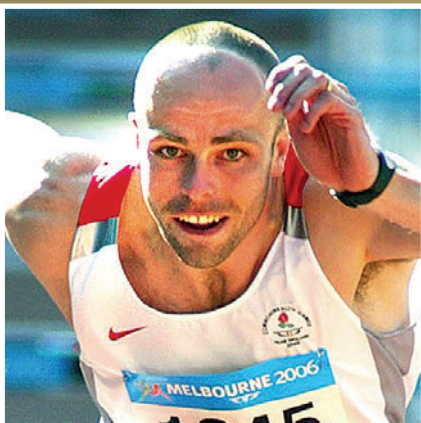
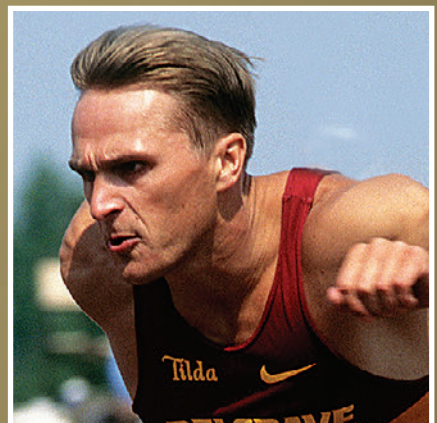
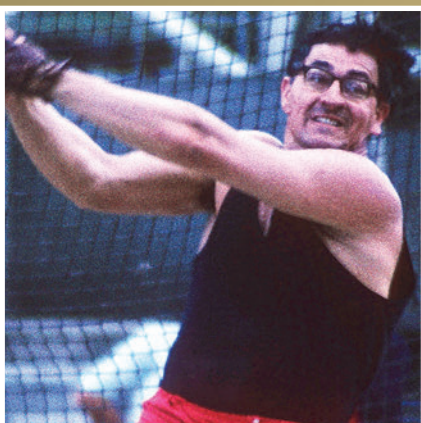


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2022



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS



# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome to the 2022 England Athletics Hall of Fame.

After two years in which Covid decimated our athletics events programme, this year we started to return to the track in a major way. The Commonwealth Games in Birmingham was a tonic that we all needed – inspiring performances, the first top-class tournament to integrate para-athletics into the event and an outstanding medal haul for the England Athletics team under Kelly Sotherton's leadership.

The warmth of the Games and the welcome in Birmingham alongside the heartening performances has the potential to be a catalyst for another generation of young athletes to share our lifelong enjoyment of the sport.

The return hasn't been without challenges though. The incredible resilience of coaches, officials and volunteers has been stretched at times but, working with the hugely experienced and skilled England Athletics team, we have also seen plenty of creativity and excitement and registered athletes are now approaching pre-Covid levels again.

Our commitment is to work even more closely with clubs, athletes and volunteers as we build the sport together in a way that we can all be proud of.

The Hall of Fame helps us also recognise the almost unique way that our sport works and the strong links between local and elite activities as well as between newly enthused athletes at their peak and experienced, life-changing coaches, officials and volunteers.

Congratulations to all those inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2022. Inspirational is a word that has become overused but it certainly applies to all of the inductees.

Thank you for all you do for the sport.




**Gary Shaughnessy**  
*Chair*  
*England Athletics*



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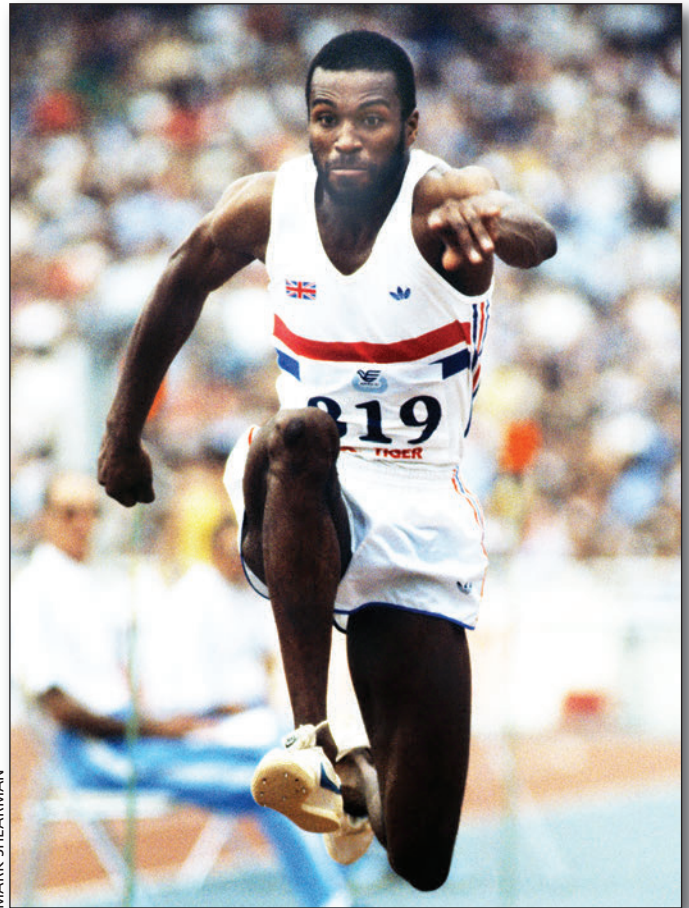
**K**eith Connor endeared himself to athletics fans across the country with a brilliant international triple jump career which took him to two Olympic Games, three European Championships, indoors and out, and two Commonwealth Games across a compact yet glittering seven-year international career.

He won his first major medal at the European indoors in March 1978, taking a silver in Milan with a personal best. Then in August that year he struck gold at the Edmonton Commonwealth Games at what turned out to be the start of an iconic era of British Athletics. Connor was a huge part of that classic revival.

After securing his inaugural major title with 17.21 in Canada, he soared even further four years later in Australia with a massive wind assisted 17.81 to successfully defend his title in Brisbane. In some regards, 1982 was the most significant year of his career. Not only did he win the first of his two NCAA titles in the June, with a wind legal career best of 17.57 which still ranks him 4th on the British all-time list, but in the space of less than a month at the end of that summer he captured the European as well as the Commonwealth title, courtesy of a championship record of 17.29 in Athens. In fact, across the entire season, he was only beaten once when he finished second at Crystal Palace to an Oceanian Record of 17.46 by Ken Lorraway of Australia.

The following year he successfully defended his NCAA title before bowing out in qualifying at the inaugural World Athletics Championships in Helsinki. But surely in terms of one-off performances, the most impressive single day of his career came on 4 August 1984 when he secured Olympic bronze behind Al Joyner and Mike Conley in Los Angeles. In 1980, he had missed out on the podium finishing 4th with 16.87. Yet in a quirk of the statistics, four years later he jumped the same distance and this time 16.87 saw him upgrade 4th to bronze by 4cm. In terms of his domestic accolades, he was runner up in the AAA's with silver in 1976 and 1978, (both times behind Aston Moore), before taking the title in 1979.

