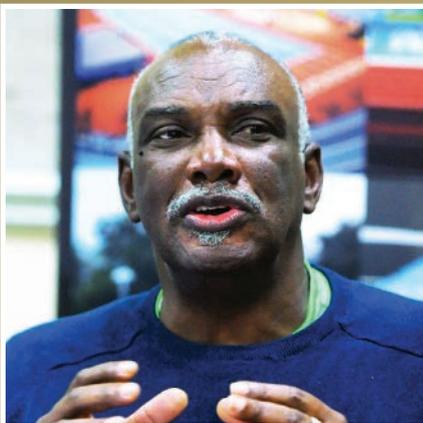
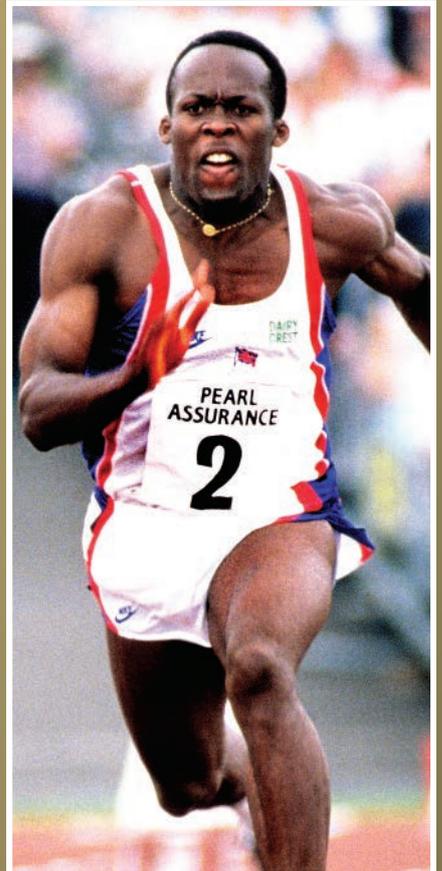
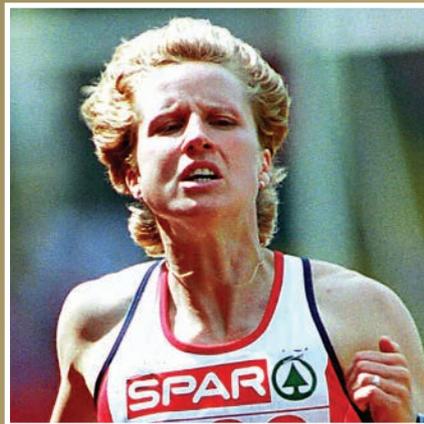


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INTRODUCTION

It is always a pleasure to see people from across the sport gather for the England Athletics Hall of Fame and National Volunteer Awards.

As we see and hear of the contributions made to our sport through this one event we can be inspired and feel a great sense of gratitude for the impact that these people each have had.

We have much to be grateful for in terms of our rich heritage and the tremendous contributions that so many people are currently making.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees once again show the wonderful variety of people who achieve great success in the sport, and the range of opportunities that these individuals were able to create for themselves and others.

We see how, as well as talent, they have brought their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm to the sport of athletics.

The experiences of our best athletes highlight how they were supported in their endeavours by the contributions of others and it is telling how many often go on to make wider contributions within the sport and elsewhere.

As well as success as athletes in the competitive arena this year's inductees also reflect these wider and diverse contributions that are so important.

I would like to congratulate all of this year's Hall of Fame inductees, those inducted previously and those more widely who together make our sport one to be proud of.




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Chair
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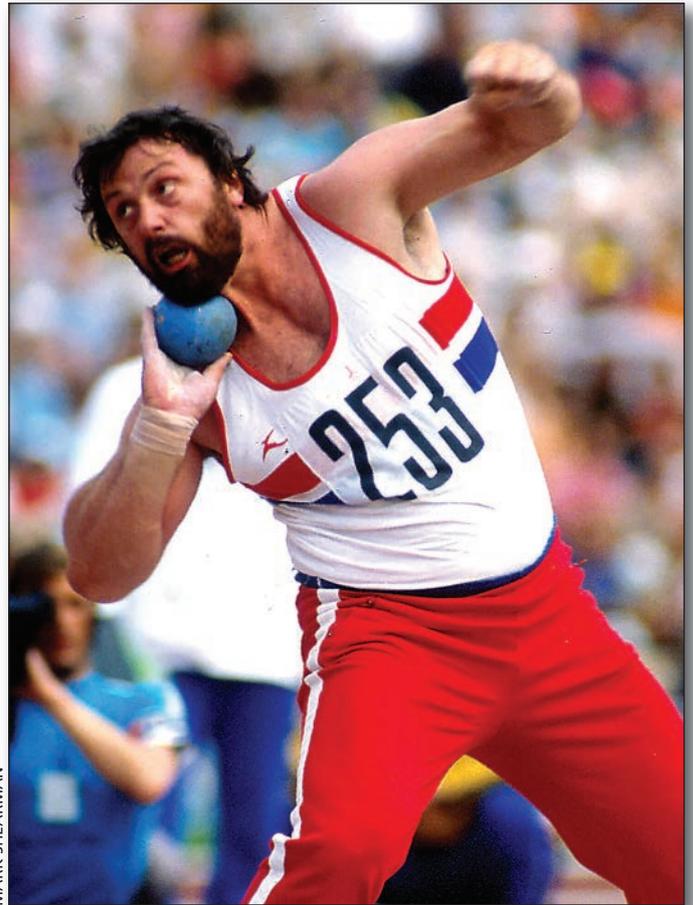
In May 1966 *Athletics Weekly* featured two promising 16 year-old throwers. One was Hungarian-born Joe Bugner, a former English Schools junior discus champion who would turn professional boxer the following year and go on to fight Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier. The other was Geoff Capes, already almost 6ft 6in tall and weighing over 16 stones. Believe it or not, he was the smallest of five brothers and in his early days as an athlete ran a 4:48 mile and raced cross country!

The turning point in Capes' life was when he came under the coaching influence of international high hurdler Stuart Storey who had recognised his shot putting potential. Capes began setting age records from 16 onwards and in 1969, at 19, made his debut for the national senior team. Police Constable Capes placed fourth in the 1970 Commonwealth Games but his breakthrough year was 1971 when he went tantalisingly close to the UK record held by his hero, Arthur Rowe. In 1972 he smashed that record with a distance of 20.18.

It was in 1974 that he became one of the world's elite. At the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch he ensured the gold medal with his opening effort of 20.74, and a fulfilling winter season continued apace as he set a European indoor record of 20.95 for victory in the European Indoor Championships. Outdoors, in June, he raised the Commonwealth record to the landmark figure of 21.00. Another milestone followed in August when he became only the sixth man in the world to reach 70 feet with a put of 21.37. It was all going so well, but at the European Championships in Rome – with everyone throwing far below their best – he had to settle for bronze.

The 1975 season was one of consolidation, although he was world ranked number one. He picked up a silver in the European Indoors and won at the European Cup Final, his best for the season being 20.80. His advance resumed in 1976. Indoors, he set a European record of 20.98 and regained the European title. Outdoors, he boosted his Commonwealth record to 21.55 but disappointment awaited him at the Montreal Olympics. He had the third longest throw in the qualifying competition but in the final he could muster only 20.36 for sixth place as the title went unexpectedly to the GDR's Udo Beyer at 21.05. His despair at missing the opportunity of a lifetime was intense.

It would be another four years before he would improve his best mark again. In the meantime, though, he collected more medals, including a second gold at the 1978 Commonwealth Games. In May 1980 he came up with his longest ever throw: a Commonwealth record of 21.68 which survived as the British record for 23 years. He went into the Moscow Olympics ranked second but a back injury ruined his chances and he placed fifth. His athletics career may have ended in frustration but Capes went on to become even better known to the general public by twice winning the televised World's Strongest Man title as well as being one of the country's foremost budgerig breeders.



MARK SHEARMAN

GEOFF CAPES

Born: 23.8.1949, Holbeach (Lincolnshire)

Clubs: Holbeach AC, Birchfield Harriers, Borough of Enfield Harriers

Major medals: Gold – 1974 & 1978 Commonwealth, 1974 & 1976 European Indoor; Silver – 1975, 1977 & 1979 European Indoor; Bronze – 1974 European, 1978 European Indoor

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018



MARK SHEARMAN

DAME JESSICA ENNIS-HILL

Born: 28.1.1986, Sheffield

Club: Sheffield & Dearne AC

Major medals: Gold – 2005 European Junior, 2009, 2011 & 2015 World, 2010 European, 2012 Olympic Heptathlon; 2010 World Indoor Pentathlon;

Silver – 2012 World Indoor Pentathlon;

Bronze – 2006 Commonwealth Heptathlon

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018



When winning the pentathlon silver medal at the 1964 Games, Mary Rand started a glorious tradition of British female all-rounders excelling at Olympic level. Mary Peters broke the world record when winning the pentathlon in 1972, Denise Lewis was crowned heptathlon champion in 2000 and Kelly Sotherton was a medallist in 2004 and 2008. But it's Jessica Ennis-Hill who is without question Britain's most successful female multi-eventer.

She was just 13 when she came under the coaching eye of Toni Minichiello. Their blossomed into one of the most fruitful athlete-coach partnerships in British athletics history.

Jessica didn't exactly set the world alight that year (1999) when she competed in the English Schools Championships, placing tenth in the high jump and 15th in the pentathlon. Improvement was rapid, though, for the following year she won the English Schools and WAAA junior girls' high jump titles... and never looked back. In 2005 she won the European junior heptathlon title and the following year placed an inspired third at the Commonwealth Games. In 2007, despite being only 1.64m tall, she cleared 1.95 (a foot above her head!) to equal the British high jump record. But in 2008 she suffered crushing disappointment when three stress fractures ended her dream of competing in the Beijing Olympics.

Happily, she not only recovered in time for the 2009 season but ended up as world heptathlon champion – and that despite being persuaded to change her long jump take-off foot. It all worked out beautifully, for not only did she improve her best score substantially to 6731, but that year she produced lifetime bests in the 800m, hurdles, shot, javelin and, yes, long jump. In 2010 she claimed the world indoor pentathlon and European outdoor titles with personal best scores of 4937 and 6823, while in 2011 she placed second to Tatyana Chernova at the World Championships – only to be awarded the gold medal years later as the Russian was retrospectively found guilty of doping.

As one of the faces of the 2012 London Olympics there was enormous pressure on her, but she got away to a phenomenal start by breaking the British 100m hurdles record with 12.54, the fastest ever in a heptathlon and good enough to have won the individual title at the 2008 Olympics! Thanks also to a sparkling 200m in 22.83 she led by 184 points after day one and stretched that to a colossal winning margin of 306 points with her highest ever score of 6955. That made her one of Britain's athletics immortals, but she hadn't finished yet. After marrying Andy Hill in May 2013 and giving birth to Reggie in July 2014 she set out to regain the world title in August 2015. She made it this time to Beijing and triumphed again. There was one final challenge: the 2016 Olympics in Rio. She was beaten on that occasion but completed a fabulous career in second place, fighting hard to the end. She was appointed a Dame in the 2017 New Year Honours.

Following a number of controversial incidents at the 1924 Games, race walking was dropped from the 1928 Olympic programme but, thanks largely to pressure by British officials, a 50 kilometres road event was introduced at the 1932 Games.

Fittingly, the winner in Los Angeles was a Briton: 38 year-old father of four, Tommy Green, who had to give up several weeks' wages as a railwayman in Eastleigh to make the long trip to California by ship and train.

