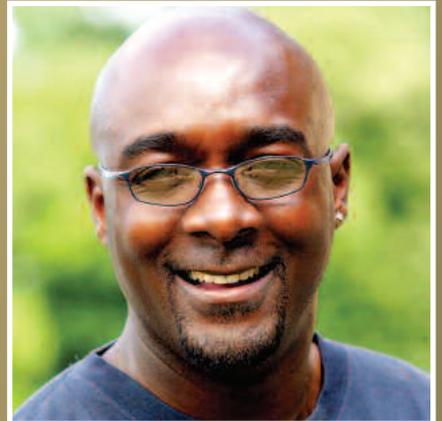
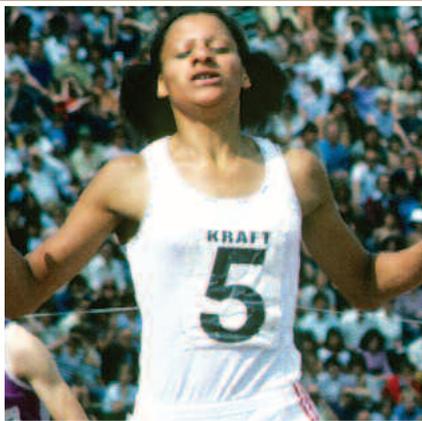
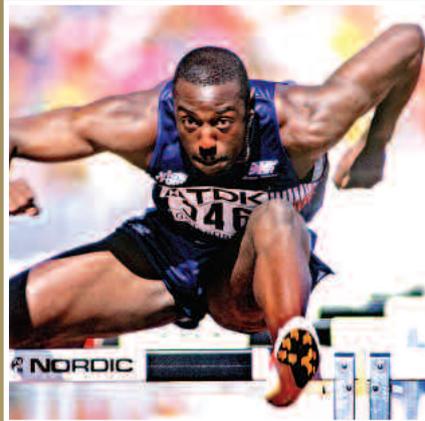


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2021 INCLUDING
ATHLETE OF THE DECADE
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

INTRODUCTION

Good evening and welcome to the 2021 England Athletics Hall of Fame celebration. It promises to be a fantastic event with the inclusion of our Athlete of the Decade award, as voted for by the athletics and running community. Tonight also gives us an opportunity to honour again the recipients of a National Volunteer Award in 2020.

The Hall of Fame evening is a stand-out date in the calendar we at England Athletics look forward to most. We thank Hilton Metropole, NEC, Birmingham for playing host. It's the perfect location to stage the return of this prestigious event.

The last 18 months have been a tough time for everyone and, on behalf of the team at England Athletics, I'd like to thank the athletics and running community from the bottom of my heart for everything it has done to keep our wonderful sport going. At grassroots level, a great deal has been asked of our clubs and volunteers in unprecedented times and, once again, their dedication, determination and passion has shone through.

The Hall of Fame provides us with the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the inextricable link between grassroots athletics and the sport at elite level.

The inductee list for this year reflects the very essence of this relationship and we couldn't be more proud to recognise such talented and inspirational individuals representing athletics administration, coaching and performance.

Turning to the England Athletics' Athlete of the Decade Award, an expert panel convened to decide which three athletes they felt had most captured the public's imagination through their outstanding achievements and contributions to the sport from 2010 to 2019.

From an incredible shortlist of Dame Jess Ennis-Hill, Sir Mo Farah, and David Weir CBE, the public had the unenviable task of choosing their winner. Ultimately, it was David Weir CBE who triumphed, and we will be celebrating their achievements and, indeed, paying tribute to all three shortlisted athletes. All are heroes who have helped inspire the next generation.

Last but by no means least we are thrilled to have with us winners of our 2020 National Volunteer Awards. These were announced during a live online broadcast earlier this year given the Hall of Fame did not take place in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Finally, I would like to thank you for being with us today. I hope you have a fantastic evening celebrating all that is great and good about our sport.



Chris Jones
CEO
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Cherry has a 40-year career in staging major athletics events in the UK, starting out as one of the original team at the Great North Run in 1981 and NIKE International before working at British Athletics for 30 years, ultimately serving as Director of Major Events and International Relations.

Since 1991, she has played a central role in the bidding for and hosting of 22 global events for UK Athletics and was successful with every bid submitted.

Throughout Cherry's years at UK Athletics, tasks also involved managing the Broadcast relationship, delivering UKA's televised events, managing domestic fixture planning and advisory groups for officials' education and training.

International competition roles included Competition Manager for the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics along with delivering 215 medal ceremonies.

In 2013, Cherry was the founder of the Women in World Athletics initiative, an off-shoot project from the wider initiative, to increase the involvement of women in the sport at all levels and in all functions and roles.

Cherry also operated as Director of Competition for European Team Championships, World Half Marathons, World and European Indoor Championships and was Managing Director for the 2017 World Para Championships and World Athletics Championships in London. Those Championships are still regarded as the 'best ever' and they culminated in a financial surplus and a Guinness World Record for ticket sales.

For many years Cherry played a major role working with colleagues all over the world to help shape the European Competition calendar.

In 2019, Cherry was elected Vice President of European Athletics where she also chairs the Event and Competition Commission and the Major Events Strategy Bidding Group.

Cherry is loved and respected by generations of athletes and those associated with the sport in the UK and abroad. Over the years she has had an impact on so many of the athletes in our sport on their journeys to the highest levels, being directly responsible for providing the stage upon which they could display their talents so well.

Cherry continues her passion for the sport. She is now a Director of Cherry & Co and working on projects with various cities and with World Athletics to continue to showcase and develop the sport.



MARK SHEARMAN

CHERRY ALEXANDER

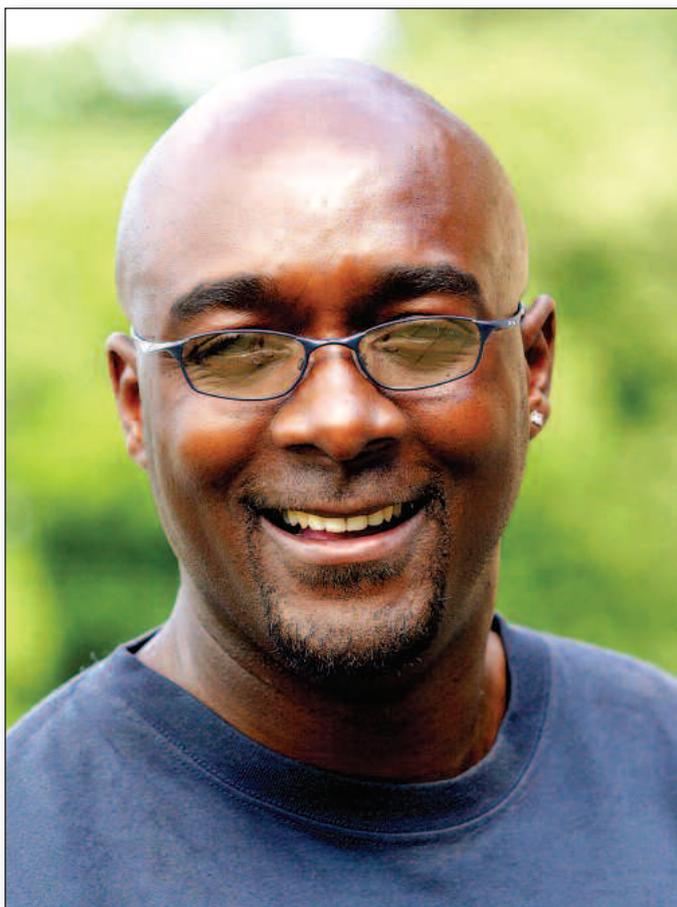
Born: 25.12.1960, South Shields

Club: South Shields Harriers

Major awards:

Sunday Times Unsung Hero Award 2007; MBE for Services to Sport 2013; IAAF Women's Leadership of the Year Award 2017; OBE for Services to Sport 2019; Ron Pickering Award for Services to Sport 2020

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



MARK SHEARMAN

LLOYD COWAN

Born: 8.7.1962, Hackney, London; died 11.1.2021

Major coaching achievements:

Coached Christine Ohuruogu to multiple medals including 400m Gold in the 2006 Commonwealth Games, 2007 and 2013 World Championships and 2008 Olympics. Coached Andy Turner to medals including Gold in the 2010 European and Commonwealth Games. Played a major part of supporting British athletics teams, athletes and coaches over the years

Major awards:

Ron Pickering Memorial Award for Services to Athletics 2013; MBE for Services to Athletics 2015

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



Lloyd Cowan was a man with an Olympic sized heart and an Olympic sized appetite for his sport and those he guided – both on and off the track. And like many superb coaches, his relationship with athletics started as a competitor.

Among his races of note are a silver medal finish in Birmingham as an under-23 in the Gold Cup & Jubilee Cup of September 1984 and representing Great Britain in the GB v USA match at the famous Gateshead international stadium 10 years later. Without doubt Cowan's proudest moment was to be representing England in the 110m Hurdles at the 1994 Victoria Commonwealth Games.

And whilst his own athletics career eventually came to an end in 1999, his finest contribution to the sport was yet to fully flourish. Over the following two decades he became a friend, coach, mentor and guiding light to dozens and dozens of world class athletes, including his son Dwayne, sprint hurdler Andy Turner and perhaps most famous of all, Britain's 400m World and Olympic champion Christine Ohuruogu.

Cowan was said to have a paternal presence around a track and had the ability to create an environment in which athletes learned to trust themselves by trusting him. Under his Dad's watchful eye, son Dwayne became a World, European and Commonwealth 400m semi-finalist who won a relay bronze medal at the 2017 World Championship, followed by silver at the Europeans in 2018.

In total, Turner spent 12 years working with Cowan during which he won European and Commonwealth 110m Hurdle titles as well as World bronze in 2011. "Lloyd took me through some really low, really terrible points of my life and on to the highest heights of my sport," said Turner.

"For the 12 years we worked together I probably spent more time with him than I did my family. Lloyd knew me better than anyone. He was always there, like another father to me; the coach I turned to when I had a bad race and was feeling awful – or a good one and wanted someone to celebrate with," he added.

