

The inaugural Cecil Gittins Memorial Races proved popular with an overall entry of 47 of whom 42 started, ranging in age from u15 to M75 to compete over distances from 1 to 15km. Distances up to 10km incorporated the third ERWL race of the 2016 series.

Commonwealth Games medallist Lisa Kehler (who was only contesting the 5km) and David Crane were the only people to take up the early pace cut out by the in-form Francisco Reis, but he was on his own after the first of the four undulating laps which made up the 10km course. David Crane was never far behind the leader and posted a pb for the distance. Malc Martin and SRWA President Chris Hobbs had a race long tussle, and not far behind them young Ollie Hopkins demonstrated why he is regarded as a future prospect with a well-judged race and good technique. There were excellent debuts by Andrea Ingram and Marshall Smith.

Men	© = Centurion - * = pb	Women	
1. Francisco Reis (SCVAC)	50.35 M55	1. Andrea Ingram (Lewes AC)	63.26 w55
2. David Crane (Surrey WC)	*51.09 M35	2. Lynn Jones (Enfield HAC)	65.34 w50
3. Chris Hobbs (Ashford AC)	56.20 M60	3. Fiona Bishop (Woking AC)	68.49 w55
4. Malc Martin (Surrey WC)	56.24 M60	4. Angela Martin (Surrey WC)	72.15 w50
5. Oliver Hopkins (Lewes AC)	*57.42 Mu17	5. Anne Jones (Steyning AC)	73.15 w60
6. Mark Culshaw (Belgrave H)	59.20 M45	6. Jo Miles (Hillingdon AC)	73.15 w60
7. Carlos Cobo Corrales (Surrey WC)	59.31 M35	7. Jenny Middleton (Hillingdon AC)	73.20 w35
8. John Ralph (Enfield HAC)	59.50 M55	8. Kathy Crilley © (Surrey WC)	78.49 w65
9. Gary Smith © (Enfield HAC)	61.28 M55		
10. Richard Emsley (Saints & Sinners)	62.22 M60		
11. Shaun Lightman (Surrey WC)	63.12 M70	5 km Lisa Kehler (Wolves)	26.26 w45
12. Steve Kemp © (EVAC)	63.16 M55	Marshall Smith (Ashford AC)	27.22 u17M
13. Ron Penfold (Steyning AC)	65.43 M70	Evie Butcher (Cambridge H)	*28.02 u17W
14. Paul Gaston (Surrey WC)	65.56 M65	Jack Childs (Medway)	28.03 u15B
15. Peter Hannell (Surrey WC)	66.13 M70	Penelope Cummings (AFD)	28.47 w35
16. Michael Harran (Surrey WC)	67.05 M75	Abigail Jennings (AFD)	29 38 u17W
17. Sean Pender © (Enfield HAC)	69.01 M60	Dave Stevens (Steyning AC)	38.36 M75
18. Chris Flint © (Surrey WC)	69.52 M70	Mick Barnbrook © (Ilford AC)	39.31 M70
19. Andy Cox (Hillingdon AC)	71.52 M60	Heather Butcher (Cambridge H)	DNF Wu20
20. Dave Delaney (Surrey WC)	72.03 M70		
21. Dave Hoben (Surrey WC)	72.15 M60	2.5 km Suki Ly (Cambridge H)	*14.08 u15G
22. Jon May (Enfield HAC)	87.03 M65	George Wilkinson (Enfield HAC)	16.40 u15B
Brian Kirkdale (Hastings R)	DNF M55		

15km: Malcolm Martin 85.03, Chris Hobbs 86.29, Mark Culshaw 93.03, Carlos Cobo Corrales 93.18, Richard Emsley 95.33, Paul Gaston 101.11, Sean Pender © 103.59, Chris Flint © 106.55, Angela Martin 109.28, Anne Jones and Jo Miles all 109.29 along with Kathy Crilley © 119.46 continued to complete the 15km race.

Event Organiser: David Hoben * *Starter:* Noel Carmody.

Timekeeper/Recorders: David Harris. Peter Crane P.Ficken©, C.Lawton© *Judges Runner:* Eric Parker

Judges: Stephen Cartwright, Doug Hopkins ©, Peter Selby, Ron Wallwork©, Pauline Wilson©

Refreshments: Cyclopark.

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Cecil Gittins

Veteran's AC was pleased to host the inaugural staging of this event on a dedicated cycle circuit which had already been used for major running races. The event was dedicated to the memory of Cecil Gittins in honour of a lifetime in athletics and race walking and his many years of service as an official. David Hoben