Affected by a temperature in the nineties which caused the tar on the roads to melt, Green's winning time of 4:50:10 was nearly a quarter of an hour slower than his personal best when he won the inaugural national championship in 1930 (4:35:36), but what really mattered was that he finished seven minutes ahead of his nearest rival, Janis Dalins of Latvia – a winning margin which has only once been exceeded in the 18 Olympic 50 kilometre races held since. He remains to this day the oldest man to win that title.

At halfway, Green, Dalins and Italy's Ugo Frigerio (winner of three short distance gold medals at the 1920 and 1924 Olympics) were level pegging, and they were still together at the three-quarters distance before Frigerio dropped back. The next to experience a crisis was Green himself, who fell a minute behind Dalins at one stage before being rejuvenated by cold water being thrown over him. Producing a strong finish, Green covered the final quarter of the race faster than any of the preceding segments and that, combined with the stomach cramps which beset Dalins, enabled him to win by close to a mile. As soon as he could, he sent a telegram to his wife Rose back in Hampshire. "I won the gold medal. Very hot. See you all soon. Love Tom." Such was his fame that he was accorded the ultimate recognition for a sports star of that era – his image appeared on a Players cigarette card!

It was remarkable that Green ever became an athlete, never mind an Olympic champion, for he was unable to walk until he was five years old because of rickets, at 16 he was invalided out of the Army (which he had joined under-age at 12) with injuries sustained when a horse fell on him, and while serving in France during the First World War he was wounded three times and was badly gassed. Despite all that, he lived to one day short of his 81st birthday.

A doctor advised him to take up athletics as a protection against the wartime gas that remained in his lungs. He started as a runner but drifted into walking after assisting a war-blinded friend who was training for the St Dunstan's London to Brighton event. He won his first walking race, from Worthing to Brighton, in 1926, aged 32, and later victories included the London to Brighton classic in 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1933 and the Milan 100 kilometres race in 1930. He was unable to defend his Olympic title after finishing fourth in Britain's 1936 50 kilometres trial but continued to compete until he was 54.



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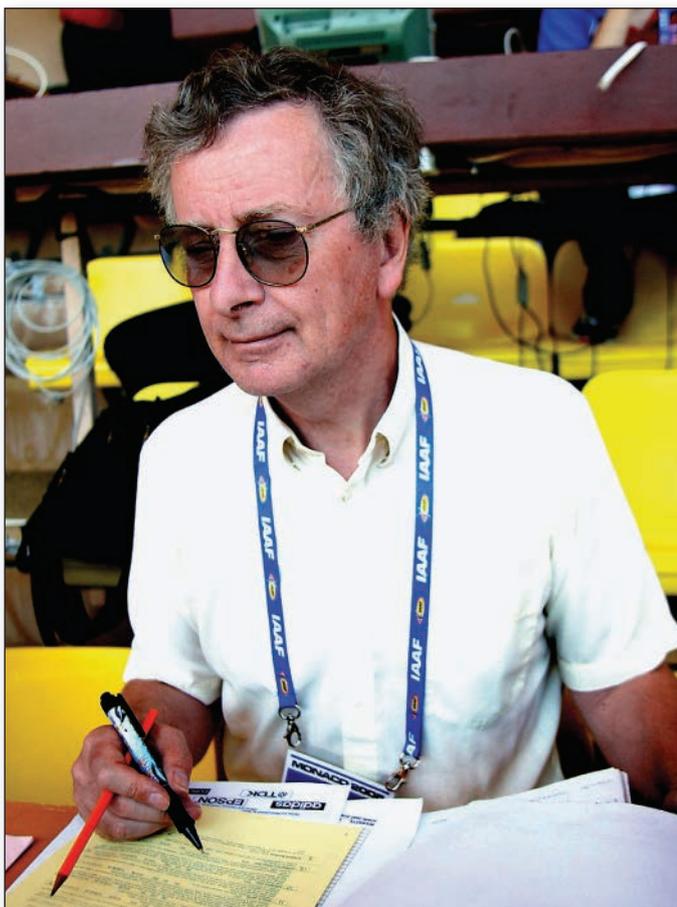
TOMMY GREEN

Born: 30.3.1894, Fareham (Hampshire); died 29.3.1975

Club: Southampton AAC and Belgrave Harriers

Major medals: Gold – 1932 Olympic 50 kilometres walk

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018



MARK SHEARMAN

PETER MATTHEWS

Born: 6.1.1945, Fareham (Hampshire)

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018



Peter Matthews' contribution to athletics spans many decades and roles: a statistician, historian, editor, announcer, radio and television commentator, and club president. His views command respect and he is not reticent about criticising decisions he feels are not in the best interests of the athletes.

He is best known for the multitude of statistical books he has compiled or edited. Without him the sport would be without two essential statistical reference books. *British Athletics*, known as the *NUTS Annual*, and produced by the National Union of Track Statisticians since 1959, contains detailed facts and figures relating to the previous year's British athletics scene. Matthews – who joined the NUTS in 1966 and is currently chairman – began editing the publication from the 1980 edition.

He took over as editor of the *International Athletics Annual*, produced by the worldwide Association of Track & Field Statisticians (ATFS), for the 1985 edition and made it into the *Wisden* of athletics. Added to the deep world lists were new features, including concise biographies of nearly 600 top athletes of the day. In a momentous period for English athletics the UK section that year featured 11 athletes since inducted into this Hall of Fame: Seb Coe, Steve Cram, Peter Elliott, Dave Moorcroft, Steve Ovett, Daley Thompson, Kathy Cook, Judy Oakes, Tessa Sanderson, Wendy Sly and Fatima Whitbread. With Matthews at the helm, the annual currently runs to around 600 pages with over 800 athletes profiled.

Another essential statistical offering has been his UK merit rankings, the 2017 compilation which appeared in *Athletics Weekly* marking its 50th year! Together with Mel Watman, he co-edits and publishes *Athletics International*, which was born in 1993 and prints every worldwide result of significance. As Britain's, and probably the world's, foremost athletics statistician and analyst, he has written, compiled or edited many other books, and was a former editor of the *Guinness Book of Records*, sharing the memory for facts and figures of his predecessors, Norris and Ross McWhirter.

As an announcer Matthews' contribution has included the Commonwealth Games of 1970 and 2002, the 2003 World Indoor Championships, the 2006 European Championships, and countless domestic meetings. He broadcast for BBC Radio from 1975 to 1985, switching to television for ITV (1985-1996), Channel 4, Sky Sports and the IAAF. He has worked as a commentator or media manager at numerous Olympic Games and at every outdoor World Championships.

On the domestic athletics scene Matthews was much involved with the British Athletics League in its early days. He served 25 years as president of the Borough of Enfield Harriers and the merged club Enfield and Haringey, and as president of the UK Counties Athletics Union from 2009 to 2018. In 2009 he was presented with the coveted British Athletics Writers' Association's Ron Pickering Memorial Award for services to athletics by Jean Pickering.

In all too many cases, athletes who shine at a very young age do not go on to make their mark as seniors. But that was certainly not the case with Katharine Merry, who produced an astounding series of precocious performances and yet developed into one of Britain's finest sprinters and, aged 26, an Olympic 400m medallist.

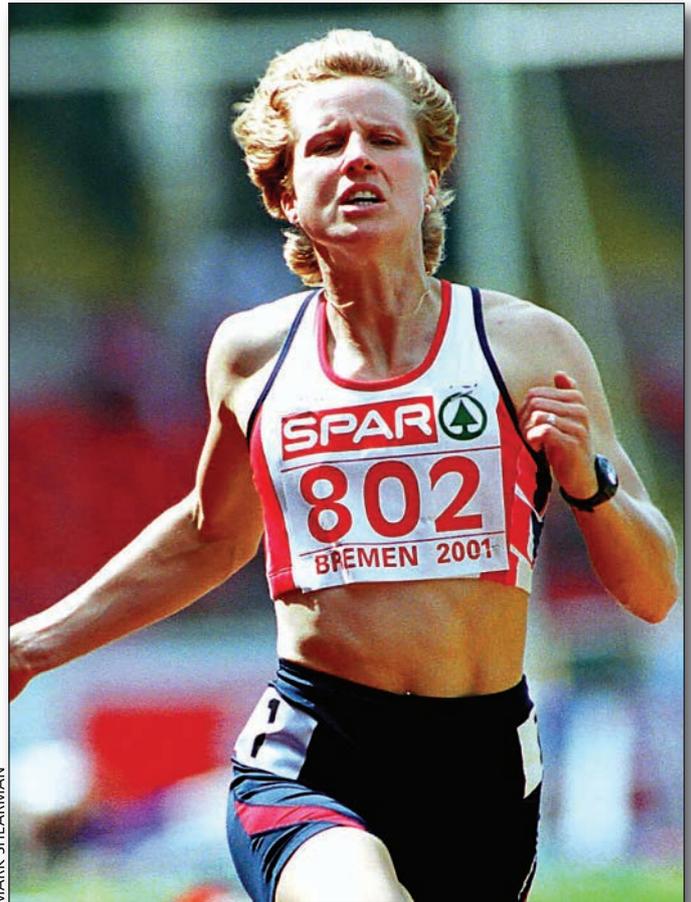
She set age records galore. At 13 in 1988 she not only ran 100m in 11.85 but during a record breaking pentathlon she high jumped 1.74, long jumped a wind assisted 6.05 and skimmed over the 75m hurdles in 11.1. That year she made her junior international debut even though she had five more seasons ahead of her as a junior! She began 1989 sensationally with an indoor 60m time of 7.35 which ranked second fastest among Britain's seniors and was a world age 14 best which stood for 29 years. Merry opened her international medal account with silver in the 4x100m relay at the 1990 World Junior Championships. The following season she won 200m bronze at the European Juniors.

Her achievements in 1993 included winning the UK 200m title and taking gold (200m and 4x100m) and silver (100m) medals at the European Junior Championships. The following year at 200m she broke 23 seconds for the first time with 22.85 when completing a AAA Championships sprint double, scored valuable points in the European Cup with second place in the 100m, 200m and relay ... and made her debut at 400m with a time of 54.0.

She didn't race again at 400m until 1998, proving a revelation with a time of 51.02, while at the European Championships she ran a storming third leg in the relay in 50.4 to help Britain win bronze. She had at last found her strongest event. She reached true world class in 1999, after lowering the British indoor 200m record, which still stands, to 22.83, by placing fifth at the World Championships in 50.52 after clocking 50.21 in her semi-final to rank second to Kathy Cook on the UK all-time list.

Coached by Linford Christie, Katharine reached new heights during what proved to be the final two years of her career in the top flight. In July 2000 she set personal bests of 22.76 and 50.05 while preparing for the Sydney Olympics. The women's 400m final was the most keenly anticipated event of the Games with the vast majority of the 112,000 fans hoping for, no expecting, victory by Australia's own Cathy Freeman. Despite the incredible pressure, Cathy delivered the gold medal in 49.11 while Katharine – on antibiotics due to a virus – narrowly prevailed over team-mate Donna Fraser to snatch the bronze medal with her best time yet of 49.72.

She topped that in 2001, a bittersweet year for her. Undefeated at 400m, she ran 49.59, fastest in the world that season, and was favoured to lift the world title, but a bone spur pressing on her Achilles tendon forced her to withdraw. Further injuries and illness took their toll and she retired, frustrated, in 2005. However, the mother of two has maintained a high profile in the sport ever since as a radio and TV commentator, infield presenter and, of course, as the Hall of Fame host.