As for Ohuruogu and her relationship with Lloyd, it was without doubt one of the most successful coach/athlete partnerships the sport has known. Time and time again they found themselves coming up with a winning formula, armed with that secret recipe of making sure Christine always peaked at the right time. None more so than the individual Olympic gold in Beijing 2008 and of course the two World titles from 2007 and 2013. An incredible global hat-trick for both. "Lloyd once told me that 'everyone has a dream'," said Ohuruogu. "And he aimed to support athletes and coaches to achieve their goals, however big or small. He was always helping build the future of athletics."

Lloyd Cowan. A giant of a man whose contribution to athletics will never be forgotten.

Although remembered mainly for her brilliant performances at the indoor 400m, winning the European title in 1973, 1975 and 1979, Verona Elder (née Bernard) was a high achiever also at the outdoor event – twice a silver medallist at the Commonwealth Games and a British record breaker. A further distinction was the record number of 71 British international "vests" she amassed over a 13-year period and when her active career was over she served the sport well in management.

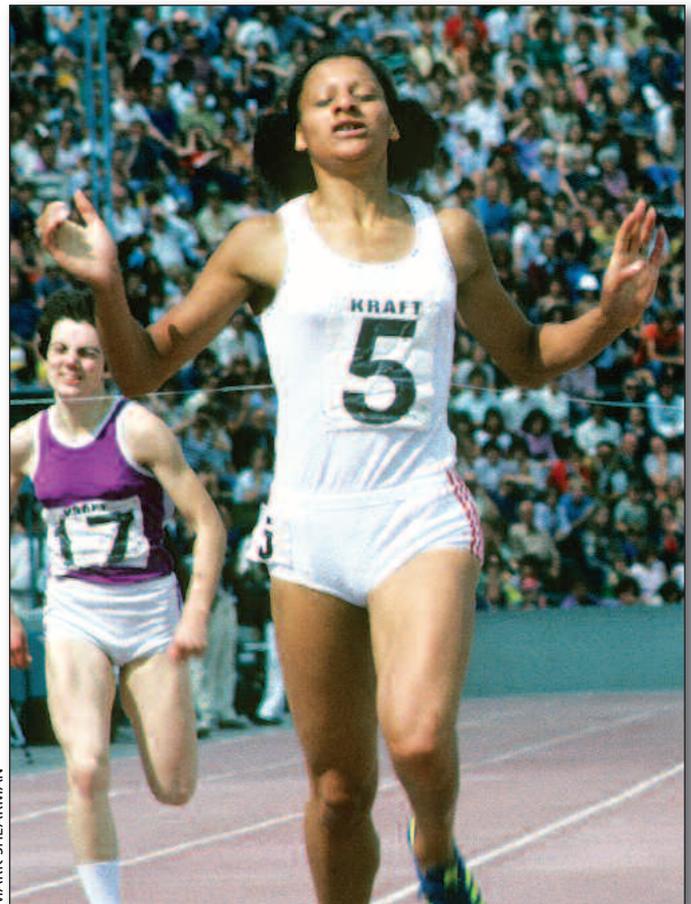
She was introduced to the sport, and Wolverhampton & Bilston AC, at age 11 by her teacher Brenda Cook, winner of the WAAA Indoor 600 yards title in 1963. She quickly made her mark as a junior and was only 18 when she ran for Britain in the 4x400m relay at the 1971 European Championships, the team placing fourth. She made a big advance in 1972, improving her best 400m time from 54.3 to 52.9, topping the British rankings and making her Olympic debut in Munich, reaching the 400m quarter-finals and placing fifth in the relay, the team setting a British record of 3:28.74.

Verona achieved star status in 1973, equalling the late Lillian Board's UK record of 52.1, a world class performance. The season had started auspiciously with her defeating two strong East German rivals to win her first European Indoor title in 53.0, equalling Marilyn Neufville's world indoor best. Early in 1974 she travelled to Christchurch for the Commonwealth Games and excelled by becoming the first Briton to break 52 sec, finishing second in 51.94, and anchoring the England 4x400m team to gold with a superb leg timed at 50.4.

Her next landmark event was getting married to Scottish steeplechaser Hugh Elder and under her new name she won the 1975 European Indoor 400m, taking the title ahead of three Soviet athletes in a UK best of 52.68. By this time Donna Murray (later Hartley) had taken over as Britain's number one at 400m outdoors but Verona was herself still improving and in 1976 she ran her quickest ever time of 51.4, winning in a match against the USSR in Kiev.

The 1977 season was notable for two particular performances: at the European Indoors she placed second in 52.75 behind a world record breaking Marita Koch of the GDR and in a special event at the WAAA Championships she teamed up with Donna Hartley, Sharon Colyear and Sonia Lannaman to set a world record of 1:31.6 for the 4x200m relay. At the 1978 Commonwealth Games she finished second to Donna and contributed a 51.2 leg to England's winning relay team, while in 1979 she triumphed for a third time at the European Indoors. Still she hadn't finished and signed off with a bronze at the 1981 Championships.

The three-time Olympian's glory years were over but not her involvement in the sport. Made an MBE in 1983, she became Britain's assistant women's team manager in 1989, women's team manager in 1992 and overall team manager in 1994 and at the 1996 Olympics.



MARK SHEARMAN

VERONA ELDER

Born: 5.4.1953, Wolverhampton

Club: Wolverhampton & Bilston AC

Major medals: **Gold** – 1973 European Indoor 400m; 1974 Commonwealth Games 4x400m; 1975 European Indoor 400m; 1978 Commonwealth Games 4x400m; 1979 European Indoor 400m; **Silver** – 1974 Commonwealth Games 400m; 1977 European Indoor 400m; 1978 Commonwealth Games 400m; **Bronze** – 1981 European Indoor

World records/bests: Indoor 400m: 53.0 in 1973; 4x200m: 1:31.6 in 1977

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



MARK SHEARMAN

JASON GARDENER

Born: 18.9.1975, Bath

Clubs: Wessex & Bath

Major medals: **Gold** – 1994 World Junior 4x100m, 1998 Commonwealth Games 4x100m (ran in heat); 2000, 2002, 2005 & 2007 European Indoor 60m, 2002 Commonwealth Games 4x100m. 2004 World Indoor 60m, Olympics 4x100m; **Silver** – 1994 World Junior 100m, 1998 European Indoor 60m, 1999 World 4x100m; **Bronze** – 1999 & 2003 World Indoor 60m, 2005 World 4x100m

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



Jason Gardener had great success as a sprinter in an international career spanning 13 years. Having started with gold and silver medals at the World Junior Championships, he had particular individual success at 60m indoors with five major gold medals and was a stalwart member of successful British sprint relay teams until 2007, while becoming the third European and British runner to break 10 seconds for 100m in 1998. Awarded MBE in 2005, he became a director of UK Athletics and its President from December 2015.

Jason's first national title was the AAA junior indoor 60m in 1994, before improving his 100m best that year from 10.62 in 1993 to 10.25 when he won the World Junior silver medal before leading off the winning British 4x100m team. His senior international debut came in 1995, going on to 34 internationals to 2007 when he retired. He made a considerable breakthrough to win the 60m for UK v Russia in January 1996, when he improved his best from 6.73 to 6.55, but missed much of the ensuing outdoor season through injury. After consistent form in 1997, he excelled in 1998 to win his first senior championships medal with the European Indoor silver in 6.59. He won 60m bronze at the 1999 World Indoors when his 6.46 broke Linford Christie's European record, and he went on to break 10 seconds for 100m when 3rd in Lausanne in 9.98. He was a brilliant winner of the AAA title in 10.02 and at the World Championships was 7th in the 100m and ran the first leg for the silver medal-winning British sprint relay team that broke the European record. His superb unbeaten indoor season in 2000 included the first of his four European 60m titles, but injury held him back and he was not at his best at the Olympics.

Having run in the 4x100m heats in 1998, he ran the opening leg on England's 4x100m team at the 2002 Commonwealth Games after 6th in the 100m. At the end of that year he decided to move on from his ten-year association with Dave Lease and joined Malcolm Arnold's training group at the University of Bath. He had graduated with a BSc in Media Communication and Sociology from Bath Spa University College. With his greatest success indoors, he ran the 100m at the 2002 Europeans, 2004 Olympics, 2005 Worlds and 2006 Commonwealths, and he won a total of nine AAA titles: 100m 1997, 1999, 2004-05 and indoor 60m 1999-2000, 2002 and 2004-05.

His greatest success came in 2004, when at 60m he won the World Indoor title and equalled his European indoor record of 6.46, and later led the British 4x100m team to their superb gold medal in the sprint relay at the Olympic Games. He was made an Honorary Freeman of the City of Bath and awarded the MBE in the 2005 New Year Honours. Then he was elected by the British Athletics Writers' Association as the British male athlete of the year for 2005.

A brilliant running career and now an ideal man to follow in the footsteps of David Hemery and Lynn Davies as UKA President.

Ask any close follower of athletics to name the UK's greatest ever sprint hurdler and the answer inevitably and correctly would be Colin Jackson. But he is Welsh, so how about England's top performer? Don Finlay would certainly be a candidate but even his glorious achievements tend to be eclipsed by those of Tony Jarrett. True, Jarrett did not win any Olympic medals but he did claim two silvers and a bronze at the World Championships – medals of equal significance to those at the Olympics ... and at the 1992 Games in Barcelona he missed out on the bronze by just one thousandth of a second. Overshadowed by Jackson, Jarrett's own long-term excellence has largely been under appreciated.

