

## London to Brighton Road Race - 1976

Member of Barnsley Road Runners used to take part in high profile events around the country. One of these was the traditional London to Brighton road race, which had begun in the early 1950s. The club sent down a particularly strong team in 1976, as the Barnsley Chronicle reports...

### ***SUPER-VET KAY GOES ON AND ON***

*Fresh from his previous week's victory in the Yorkshire Marathon Championships, Barnsley Road Runners' Club star George Kay ran a superb race in Sunday's London to Brighton event over 53 miles to finish sixth overall in a splendid time of five hours, 49 minutes, 38 seconds. It was a run which earned him the Wilf Richards Cup for the first veteran over 40, and he led the Barnsley contingent to sixth place in the team event, with 150 points.*

*Other Road Runners' Club finishers were Paul Midwood (27<sup>th</sup> in 6-47-45), Barry Bedford (45<sup>th</sup> in 7-44-31), Gordon Standish (52<sup>nd</sup> in 8-06-40) and Ken Jordan (53<sup>rd</sup> in 8-07-22).*

*The local runners received admirable support from their seconds, who were wives of the competitors and members. Their help and encouragement along the route was invaluable.*

*Individual winner was T.T. O'Reilly (Small Heath Harriers) and the team title went to Millrose A.A. from the United States.*

*Commented Barnsley R.R.C. president Bob Midwood: "Things are really happening for us now. Our members are right up there with the best and it is all for the good of the town. Barnsley is rapidly becoming one of the top road running centres in the country".*