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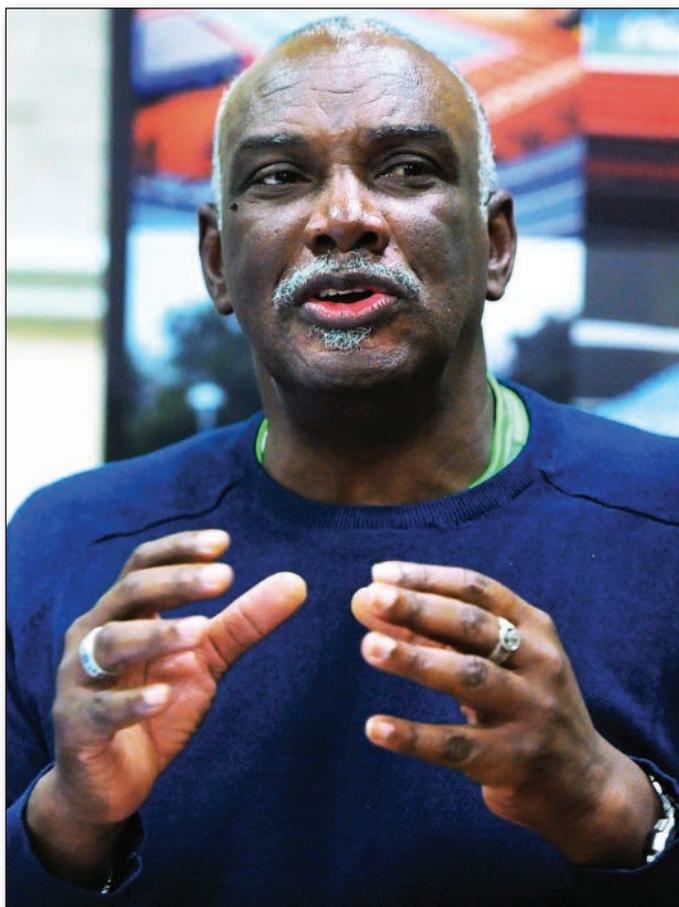
KATHARINE MERRY

Born: 21.9.1974, Dunchurch (near Rugby)

Club: Rugby AC, Birchfield Harriers

Major medals: **Gold** – 1993 European Junior 200m & 4x100m; **Silver** – 1990 World Junior 4x100m, 1991 European Junior 4x100m, 1993 European Junior 100m; **Bronze** – 1991 European Junior 200m, 1998 European 4x400m, 2000 Olympic 400m

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018



MARK SHEARMAN

ASTON MOORE

Born: 8.2.1956, Jamaica

Club: Birchfield Harriers

Major medals: Gold – 1975 European Junior; Bronze – 1978 & 1982 Commonwealth; 1981 European Indoor

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018

“I think the triple jumper is probably the best all-round athlete there is. He’s got to be flexible, fast and powerful.” That was the view of Aston Moore when quoted in *Athletics Weekly* in 1982. He should know, for not only was he a UK record breaker but he went on to become one of the world’s foremost coaches at the event.

Blessed with natural talent, he exceeded 14 metres in his first year of triple jumping, aged 15 and without training. He joined Birchfield Harriers in 1973 and began training under Kevin Reeve. Within two years he was European junior champion, UK junior record holder and a senior international. That title was the first, at any European age level, by a British triple jumper.

He achieved his twin targets for 1976 of breaking the British record and qualifying for the Olympics. He jumped 16.52 to break Fred Alsop’s 1964 mark but, hampered by a sore foot, fouled out in the qualifying round in Montreal. In 1978, he extended his British record to 16.68 when winning the second of his three AAA titles, then added a centimetre to that distance to take the bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games. But that was the occasion when England team-mate Keith Connor made a breakthrough to win with a wind assisted 17.21, backed up by a legal 16.76 to break Moore’s national record.

Moore topped the UK rankings in 1979 with 16.60. In 1981 he took a bronze medal at the European Indoor Championships then produced his longest legal mark of 16.86 and a barrier breaking, if wind aided, 17.02. He shone also in the long jump with a career best of 7.74 indoors. A second Commonwealth Games bronze medal came in 1982. He ended his international career at the 1986 edition in Edinburgh, placing fifth.

Back in 1976, aged 20, he stated that after retirement from competition “I expect I will put back some of what I got out of athletics by coaching.” He was as good as his word, as a coach he has achieved even more distinction than as an athlete.

Just look at some of the triple jumpers he has coached at some time during their careers. Ashia Hansen, a world indoor champion and record breaker as well as winning Commonwealth and European titles ... Phillips Idowu, world, European and Commonwealth Games champion and Olympic silver medallist ... Nathan Douglas, European silver medallist ... Julian Reid, a wind assisted 17.10 performer ... his own son Jonathan Moore, world youth champion in 2001 ... Laura Samuel, Commonwealth Games silver medallist ... and Jamaica’s double Commonwealth champion Kimberly Williams. As a former decathlete, Moore has guided distinguished all-rounders, including multiple heptathlon medallist Kelly Sotherton, Commonwealth champion Louise Hazel and Commonwealth silver medallist Ashley Bryant. His coaching has seen success with para-athletes, led by T44 long jump world champion and record breaker Stef Reid and T38 world and Commonwealth long jump champion Olivia Breen.

The son of the champion bodybuilder of St Lucia, the powerful physique of John Regis made him the most recognisable of sprinters. He was also one of the most versatile. The only man to win four medals in a single European Championships, he won a world indoor 200m title and so very nearly an outdoor one, was a World Championships gold medallist at 4x400m relay, set European bests at 300m (31.67) and low altitude 200m, and even ran a fast 200m hurdles (22.79).

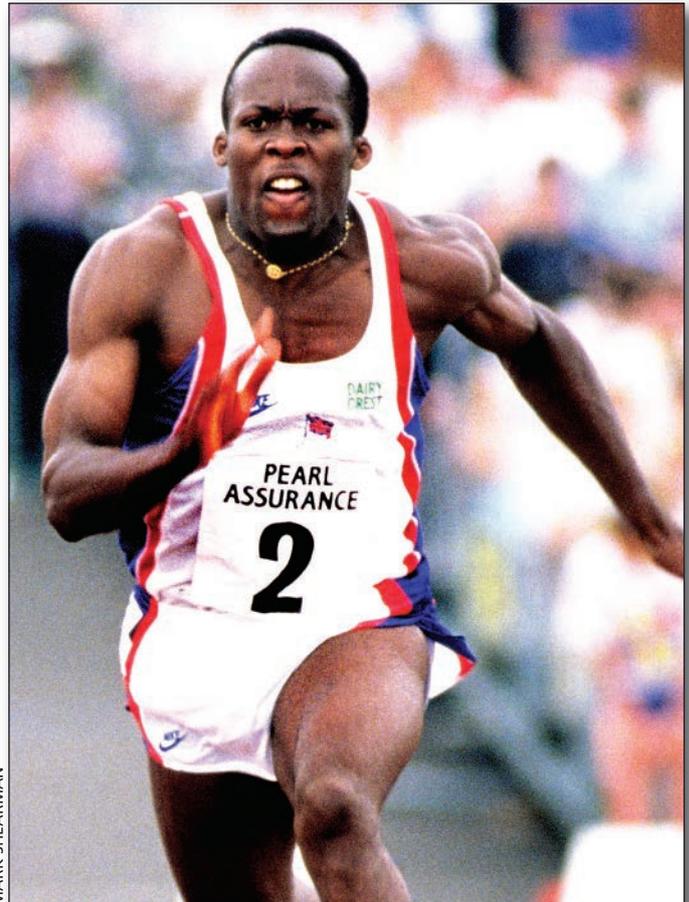
As a junior in 1984 Regis ran a promising 21.31 200m and made a momentous decision. Until then, football had been his main sport. A cousin of England centre forward Cyrille Regis, he had played at Charlton, Newcastle and Arsenal as a schoolboy but decided, for a year at least, to concentrate on athletics. It was during that year (1985) that he really started to make an impression and put football behind him. He dead-heated with Linford Christie for the UK 200m title and at the European Junior Championships he won gold (4x100m) and bronze (100m) medals.

In 1986, still a teenager, he became the fastest European at 200m that summer when winning the AAA title in 20.41. After joining John Isaacs' training group he set a UK indoor record with 20.54 for the bronze medal at the 1987 European Indoor Championships and ran his first 400m relay leg at Cosford ... an impressive 45.6. Outdoors, at the World Championships, he not only broke Allan Wells' UK record with 20.18 but came close to winning. He was in the lead with ten metres to go ... at which point he admits he panicked, allowing Calvin Smith (USA) and Gilles Quénéhervé of France to edge past.

By his standards, he failed to do himself justice in the 100m and 200m at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul but consolation followed in the 4x100m where the British team finished second. The following year he enjoyed a moment of individual glory at 200m when winning Britain's first ever World Indoor Championships gold medal.

At the 1990 European Championships he amassed a record four medals. He took 100m bronze in a just windy 10.07, won the 200m in a personal best of 20.11 and contributed to a UK 4x100m record of 37.98 in second place to France's world record breaking 37.79. In his ninth race he simply ran out of his socks in the 4x400m, blasting through the first 200m in 20.5 or faster and holding on heroically for a split of 43.93! The team won in a European record of 2:58.22.

In 1991 his 44.22 third leg helped the 4x400m team score a famous victory over the USA at the World Championships in Tokyo in the European record time of 2:57.53. He eventually moved on from Isaacs' group and began working with Mike Whittingham (speed endurance) and Mike McFarlane (technique and speed), rising to new heights in 1993. After setting personal bests at 100m (10.15) and 400m (45.48) he knew he was ready for sub-20 and at the World Championships in Stuttgart he finished a brilliant second in 19.94, which is still the UK record, although in 1994 he ran an unratified 19.87 at altitude.



MARK SHEARMAN

JOHN REGIS

Born: 13.10.1966, Lewisham (London)

Clubs: Herne Hill Harriers, Haringey AC, Belgrave Harriers

Major medals: **Gold** – 1985 European Junior 4x100m, 1989 World Indoor 200m, 1990 Commonwealth 4x100m and European 200m & 4x400m, 1991 World 4x400m; **Silver** – 1988 Olympic 4x100m, 1989 European Indoor 200m, 1990 Commonwealth 200m and 1990 European 4x100m, 1993 World 200m & 4x100m, 1994 Commonwealth 200m; **Bronze** – 1985 European Junior 100m, 1987 European Indoor and World 200m, 1990 European 100m, 1991 World 4x100m, 1992 Olympic 4x400m, 1998 Commonwealth 200m

World Record: Indoor 4x200m – 1:22.11 in 1991

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2018

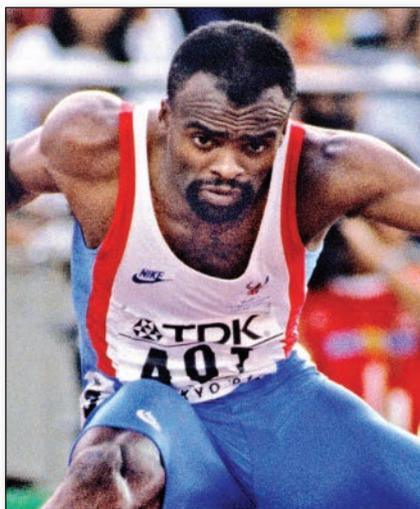
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HAROLD ABRAHAMS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Immortalised in Chariots of Fire as Europe and England's first Olympic 100m champion he was also an athletics journalist, historian and statistician, radio commentator, leading administrator and official. He was an influential member of the IAAF, co-founder of the Association of Track & Field Statisticians and first president of its British offshoot, the NUTS.



MARK SHEARMAN

KRISS AKABUSI

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Always on top form for the big occasion Akabusi took World Championships bronze in 1991 and Olympic silver in 1992 – both in British records. There were Commonwealth (1986 & 1990) and European (1990) gold to go with many 4x400m medals, including the incredible 1991 Tokyo World Championships gold secured as he overhauled world 400m champion Antonio Pettigrew for a historic British win.