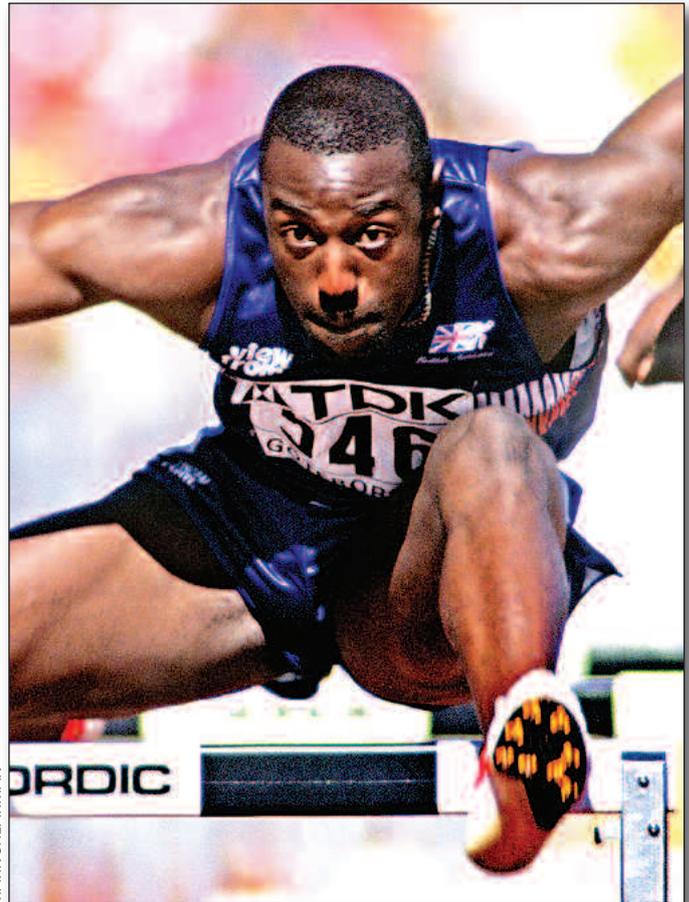
He made his mark early. At 18 he struck gold at the 1987 European Junior Championships, and acquitted himself well at the Seoul Olympics the following year, placing sixth. His reputation of always being the bridesmaid, never the bride, was established in 1990, for that year he finished runner-up at the Commonwealth Games, European Indoor Championships and European Championships. His best time of 13.21 moved him above Jon Ridgeon to second on the UK all-time list.

It was in 1991 that Jarrett, then coached by John Isaacs, won his first global medal, placing third in the World Championships. It was a landmark achievement but Jarrett was not at all satisfied. Having set an English record of 13.13 in his last race before Tokyo and run a fine semi he had expected better. But he lost concentration, hit too many hurdles and finished fully two metres behind the American pair of Greg Foster and Jack Pierce.

Jarrett experienced mixed fortunes in 1992. Heavily wind assisted it may have been, but a 13.04 victory in France a month before the Olympics was a morale booster. In Barcelona he was mortified to miss out on a medal by inches, his time of 13.26 being the same as the American who placed third.

His dedication and hard work were properly rewarded at the 1993 World Championships in Stuttgart when, unusually relaxed at the start, he ran the race of his life. Now coached by former sprint star Mike McFarlane he clocked the fabulous time of 13.00 in pushing Colin Jackson to a world record of 12.91, a mark which remained unsurpassed until 2006. Jarrett's still unapproached English record moved him into fourth place on the world all-time list and all these years later remains a performance of the highest global quality.

He never ran quite that fast again but continued to amass silver and bronze medals at the European Championships, Commonwealth Games and World Championships. Perseverance paid off at last in 1998 when, in his 11th season as a senior international, he finally had a gold medal placed around his neck: at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. He was a bag of nerves on that occasion but managed to win that coveted title by just 1/100th of second. He deserved no less.



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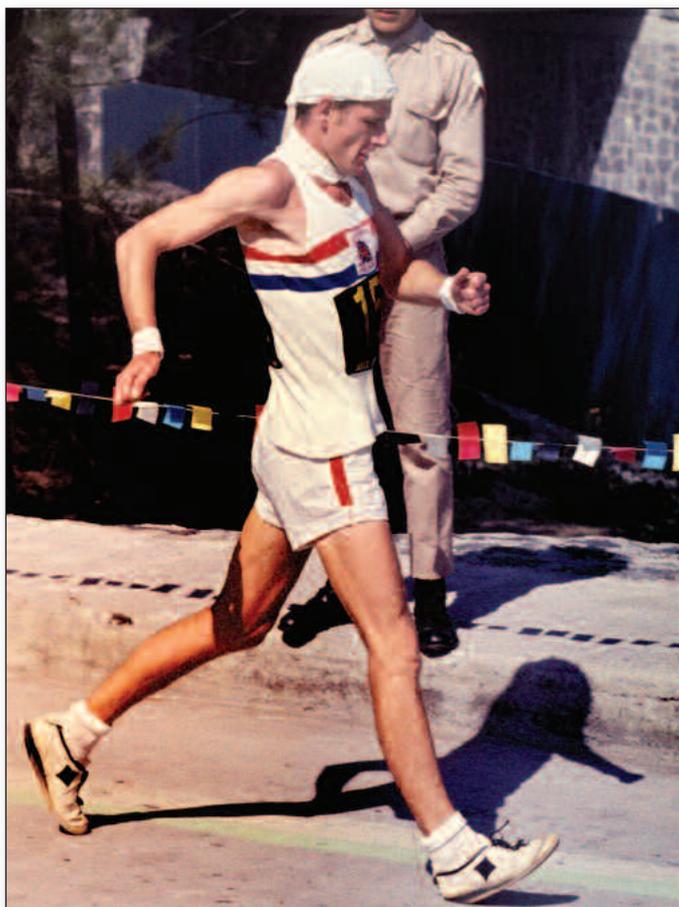
TONY JARRETT

Born: 13.8.1968, Enfield (London)

Club: Haringey AC (later Enfield & Haringey AC)

Major medals: **Gold** – 1990 Commonwealth Games 4x100m relay; 1998 Commonwealth Games 110m hurdles; **Silver** – 1990 Commonwealth Games & European Championships 110m hurdles; 1993 World Championships 110m hurdles and 4x100m relay; 1994 Commonwealth Games 110m hurdles; 1995 World Championships 110m hurdles; **Bronze** – 1991 World Championships 110m hurdles & 4x100m relay; 1994 European Championships 110m hurdles; 1995 World Indoor Championships 60m hurdles

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



MARK SHEARMAN

PAUL NIHILL

Born: 5.9.1939, Colchester (Essex); died 15.12.2020

Club: Surrey Walking Club

Major medals: Gold – 1969 European 20 kilometres walk; Silver – 1964 Olympic 50 kilometres walk;

Bronze – 1971 European 20 kilometres walk

World records/bests: 3000m walk – 11:51.2 in 1971, 5000m walk – 20:14.2 in 1972, 20 kilometres walk – 1:24:50 in 1972

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021

Walkers tend to compete over a wider range of distances than their running colleagues, but Paul Nihill's versatility was quite astonishing. Olympic silver medallist over 50 kilometres (31 miles+) in Tokyo in 1964, he was also acknowledged as the fastest – and fairest – of all speed walkers, his achievements including a 6:17.0 mile in 1970 which broke George Larner's British record which had stood since 1904!

Born of Irish parents, he started out in sport as a boxer, sprinter and hurdler. From 1954 to 1959 he was chiefly a cross country runner (of county standard), but he had to give up running after a knee operation and in 1960 he began training seriously for walking. He made his British international debut in 1963, contributing to team victory in the Lugano Trophy by finishing second to Ken Matthews in the 20 kilometres.

Further proof of his ability to perform at his best on the big occasion came in the 1964 Olympics when he pushed the favourite, Italy's Abdon Pamich, all the way in the 50 kilometres and lost by less than 20 seconds in the British record time of 4:11:32.

In 1965 Nihill set about gaining a clean sweep of Britain's six national titles. He succeeded in five of them but in the final race, the 50km, he 'blew up' and finished fifth. Later in the year he suffered a breakdown in his health and after further setbacks in 1966 he announced his retirement. Happily, it proved short lived and he returned better than ever.

Except for the Mexico City Olympic 50km, in which he collapsed from heat exhaustion, Nihill carried all before him in 1968. The following season he raced away with the European 20km title in Athens. That success was vital for his self-confidence, re-establishing himself as a great championship competitor. Twelve days earlier, in a training session, he had clocked an astonishing 6:06 for a mile walk, some nine seconds faster than the world best.

In 1971, in defence of his European 20km title, he placed a close third. A month before the 1972 Olympics he clocked a world road best of 1:24:50 and was justifiably confident of winning the gold medal, but following three weeks of altitude training in St Moritz he could place only sixth in Munich. He expressed his frustration. "It was four years' work down the drain. I really should have won, yet I was well beaten and hardly able to walk afterwards because my legs felt so heavy – like severe cramp in the thighs. Obviously, the trouble was due to acclimatisation after returning to sea level."

In 1976 he made the 20km team for Montreal to become the first British male athlete to compete in four Olympics. The 'Guv'nor', as he was affectionately known by the walking fraternity, amassed a record total of 27 national titles between 1963 and 1975 and from December 1967 to June 1970 he sustained only one defeat in 86 races, that dnf in Mexico City. He was awarded the MBE in 1976.

Only five British athletes have completed the grand slam: gold medals at the Olympic Games, World Championships, European Championships and Commonwealth Games. Daley Thompson led the way between 1978 and 1983, followed by Linford Christie (1986-1993), Sally Gunnell (1986-1994) and Jonathan Edwards (1995-2002). The fifth such legend is Greg Rutherford.