What a magnificent seven years on the international scene by a man who enjoyed tremendous success on the Commonwealth, European and Olympic stages. A worthy addition to the Hall of Fame.



MARK SHEARMAN

# KEITH CONNOR

**Born:** 16.9.1957, Anguilla

**Club:** Windsor Slough Eton and Hounslow

**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 1978 Commonwealth Games triple jump

1982 Commonwealth Games triple jump

1982 European Championships triple jump

**Silver:** 1978 European Indoor Championships triple jump

**Bronze:** 1984 Olympic Games triple jump

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022

MARK SHEARMAN



## SOPHIE HITCHON

**Born:** 11.7.1991, Burnley

**Club:** Blackburn Harriers

**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games

2010 World Junior Championships

2013 European U23 Championships

**Bronze:** 2009 European Junior Championships

2011 European U23 Championships

2014 Commonwealth Games

2016 Olympic Games

**World records/bests:** British Record Holder (74.54m) set in 2016

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022

**S**ophie Hitchon is a true trailblazer who continually broke new ground and new barriers in women's throwing across a successful 12-year domestic and international career.

The first milestone for the young Lancastrian emerged in April 2007 when she set an Under-17 National Record (NR) of 49.61. By the end of that season, she had gained experience at the World Youth Championships in Ostrava and further improved her PB to over 54m. The following year she set a new Junior record with a throw just shy of 60m and from there the podium finishes began. The Commonwealth Youth title came first at the end of 2008 and was followed by European Junior bronze in 2009 (63.18 for another junior NR).

In 2010, she was a key figure in the British team at the world juniors in Canada. Once again leading by example, Hitchon took the title with her first throw over 66m and an U23 NR. Clearly at home in her new age group, European U23 bronze was added to the collection of medals in 2011 (69.59 U23NR) before she picked up invaluable experience and no shortage of plaudits, finishing 8th in the Olympic final in London 2012 (with a fantastic PB of 71.98 in qualifying).

By now, 70m throws were becoming the norm and she upgraded Euro U23 bronze from 2011 to gold in Tampere in 2013, again adhering to her now familiar pattern of saving her best throw for the final round.

Commonwealth bronze in Glasgow was the highlight of 2014 before she flew tantalisingly close to the global senior podium in the searing heat of Beijing at the world champs of 2015, finishing 4th with 73.86 (NR) in the last round. And so, to the crowning moment of her career.

All those medals and achievements led her to Brazil and an Olympic final packed with talent and experience. Lying just shy of the medals going into the last round, Hitchon summoned all her composure and self-belief to launch the throw of her life. A new NR 74.54 saw her leap onto the podium, becoming the first British hammer thrower in history to win an Olympic medal. To do it with her final effort was testament to the talent and dedication which had defined her progress over the previous 10 years.

For an athlete to produce a personal best in an Olympic final is the ultimate sign of peaking at the right time under incredible pressure. To do so knowing history beckoned makes Sophie Hitchon's bronze medal even more remarkable. She eventually retired in 2021 with the respect, admiration, and gratitude of the whole athletics community.



**J**ust over a century has passed since Percy Hodge produced one of the most extraordinary Olympic performances in British athletics history.

The 29-year-old had already created great drama and sportsmanship to even make the team for Antwerp (1920) after falling in the AAA's championship earlier in the year. On that occasion he was spiked on the second lap and lost the heel of his shoe. It forced him to stop, take the shoe off, readjust and replace it before resuming his battle to make the team. He won by 60 yards!

That proved to be the second of his four AAA titles as he won three in a row from 1919 - 1921 and then again in 1923. Part of his prowess lay in his hurdling technique, for which he was regarded as being far ahead of his time.

At varying points in his career, he was known to give exhibitions in which he would hurdle whilst carrying a tray with a bottle and a filled glass on top. It is widely reported he never spilt a drop!

Fittingly he won the Olympic title by more than 100 yards in 1920, ahead of Patrick Flynn of the USA and Ernesto Ambrosini of Italy in 3rd, who were more than 20 and 30 seconds behind, respectively.

Interestingly for an event which was rumoured to have started in Edinburgh in 1828, Hodge became only the 4th Olympic champion in the event, yet the first over the now recognised distance of 3,000m. The previous editions of the Games had been run over distances varying from 2,500m up to 3,200m. He also took part in the heats of the 3,000m team event, in which Great Britain eventually went on to win the silver medal in the final.

Hodge may not be the most well-known of Britain's Olympic champions, but his achievements and the way he accomplished them deserve to be celebrated and remembered for many decades to come.



## PERCY HODGE

**Born:** 26.12.1890, Saint Sampson, Guernsey;  
died 27.12.1967

**Club:** Surrey AC

**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 1920 Olympic Games 3000m steeplechase

**Silver:** 1920 Olympic Games 3000m steeplechase,  
team event

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022



MARK SHEARMAN

## JOHN ISAACS

**Born:** 13.6.1949, Jamaica

**Club:** club name

**Major coaching achievements:** As a world-class coach, produced some of the UK's most successful ever athletes who, between them, amassed multiple medals in major championships and Olympic Games over three decades, including John Regis, Tony Jarrett, Mike McFarlane, Heather Oakes, Stephanie Douglas, Jennifer Stoute, Donovan Reid, and Clarence Callender amongst many others. Had nine athletes in his training group represent England at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games.

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022



**J**ohn Isaacs is the latest in a long line of world-class coaches to be inducted into the Hall of Fame thanks to his decades of selfless commitment to dozens of Britain's best-known Olympians and world championship medallists.

He learned from the best and then went on to coach the best, leading by example. He would always rub his hands together and say: "What you put in is what you get out". He loved to see effort and would always reward his athletes accordingly. As a young athlete, Isaacs was an English Schools winner, but quickly realised there was a lack of coaching in his area so turned his attentions to coaching young athletes in Hackney. He soon had success with his early training group which included Mike McFarlane, Danny Laine and Vernon Bramble who all became English Schools' winners and Great Britain internationals.

Following these early achievements at his first club, Victoria Park Harriers, he moved to Haringey AC seeking better prospects for himself and the formidable group of athletes now under his expert guidance. Influenced through the coaching education programme by the legendary Frank Dick, Andy Norman and Ron Pickering, Isaacs went on to coach the most successful training group ever in the history of UK sprinting.