MARK SHEARMAN

JOAN ALLISON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

One of Britain's best middle distance runners. She contested the 1968 and 1972 Olympics and claimed Commonwealth silver at 1500m in 1970 and 1974. In 1973 came a 4:36.2 British mile record. Then came successes of a different kind. Joan was British women's team manager at the 1990 Europeans and 1991 World Championships. In 1992 she was promoted to manage the entire British athletics Olympic team, an historic breakthrough.

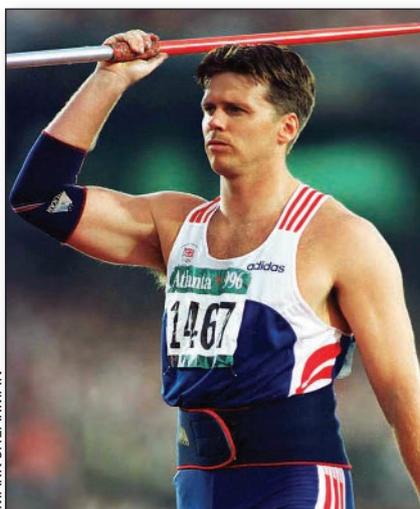


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MALCOLM ARNOLD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

A distinguished coaching career has seen him guide five athletes to becoming Olympic or world champion. Appointed Welsh National Coach in 1974, a position he held for 20 years. He has served as British Athletics Head Coach, UK Athletics Performance Director, UKA Senior Performance Coach and National Event Coach for Hurdles.

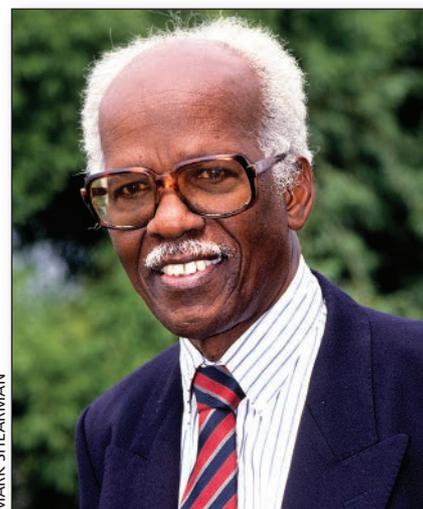


MARK SHEARMAN

STEVE BACKLEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

The first British male to set a field event world record and his medal haul was awesome. 1987 European junior champion, a world junior record of 79.50 in 1988. Won three Commonwealth titles, four European championships. He unleashed a world record throw of 89.58, and reclaimed the record from Jan Zelezny with 90.98. The first Briton to obtain an Olympic medal in three Games.



MARK SHEARMAN

MCDONALD BAILEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

If any sprinter personified 'poetry in motion' it was 'Mac' Bailey. In 1946 he clocked a breathtaking 10.3 100m in Sweden – just a 0.1sec outside the world record first set by Jesse Owens. His share of the world record duly came with 10.2 in 1951. 'Mac' was third at the 1952 Olympics just 4/100ths behind the winner – the only medallist who did not lunge for the line. Bailey wound up his long career in 1953, shortly after gaining an incredible seventh AAA sprint double.

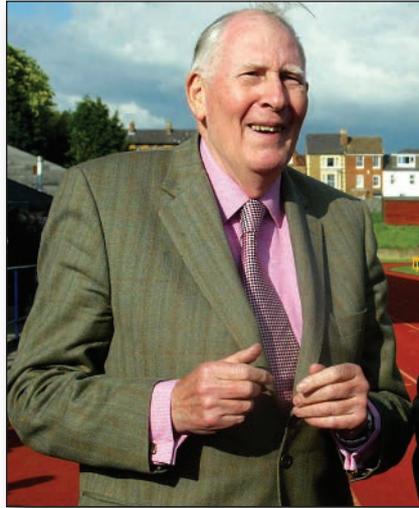


MARK SHEARMAN

BUD BALDARO

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Bud Baldaro has coached more than 50 international athletes, plus hundreds of others, in addition to mentoring and supporting countless other coaches. His charges have included 1992 Olympian Lisa York, Chicago winner Marian Sutton, 8:18 steeplechaser Eddie Wedderburn, four-time UK champion Luke Gunn, former British record holder Hatti Archer (née Dean) and Hannah England, silver medallist at 1500m in the 2011 World Championships.

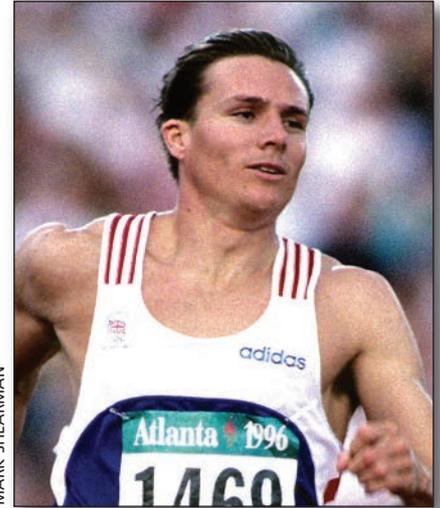


MARK SHEARMAN

SIR ROGER BANNISTER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

For many people the most historic moment in sport is when Sir Roger ran 3:59.4 to clock the first ever 4min mile at Iffley Road Track, Oxford, in May 1954. But it was not only the clock he could conquer. He went head-to-head with arch-rival and fellow sub-4 runner John Landy in the Empire Games and won in 3:58.8 to 3:59.6; the first time two men broke 4min in the same race.

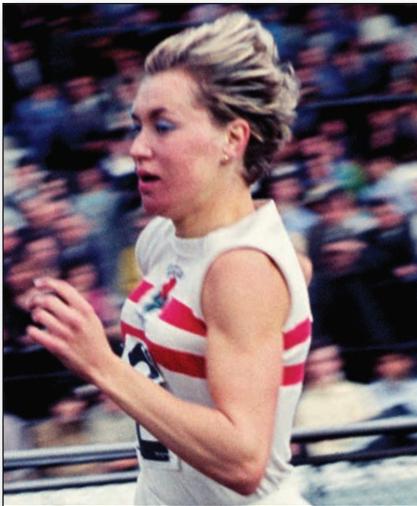


MARK SHEARMAN

ROGER BLACK

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

In 1986 Black won the Commonwealth 400m title in Edinburgh and European Championships gold with 44.59 to better Derek Redmond's UK record. Despite an injury peppered career at the 1991 Tokyo World Championships he clocked 44.62 for the silver medal, and ran the first leg as Britain bettered the Americans in a memorable 4 x 400m. In 1996 he regained the UK record with 44.39 and then 44.37 before taking another Olympic silver.



MARK SHEARMAN

LILLIAN BOARD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

In 1968 Board was edged out of Olympic gold at 400 by 0.09sec by France's Colette Besson. Aged just 19 she'd run 52.12 to break Ann Packer's UK record and lie fourth on the world all-time list. In 1969 came two stunning golds at the European Championships. A majestic championship record of 2:01.4 at 800 was followed by a thrilling 4x400m relay when she overhauled Besson to anchor Britain to a world record 3:30.8. Board tragically died of cancer the following year having barely begun to fulfil her incredible talent.



MARK SHEARMAN

CHRIS BRASHER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

An incredibly diverse contributor to athletics. He was a pacemaker when Sir Roger Bannister ran the first sub 4min mile, Olympic gold medallist in the 1956 Olympic steeplechase, the founding father of English Orienteering, an award winning journalist, inventor of the Brasher boot, founder of the sportswear company that is now Sweatshop and provided a lasting legacy as co-founder of the London Marathon.



GODFREY BROWN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

At the Berlin Olympics Brown came within a whisker of overhauling American favourite Archie Williams. The American won in 46.66 to Brown's 46.68, a European record, and British record until 1958. In the 4 x 400m, already in the lead from the USA favourites on final leg, Brown drew right away as Great Britain won in 3:09.0, a European record. A British half mile record of 1:52.2 came in 1937 before an undefeated season at 400m, including European Championships gold and medals in both relays, in 1938.

MARK SHEARMAN



GEORGE BUNNER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

George Bunner is creator of Sportshall, which since 1976 has seen thousands of youngsters, including many future stars, given a first taste of athletics. The former AAA Junior 880 yards champion is a leading authority on children's athletics. Among his initiatives are the AAA Tom Pink Relays, World Marathon Challenge and, recently, the Med Ball Challenge, to introduce throws events to children.



LORD BURGHEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Lord Burghley won Olympic gold. He held British records at 120, 220 and 440 yard hurdles. In 1927 he shared the world record for 440 yard hurdles. He won the 120 yards and 440 yards hurdles at the Empire Games in 1930. Off the track he gave great service with the International Olympic Committee, AAA, British Olympic Association, IAAF and as chairman of the organising committee for the 1948 Olympics.



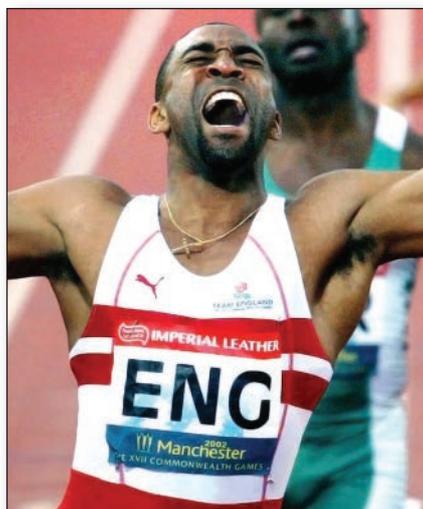
GUY BUTLER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Britain's most bemedalled Olympic athlete of all-time, jointly since 1984 with Seb Coe and since 2016 with Mo Farah. He won four Olympic medals as a 400m and 4x400m relay runner in the Games of 1920 and 1924, including a gold in the 1920 relay.

Silver at 400m and gold at 4 x 400m in the 1920 Olympics were followed by 400m bronze behind Eric Liddell and a 4 x 400m bronze in Paris in 1924.

MARK SHEARMAN



DARREN CAMPBELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Uniquely among British male sprinters, Darren Campbell won global medals in all three outdoor sprinting events: gold in the 4x100m relay (2004 Olympics), silver in the 200m (2000 Olympics) and bronze in the 100m (2003 World Championships).

He won the 1998 European 100m title and bronze in 2002 in the Commonwealth Games 200m and European Championships 100m.

MARK SHEARMAN



DIANE CHARLES (LEATHER)

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Diane Leather first smashed the world best for the mile in 1953. In 1954 the Birchfield Harrier broke the 5min barrier with 4:59.6. In June 1954 she set a world 880 yards record of 2:09.0 and in August she finished second in the inaugural European 800m championship a feat repeated four years later. Diane further reduced the mile record in 1955.

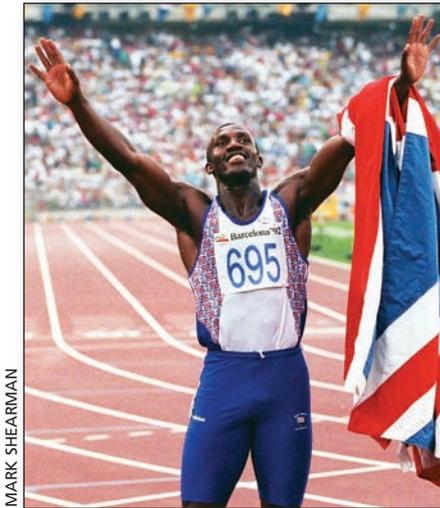
MARK SHEARMAN



SIR CHRIS CHATAWAY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

In August 1954 Chataway won the Commonwealth Games 3 miles, and finished second to Vladimir Kuts in the European Championships. Forty-five days later at White City he edged past Kuts in the final few strides to lower the 5,000m world record to 13:51.6 in one of the greatest races ever. Having been pacemaker for the historic race in 1954 Chataway ran his own four minute mile (3:59.8) in 1955 and set a world 3 miles record of 13:23.2.



