

ENGLISH CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

President's list since Chain presented in 1948

Presented to 'ECCU' by Samson Howard Esq - Sheffield United Harriers.

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| 1948 Samson Howard* | Sheffield United H | 1984 Ken G Dare* Solihull & Small Heath AC |
| 1949 Harry PT Phipps* | BTH (Rugby) Recreation Club | 1985 Les Golding* Eton Manor AC |
| 1950 H Parks* | Belgrave H | 1986 Matt Frazer* Darlington AC |
| 1951 John C Kennedy* | North Shield Poly AC | 1987 Denis R Saunders* SKF AC |
| 1952 Geoffrey Austin* | Birchfield H | 1988 David R Denton Newark AC |
| 1953 Jack G Stubbs* | South London H | 1989 Alan J Brent* Blackheath H |
| 1954 Fred Ireland* | Winton Harriers AC | 1990 Joe W Percy* Longwood HAC |
| 1955 Les E Edwards* | Cambridge & Coleridge AC | 1991 Barry J Wallman* Cambridge & Coleridge AC |
| 1956 S Arthur Wright* | West Bromwich H | 1992 Ken Rickhuss* Newark AC |
| 1957 George WS Tolley* | Epsom & Ewell H | 1993 Harry J Hicks* Hampstead H |
| 1958 Walter Pearson* | Leeds AC | 1994 Mrs Vera Duerdin* Bury AC |
| 1959 H Payne* | Cambridge City AC | 1995 Les Clinch* SKF AC |
| 1960 Tom Hunt* | Derby AC | 1996 Graham Heeley Sparkhill H |
| 1961 Les J Cohen* | Eton Manor AC | 1997 Graham Brown Verlea AC |
| 1962 AE Parry* | Manchester YMCA | 1998 John Bradshaw Liverpool Pembroke AC |
| 1963 CJ Walton* | Lincoln Wellington AC | 1999 Mrs Mary Gash* Notts AC |
| 1964 Cedric Angove* | B T H Rugby | 2000 Eric Nash Cambridge H |
| 1965 GH Cooper* | Enfield H | 2001 George E Ogle* Tynedale HAC |
| 1966 C Syd Garner* | Rotherham H & AC | 2002 Cliff B Franks* Cheltenham & County H |
| 1967 Cyril H Comber* | Diss AC | 2003 Joe Mower Ipswich H |
| 1968 Jack Hartley* | Coventry Godiva H | 2004 John Temperton Bradford Airedale AC |
| 1969 Ted H Sutters* | Ealing & Southall AC | 2005 Bill Adcocks Coventry Godiva H |
| 1970 Bill Raybould* | Hallamshire H | 2006 Derek Adams Highgate H |
| 1971 HG 'Mac' McDougal* | Luton United AC | 2007 Leo Carroll* Wirral AC |
| 1972 Frank Cull* | Warley AC | 2008 Mick Robinson Notts AC |
| 1973 Ken EG Arbury* | Borough of Enfield AC | 2009 Mrs Maureen Bonanno-Smith Highgate H |
| 1974 J Stan Lubbock* | Sefton Harriers | 2010 Brian Heywood Holmfirth H |
| 1975 George Woodham* | Luton United AC | 2011 Tony I Phillips Tipton H |
| 1976 Harry B Lapworth* | Coventry Godiva H | 2012 Martin Howard Highgate H |
| 1977 Charles J Harrison* | Shaftesbury H | 2013 Mrs Pat Green Liverpool HAC |
| 1978 Jack E Davies* | Manchester H & AC | 2014 Pat Carlan Mansfield AC |
| 1979 George LN Dunn* | Cambridge & Coleridge AC | 2015 Ian S Byett Basingstoke & Mid Hunts AC |
| 1980 George G White* | Leicester & Rutland AC | 2016 Bill McGuirk Wulfsend AC |
| 1981 Cyril J Parr* | Reading AC | 2017 Basil Hentley* Coventry Godiva H |
| 1982 Eddie L Hardy Skyrac AC | | 2018 Richard Inchley Leighton Buzzard AC |
| 1983 Arthur D Maddy* Bedfordshire & County AC | | 2019 Kevin Carr Sunderland AC |
| | | 2020 Mrs Rita Brownlie Bromsgrove & Redditch AC |

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



I am greatly honoured to have been nominated by the South of England AA, as President of the English Cross Country Association. This is especially so when I recall the names of many previous illustrious Presidents of the ECCA. It is particularly pleasant to recall Harry Hicks, who was a member of my own club, being President in 1992-93. I should mention that my abilities as a runner were never more than mediocre, whereas Harry was an elite performer.

These past few months have been a dreadful time for athletics, sport and life in general. Covid-19 has affected all of us, either directly or indirectly. It has taken the lives of many people before their time. So may I ask you to spare a few moments to think of them and of all those caring for them?

Now that lock-down conditions are easing, we can, hopefully, look forward to some resumption of activity, although I suspect that activities will still not be entirely back to normal. Let us hope that an effective vaccine and better treatments can be produced.

At the time of writing, I believe the Area and National Cross-Country Relays remain scheduled to take place on their respective dates in October. The Area main championships are programmed, as usual, for the end of January. The "National" and the CAU have swapped places for 2021 with the CAU taking place in February and the "National" on 6th March at Parliament Hill. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Cross-country competition cannot take place without the assistance, dedication and hard work of a lot of people and organisations. Venues have to be found and courses devised and marked out. Entries have to be processed before the day and results produced after the race. On the day, teams of officials are needed at start and finish, and numbers of marshals are required around the course. I would like to pay tribute to every volunteer involved at any level from grass-roots to National championships.

The national championships of most sports tend to only involve elite competitors. We are fortunate that, in cross-country, average club runners have the opportunity to test themselves against the best. Cross-country is truly a great sport in which so many competitors are able to participate.

Chris Stott
Barnet & District AC
ECCA President 2020 - 2021