These athletes included stellar names such as John Regis, Tony Jarrett, Donovan Reid, Lawrence Lynch, John Herbert, Darren Braithwaite, Lloyd Cowan, Marcus Adam, Shirley Thomas, Heather Oakes, Clarence Callender, and Jennifer Stoute, but there were many more. As a group, they amassed countless medals from English Schools, right through to European, Commonwealth, World Championships and Olympic Games. One of Isaac's many achievements was having nine athletes represent England at the Auckland Commonwealth Games team in 1990.

A mark of how good Isaacs was as a leader is that the late Lloyd Cowan learned many of his coaching principles after being guided to 110m hurdles/400m hurdles PBs of 13.75 and 50.79 under Isaacs' watchful eye, before putting those lessons into practise so successfully with Christine Ohuruogu, the World, Olympic and Commonwealth 400m champion.

As well as his ability as a coach on the track, Isaacs is also known for passionately defending his athletes and what they stand for both in sport and life. Almost without knowing or consciously doing so, he has become an elder statesman for our sport. American Professor and author Joseph Campbell once said: "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." Isaacs produced some of the UK's most successful athletes and his legacy continues as many of them are now excellent coaches and sports agents. After a lifetime of dedication to athletics, it is time to put John Isaacs in the spotlight. It is time for him to be inducted into our Hall of Fame.



**W**hen esteemed BBC commentator and Olympic hammer thrower Paul Dickenson referred to “Dean ‘Machine’ Macey,” live on air, a lovable Canvey Island boy became a household name.

The year was 1999 and at the age of 21, the decathlete launched himself into the public spotlight with an extraordinary two days at the World Championships in Seville. Everyone within the sport already knew how good he was, after the Essex giant had stormed to World Junior silver in Sydney three years earlier, producing a PB in every event along the way for a score of 7480.

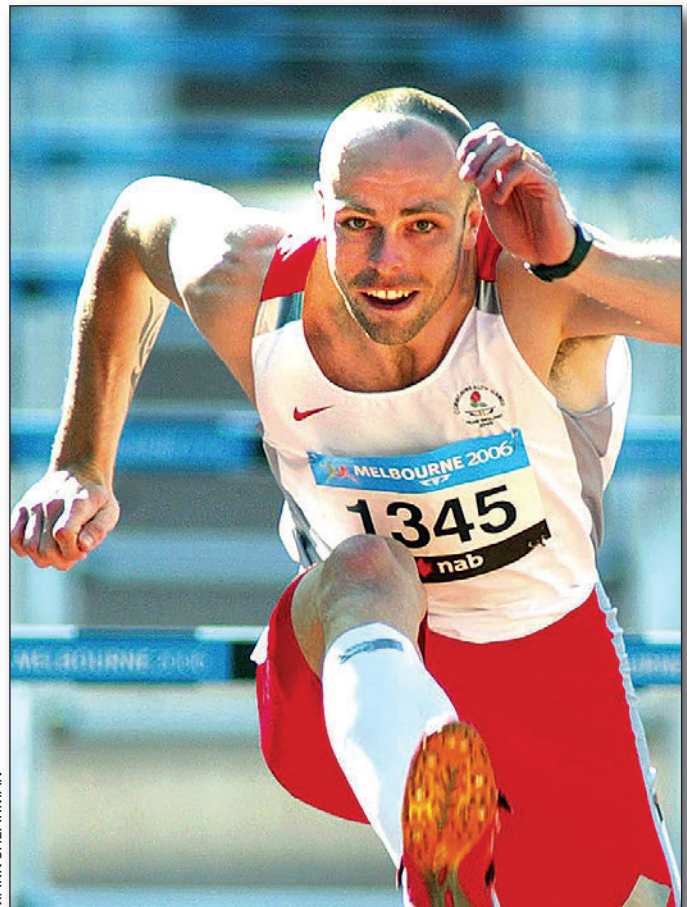
Then in May of ‘99 he improved that junior PB to 8347 and even better was to come in Spain. Macey was on fire, finishing day one at the Worlds with an eye-watering 46.72 in the 400m. He eventually took a sublime silver with a massive score of 8556 finishing behind the defending champion Tomas Dvorak.

The following year in Sydney ended with Macey agonisingly shy of an Olympic medal. In contention all the way through day one he was second overnight behind American Chris Huffins and ahead of Estonia’s Erki Nool in 3rd. It was in the 7th event that the drama came to a head after Nool fouled his first two attempts in the discus. He threw 43.66 with his last effort but appeared to have touched the edge of the circle with his toe. It looked like a foul to the naked eye yet despite a protest from several nations the mark stood, and Nool went on to take gold. Macey finished the 1500m with a brilliant time of 4:23. It was a performance of pure heart yet somehow Huffins hung onto the bronze with Macey in 4th.

Happier times followed the next season when he was on the podium at the Worlds once more in Edmonton 2001 with bronze. Macey’s total of 8603 was another PB, further cementing his place as 2nd on the British all-time list behind double Olympic champion Daley Thompson.

Injury denied Macey many international appearances, yet it is testament to his determination that he somehow made it to the start line in Athens in 2004. Incredibly despite all the injuries he managed 4th for the second successive Olympiad. It was a truly extraordinary effort which had the nation gripped again.

There was to be a golden finish to Macey’s international career in Melbourne for the 2006 Commonwealth Games. He beat Maurice Smith of Jamaica to land a hugely emotional gold and the scenes of him hugging his family at the side of the track is seared into the subconscious of everyone who was there to see it. A giant personality and talent. Dean ‘Machine’ Macey welcome to the Hall of Fame.



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## DEAN MACEY

**Born:** 12.12.1977, Rochford, Essex

**Club:** Harrow

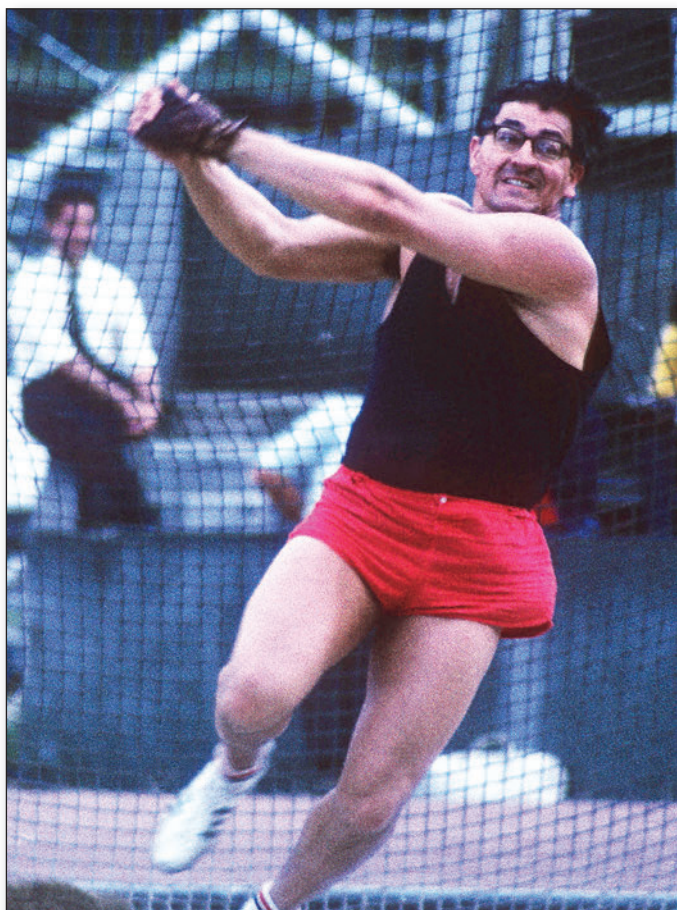
**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 2006 Commonwealth Games decathlon