MARK SHEARMAN

LINFORD CHRISTIE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Linford Christie was the 1992 Olympic 100m gold medallist and the most successful of all British 100m runners. In addition to his Barcelona victory he won the 1993 world title in a European record of 9.87 (at the time just 1/100th outside Carl Lewis's world record), captured several European and Commonwealth titles and was consistently at the highest world level over a lengthy career.

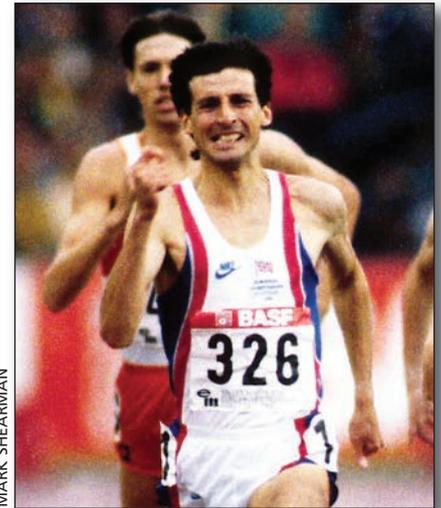


MARK SHEARMAN

PETER COE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Peter Coe famously turned his skills as an engineer, his self-taught knowledge of bio-mechanics and intensive research into training methods to develop into one of the most knowledgeable, analytical and respected of coaches. Allied to the exceptional ability and capacity for hard work of his son, Seb, theirs became one of the most celebrated partnerships in athletics. Although he is celebrated for coaching one exceptional athlete, he did train others, including 1984 Olympic 3000m silver medallist Wendy Sly.



MARK SHEARMAN

LORD SEBASTIAN COE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Won the Olympic 1500m titles in both 1980 and 1984, plus numerous championship medals. His 1981 world record for 800m was ahead of its time and has still only been surpassed by two athletes! Coe also set world records at 1500m, mile and the 1000m. He has since become known as the man who brought the Olympics and Paralympics to England. He is now President of the IAAF.



DAVID COLEMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

David Coleman is the athletics and sports commentator for the BBC whose voice provided the soundtrack to some of the most historic moments in the sport. Coleman started work for the BBC in 1954 and his work included covering 11 summer Olympic Games and many other world class events making his words synonymous with many of the greatest athletics performances achieved.



MARK SHEARMAN

KATHY COOK

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

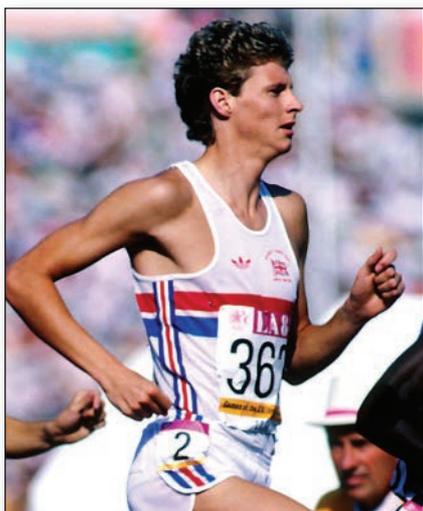
Kathy Cook (née Smallwood) amassed 23 international championship medals covering the Olympics, World Championships, Commonwealth Games and European Championships. The feat equals the most by any English athlete (Linford Christie). Her UK 200m record (22.10 in 1984) lasted until 2015, while her 100m (11.10 in 1981) and 400m (49.43 in 1984) lasted until 2008 and 2013.



MURIEL CORNELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

A Silver medal at the 1926 Women's World Games Long Jump was repeated four years later and Muriel Cornell also set World records/bests over 80m hurdles (12.2 in 1930) and Long Jump (5.48 & 5.57 in 1926, 5.57 in 1927). In 1928 she defeated Japan's world record holder Kinue Hitomi at the WAAA champs and in 1930 she improved her European Record to 5.80m, the first 19ft jump by a European.



MARK SHEARMAN

STEVE CRAM

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Held an unprecedented hat-trick of 1500m titles – European, Commonwealth and World – and a silver medal in the Olympics. The first man to crack 3:30 for 1500m, and also broke world records at the mile and 2000m in a glorious spell of just 19 days! He has since retained a high profile in the sport as a BBC athletics commentator.



MARK SHEARMAN

DANNY CRATES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

After losing his right arm in a car crash in 1994 Danny Crates returned to the sport of his youth, athletics, and achieved greatness. Coached by Ayo Falola he took 400m bronze in the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games. In 2001 he tried the 800m, promptly ran under two minutes and did so again and again. The Athens 2004 Paralympic T46 800m final saw him accelerate away to gold. The IPC World Championships gold and world records followed underlining his position as the dominant force in T46 800m.



GEOFF DYSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Geoff Dyson has been described as the father of coaching. He was the first chief national coach, establishing a network of qualified coaches and set standards for coaching in this country. His classic book *The Mechanics of Athletics* was published in 1961 and ran to eight editions, being translated into five languages.

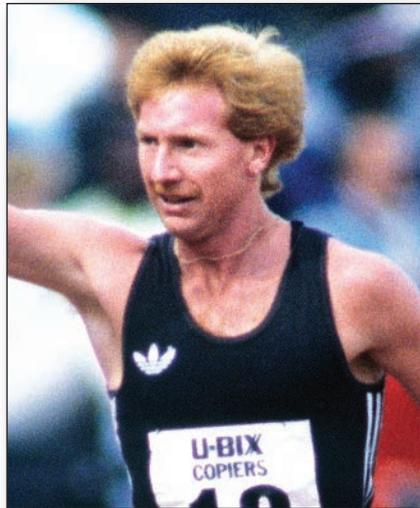


MARK SHEARMAN

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Won two Commonwealth Games silvers, a World Championships bronze, and a World Cup before being hit by Epstein Barr virus. His 1995 comeback saw a UK record of 17.58, 18.43 & 18.39 at the European Cup (wind-aided), a world record of 17.98, then 18.16 & 18.29 to dominate the World Championships. Won at the Sydney 2000 Olympics and a further world title in 2001. From 2017 he has been Eurosport's lead presenter.



MARK SHEARMAN

PETER ELLIOTT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

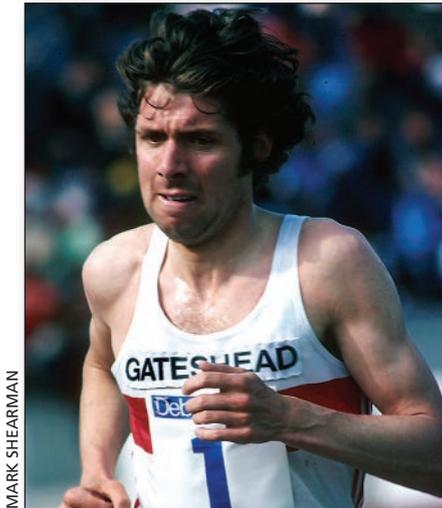
Peter Elliott was a no-nonsense athlete. After breaking Steve Ovett's UK teenage best in winning the 1982 AAA 800m in 1:45.61 he ran the first leg in a successful 4x800m world record relay. Silvers came at the European Indoor Championships in 1983 and the World Championships in 1987 and, despite battling injury, in the 1988 Olympic 1500. Gold finally came at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, soon followed by UK indoor records of 3:36.13 and 3:52.02 and a world indoor 1500m record of 3:34.20.



DON FINLAY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Don Finlay established himself as Europe's finest sprint hurdler in 1932 and won the first of seven consecutive AAA titles. His career saw two Olympic medals, victories in the European Championships and Empire Games, and an almost perfect international match record ... he was decorated with the DFC and the AFC during WW2 before returning to competition in 1947, qualifying for another Olympics and taking fourth at the 1950 Empire Games!

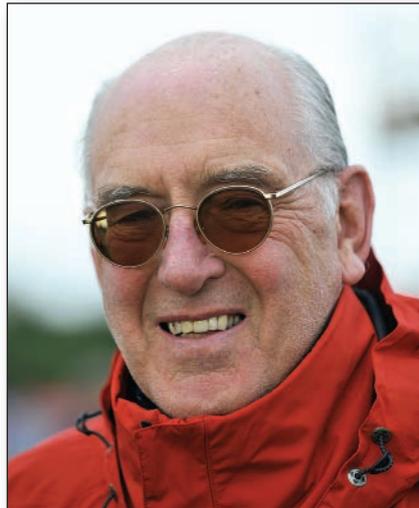


MARK SHEARMAN

BRENDAN FOSTER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

'Big Bren' achieved his titles and records over a range of distances. His 3000m world record of 7:35.1 came at the opening of Gateshead's track in 1974 – the same year as his bold European 5000m title. The previous year he'd run 8:13.68, a WR for two miles. In 1978 he took Commonwealth gold at 10,000m to add to his medals at 1500m (1970) and 5,000 (1974 & 1978). He took Olympic bronze at 10,000m in 1976.



MARK SHEARMAN

GEORGE GANDY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

George Gandy has been a key factor in the athletics successes of Loughborough University. In addition to current successes those who have come under his influence include Sebastian Coe, who was introduced to circuit training by Gandy, twice Olympic fourth placer Jon Brown, 1986 European 5000m champion Jack Buckner, 2009 World 1500m silver medallist Lisa Dobriskey, former UK 400m record holder Michelle Scutt and 3:50.64 miler Graham Williamson.



WALTER GEORGE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

An array of world records at 1000 yards to 1hr included records at 2M, 3M, 4M, 6M, 10,000m, 10M, hour and an amateur record at the mile all set in 1884. In 1886, aged 27, he ran a world record 4:12 ¾ for a mile. He would be 76 before a Briton ran faster! George was a pioneer of innovative training methods. The great Gosta Holmer said he based his 'fartlek' on the methods of WG George!



P W 'JIMMY' GREEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Jimmy Green is best known as the man who launched Athletics Weekly. He worked hard, made sacrifices and showed great insight to turn the title into the sport's essential source of news and results, as well as a major forum for discussion of the sport. He was also an athlete who represented the AAA, one of the country's best Starters, President of Kent AAA and one of the very first Senior Coaches.



MARK SHEARMAN

SIR ARTHUR GOLD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

An international high jumper, he became among the pioneers of British coaching. His most notable coaching success was with legendary high jumper Dorothy Tyler in the early 1950s. As an administrator he filled practically every post of significance in British and English athletics, as well as being president of the European Athletic Association from 1976 to 1987. He was determined to protect athletics from the dangers of drug use and over commercialisation.



MARK SHEARMAN

SALLY GUNNELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Her career saw her win World Championships silver in 1991, Olympic gold in 1992 and World Championships gold (in a world record) in 1993. In the Commonwealth Games she won gold in 1986, 1990 and 1994. She is the only woman to hold Commonwealth, World, Olympic and European titles at same time.



PROF. SIR LUDWIG GUTTMANN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Ludwig Guttman was the father of the Paralympics. As Director of the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville he inaugurated the first Stoke Mandeville Games held on 28 July 1948, the opening day of the London Olympics. He believed patients could benefit by taking up sport and from this belief he built the Paralympic movement.