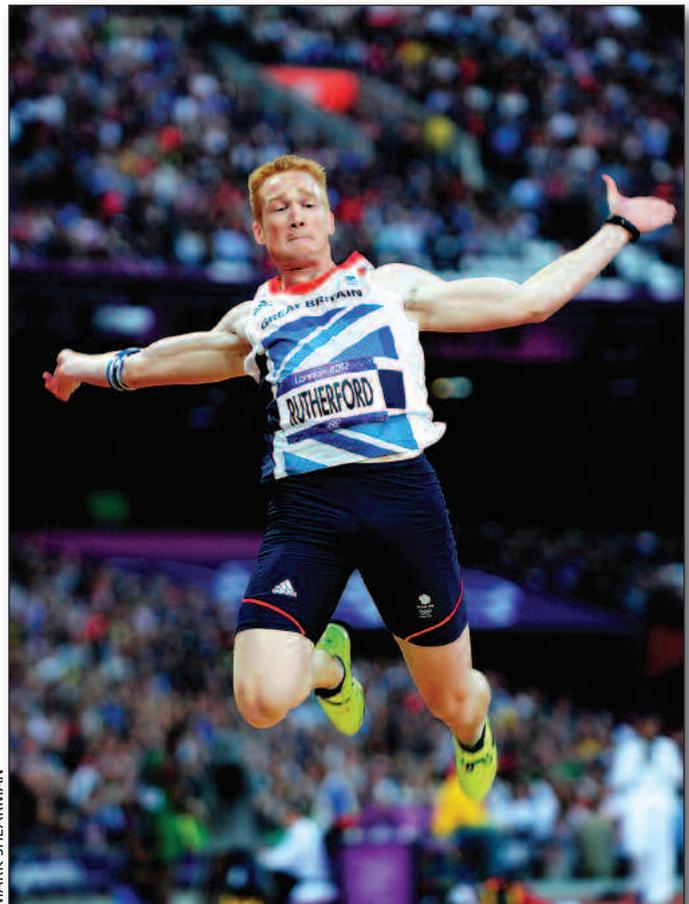
Rutherford comes from a sporting family. His great-grandfather Jock Rutherford was a major football star, winning three First Division titles with Newcastle United and being capped for England 11 times between 1904 and 1908, and his grandfather John Rutherford played for Arsenal. Greg himself showed promise as a footballer, having trials with Aston Villa at age 14 before deciding that athletics was the sport for him. He savoured the individual challenge. "In football you can play the match of your life and if the rest of your team plays badly you will lose. But that's not the case in athletics."

In 2005, while only 18, he captured his first AAA senior long jump championship and won the European Junior title with a British junior record of 8.14. Still a teenager, in 2006 he retained his AAA title with a leap of 8.26, just a centimetre away from Chris Tomlinson's UK record, and excelled to take the silver medal at the European Championships.

He looked to be on course to join the world's elite but his Olympic debut in 2008 proved disappointing for after qualifying for the final in third place he finished only tenth. At the following year's World Championships his excitement after setting a UK record of 8.30 when qualifying drained away in the final although his fifth place with 8.17 was a commendable result.

A cyst on his foot kept him out of the 2010 European Championships but he recovered well to set an impressive 100m best of 10.26 and take the silver medal at the Commonwealth Games with 8.22 ... but he had to wait another two years before he broke through to the very highest level. Early in 2012 he equalled Tomlinson's UK record of 8.35 and an 8.32 victory in Rome set him up nicely for the London Olympics. There on "Super Saturday" he, along with Jessica Ennis and Mo Farah, became a national hero. That his fourth round jump of 8.31 was the shortest winning distance since 1972 was of no consequence. "This is what I've dreamt of all my life. When I chose athletics all I wanted was to be an Olympic champion." He became the first Briton to win this event since Welshman Lynn Davies in 1964 and the first Englishman ever.

That was just the start of a stunning sequence of major successes. Commonwealth and European champion in 2014 (the year he set his ultimate British record of 8.51), the World title in 2015, another European gold medal in 2016 prior to taking the bronze medal at that year's Olympics. Awarded the MBE in 2013, Rutherford may not yet have ended his Olympic career, for he is planning to be a member of the British bobsleigh team at the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing!



MARK SHEARMAN

GREG RUTHERFORD

Born: 17.11.1986, Milton Keynes

Clubs: Marshall Milton Keynes AC

Major medals: Gold – 2005 European Junior, 2012 Olympics, 2014 Commonwealth Games & European Championships, 2015 World Championships; 2016 European; Silver – 2006 European, 2010 Commonwealth Games; Bronze – 2016 Olympics

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021





MARK SHEARMAN

SHEILA SHERWOOD

Born: 22.10.1945, Sheffield. née Parkin

Clubs: Sheffield United Harriers

Major medals: Gold – 1967 World University Games, 1970 Commonwealth Games; Silver – 1966 Commonwealth Games, 1968 Olympics

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



Following the retirement of Mary Rand, Sheila Sherwood was Britain's top female long jumper from the mid-1960s to the early 1970s. Ever a big-time competitor, she set personal bests when winning Commonwealth Games silver in 1966, Olympic silver in 1968 and Commonwealth Games gold in 1970, when she followed husband John to the top of the rostrum.

Sheila Parkin showed considerable early promise, improving from 5.30m in 1960 when she was 14 and won the English Schools' junior girls' title, to 5.89 in 1961 and to set UK under-19 records at 6.11 and 6.18 in 1962. She was just the fifth British woman to exceed 20ft (6.10m) and of these only Mary Rand had bettered her 6.18. That year she made her international debut for Britain and went on to total 27 appearances until 1972. Still just 16 years old she made her major championships debut in 1962 with 12th at the European Championships and soon after her 17th birthday was the top British finisher with 5th at the Commonwealth Games, although disappointed with that. She won the English Schools' intermediates title in 1962 and 1963 and the senior title in 1964. She had won her first Northern title in 1961, going on to win that every year to 1972, apart from 1968. She won her first national WAAA title indoors in 1962 with further wins in 1963 and 1965 (2nd 1964 and 1966) and outdoors she was 3rd in 1962, 1964 and 1970 and 2nd in 1963, winning for the first time in 1968 and again in 1969 and 1971-2.

Further improvement came with 6.27 in 1964, and in 1966, when she showed her ability to produce her best at the big events with 6.30 for Commonwealth Games silver behind Rand. Then she jumped 6.41 in 1967 before leaping into the world top ten in 1968 with successive bests of 6.42, 6.43 and 6.55. In the days before athletes could be full-time in the pursuit of their sport, she was a PE teacher at Myers Grove School in Sheffield, and practising over a hurdle in the school corridor, with her main training in the evenings. Yet from that background she excelled to take the silver medal at the 1968 Olympic Games, starting with a pb 6.60 and then 6.68 (21'11") in the fifth round. At the end of the year she was ranked second in the world, remaining in the top ten each year to 1972. She reached her peak in taking the Commonwealth gold medal in 1970 with her personal best (and then third equal on the world all-time list) of 6.73m, just 3cm short of Rand's then world record at the 1964 Olympics. All six of her jumps were superior to the best of silver medallist, Ann Wilson (6.50), and she achieved her ambition of jumping 22 feet (6.71m) three times. Her husband John had won gold for 400m hurdles two days earlier. She continued to 9th at the 1972 Olympic Games and 7th at the 1974 Commonwealth Games and the best of her four European Championships was 4th in 1971.

After being coached by Shirley and Gordon Headley while at school, she trained with John Sherwood, whom she had married in 1967, and Robbie Brightwell. Her best sprint times, in 1964, were 10.8 for 100y and 11.8 for 100m. BAWA Female Athlete of the Year 1968.

ATHLETE OF THE DECADE

2010-2019

DAVID WEIR

Born: 5.6.1979, Wallington, London

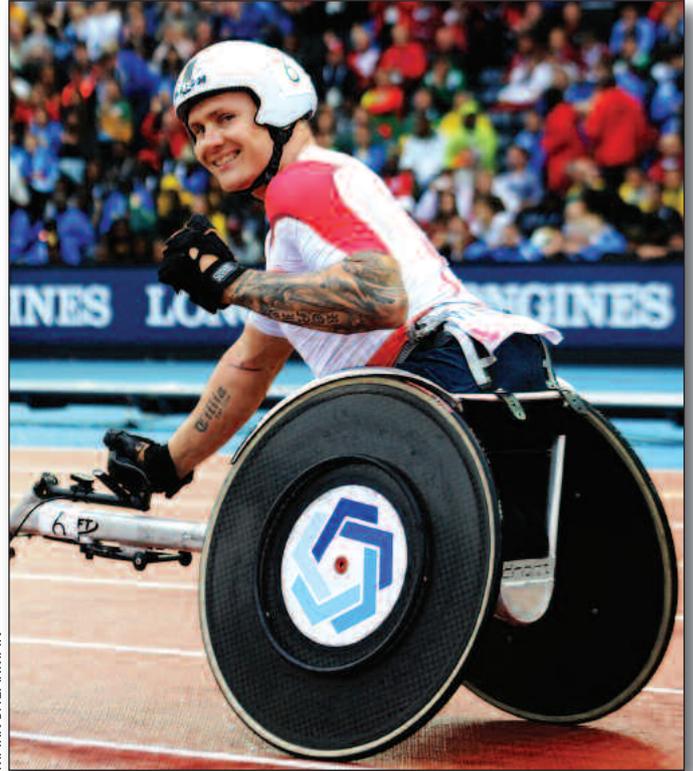
Club: Weir Archer Academy

Major medals:

Gold – 2011 IPC Athletic Championships 800m, 1500m, 5000m; 2011 London Marathon; 2012 Paralympic Games 800m, 1500m, 5000m, Marathon; 2012 London Marathon; 2014 Commonwealth Games: 1500m; 2016 European Para Championships: 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m; 2017 London Marathon; 2018 London Marathon

Silver – 2015 World Para Championships 1500m

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2021



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It is a testament to the success of David Weir CBE that focusing our attention to the years 2010-19 gives a wealth of success to talk about – and yet only provides a part of his story. Those ten years include four London Marathon wins out of his total of eight titles, with two silvers and a bronze from the event also in this decade.

David Weir first met coach Jenny Archer at London's Tooting Bec track when he was just eight years old. David made his Paralympic debut at Atlanta 1996 (aged 17). However, unimpressed by the experience he quit the sport soon after.

But following seeing the success of the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games he decided to return to the sport and contacted Jenny for help. Coming into the decade 2010-2019, the T54 wheelchair athlete had already established himself as a formidable competitor on the track and roads. A sweep of gold medals at 800m, 1500m and 5000m at the 2011 IPC World Championships, as well as a London Marathon win that year, reinforced this reputation.