**Silver:** 1996 World Junior Championships decathlon  
1999 World Championships decathlon

**Bronze:** 2001 World Championships decathlon

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022



MARK SHEARMAN

## HOWARD PAYNE

**Born:** 17.4.1931, Benoni, South Africa; died 1.3.1992

**Club:** Birchfield Harriers

**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 1962 Commonwealth Games hammer

1966 Commonwealth Games hammer

1970 Commonwealth Games hammer

**Silver:** 1974 Commonwealth Games hammer

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022

**H**oward Payne was a hammer thrower of incredible longevity. During his 16-year international career, he appeared at three Olympic Games, three European Championships and yet the highlight of his illustrious career must surely be his Commonwealth Games record.

He was an ever-present in the hammer competition from 1958 to 1974, just missing out on a bronze at his first Games, followed by three consecutive golds from 1962 to 1970 and then a silver in his last season in Christchurch in 1974.

The clues as to his ability were evident when in 1958, he took part in three of the throwing events in Perth, representing Southern Rhodesia. He finished 11th in the shot and 14th in the discus as well as the 4th place in the hammer. His subsequent change of allegiance saw great success domestically and internationally for the South African born England and Great Britain athlete. His record in the AAA's hammer competition is almost beyond compare.

Starting with a bronze in 1960, Payne went on to amass 14 medals across his career, adding five titles in 1964, 1969-1971, and 1973, to go alongside his six silvers and three bronze medals in total. In fact, from 1960 to 1974 he only missed the podium once – in 1968 when the first three places were shared between international athletes. An incredible achievement in any event.

Howard's three Olympic appearances saw him participate in qualifying in Tokyo in 1964 and Munich in 1972 and in the high altitude of Mexico in 1968 he made the final, finishing 9th with 67.74m. Amazingly, Howard's Commonwealth accomplishments in Edinburgh and Christchurch were matched by those of his wife Rosemary who also took gold in 1970 and silver in 1974 in the women's hammer competition. Their achievements were reminiscent of the double golds famously won by Emil and Dana Zatopek at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952 when Emil won the 5,000m, 10,000m and marathon hat-trick, whilst his wife Dana took the javelin title.

Fittingly it was in his final season as an international that Howard finally joined the 70m club, throwing his personal best of 70.88 on 29th June in Warsaw winning an international match against Poland and Canada. His mark still ranks him as 32nd on the British all-time list today almost 50 years later.

Howard's achievements and contribution to the sport are the reason he is revered in the throwing community, and it is fitting that he is now being inducted into the Hall of Fame.



**J**on Ridgeon is a man of many talents. The founder of the successful sports agency Fastrack and current chief executive of World Athletics isn't just a brilliant businessman and leader, he first rose to prominence as a superb sprint hurdler.

Jon's career was all too short as he was plagued by injuries, but there is no doubting he was truly world-class. Most of his international career as a 60m & 110m hurdler was restricted to just four seasons from 1985 – 1988.

His medal winning exploits started in Cottbus, Germany where he stormed to the 1985 European Junior title, with fellow Briton Colin Jackson in second. Ridgeon's winning time of 13.46 still ranks him 12th on the all-time junior list. His rivalry with Jackson was renewed the following season at the World Juniors in Athens, when the Welshman reversed the 1-2, taking the title with a junior area record of 13.44.

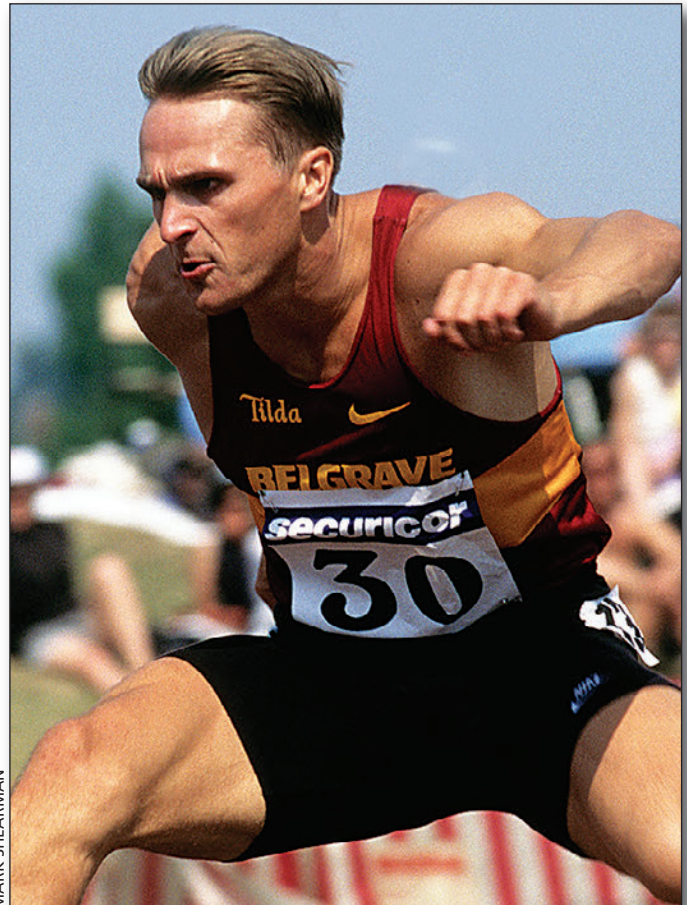
Gold was to come his way in Athens – anchoring the British 4x100m team to a memorable global junior title. That summer of '86 was a busy one for the two young Britons as little more than a week after their glory at the World Juniors, they both lined up for the Commonwealth final in Edinburgh. Mark McKoy took gold for Canada with Jackson second and Ridgeon fifth.