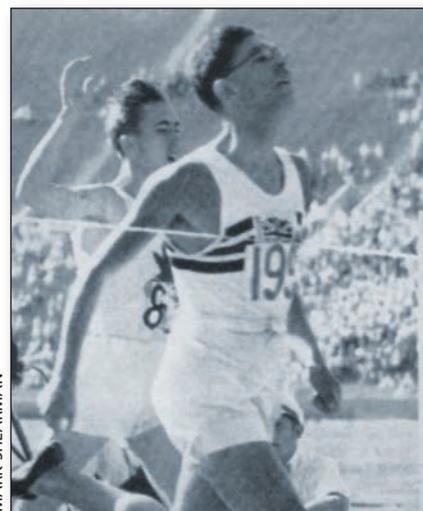


MARK SHEARMAN

DAME MAREA HARTMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Early in 1950, aged 29, Marea Hartman was elected Hon. Treasurer of the Women's AAA. In 1958 she was women's team manager at the European Championships. Dame Marea remained British team manager for 20 more years. She chaired the IAAF's Women's Commission for 13 years, became Hon. Treasurer then Chairman of the British Amateur Athletic Board. After the WAAA amalgamated with the men she became the first female President of the AAA.



MARK SHEARMAN

TOM HAMPSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

In 1930 he won the AAA Championships 880 yards with an English record of 1:53.2. At the inaugural British Empire Games he won by 20 yards in 1:52.4. At the 1932 Olympics Hampson went from 20m off the lead at halfway to win gold by six inches in a barrier-breaking 1:49.70. He was among the first ten senior honorary AAA coaches appointed.



MARK SHEARMAN

ASHIA HANSEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Ashia Hansen proved herself one of the world's greatest ever triple jumpers with six major titles between 1998 and 2003, including a world indoor record of 15.16m in 1998.

She started her medal collection with silver at the 1997 World Indoors and at that year's Grand Prix Final she won with a magnificent 15.15m.

Who knows what more she would have achieved but for a seemingly endless series of serious injuries?



MARK SHEARMAN

BASIL HEATLEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Heatley won the English cross country title in 1960, 1961 and 1963, and finished first in the International Cross Country Championship by 23sec in 1961. In the 1961 AAA 10 mile championship he knocked 25 sec off Emil Zátopek's world record with a time of 47:47.0. In the 1964 Polytechnic Marathon Heatley passed Ron Hill for the lead and came home 100 yards ahead in a world record 2:13:55. Four months later, in Tokyo, he became the fourth Briton to earn an Olympic marathon silver medal.



MARK SHEARMAN

DAVID HEMERY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Broke the world record for 400m hurdles in the 1968 Olympic final, the first time in 36 years a British man won an Olympic title in a world record. The performance was a display of speed, stamina, technique and composure; it saw him voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year. He won Olympic bronze in 1972 and was twice Commonwealth Games sprint hurdles champion.



MARK SHEARMAN

MAURICE HERRIOTT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

It was in 1959, still aged only 19, that Herriott became senior AAA champion, the first of eight occasions, and earned a place in the British team as a steeplechaser. By 1961 his 8:42.0 ranked him a close second to Chris Brasher on the UK all-time list. In 1962 he came away with Commonwealth silver before breaking the British record four times in 1963. Herriott was part of the British success at the Tokyo Olympics taking an outstanding silver behind Belgium's Gaston Roelants with a lifetime best of 8:32.4.



ALBERT HILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Albert Hill achieved the 800m/1500m double at the 1920 Olympics (adding a silver in the 3000m team race). He was a chain smoking railway ticket collector who trained twice a week. He initially excelled at longer distances including winning the AAA 4M title in 1910. A great tactician and bold racer Hill later turned his hand to coaching, his protégés included mile world record holder Sydney Wooderson.



MARK SHEARMAN

RON HILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Dr Ron Hill MBE secured marathon gold medals at the European and Commonwealth Championships, a Boston Marathon title as well as world records at 10 miles (47:02.2 & 46:44.), 15 miles (1:12:48.2) and 25,000m (1:15:22.6) with world bests for 20 miles (1:40:55 & 1:36:28). But he also remains a folklore figure among club runners for having covered at least a mile every day for 50 years as well as his innovations in athletics clothing.



JACK HOLDEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

The holder of the most distinguished record in British cross country history: English champion in 1938 and 1939; International champion in 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1939. In 1950, aged 43, he proved himself the world's number one marathoner by winning five races out of five including the British Empire and European Championships. The Empire Games were won by over four minutes despite running last nine miles barefoot after discarding his rain-sodden plimsolls.



DAVID HOLDING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

David Holding's career saw him excel at an incredible range of distances with four London Marathon titles in the wheelchair event in 1989, 1994, 1996 and 1997, a Paralympic title at 100m in Atlanta in 1996, and a world championships title at 100m in 1998. David also won the 1994 World title at 1500m.



MARK SHEARMAN

DAME KELLY HOLMES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Dame Kelly won her historic 800m/1500m double at the 2004 Olympic Games. After a break from the sport to focus on her military career her return to the sport was highly successful with Commonwealth titles, plus medals at the Olympics as well as the European and World Championship. But a string of injuries begged the question 'What if...?' In Athens an uninterrupted preparation led to an emphatic answer.

MARK SHEARMAN



FRED HOUSDEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Best known as the man who taught David Hemery to hurdle, Fred Housden was one of our finest coaches. In 1921 he represented England at 110m hurdles and long jump. As a pole vaulter he was second in the AAAs twice and represented the British Empire against the USA in 1928. Early in the 1960s he collaborated with Geoff Dyson on the book, 'The Mechanics of Athletics', the definitive work on the subject.

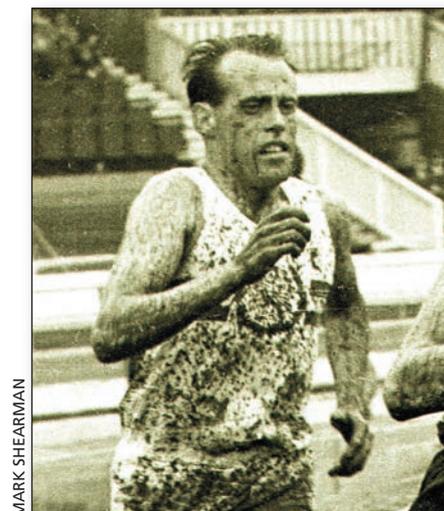


DOROTHY HYMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

At the Rome Olympics of 1960 Dorothy Hyman came away with silver in the 100 (11.3) and bronze in the 200. She took the 1962 European 100m title, with silver in the 200 and bronze in the relay. At the Commonwealth Games she won a sprint double and relay silver.

In 1963 Dorothy was unbeaten and topped the world list at 100m.

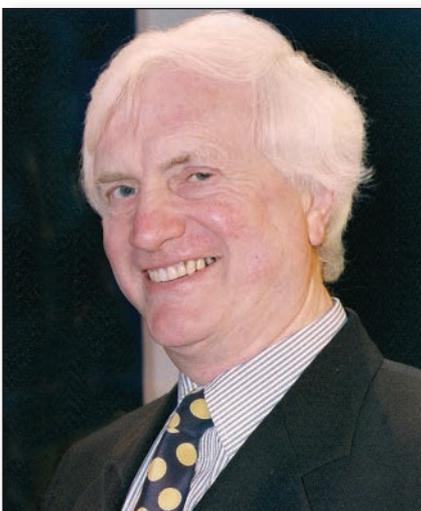


MARK SHEARMAN

DEREK IBBOTSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

The 'four minute smiler', was one of Britain's fine world mile record holders. By 1954 he was world class at 3 and 6 miles. In 1956 he became the world's ninth 4 minute miler in the Emsley Carr Mile and took Olympic 5000m bronze. In 1957 at White City track, he defeated a dazzling field running 3:57.2, breaking the record of 3:57.9 by Australia's John Landy.



CARL JOHNSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

Carlton Johnson guided 35 athletes to international standard, authored coaching textbooks, was UK director of coach and teacher education and Olympic team coach. Coaching successes included in hammer with Olympian and British record holder Paul Dickensen and British record holder Ian Chipchase and at discus with UK record holder Meg Ritchie. Johnson is best known for his role in the development of triple jump world record holder and World, Olympic, European and Commonwealth champion Jonathan Edwards.



DEREK JOHNSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

In 1954 Johnson won the Commonwealth Games 880 yards and, although fourth, at the European Championships set a British 800m record of 1:47.4. The thrilling 1956 Olympic 800m final saw Johnson edged out of gold by Tom Courtney of the USA – 1:47.7 to 1:47.8. In 1957 he lowered his British 800m record to 1:46.6. After moving to 1500 in 1959 a near-fatal case of tuberculosis forced him to quit athletics. An inspiring 1963 comeback culminated in a remarkable 800m time of 1:50.0.



JOHN LE MASURIER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

John 'Le Mas's' diversity of knowledge of training and technique saw him work with sprinters, middle distance and cross country runners, hurdlers, jumpers, throwers and all-rounders. His crowning glory was Mary Rand. At the 1964 Tokyo Olympics she won the long jump with a world record 6.76m, took silver in the pentathlon and third in the 4x100m relay. He was joint AAA Principal National Coach from 1961-1978.



MARK SHEARMAN

SHEILA LERWILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Sheila Lerwill (née Alexander), held the world record at 1.72m from 1951 to 1954 and, coached by George Pallett, was a pioneer among female straddle jumpers. Her 1.72m leap added a centimetre to the world record which had been held by Holland's legendary Fanny Blankers-Koen since 1943. A 1950 European Champion, Sheila also claimed silver at the 1952 Olympics despite suffering a high temperature, cough and a calf bleeding from a spike scratch.



MARK SHEARMAN

DENISE LEWIS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Olympic gold in Sydney in 2000 came despite an Achilles tendon injury. Lying eighth after the high jump, Denise took the lead before the 800m and battled the pain to strike gold.

In 1994 she won the Commonwealth Games. In 1996 came a British record and Olympic bronze. In both 1997 and 1999 Denise won silver in the World Championships. 1998 saw her as European and Commonwealth champion.



MARK SHEARMAN

BRUCE LONGDEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Bruce Longden guided two of Britain's greatest ever athletes. Daley Thompson set a world record of 8648 prior to 1980 Olympic gold. He won Commonwealth and European titles in 1982 and 1986, the Worlds in 1983, and Olympic gold in 1984 with a world record. Sally Gunnell claimed Commonwealth 100m hurdles gold. Then came her remarkable 400m hurdle career including Olympic gold and the world title in a world record 52.74.



DOUGLAS LOWE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

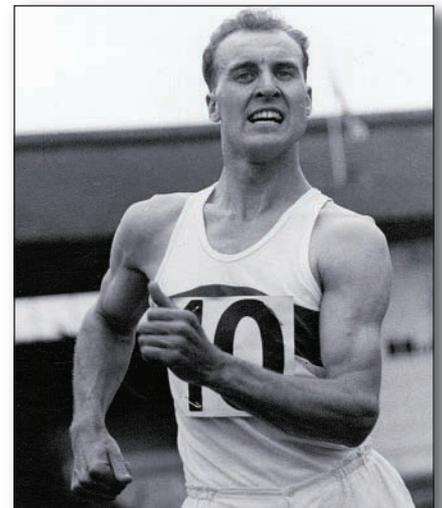
Douglas Lowe became Olympic 800m champion in 1924 and four years later became the first man to win a second Olympic gold at the distance. His Paris time of 1:52.4 took a second off the British record. In 1928 Lowe won by a full second in the Olympic and British record time of 1:51.8. Lowe's last race saw him lower the British record for 800m to 1:51.2 in August 1928. He went on to serve as Honorary Secretary of the AAA from 1931 to 1938.



BOB MATTHEWS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Bob Matthews' first Paralympic Games were at goalball (an indoor team sport specifically for visually-impaired athletes) in Arnhem in 1980. He transitioned to athletics and amassed an incredible 29 international gold medals with nine silver medals and six bronze competing at distances from 400m to marathon. He set 22 world records and went on to compete internationally at cycling and triathlon in his adopted New Zealand.



