has not yet been an announcement as to whether England Athletics will be sending any athletes to compete.



Road to Tokyo 2021

World Athletics has launched an online tool that allows athletes with aspirations of participating at the next Olympic Games in Tokyo to know their current situation.

The system implemented online [[here](#)] allows in real time to see the selection process simply by searching the database by discipline and

we are able to see who has already obtained direct qualification and those who are placed in the top 60. The maximum number of athletes for each walk (20km M & W; 50km M) will be 60 and still only three per nation.

Current standing of GB & NI Athletes on 6th July:

20km M: Qualified by entry standard – Tom Bosworth – 1:20:53
 20km M: In World Ranking quota – Callum Wilkinson – 23rd 1191 points
 20km M: Next best by World Rankings – Cameron Corbishley – 120th 1082 points
 20km W: In World Ranking quota – Heather Lewis – 62nd 1070 points
 20km W: Next best by World Rankings – Bethan Davies – 89th 1029 points
 50km M: In World Ranking quota – Cameron Corbishley – 65th 1126 points
 50km M: In World Ranking quota – Dominic King – 82nd 1105 points

1970 Commonwealth Games - Golden Anniversary

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On Saturday 18th July 2020 at 1.07pm it will be 50 years - to the minute that Bill Sutherland crossed an Edinburgh finish line in the bronze medal position at the end of a Commonwealth Games 20 Mile Walk with 2:37:24 on the large stadium timing clock. In a race held in cool and windy conditions, the front four were well spaced by the time they wheeled back into a brand-new Meadowbank Stadium, which had been built for the Commonwealth Games and officially opened on 2nd May by the Duke of Kent. In 1986 Meadowbank became the first Stadium to stage a Commonwealth Games for a second time. The top four were Noel Freeman (AUS), Bob Gardiner (AUS), Bill Sutherland (SCO) and Bob Dobson (ENG - an early leader as they left the stadium, on his international debut). Their times were 2:33:33, 2:35:55, 2:37:24 and 2:39:55, respectively.

Defending champion Ron Wallwork was just behind in a very close 2:40:10. Our Home Nations were well represented with England, Guernsey, Isle-of-Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales all in contention. Nineteen finished, (1 DQ and 1 DNF).

Bill's success wasn't as good as it should have been. When on his concluding lap of the Stadium track the BBC's Commentator, the late great David Coleman - appeared to know little about the medallist (something race walkers get used to). Despite being the first Scot to win a medal at the 1970 Games, Bill didn't make their official Scottish team photograph - as he didn't have his uniform, so wasn't permitted to take his place in the line-up. Bill had encountered problems getting his official uniform.



"It would have helped had David Coleman known who I was. I think he did eventually mention I was a London policeman and I was thrilled to receive my medal from the late Walter Batson OBE, former Chairman of the Met Police Race Walking Club.

I sent my personal details up for my official pass and clothes measurements all together but, unfortunately, they mislaid my clothes measurements, although I did get my pass. This meant I could not go on the opening or closing ceremony, but I did get my uniform eventually. I did however have a tracksuit and vest with number 319 thereon, so 13 has been my lucky number from then on.

The build-up to the Games were not easy either as I did the MPAA Track and Field Championships at Hendon Cophall Fields in preparation in early July, winning in 12:57.8 inside the AAA Grade 1 Standard. The MPAA Committee decided to award me the Turner Shield for Best Championship Performance only for the Chairman, Commissioner Sir John WALDRON to disagree as he did not consider Race Walking to be an athletic event! However, the Secretary on advice of the Committee decided to call an Emergency General Meeting at the venue and the Commissioner's decision was overturned on a further vote! Perhaps if Inspector Charlie FOGG had won the race in the same time things might have been different as I was only a PC!

At the 1971 MP Race Walking Club Dinner and Reunion at the Swan, Stockwell, the Commissioner Sir John WALDRON presented me with a plaque for my achievement of winning the Bronze Medal. Men only in those days, much to the approval of Sam Soane of the Metropolitan Walking Club. Quite a tale eh!"