But 2012 was the year which was to define him as both a racer & trailblazer for disability sport. After another London Marathon title then came the London Paralympics. Lord Coe describes: "London 2012 provided so many extraordinary moments and created so many heroes it is almost invidious to focus on any individual athletes or their achievements. But David Weir's four gold medals must surely stand out as one of the outstanding performances in a truly astonishing summer." The medals came at 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon to provide a remarkable Paralympic performance. More medals would keep coming at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games of 2014, IPC World

Championships of 2015, and IPC European Championships of 2016. But it is the performances at London 2012 that will live longest and strongest in so many people's minds, and for which he gained the nickname the Weir Wolf.

Following London 2012, Jenny Archer and David also created the Weir Archer Academy – a wheelchair racing athletics club providing training opportunities and equipment for new and existing athletes. Together they are helping to create the future of wheelchair athletics. The academy is now the largest wheelchair racing club in the UK, with athletes such as James Freeman and Fabienne André competing alongside David in the Tokyo Paralympics.

Jenny Archer was herself inducted into the England Athletics Hall of Fame in 2019. David Weir was awarded the CBE for services to athletics in the 2013 New Year Honours.

Another mark of David's career is that as we embark on another decade of sport, his 5th place finish in the Paralympic Marathon in Tokyo and podium finish of 3rd in his 22nd consecutive London Marathon proves he is still delivering and still inspiring 25 years after his maiden Paralympics. This is testament to his incredible strength of mind and body combined with speed of thought and tactics that have enabled David to stand out in arguably the most competitive fields ever assembled in disability sport.



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

WINNERS 2020

- ★ **ATHLETICS & RUNNING @HOME: OSSY JOGGERS**
North West region
 - ★ **CLUB OF THE YEAR: BLACKHEATH & BROMLEY HARRIERS AC**
London region
 - ★ **COACH OF THE YEAR: MIKE UTTING**
City of Norwich AC – East region
 - ★ **RUN LEADER OF THE YEAR: JULIE SMITH**
Quarrington Hill Runners – North East region
 - ★ **OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR: MARY HODGES**
Leamington C&AC – West Midlands region
 - ★ **RUNTOGETHER GROUP OF THE YEAR: TEAM CATERPILLAR**
Yorkshire & Humberside region
 - ★ **SERVICES TO ATHLETICS OR RUNNING: PAUL SANDERSON**
Telford AC – West Midlands region
 - ★ **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: TRACEY JONES**
Southampton AC – South East region
 - ★ **YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: THOMAS LEWIS**
Run Wild Manchester – North West region
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- ★ **DAVE SUNDERLAND COACHING BURSARY: TREVOR PAINTER**
Wigan & District
 - ★ **LLOYD COWAN COACHING BURSARY: MARINA ARMSTRONG**
Uknetrunner

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Ron Pickering Memorial Fund present

THE RON PICKERING MEMORIAL FUND YOUNG ATHLETE OF THE YEAR, 2021

Awarded to athletes from across the Home Nations

★ **U23: JAKE HEYWARD**

(Coach: Stuart Hamilton; Club: Cardiff)

★ **U20: KEELY HODGKINSON**

(Coach: Trevor Painter; Club: Leigh AC)

★ **CHARLIE CARVELL**

(Coach: Joe McDonnell; Club: Charnwood AC)

AAA Athletics for the Young Charity present

THE DAVE CROPPER AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING 800M RUNNER, 2021

★ **ELEANOR COLBOURN**

(Coach: Joanne Day; Club: Harrogate AC)

★ **OLIVER DUSTIN**

(Coach: Graeme Mason; Club: Border AC)

National Athletics League present

★ **PREMIERSHIP TROPHY – THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS**

★ **BEST MALE TRACK ATHLETE – CHRIS MCALISTER**

(Coach: Marina Armstrong; Club: Thames Valley Harriers)

★ **BEST MALE FIELD ATHLETE – SCOTT LINCOLN**

(Coach: Paul Wilson; Club: City of York AC)

★ **BEST FEMALE TRACK ATHLETE – JESSIE KNIGHT**

(Coach: Marina Armstrong; Club: Windsor, Slough, Eton & Hounslow AC)

★ **BEST FEMALE FIELD ATHLETE – AMELIA STRICKLER**

(Coach: Zane Duquemin; Club: Thames Valley Harriers)

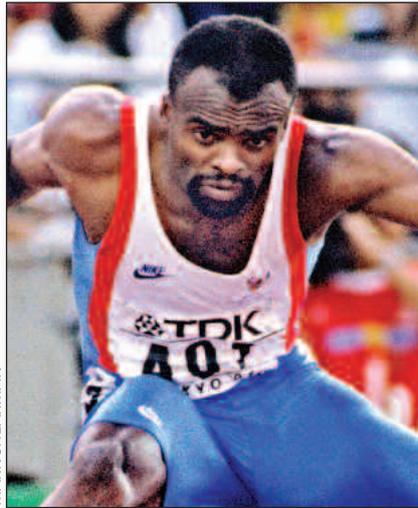
PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



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.

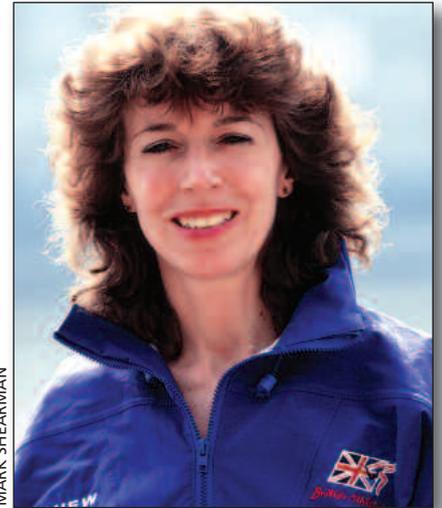


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KRISS AKABUSI

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.



MARK SHEARMAN

WILLIE APPEGARTH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

Hailed by Harold Abrahams as one of the best sprinters this country has ever produced, Willie Applegarth anchored the British 4x100m relay team to gold at the Olympic Games in 1912 where he also won bronze in the 200m. Nicknamed 'The Guisborough Flyer', he clocked 21.2 for 220 yards which stood as a World Record until 1932 and as the UK best until 1958.

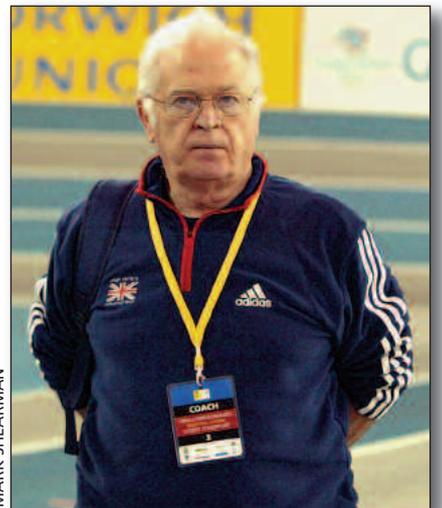


MARK SHEARMAN

JENNY ARCHER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

Jenny Archer MBE is the lifelong coach of twelve-time Paralympic medallist David Weir CBE. Jenny has been instrumental in David's success and is renowned for her innovative and brave coaching style which has driven athletes out of their comfort zone. She was awarded an MBE for services to disability athletics in 2014 and now works with Weir as part of their Weir Archer Academy – the largest wheelchair racing club in the UK.

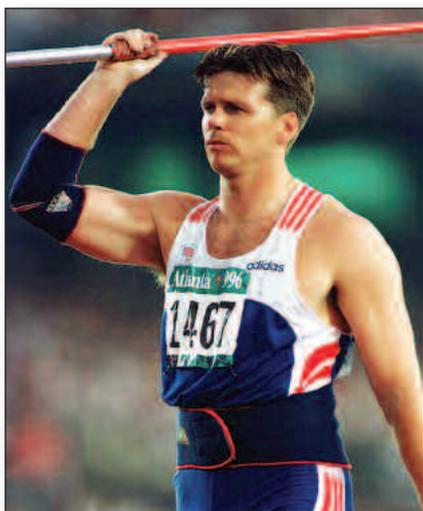


MARK SHEARMAN

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.

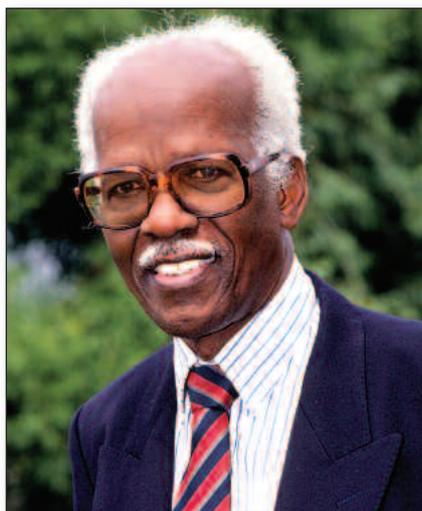


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STEVE BACKLEY

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.

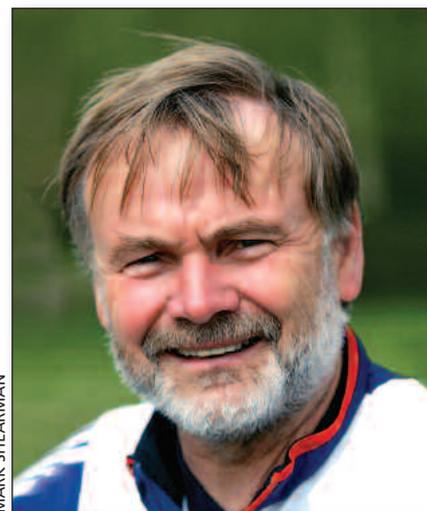


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MCDONALD BAILEY

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.

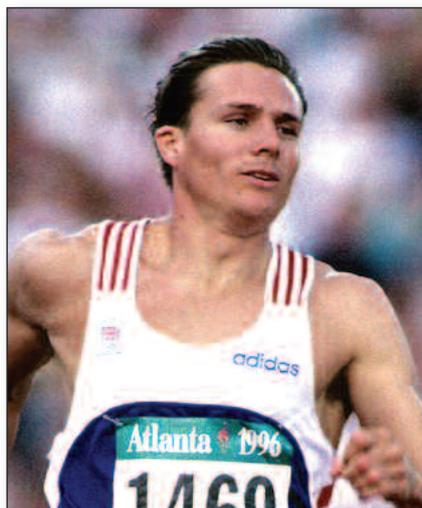


MARK SHEARMAN

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.