KEN MATTHEWS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Ken Matthews won 20 kilometres titles at the European Championships in 1962, Lugano Trophy in 1961 and 1963 and Olympic gold in 1964 where he set an Olympic record of 1:29:34. He claimed 17 national titles from 1959, set unofficial world records of 34:26.6 and 34:21.2 for 5M and between 1964 and 1971 held every British walking record from 5 miles to two hours, including a world best of 69:40.6 for 10 miles.



MARK SHEARMAN

DAVE MOORCROFT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

In 1978 Dave Moorcroft beat world record holder Filbert Bayi for the Commonwealth 1500m title in 3:35.48. In 1982 he ran 3:49.34 in Oslo's Dream Mile before front running his way to breaking Henry Rono's 5000m world record with the sensational 13:00.41. He then set a European 3000m record of 7:32.79 and won the Commonwealth 5000m. In 1993 he set an outdoor world veterans mile record of 4:02.53. Moorcroft was Chief Executive Officer of UK Athletics from 1999 until 2007.



SAM MUSSABINI

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

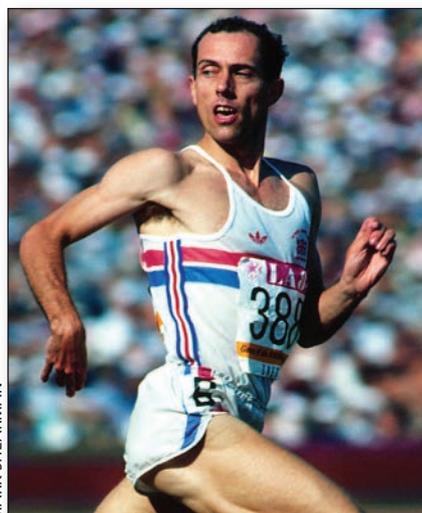
Sam Mussabini coached two individual British Olympic champions: Albert Hill won 800m and 1500m titles in Antwerp in 1920, and as made famous by Chariots of Fire, Harold Abrahams, the 1924 100m champion. Mussabini had guided South Africa's Reggie Walker to the 1908 100m title. He coached Willie Applegarth to 1912 relay gold and bronze at 200m. In 1914 Applegarth clocked 21.2 for 220 yards, the world record around a turn until 1932!



JUDY OAKES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Judy's contested a remarkable six Commonwealth Games, winning a medal each time – an unprecedented achievement with golds coming in 1982, 1994 and 1998. Domestically, she collected a record 35 Women's AAA titles (indoors and out) between 1977 and 2000, when she was aged 42. By the time she retired she had represented the UK on a record 87 occasions.



MARK SHEARMAN

STEVE OVETT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Always regarded as the 'athlete's athlete' Steve Overtt notably won the 800m gold medal at the Moscow Olympics. He won many other national and international championship medals at 800m, 1500m and a Commonwealth Games 5000m title. He possessed a ferocious kick which would often be followed by a celebratory wave to the crowd. He also set world records at 1500m and the mile.



MARK SHEARMAN

ANN PACKER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Started as a sprinter, hurdler and jumper but found fame at 800m and retired immediately after her 1964 Olympic success, aged only 22. WAAA long jump champion in 1960, finalist in the 1962 European Championships at 200m and 80m hurdles at the Commonwealth Games. She moved to 400m in 1963. A silver in the 400m in the Tokyo Olympics was followed by the enchanting world record breaking run for 800m gold.

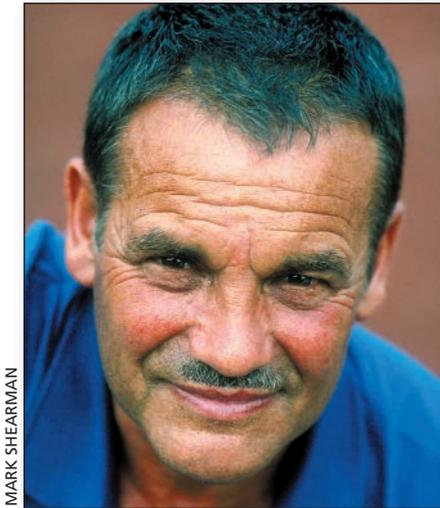


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ALAN PASCOE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Alan Pascoe collected European and Commonwealth gold, silver and bronze medals, an Olympic relay silver, British records, 13 AAA titles and the distinction of never having been beaten at the 400m hurdles event in international matches. A world class competitor, British team captain, teacher, college PE lecturer, meeting promoter, athletes' representative on the British Board, Sports Council member, TV commentator and expert in sports marketing and sponsorship.



MARK SHEARMAN

WILF PAISH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Wilf Paish guided Tessa Sanderson to javelin gold in the 1984 Olympics. He also coached Mick Hill, to a UK record and World Championships bronze. But Paish had a deep knowledge of all events, coaching Peter Elliott from the age of 16 into an Olympic silver medallist, Commonwealth champion and world indoor record holder at 1500m. A prolific author of technical books and articles, he served as a Great Britain Olympic coach and in 1996 coached the South African Olympic team.



JIM PETERS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

After success at shorter distances Peters debuted at the 1951 Polytechnic Marathon winning by five minutes and smashing the British record. He then sliced five minutes off the world record with 2:20:43! In 1953 Peters set further world bests of 2:18:41 in the 'Poly' and 2:18:35 in Turku (Finland). The following June he improved again to 2:17:40. Peters famously collapsed just shy of the line and 1954 Commonwealth title.



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JEAN PICKERING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Jean Desforges won 19 times in British colours claiming five international championship medals including the European long jump title in 1954. She set national records at long jump and pentathlon.

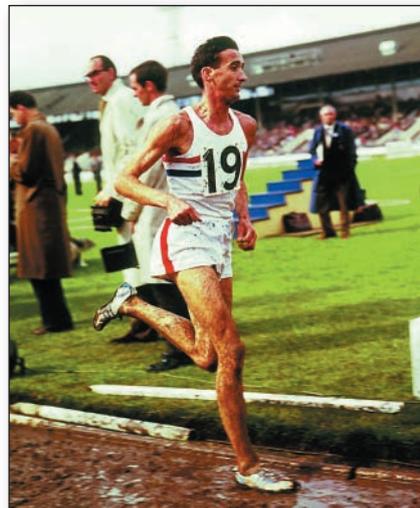
In 1954 Jean married Ron Pickering. After his premature death Jean's work through The Ron Pickering Memorial Fund saw over a million pounds distributed to help young athletes.



RON PICKERING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

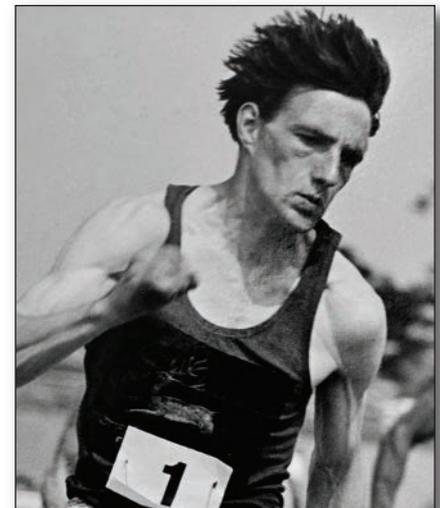
The renaissance man of British athletics - coach, broadcaster, writer, motivator, visionary, administrator ... he was the conscience and guardian of the sport. Pickering was National Coach for Wales and South West England and coached Lynn Davies to a shock victory at the 1964 Olympics. Ron married European long jump champion Jean Desforges who, until her death in 2013, ran the Ron Pickering Memorial Fund with son Shaun.



GORDON PIRIE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

The range of Pirie's talent became apparent in 1953 - he won the first of three consecutive English cross country titles and outkicked American star Wes Santee in the inaugural Emsley Carr Mile. He set a world 6 miles record as well as numerous British records between 3000m and 10,000m. In 1956 Pirie clocked a staggering 13:36.8 5,000m world record. Three days later he set a world 3000m record of 7:55.5, a time he later reduced to 7:52.7.



PETER RADFORD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Radford's major medals included gold at the 1958 and 1962 Commonwealth 4x110y, silver in the 1958 European 4x100m and bronze at the 1958 European 100m, 1960 Olympic 100m and 4x100m. He set world records for the 200m and 220 yards of 20.5 in Wolverhampton in 1960, also equalling the European 100y record that day. He served as Vice-Chairman, Chairman and Executive Chairman of the national governing body, the British Athletics Federation, from 1992 to 1997.



MARK SHEARMAN

PAULA RADCLIFFE

**Athlete of the Decade
2001-2010**

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

In 1992 Paula Radcliffe became World Junior cross country champion ahead of China's Wang Junxia (who the following year set seemingly unreal world record times at 3000m and 10,000m).

Paula's uncompromising front running went on to carry her to medals and records galore, including world bests on the road. But she was repeatedly outspurred for gold at the end of her most important track and cross country races.

From 2000 things changed. She captured the World Half Marathon title and in 2001 won the World Cross Country.

After retaining her World Cross Country title in 2002 she made her marathon debut in London. Her 2:18:56 was a world record for a women-only race and second fastest ever. She went on to set a Commonwealth 3000m record of 8:22.22 and win the Commonwealth Games (Commonwealth record of 14:31.42) and European Championships (European record of 30:01.09). She ended the year with a world record 2:17:18 in Chicago. In April 2003 she wowed the world of athletics even more with her stunning 2:15:25 in London – the biggest single improvement in the world record for 20 years!

Other triumphs followed, including a third London win and the World title in 2005 (the first British marathoner to win a global championship), and three New York victories between 2004 and 2008.

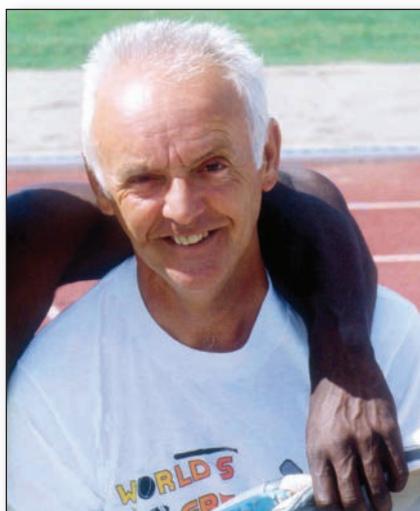


MARK SHEARMAN

MARY RAND

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

In Tokyo in 1964 she set a long jump world record of 6.76 - the first British female athlete to win an Olympic gold medal as well as taking silver in the Pentathlon and bronze in the 4x 100m. She took the long jump bronze medal at the 1962 European Championships. In 1963 she helped set a world record in the 4x110 yards' relay and posted British records in the 80m hurdles, long jump and pentathlon.

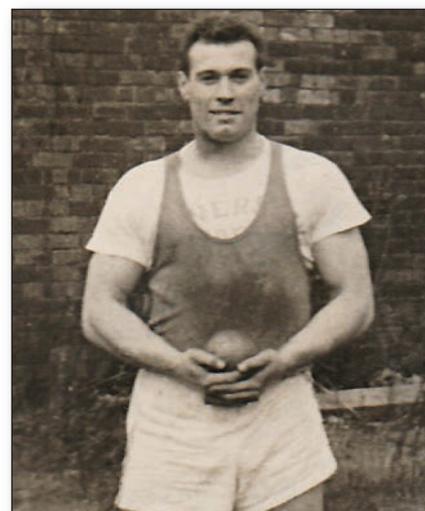


MARK SHEARMAN

RON RODDAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

After early successes with 46.75 400m runner Mick Hauck, and Dick Steane, who set a British 200m record of 20.66 at the Mexico City Olympics, many more successes followed for Roddan. When he was approached by an English Schools 200m silver medallist, the young athlete was soon told to work harder or move on. Work hard he did, and he, Linford Christie, became Roddan's greatest success as UK record holder, and Olympic (1992) and World Champion (1993).