1987 turned out to be his year. After finishing 4th in the European indoors in the spring, Ridgeon was superb in the outdoor season. He scorched to the World University Games title in Zagreb in July with a new PB of 13.29. Two months later in Rome he lined up for a memorable World Championship final aged just 20. American Greg Foster successfully defended his title with 13.21, but Ridgeon was closing and despite dislocating a toe in his right foot, he matched his Zagreb PB for silver in 13.29.

1988 started with a fabulous silver at the European Indoors in March and six months later Jon found himself lining up for the Olympic final in Seoul. Sadly, there was not to be a repeat of his Rome silver as he finished fifth.

After a torrid run of injuries Jon was next seen in an international vest at the European Indoors of 1992 when he finished 4th for a second time. But a mark of his talent was that he finished that season running a superb 48.73 over the 400m hurdles in Rieti. Eight years after Seoul he made the British Olympic team again, this time over the longer hurdles reaching the semi-finals.

His three global and two European medals deserve to be remembered and celebrated as does his place in the Hall of Fame.



# JON RIDGEON

**Born:** 14.2.1967, Bury St Edmunds

**Club:** Belgrave Harriers

**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 1985 European Junior Championships 110mH

1986 World Junior Championships 4x100m

**Silver:** 1986 World Junior Championships 110mH

1987 World Championships 110mH

1988 European Indoor Championships 110mH

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022



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## STEVE SMITH

**Born:** 29.3.1973, Liverpool

**Club:** Liverpool Harriers

**Major medals:**

**Gold:** 1991 European Junior Championships

1992 World Junior Championships high jump

**Silver:** 1994 European Championships high jump

1994 Commonwealth Games high jump

**Bronze:** 1993 World Indoor Championships high jump

1993 World Championships high jump

1996 Olympic Games high jump

**World records/bests:** 1992 British Outdoor record holder (2.37m); 1994 British Indoor record holder (2.38m)

**Inducted into Hall of Fame:** 2022

**S**teve Smith was a high jumper who soared to great clearances and achievements in an era of unprecedented quality in the event.

Smith announced himself on the global stage with an extraordinary sequence of performances whilst still a teenager, winning the European Juniors in Thessaloniki in 1991 (2.29) the World Junior title in Seoul in 1992 (equalling the junior world record of 2.37, outdoors) and then capturing World Indoor bronze in Toronto the following spring by replicating his PB of 2.37.

In fact, later that summer he added world outdoor bronze to his collection just after turning 20, finishing behind legendary Cuban world record holder Javier Sotomayor and Artur Partyka of Poland.

European and Commonwealth silvers followed the next summer in Helsinki and Victoria in 1994. That year also saw Smith achieve a new PB of 2.38, set indoors in Germany, which still stands today as the British record. In 1995, he only just missed out on yet another major medal, finishing 4th on countback at the Gothenburg World Championships.

Yet Smith's was a talent destined to succeed on the biggest stage of all and in 1996, he did just that in Atlanta. As is the case with so many of Britain's athletics Olympic medallists, Smith was able to draw on his experience of making the final as a teenager in Barcelona four years earlier and he was not overawed by the partisan home crowd who were desperate to see Charles Austin take gold for the USA. The Texan did, indeed, win the title with an Olympic record of 2.39, but Smith took a brilliant bronze with a second time clearance of 2.35.

Several further top 10 finishes followed at the World Indoors in a decade which saw Smith clear at least 2.30 every year from 1992 to 1999. Domestically, Smith won the first of his four AAA's titles in 1992, beating Australian Tim Forsyth on countback. The following year they swapped positions as Smith finished runner-up, but three more victories came his way in 1995, 1996, and 1999.

A mark of Steve Smith's legacy and quality is that after British record height of 2.37 for victory at the world juniors in 1992, it took another two decades for fellow Olympic medallist Robbie Grabarz to match him at the top of the British all-time list, outdoors.

A further 10 years on, the hugely likeable Liverpoolian is still there equal on top spot. Four global medals. Three decades as British record holder. What a career.

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

## WINNERS 2021

- ★ **CLUB OF THE YEAR – WIRRAL ATHLETIC CLUB**  
North West region
  - ★ **COACH OF THE YEAR – JONATHAN TILT**  
Southampton AC – South East region
  - ★ **NEWCOMER TO OFFICIATING – LUKE FINCH**  
Woodford Green AC – London region
  - ★ **YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – ASHLEY WATSON**  
Hartlepool AC – North East region
  - ★ **UNSUNG HERO OF THE YEAR – HELEN PICKARD**  
Committee and Fixture Secretary, Stevenage and North Herts AC – East region
  - ★ **RUNTOGETHER GROUP OF THE YEAR: – RUN SCARBOROUGH**  
Yorkshire & Humberside region
  - ★ **LEADER OF THE YEAR – JOSH TAYLOR**  
Bridlington Road Runners – Yorkshire & Humberside region
  - ★ **INNOVATION IN ATHLETICS & RUNNING AT HOME – MARK SMITH**  
North Shields Polytechnic Club – North East region
  - ★ **SERVICES TO ATHLETICS OR RUNNING – LES BARNETT**  
Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club – West Midlands region
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- ★ **DAVE SUNDERLAND COACHING BURSARY –  
CHRIS AND SONIA MCGEORGE**  
Loughborough University
  - ★ **LLOYD COWAN COACHING BURSARY – PAUL HEAD**



## ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Ron Pickering Memorial Fund present

### THE RON PICKERING MEMORIAL FUND YOUNG ATHLETE OF THE YEAR, 2022

Awarded to athletes from across the Home Nations

★ **U23 – JEREMIAH AZU**

(Coach: Helen James; Club: Cardiff)

★ **U20 – YEMI MARY JOHN**

(Coach: Alan James; Club: Woodford Green Essex Ladies)

★ **U18 – CLEO AGYEPONG**

(Coach: John Hillier; Club: Blackheath and Bromley)

AAA Athletics for the Young Charity present

### THE DAVE CROPPER AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING 800M RUNNER, 2022

★ **ABIGAIL IVES**

(Coach: Luke Gunn; Club: Basildon)

★ **ETHAN HUSSEY**

(Coach: Andrew Henderson; Club: Leeds City)

National Athletics League present

★ **PREMIERSHIP TROPHY – THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS**

★ **BEST MALE TRACK ATHLETE – JACOB PAUL**

(Coach: Marina Armstrong; Club: Windsor Slough Eton and Hounslow)

★ **BEST FEMALE TRACK ATHLETE – HAYLEY MCLEAN**

(Coach: Chris Zah; Club: Shaftesbury Barnet)

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

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

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

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



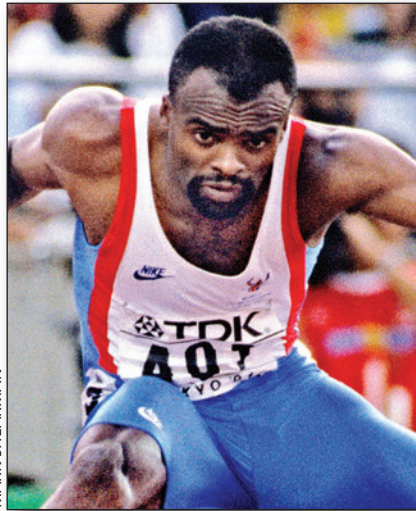
# PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## 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.