MARK SHEARMAN

ROBBIE BRIGHTWELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

Robbie's career peaked in 1962 when he won the AAA 440 yards title in 45.9, just 0.2 sec outside the World Record, going on to become the European 400m Champion and Commonwealth 440 yards silver medallist. Robbie is perhaps best known for his hard-fought 4x400m silver medal at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics after narrowly missing a medal in the 400m final. Married to Ann Packer, they are the second married couple to enter the Hall of Fame.



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.



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GEORGE BUNNER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

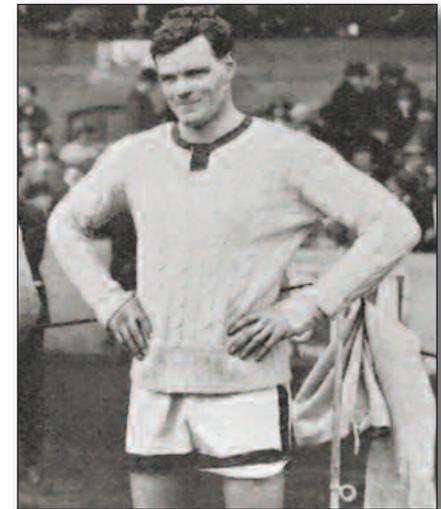
George Bunner is creator of Sportshall, which since 1976 has seen thousands of youngsters, including many future stars, given a first taste of athletics. The former AAA Junior 880 yards champion is a leading authority on children's athletics. Among his initiatives are the AAA Tom Pink Relays, World Marathon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



LORD BURGHLEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

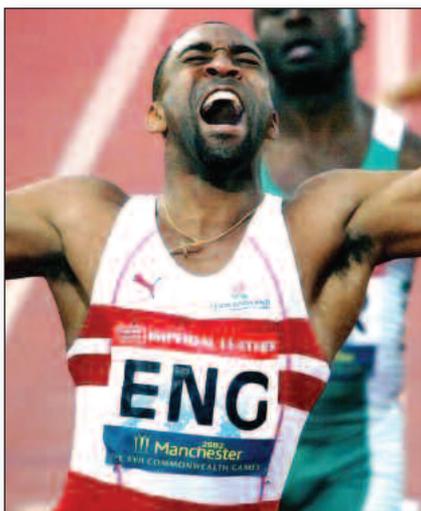
Lord Burghley won Olympic gold. He held British records at 120, 220 and 440 yard hurdles. In 1927 he shared the world record for 440 yard hurdles. He won the 120 yards and 440 yards hurdles at the Empire Games in 1930. Off the track he gave great service with the International Olympic Committee, AAA,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

GEOFF CAPES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

Renowned for his stature and strength, Capes began setting records and winning hauls of medals and titles from age 16. He achieved his longest ever shot put throw in May 1980, a Commonwealth record 21.68 and his 17th British Record over a period of 8 years. Following a sensational athletics career, Capes went on to gain even more public admiration by twice winning the World's Strongest Man.



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.

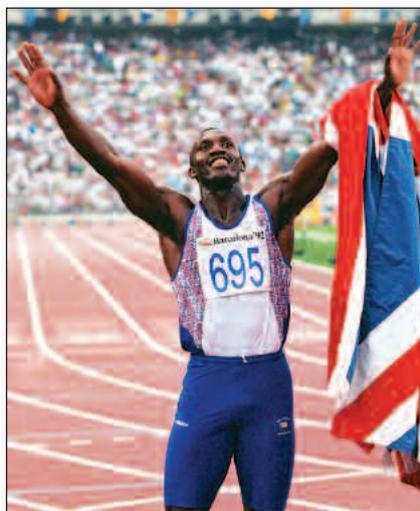


MARK SHEARMAN

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.

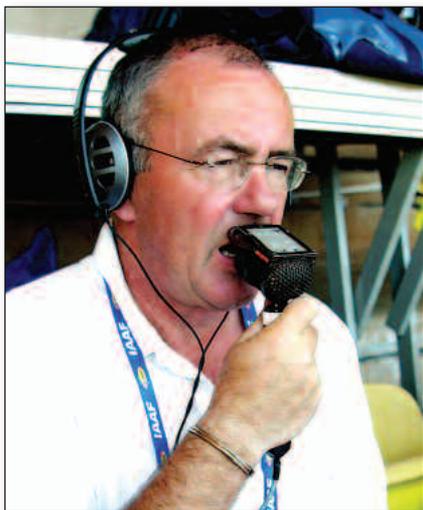
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DANNY CRATES

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.



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PAUL DICKENSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

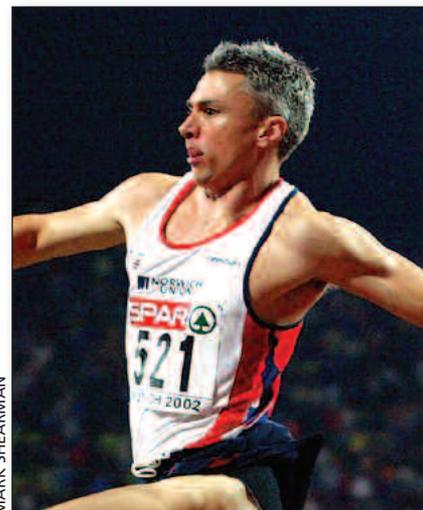
Paul Dickenson has been a regular voice in BBC television's athletics commentary team since 1990. A former hammer thrower, Paul's career highlights include 4th and 5th places finishes at the 1978 and 1982 Commonwealth Games, and representing Great Britain at two consecutive Olympic Games in 1976 and 1980. Alongside his commentary work Paul has built up an enviable reputation as a coach of young hammer throwers.



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.

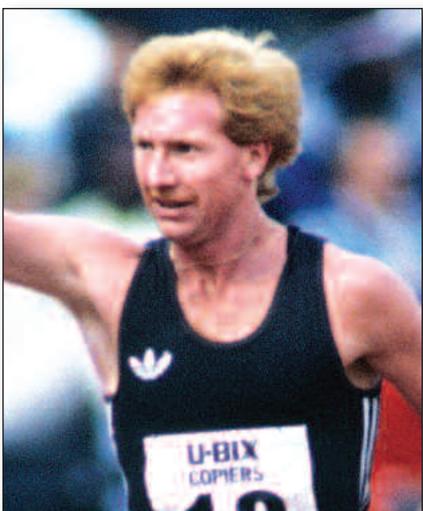


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JONATHAN EDWARDS

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.



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DAME JESSICA ENNIS-HILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

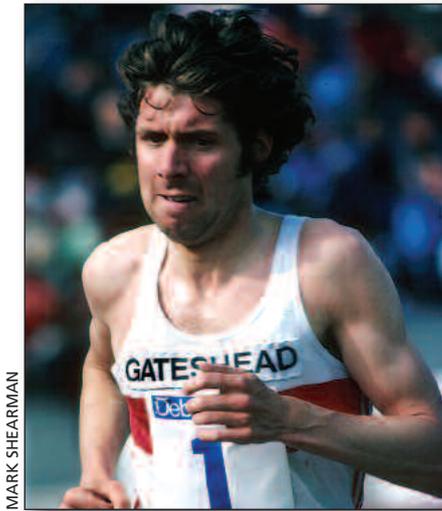
Britain's most successful female multi-eventer, Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill is an athlete that needs little introduction. As London 2012 Olympic champion, three-time World champion, and 2010 European champion, she is one of Britain's athletics immortals and remains the current British national record holder for heptathlon with a record score of 6,955 points.



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!

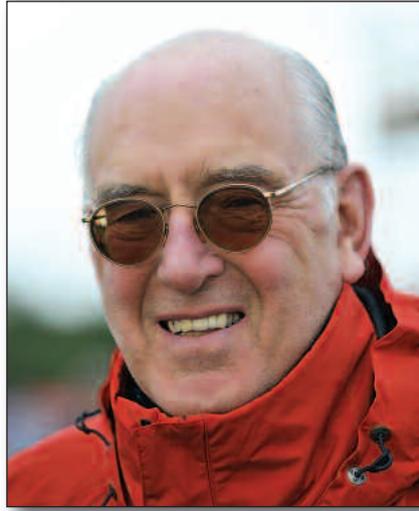


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BRENDAN FOSTER

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.



TOMMY GREEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

A remarkable race walking athlete who won his first race in 1926. Later victories included the London to Brighton classic (1929, 1930, 1931, 1933) and the Milan 100 kilometres race (1930). He won Olympic gold in the 50 kilometres road race in 1932 with 4:50:10, seven minutes ahead of his nearest rival – a winning margin exceeded only once in 18 Olympic races held since.

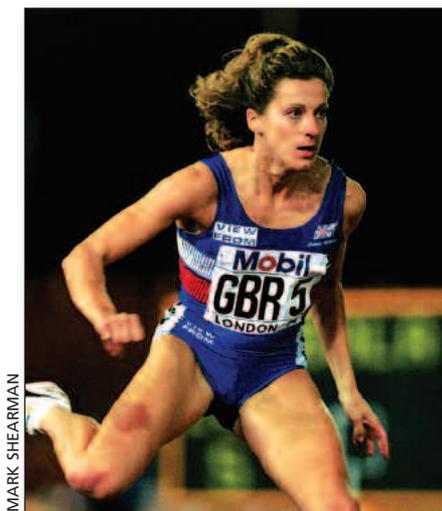


MARK SHEARMAN

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.