ARTHUR ROWE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

Rowe's first British record came in 1957 with seven UK records in 1958, including in winning the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff and European title in Stockholm. In 1959 he became European record holder with 18.59m. After setting a new UK record of 18.92m Rowe was unwell and below his best in at the Rome Olympics. After Rome he improved his European record to 19.11m and then on to 19.56 in a superb 1961. He went on to compete on the Scottish Highland Games circuit for many years.



MARK SHEARMAN

TESSA SANDERSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

History was made in Los Angeles in 1984 when Tessa Sanderson became the first Briton ever to win an Olympic throwing title. In 1980 she won the first of her three Commonwealth Titles. Her all round athleticism was highlighted when she made her mark as a heptathlete, setting a UK record of 6125 points as re-scored on the present tables.

Tessa placed fourth in the 1992 Olympics, and competed in a sixth Olympics in 1996, aged 40.



ALF SHRUBB

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Victories in the new International Cross Country Championships of 1903 and 1904 were supported by supreme achievements on the track in 1903 - world records at 3 miles (14:17.6, British record for 33 years) and 2 miles (9:11.0). His range was extraordinary. He held every amateur world record from 2000m to the hour before he was declared a professional by the AAA in September 1905. He continued to race as a 'pro' for many years in Canada.



MARK SHEARMAN

WENDY SLY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

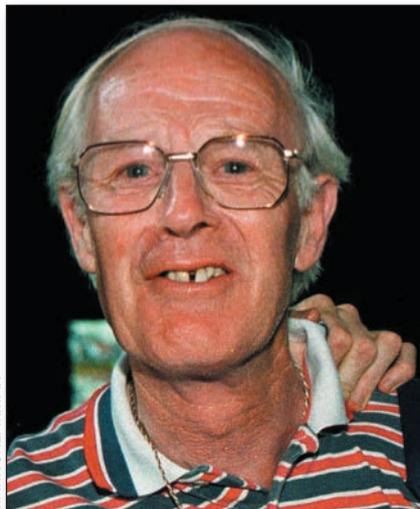
In 1981 Sly established herself at world class on the US road circuit. Commonwealth 3000m silver and a Commonwealth record of 8:46.01 came in 1982. Sly moved second on the world all-time 10K list with 31:29, placed fifth at 3000m and 1500m at the World Championships, then won the inaugural World 10km Road Championship in 1983 before winning Olympic silver the following year. Active involvement in the sport has continued with international team management and *Athletics Weekly*.



JOYCE SMITH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Joyce Smith's record of sustained and diverse top-class achievement is unique. She gained her first international badge for cross country as a teenager in 1956. In 1980, aged 43, she became the world's third fastest ever marathon runner and at 44 went faster with 2:29:43. She represented Britain at 800m, set UK records at 1500m, broke the world 3000m record and won gold, silver and bronze at the International Cross Country.

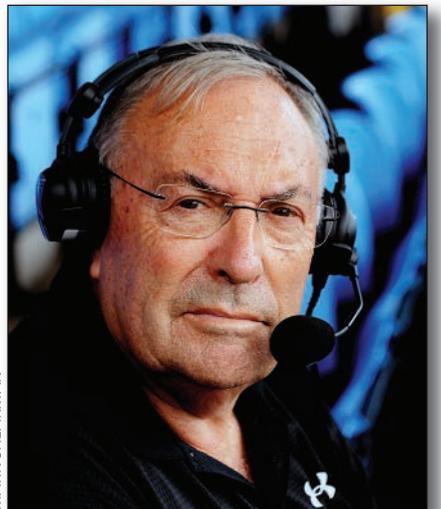


MARK SHEARMAN

MIKE SMITH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Mike Smith coached outstanding 400m runners including Donna Hartley, Todd Bennett, Roger Black, Kriss Akabusi, and Iwan Thomas in more than 50 years as a coach of the highest order. He was named England's coach of the year in 1987; awarded the Ron Pickering Memorial Award in 1998 for his special contribution to the sport, and in 2009 he received the Services to Coaching Award from England Athletics.



MARK SHEARMAN

STUART STOREY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

Stuart Storey has impacted the sport as an Olympic competitor, coach to one of Britain's most celebrated athletes, and long serving athletics commentator. In 1968 he made the Olympic team, clocking 14.1 in Mexico City. The year also saw a British record of 23.7 for 200m hurdles. As a coach Storey guided Geoff Capes to becoming two-time European Indoor and Commonwealth Games champion. As a broadcaster his outstanding career spanned across five decades.

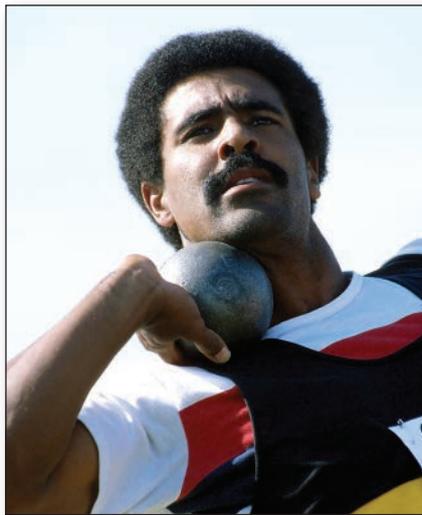


MARK SHEARMAN

NOEL THATCHER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Accumulated 42 gold medals across his career as a visually impaired athlete. In the Barcelona Paralympics he set a new world record in winning the 1500m. In Atlanta he took the 5k and 10k double, setting a 10k world record despite carrying a stress fracture. In Sydney he broke a world record again - his gun to tape victory saw the 5k record fall. Awarded an MBE for services to disability sport in 1997.



MARK SHEARMAN

DALEY THOMPSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Twice Olympic gold medallist who won a record breaking 12 decathlons over a six year period. His famously great talent across a range of events was developed through systematic, tough and highly effective training. Daley was known for his mental resolve and ability to master his rivals psychologically as well as physically.



MARK SHEARMAN

DON THOMPSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Before the 1960 Olympics, in addition to his usual gruelling training, Thompson performed exercises on the spot in his tracksuit in an improvised steam room with temperatures hovering around the 100°F mark. It worked! At the finish line of the 50km walk in Rome he was 17 sec clear in 4:25:30, an Olympic record. Thompson won the classic London to Brighton on eight consecutive occasions with a record of 7:35:12 for the 53 miles 129 yards (86 kilometres) course!



MARK SHEARMAN

DOROTHY TYLER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

The first British woman to win an Olympic athletics medal; in 1936 she was second in the high jump, aged 16. At 17 she won the Empire Games. She cleared 1.66 for a world record and came close to victory in the 1948 Olympics. In 1950 she retained the Empire Games title and took silver at the 1954 Commonwealth Games. She won the WAAA long jump and pentathlon titles in 1951 (the latter a British record). Later she was a coach and team manager.



EMIL VOIGT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Emil Voigt was the last British athlete to win a long distance running gold medal at the Olympic Games prior to Mo Farah's 2012 double. Voigt's success was 104 years earlier at the first London Olympics where he triumphed in the 5 mile event in a time of 25:11.2. This came despite tearing muscles in his foot during his heat and having to improvise a plaster of Paris arch support to be built into his running shoe. He was a class apart, finishing some 70 yards ahead of the field.



MEL WATMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

After 60 years of athletics writing, including for Athletics Today, Athletics International, and as freelance for various newspapers and news agencies, Mel Watman is still best known as editor of Athletics Weekly from the 1960s to 1980s. By 1954 he was contributing to AW before joining full time in 1961. In 1968 he succeeded Jimmy Green as editor. He was cofounder of the National Union of Track Statisticians in 1958 and the British Athletics Writers' Association in 1963.



DENIS WATTS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

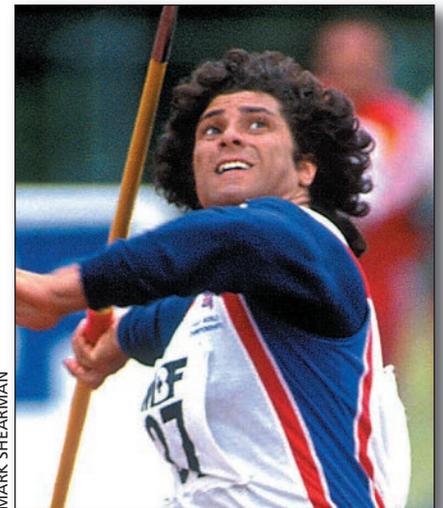
Denis Watts was the first man to win the long/triple jump double at the AAA Championships (1946). He was Joint AAA Principal Coach until 1978. He coached Dorothy Hyman to Olympic silver (100m) and bronze (200m) in 1960. He coached Tom Farrell (400m hurdles) and Andy Carter (800m) to British records and helped in the development of Lillian Board, and persuaded Ann Packer to move up in distance, leading to her Olympic 800m gold.



CAPT. F.A.M. WEBSTER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Webster helped found and direct the AAA Summer School, held at Loughborough College from 1934, and created Loughborough's School of Athletics, Games & Physical Education – the products of which included Geoff Dyson, John Le Masurier and Denis Watts. The AAA Coaching Scheme owed much to Webster. He also helped form an Amateur Field Events Association, wrote on the history of athletics and coached pioneering women athletes in the 1920s.



MARK SHEARMAN

FATIMA WHITBREAD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

In the 1983 World Championships Fatima's silver medal was Britain's first throws global medal since 1924! In 1984 she was third in the Olympics. In 1986 the qualifying round of the European Championships saw her add over two metres to the world record with 77.44m! She was the first British thrower to break a world record. In the final she took gold with 76.32m. Fatima prevailed again at the 1987 World Championships in Rome. She collected silver at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.



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HAROLD WHITLOCK

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

A long international career lasting until 1952 saw many honours. There was a 1935 world 30 miles track record of 4:29:31.8 en route to 50 miles in 7:44:47.2. He won gold in the 1938 European 50 kilometres and 1936 Olympic 50 kilometres. Whitlock advised Don Thompson, wrote a BAAB instructional booklet, was Chief Judge at the Rome Olympics, Chairman of the IAAF Walk Commission and President of the RWA.



SYDNEY WOODERSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

An unlikely looking champion but a 'people's hero' of the 1930s and '40s. In 1937 he set a world mile record of 4:06.4 off scratch in a Surrey handicap race. In 1938 he broke two world records in one race (800m: 1:48.4; 880yds: 1:49.2). In 1946 he was European 5000m champion in 14:08.6 (second fastest ever and a British record). He achieved best in the world at 800m, mile and 5000m, and was English 10 miles cross country champion!



MARK SHEARMAN

2004 ATHENS MEN'S 4x100M RELAY TEAM

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

Great Britain had last won the Olympic 4 x 100m title in 1912, the first time the event was held. In 2004, once again, the favourites were the USA. But the Steve Perks drilled quartet of Jason Gardener, Darren Campbell, Marlon Devonish and Mark Lewis-Francis not only had other ideas, they had drilled and drilled the change-overs. Gardener (28), Campbell (30) and Devonish (28) got the baron to Lewis-Francis (21) two metres ahead of the USA and Nigeria. A storming anchor by Maurice Greene was insufficient ... just. Lewis-Francis held on for a stunning victory by 0.01 in 38.07.



MARK SHEARMAN

1991 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TOKYO MEN'S 4x400M RELAY TEAM

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Roger Black, Derek Redmond, John Regis and Kriss Akabusi, as well as Ade Mafe and Mark Richardson who ran in qualifying, produced one of the stand out moments of relay running history when they conspired and battled to win gold ahead of the USA. After three legs Kriss Akabusi was within three metres of world champion Antonio Pettigrew – by the finish line he was four-hundredths of a second ahead and the celebrations began.



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