

ARTHUR J. C. KENDALL B.E.M.

Arthur was born in 1906 and had lived in Finchley, North London for most of his life. He was educated locally at Finchley County School and after leaving school he joined a dental manufacturing company with whom he trained as an accountant. Arthur remained with this company for the whole of his working life until retirement and, it has been said that he never missed a day's work through illness throughout this long period.

He joined Shaftesbury Harriers in 1931 at the age of 25 and soon established himself as a county standard runner, and in addition within two years he became club secretary and treasurer, posts he held for over 25 years. Although the Second World War ended his running career he nevertheless distinguished himself in the field of combat. He was in the R. A.S.C. and was posted to the Gold Coast in West Africa, he rose to the rank of R.S.M. and was awarded the British Empire Medal. Such was his enthusiasm that he began coaching a number of the native soldiers who kept in touch with him for many years after the War had ended.

Even though Arthur was totally committed to athletics at grass roots level he managed to maintain a lifelong interest in stamp collecting, specialising in stamps from Britain and the Commonwealth and as a result was in regular correspondence with fellow Collectors worldwide.

Arthur was above all a club man, hardly missing a club fixture, either summer or winter. In later years, he was ever present with the club's young athletes team and when the club had two senior teams, he was always the first to volunteer to act as a track judge for the Southern League fixture rather than the more glamorous British Athletics League fixture, such was the man's belief in working to help to provide athletics for all who wanted to take part rather than the current vogue of pandering to the elite.

Despite this level of commitment to the club he was also a loyal servant to his county, area and national associations. His quiet and unassuming manner ensured that the work was done with minimum fuss and maximum efficiency. These qualities were recognised by his contemporaries in 1970 when he was awarded the AAA Award of Honour, which to quote the official wording was "In recognition of outstanding service to amateur athletics and the **AAA**".

Arthur will be greatly missed at all levels in the sport but his attitude and philosophies will live on reflecting the enormous respect in which he was held by young and old alike.

G.C.A. Morphitis - Chairman Shaftesbury Harriers

THE ARTHUR J. C. KENDALL MEMORIAL FUND

The general committee of Shaftesbury Harriers have established the above fund to preserve the ideals for which Arthur Kendall was known and admired. The principal object of the Fund is to distribute the income arising there from in order to encourage, promote and develop participation in Athletics as a means of promoting physical health and wellbeing in the youth of the community and to ensure where possible that poverty shall not be a restricting factor in such involvement.

All contributions made payable to "The Arthur J.C. Kendall Memorial Fund" should be sent to G.C.A. Morphitis, 7, Old Park Road, Palmers Green, London N13 4RG.

An application for charitable status has been provisionally agreed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ARTHUR J. C. KENDALL B.E.M. 1906 - 1984

THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER, 1984
AT 3 p.m.

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