Full race result - from <https://thecgf.com/>

Posn	Athlete	Nation	Perf	Notes
1	Noel Freeman	AUS	2:33:33	CR
2	Robert Gardiner	AUS	2:35:55	
3	William Sutherland	SCO	2:37:24	
4	Robert Dobson	ENG	2:39:55	
5	Ronald Wallwork	ENG	2:40:10	
6	Leonard Duquemin	GUE	2:42:48	
7	Shaun Lightman	ENG	2:44:50	
8	Felix Cappella	CAN	2:45:16	
9	Alexander Oakley	CAN	2:48:07	
10	John Moullin	GUE	2:48:07	
11	Richard Rosser	WAL	2:49:41	
12	Karl-Heinz Merschenz	CAN	2:50:32	
13	John Callow	IOM	2:51:21	
14	David Smyth	NIR	2:53:49	
15	John Cannell	IOM	2:56:19	
16	David Dorey	GUE	3:03:41	
17	Nolan Simmons	TRI	3:08:23	
18	Bala Krishna Subramamian	SGP	3:13:22	
19	Francis Thomas	TRI	3:14:58	
	Ian Hodgkinson	IOM	DNF	
	Bachan Singh	IND	DQ	

Tony Challis R.I.P.

The Race Walking Association is saddened to report the death of Tony Challis, aged 89.

Tony had been a successful racing cyclist and runner before giving his all to race walking.

Tony served in the Royal Air Force for 35 years with 19 different postings, being demobbed in the rank of Chief Technician ending with 4 years at RAF Coltishall near the Norfolk Broads. Tony and his wife Barbara liked Norfolk as they had a caravan in that County where they enjoyed many pleasant times.

Like many talented Royal Air Force race walkers Tony joined a now defunct Trowbridge & District AC. In competition Tony's name is in many Open 7 mile result sheets - always with early/mid 50 minutes' timings - with sub-80 minutes' National 10 Miles' times also on an impressive record.

On the track Tony was always prominent in Royal Air Force Championships over 2 Miles, then 3,000 metres as metrication kicked-in. Tony was responsible for a rule being imposed across the board in all RAF sports - this after an annual triangular Representative Match - Royal Air Force v Trowbridge v Bristol over 7 miles at RAF Colerne in Wiltshire. In charge of the Royal Air Force team that day was Flying Officer Fry.

For some reason (maybe even an administrative error) Tony wasn't selected for the Royal Air Force team. As Tony belonged to Trowbridge AC and was then stationed locally, he turned out for his Civilian Club. Not only did Tony win this race, but Trowbridge pipped the RAF to win the match. Afterwards the proverbial "muck hit the fan",

following which the Air Ministry brought in a rule that no serving Royal Air Force personnel may appear in sporting teams against the RAF.

Over a long period, Tony gained selection for the Combined Forces who did well in annual Ryan Cup Representative Matches against the British Police & Civil Service over 10 miles in its heyday. A Combined Services team - actually it was nine various RAF men + the late Lance Corporal Phil Thorne of the Hussars - who was also a Trowbridge AC star. *Source: Dave Ainsworth*

Domestic Results

The Moulton Five "Covid" Handicap Moulton (Sun. 21st Jun.)

Wilkinson Family become the "Moulton Five" to keep the Moulton Five alive

The 19th annual Moulton Walks inaugurated in 2002 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II, were scheduled to take place on 14th June, but like every other event or function in the land fell victim to the Coronavirus, **reports Ron Wallwork**. However, to maintain the continuity of the event Tracey, Tony, Callum, George, and Jonathan Wilkinson undertook a symbolic unofficial staging of the race on 21st June.

Mixed 5 Mile (B)

Pos	Athlete	AG	Club	Perf
1	Callum Wilkinson	U23M	Enfield & Haringey AC	35:22
2	George Wilkinson	U20M	Enfield & Haringey AC	38:33
3	Tony Wilkinson	M55	Unattached	59:03
4	Jonathan Wilkinson	SENM	Unattached	59:12
5	Tracey Wilkinson	N/K	Unattached	64:09



George Wilkinson



Callum Wilkinson

Sarnia WC Sean Pender Trophy 2000m Handicap Track Walk, Footes Lane (Sun. 5th Jul.)

Sarnia Walking Club Returns to Racing

Wet and blustery conditions met the walkers on their return to racing with Jayne Le Noury starting first and finishing first in the annual Sean Pender handicap walk over 2000m at Footes Lane, **reports Rob Elliott**.