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## CHERRY ALEXANDER

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

Has helped catapult athletics events to world class status over four decades. Since 1991, has overseen 22 global events, more than 60 national championships and dozens of Grand Prix. Managing Director for the 2017 World Para Championships and World Athletics Championships in London. Elected Vice President of European Athletics in 2019, same year as receiving an OBE following her MBE in 2013.



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## JOAN ALLISON

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015**

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



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## WILLIE APPLGARTH

**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.



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## 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.



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## MALCOLM ARNOLD

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009**

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

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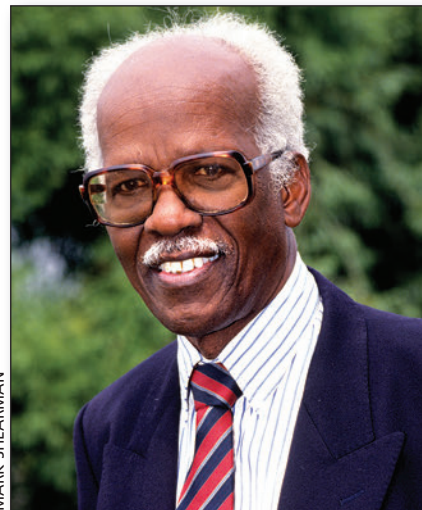


## STEVE BACKLEY

**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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.





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## 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.

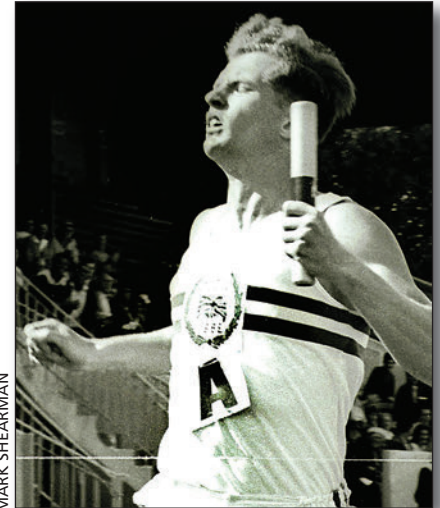


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## CHRIS BRASHER

**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.



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## 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.



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## 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 BURGHEY

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009**

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



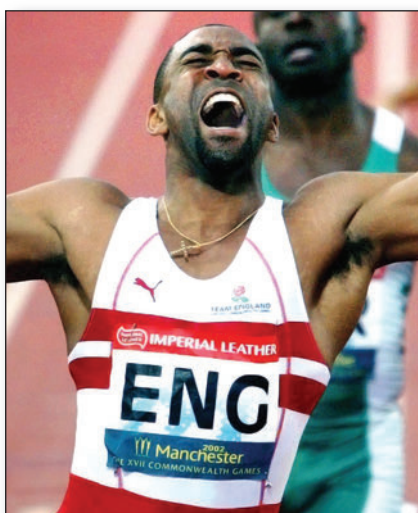


## GUY BUTLER

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014**

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

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



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

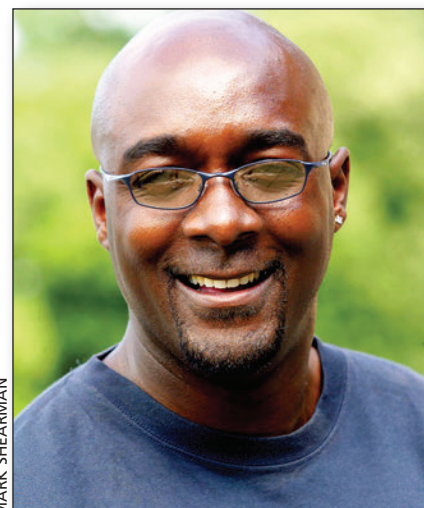


## MURIEL CORNELL

**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.

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## LLOYD COWAN

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

A man with an Olympic sized appetite for his sport and those he guided – both on and off the track. Started in the sport as a successful competitor before enjoying two decades as friend, coach, mentor, and guiding light to dozens of world class athletes including Great Britain sprint hurdler Andy Turner and, perhaps most famously, GB's 400m World and Olympic champion Christine Ohuruogu. Awarded an MBE in 2015.



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## 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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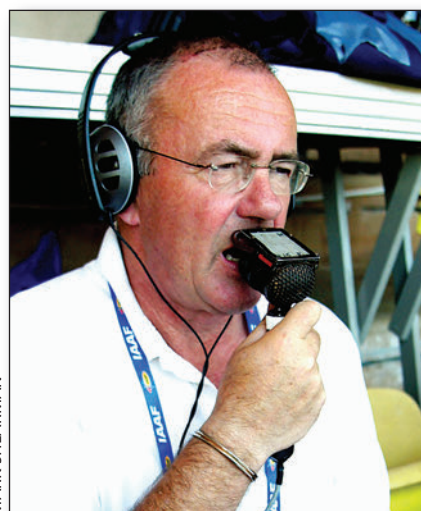


## DANNY CRATES

**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.

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## VERONA ELDER

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

Although remembered mainly for her brilliant performances at the indoor 400m, winning the European title in 1973, 1975 and 1979, 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. Achieved a record 71 British international 'vests' over 13-years. Served the sport well in management and was made an MBE in 1983.





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## 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.

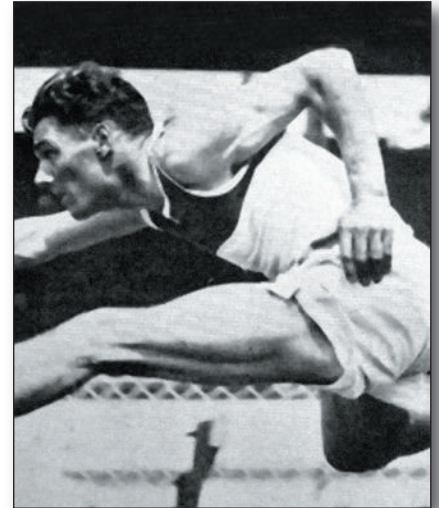


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## DAME JESSICA ENNIS-HILL

**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.



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## 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.