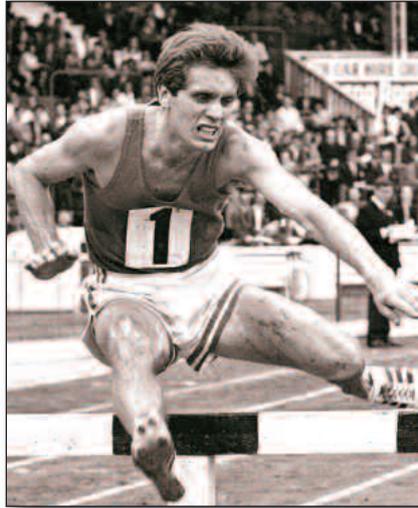


MARK SHEARMAN

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

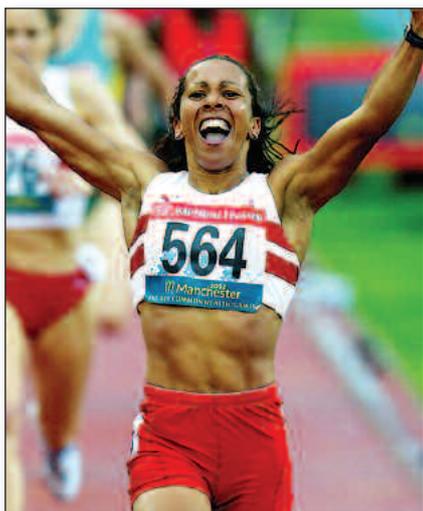
The holder of the most distinguished record in British cross country history: English champion in 1938 and 1939; International champion in 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1939. In 1950, aged 43, he proved himself the world's number one marathoner by winning five races out of five including the British Empire and 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.

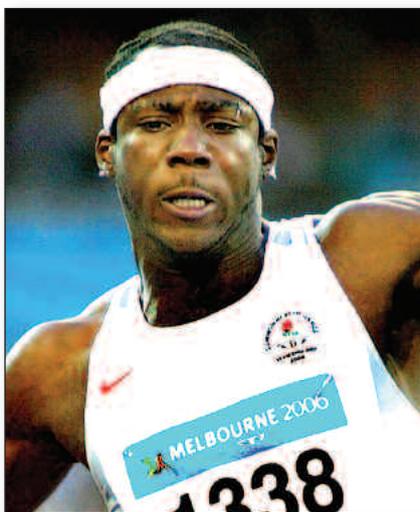


MARK SHEARMAN

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.



MARK SHEARMAN

PHILLIPS IDOWU

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

A World, European and Commonwealth champion, Phillips Idowu is one of the greatest British triple jumpers of all time. He won five major gold medals in an illustrious career, claiming his first international medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. He was the first British man ever to win a World Indoor field event title in 2008 and went on to produce an outdoor personal best (17.62m) to earn a Beijing 2008 Olympic silver medal.



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

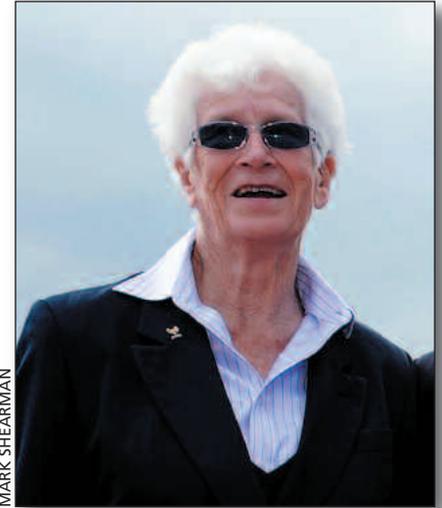
In 1954 Johnson won the Commonwealth Games 880 yards and, although fourth, at the European Championships set a British 800m record of 1:47.4. The thrilling 1956 Olympic 800m final saw Johnson edged out of gold by Tom Courtney of the USA – 1:47.7 to 1:47.8. In 1957 he lowered his British 800m record to 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

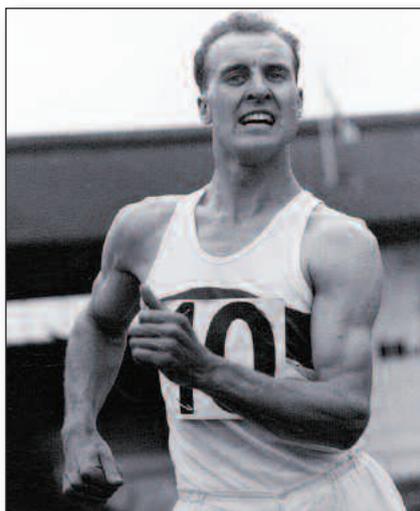
Douglas Lowe became Olympic 800m champion in 1924 and four years later became the first man to win a second Olympic gold at the distance. His Paris time of 1:52.4 took a second off the British record. In 1928 Lowe won by a full second in the Olympic and British record time of 1:51.8. Lowe's last race 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

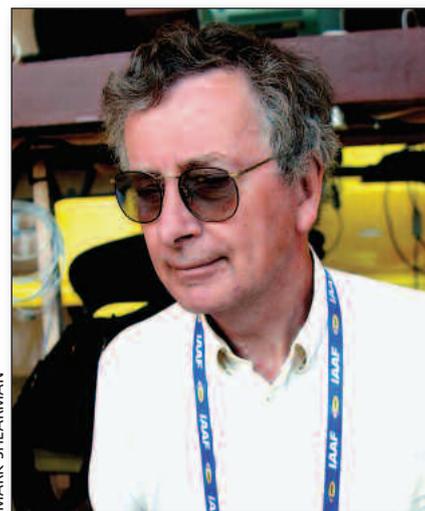
Bob Matthews' first Paralympic Games were at goalball (an indoor team sport specifically for visually-impaired athletes) in Arnhem in 1980. He transitioned to athletics and amassed an incredible 29 international gold medals with nine silver medals and six bronze competing at distances from 400m to marathon. 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.



PETER MATTHEWS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

Britain's foremost athletics statistician and analyst, 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 without him the sport would be without two essential statistical reference books. In 2009, he was presented with the coveted British Athletics Writers' Association's Ron Pickering Memorial Award for services to athletics.



KATHARINE MERRY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

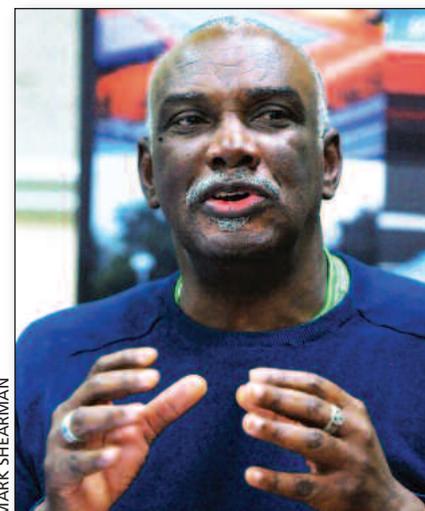
Katharine set age records galore with a tally of titles and record times in 200m and 400m - some of which still stand today. An Olympic and European bronze medallist, and former World No.1, Merry has maintained a high profile as a popular radio and TV commentator, infield presenter and Hall of Fame host.



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.



ASTON MOORE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

A triple jumping UK record breaker and one of the world's foremost coaches, Aston Moore's competing and coaching career can only be described as sensational. Blessed with natural talent, he set records, won titles and championships from the start. Giving back to a sport that he clearly loves, Aston has achieved even more distinction as a coach than as an athlete.



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

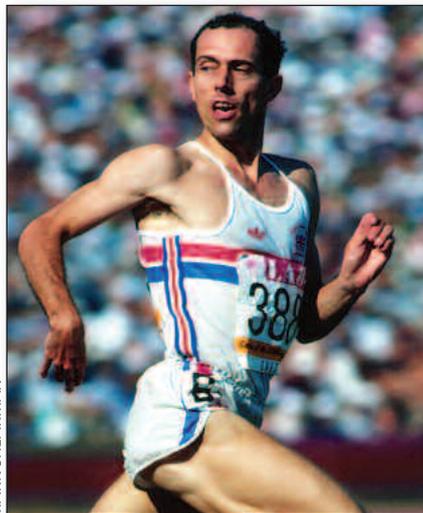
Judy's contested a remarkable six Commonwealth Games, winning a medal each time – an unprecedented achievement with golds coming in 1982, 1994 and 1998. Domestically, she collected a record 35 Women's AAA titles (indoors and out) between 1977 and 2000, when she was aged 42. By the time she retired she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



CHRISTINE OHURUOGU

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

The most decorated British athlete of all time winning Olympic, World and Commonwealth titles, she is a famed championship performer, always peaking on the big occasion with storming finishes becoming her trademark. She is the first British female track and field athlete to win a medal at three successive Olympics in 2008, 2012 and 2016, and she has no fewer than 13 major 4x400m relay medals.



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.

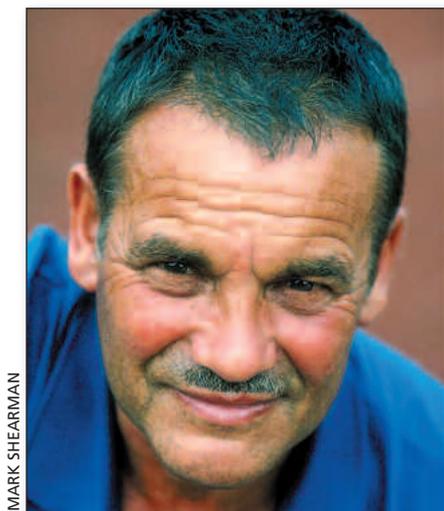


MARK SHEARMAN

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.



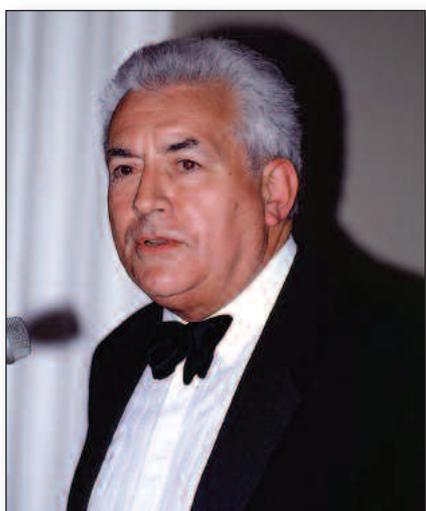
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JEAN PICKERING

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.