Jayne's margin of victory was 28 seconds over second placed Mick Le Sauvage. Fastest walker of the day Stuart Le Noury finishing in third place close behind. Stuart's sub-9 minute time was a new personal best and walked at a consistent place throughout the five laps. Clocking an average 1.46 lap he finished with a fast 8:50.

Handicap 2000m (B)

Pos	Athlete	AG	Club	Watch/Actual
1	Jayne Le Noury	W60	Sarnia Walking Club	15:24/15:24
2	Mick Le Sauvage	M80	Sarnia Walking Club	15:42/14:12
3	Stuart Le Noury	SENM	Sarnia Walking Club	15:50/08:50
4	Dave Dorey	M70	Sarnia Walking Club	15:58/15:28
5	Rob Elliott	M60	Sarnia Walking Club	16:13/11:58
6	Jason Le Noury	SENM	Sarnia Walking Club	16:23/09:53
7	Peter Beckerleg	M60	Sarnia Walking Club	16:33/13:18
8	Kevin Le Noury	M60	Sarnia Walking Club	16:34/13:19

Domestic Events Cancelled or Postponed

March

21 RWA Inter Area Match Sheffield **Cancelled**

April

4th Cecil Gittens Memorial Gravesend Moved to 3rd Oct.

11th Macclesfield Shield Macclesfield Postponed

19th RWA National 10km & YAG Coventry **Cancelled**

24th South Yorkshire League 2 Sheffield On hold

26th Midland Track Champs. Stratford Postponed

May

3rd Graham Mann Handicap Guernsey Postponed

4th SCVAC League (Herts/Middx) Lee Valley **Cancelled**

4th SCVAC League S. London ? **Cancelled**

6th EMAC League Various **Cancelled**

8th Hampshire T & F Champs. Portsmouth **Cancelled**

10th Essex T & F Champs. Chelmsford **Cancelled**

10th Midlands Triangular Match W'hampton **Cancelled**

10th Sarnia WC Championship 3 Guernsey **Postponed**

17th Sean Pender Handicap Guernsey **Held 5th July**

25th Pednor 5 Chesham **Postponed**

27th Surrey & Sussex Schools Crawley **Cancelled**

29th South Yorkshire League 3 Sheffield **On hold**

30th/31st Kent County Championships Ashford **Cancelled**

31st Sarnia WC Championship 4 Guernsey **Postponed**

June

5th South Yorkshire League 4 Sheffield **On hold**

6th Jack Fitzgerald Memorial Crawley **Now 24th Oct.**

6th/7th England Athletics U20/U23 Bedford **Postponed**

7th Sarnia WC Championship 5 Guernsey **Postponed**

14th Sarnia WC Championship 6 Guernsey **Postponed**

15th Sussex Masters League Lewes **Cancelled**

19th South Yorkshire League 5 Sheffield **On hold**

20th/21st British Athletics Champs. Manchester **Moved to 4th/5th Sept.**

27th Enfield League Allianz Park **Suspended**

28th BMAF/Midland 20km Coventry **Postponed**

28th Sarnia Road Walk Guernsey **Postponed**

July

17th Sarnia WC Championship 8 Guernsey **Reinstated**

18th SIAB International Derby **Cancelled**

18th Enfield League Allianz Park **Suspended**

26th Sarnia WC Piette Cup Guernsey **Reinstated**

28th Woodford Open Walks Woodford **See Note Below**

August

6th Centurions 100 Mile Colchester **Cancelled**

7th Sarnia WC Championship 9 Guernsey **Reinstated**

16th Sarnia WC Championship 10 Guernsey **Reinstated**

22nd Enfield League Allianz Park **Suspended**

25th Woodford Open Walks Woodford **See Note Below**

Woodford Open Walks: Ashton Playing Fields, Woodford Green, are closed "until further notice"; this list will be updated when more is known.

All Enfield League fixtures are suspended until further notice.

RWA Permits have been granted for the following events

July

16th (A) Manx Summer 5km & Junior Walks NSC, Douglas

17th (B) Sarnia Championship 3km Amarreurs Road, Vale