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## JASON GARDENER

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

Enjoyed tremendous international success as a sprinter, excelling at 60m indoors with five major gold medals. Became the third European and British runner to break 10 seconds for 100m in 1998. His greatest success came in 2004 when he won the 60m World Indoor title and led the British 4x100m team to Olympic gold. Awarded an MBE in 2005, became a director of UK Athletics and President in 2015.





## 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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.



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## 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.



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## 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.





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## 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.



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## 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.



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## 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?



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## 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.



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## 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.



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## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.

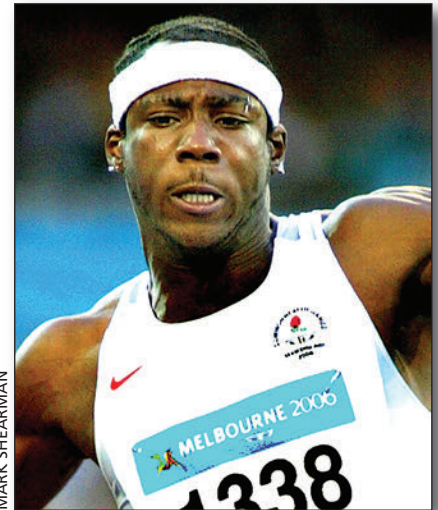


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## DEREK IBBOTSON

**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.



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## 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.



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## TONY JARRETT

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

Enjoyed a glittering career in sprint hurdles. In 1990, he won 4x100m relay gold and 110m hurdles silver at the Commonwealth Games. Jarrett continued to amass international medals at European, World and Commonwealth level in the 1990s. At the 1993 World Championships, Jarrett clocked 13.00, pushing Colin Jackson to a world record of 12.91. In 1998, Jarrett won 110m hurdles gold at the Manchester Commonwealth Games.



## 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.



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## 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.



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## 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.



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## 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.

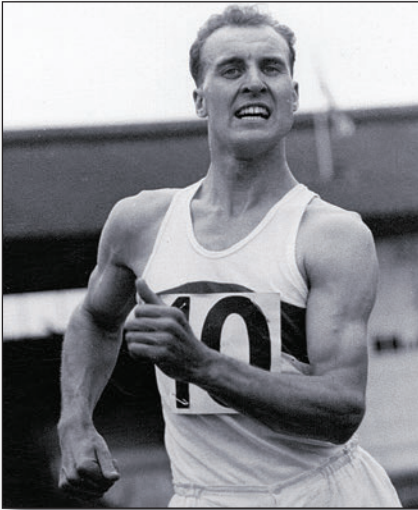


## BOB MATTHEWS

**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.

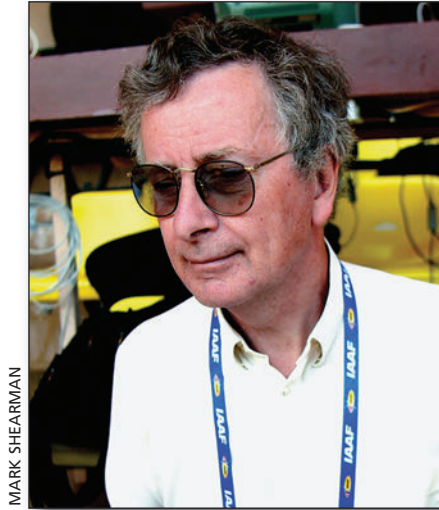




## KEN MATTHEWS

**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.



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## 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.



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## 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.

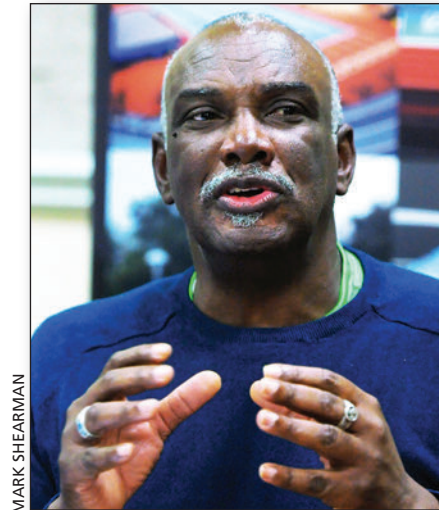


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## DAVE MOORCROFT

**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.



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## 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!



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## PAUL NIHILL

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

His versatility as an athlete was astonishing. Olympic silver medallist over 50 kilometres in 1964, he set about gaining a clean sweep of Britain's six national titles, succeeding in five. He took the European 20km title in 1969 and bronze in 1971. In 1976, became the first British male athlete to compete in four Olympics. Won 27 national titles between 1963 and 1975. Awarded the MBE in 1976.



## 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.

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## STEVE OVETT

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008**

Always regarded as the 'athlete's athlete' Steve Overt 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.

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## ANN PACKER

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009**

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

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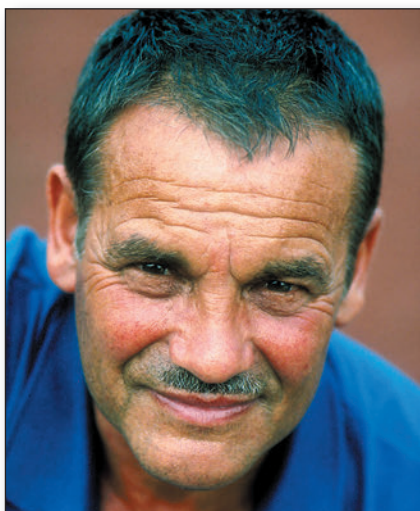
## ALAN PASCOE

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013**

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



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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.





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## RON RODDAN

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016**

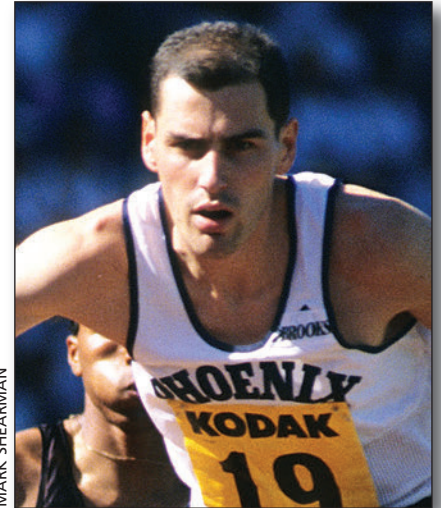
After early successes with 46.75 400m runner Mick Hauck, and Dick Steane, who set a British 200m record of 20.66 at the Mexico City Olympics, many more successes followed for Roddan. When he was approached by an English Schools 200m silver medallist, the young athlete was soon told to work harder or 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.