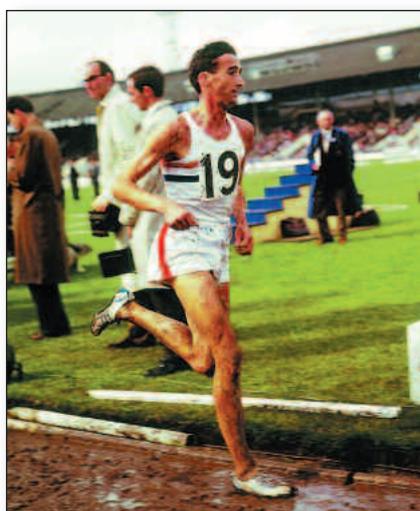
In 1954 Jean married Ron Pickering. After his premature death Jean's work through The Ron Pickering Memorial Fund saw over a million pounds distributed to help young athletes.



RON PICKERING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

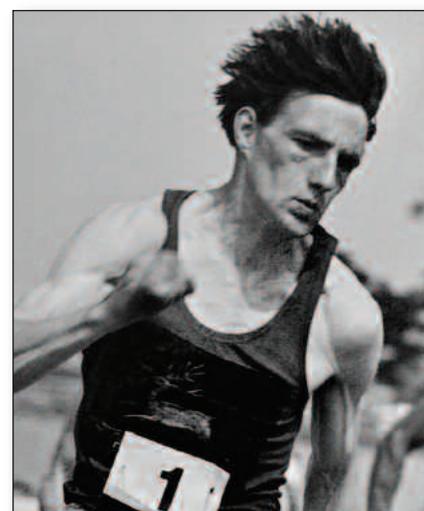
The renaissance man of British athletics - coach, broadcaster, writer, motivator, visionary, administrator ... he was the conscience and guardian of the sport. Pickering was National Coach for Wales and South West England and coached Lynn Davies to a shock victory at the 1964 Olympics. Ron married European 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.



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PAULA RADCLIFFE

Athlete of the Decade 2001-2010

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

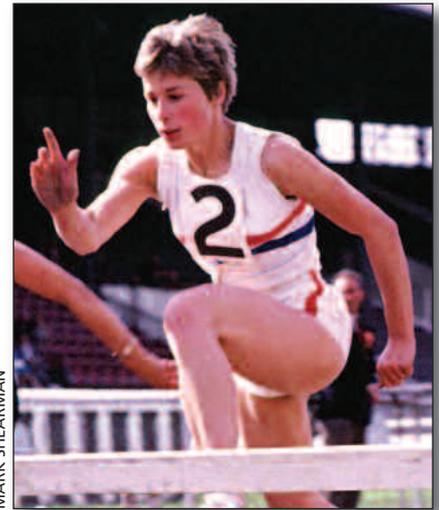
In 1992 Paula Radcliffe became World Junior cross country champion ahead of China's Wang Junxia (who the following year set seemingly unreal world record times at 3000m and 10,000m).

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 outsprinted 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.

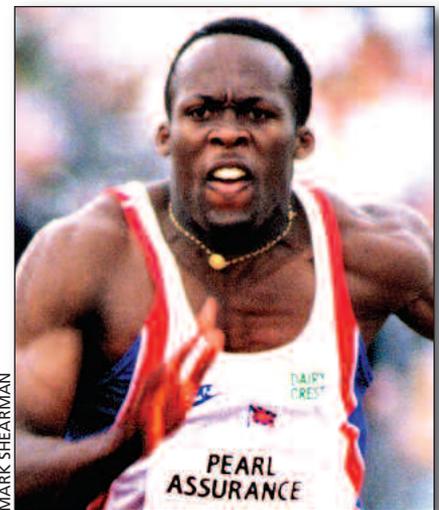


MARK SHEARMAN

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

JOHN REGIS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2018

A powerful and versatile sprinter, Regis is the only man to win four medals in a single European Championships. He won World Indoor and European 200m titles, is a World and European Championships gold medallist in 4x400m relay, Commonwealth Games gold medallist in 4x100m relay and Olympic silver and bronze medallist. He set the current British 200m record in 1994.

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).

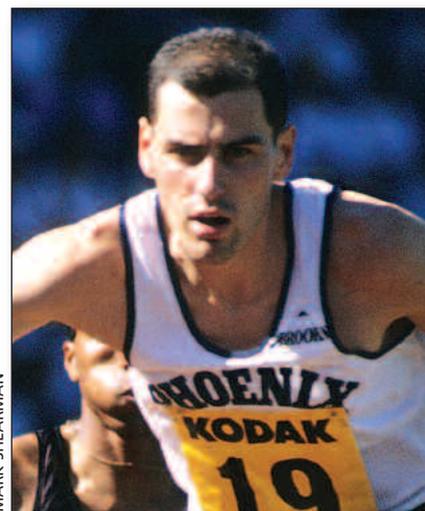


ARTHUR ROWE

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



MARK ROWLAND

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

Mark Rowland is Britain's only Olympic medal-winning steeplechaser in recent history, winning bronze at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games in 8:07.96, which has stood as the British record for over 30 years. He ran his second quickest time of 8:13.27 for silver at the European Championships in 1990. Mark is now Head Coach of the Oregon Track Club and has guided several runners to international honours.

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.

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WENDY SLY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2017

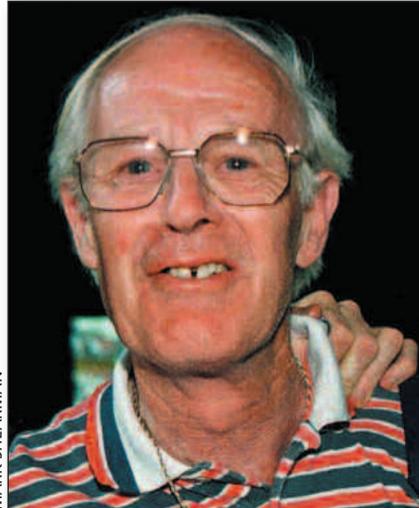
In 1981 Sly established herself at world class on the US road circuit. Commonwealth 3000m silver and a Commonwealth record of 8:46.01 came in 1982. Sly moved second on the world all-time 10K list with 31:29, placed fifth at 3000m and 1500m at the World Championships, then won the inaugural World 10km 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.

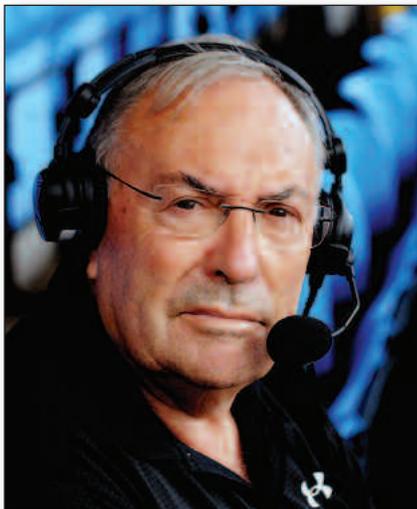


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KELLY SOTHERTON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2019

Kelly Sotherton MBE is one of the most celebrated athletes of her generation and considered as the Isle of Wight's gift to international athletics. The multi-event specialist won the 2006 Commonwealth Games heptathlon, and three Olympic bronze medals, across heptathlon and 4x400m relay. Other career highlights included a 2007 World bronze medal, as well as silver medal success in World Indoor and European Indoor pentathlon.



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.

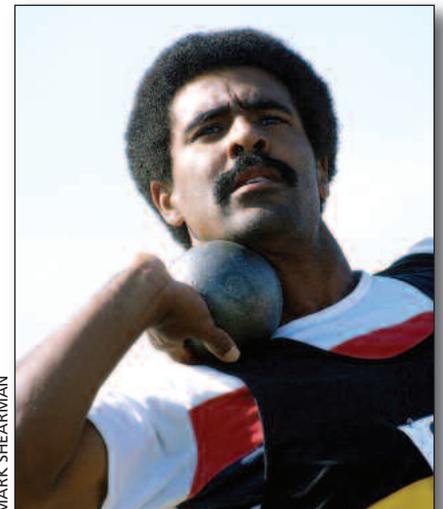


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NOEL THATCHER

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

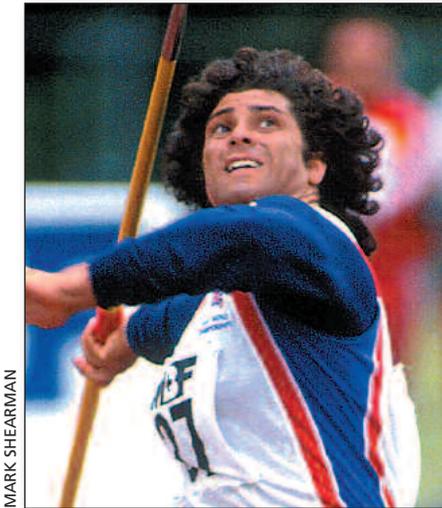
Denis Watts was the first man to win the long/triple jump double at the AAA Championships (1946). He was Joint AAA Principal Coach until 1978. He coached Dorothy Hyman to Olympic silver (100m) and bronze (200m) in 1960. He coached Tom Farrell (400m hurdles) and Andy Carter (800m) to British records and 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.

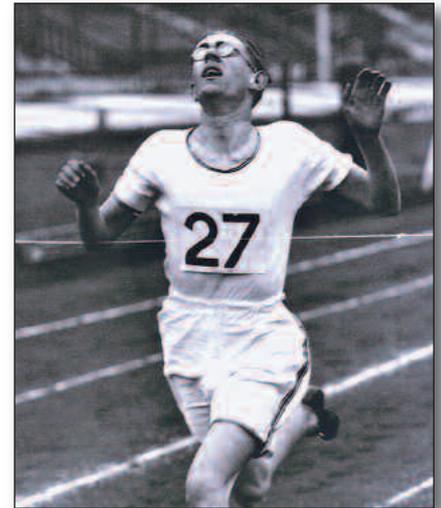


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HAROLD WHITLOCK

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 baton 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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