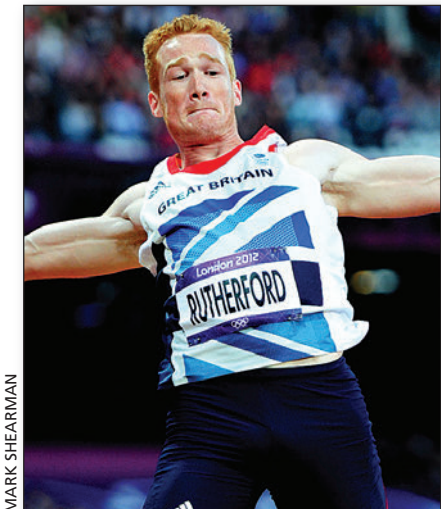


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## MARK ROWLAND

**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.



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## GREG RUTHERFORD

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

One of only five British athletes to have completed the grand slam: gold medals at the Olympics, World Championships, European Championships, and Commonwealth Games. Became a national hero when winning long jump gold at London 2012 on 'Super Saturday'. Honours included Commonwealth and European champion in 2014, the World title in 2015, another European gold in 2016 and Olympic bronze that same year. Awarded the MBE in 2013.



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## 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.



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## SHEILA SHERWOOD

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

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 and Olympic silver in 1968. She reached her peak in taking the Commonwealth gold medal in 1970 with her personal best of 6.73m, just 3cm short of Mary Rand's then world record at the 1964 Olympics.





## 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**

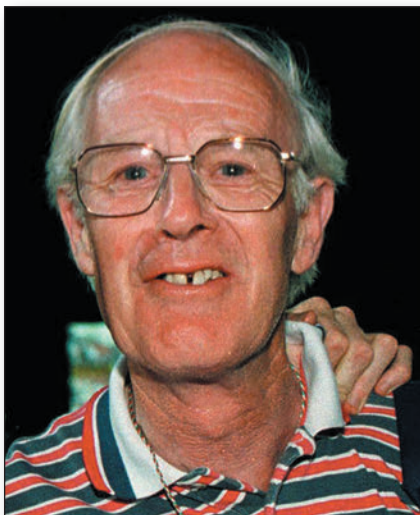
In 1981 Sly established herself at world class on the US road circuit. Commonwealth 3000m silver and a Commonwealth record of 8:46.01 came in 1982. Sly moved second on the world all-time 10K list with 31:29, placed fifth at 3000m and 1500m at the World Championships, then won the inaugural World 10km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



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## 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.

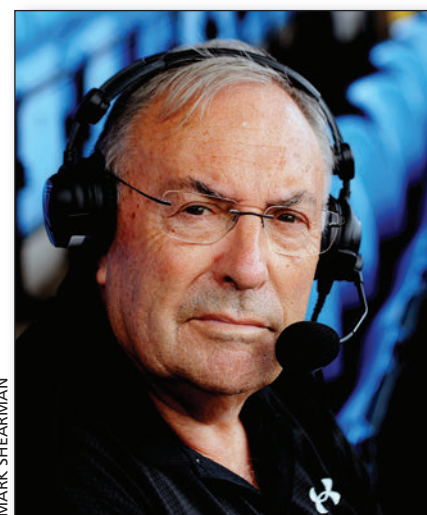


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## KELLY SOTHERTON

**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.



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## 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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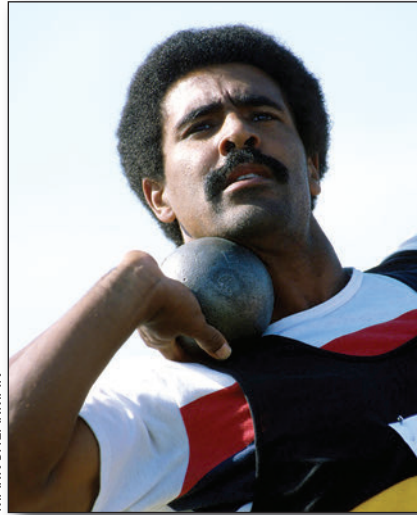


## NOEL THATCHER

**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.

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## 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.

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## 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!

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## DOROTHY TYLER

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009**

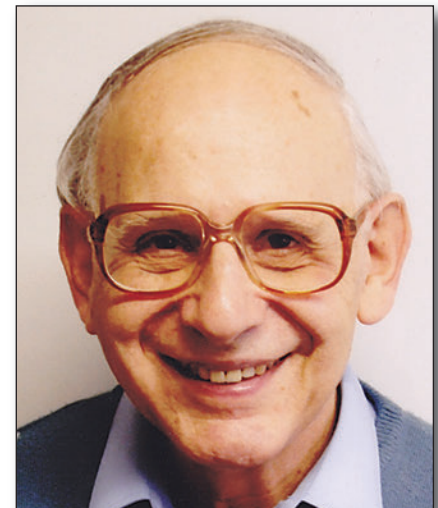
The first British woman to win an Olympic athletics medal; in 1936 she was second in the high jump, aged 16. At 17 she won the Empire Games. She cleared 1.66 for a world record and came close to victory in the 1948 Olympics. In 1950 she retained the Empire Games title and took silver at the 1954 Commonwealth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



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## DAVID WEIR

**Athlete of the Decade  
2010-2019**

**Inducted into Hall of Fame 2021**

Testament to his success is that focusing on the decade 2010-19 provides many honours and yet only offers a part of his incredible story. These years include four London Marathon wins out of his eight titles with two silvers and a bronze.

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 even more followed in 2012. After another London Marathon title came the London Paralympics. His four gold medals in the 800m, 1500m, 5000m, and marathon provided astonishing success.

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.

Following that, Jenny Archer and David created the Weir Archer Academy – a wheelchair racing athletics club providing training opportunities and equipment for new and existing athletes. He was awarded the CBE for services to athletics in the 2013 New Year Honours.





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## 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.

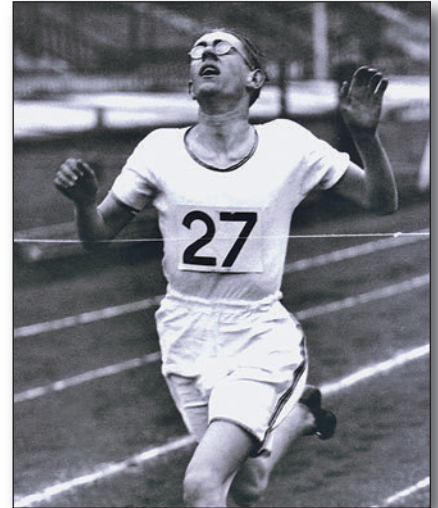


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## HAROLD WHITLOCK

**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!



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## 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.





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## 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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