

Starters & Finishers

Year	Total applicants	Accepted applicants	Starters	Running finishers	Wheelchair finishers	Para WC finishers	Total finishers
1981	20,000	7,747	7,055	6,255	0		6,255
1982	90,000	18,059	16,350	15,116	0		15,116
1983	60,000	19,735	16,500	15,776	17		15,793
1984	70,000	21,142	16,992	15,649	26		15,675
1985	83,000	22,274	17,500	15,841	32		15,873
1986	80,000	25,566	19,261	18,030	37		18,067
1987	80,000	28,364	21,485	19,545	41		19,586
1988	73,000	29,979	22,469	20,889	43		20,932
1989	72,000	31,772	24,452	22,652	49		22,701
1990	73,000	34,882	26,500	24,953	60		25,013
1991	79,000	33,485	24,500	23,393	42		23,435
1992	83,000	34,250	24,500	23,783	50		23,833
1993	68,000	35,820	25,000	24,448	47		24,495
1994	72,000	37,379	26,000	25,194	48		25,242
1995	79,000	39,097	27,000	25,326	51		25,377
1996	68,000	39,173	27,134	26,761	45		26,806
1997	78,000	39,813	29,500	29,135	54		29,189
1998	96,000	42,228	30,663	29,924	48		29,972
1999	87,000	43,774	31,582	30,809	40		30,849
2000	93,000	42,596	32,620	31,658	40		31,698
2001	92,000	43,517	31,156	30,286	32		30,318
2002	99,000	46,083	33,297	32,906	44		32,950
2003	111,000	45,629	32,746	32,281	43		32,324
2004	108,000	45,219	32,746	31,983	29		32,012
2005	132,000	47,969	35,600	35,260	40		35,300
2006	119,000	47,020	33,578	33,224	26		33,250
2007	128,000	50,039	36,396	35,698	31		35,729
2008	120,000	48,630	35,037	34,602	35		34,637
2009	155,000	49,995	35,884	35,366	38		35,404
2010	163,000	51,378	36,956	36,632	34		36,666
2011	163,926	50,532	35,303	34,836	36		34,872
2012	170,150	50,200	37,227	36,774	38		36,812
2013	167,449	48,323	34,631	34,311	46	24	34,381
2014	169,682	49,872	36,337	35,911	41	25	35,977
2015	172,888	51,696	38,020	37,641	53	99	37,793
2016	247,069	53,152	39,523	39,091	61	32	39,140
2017	253,930	53,229	40,048	39,377	63	32	39,487
2018	386,050	54,685					
			<b>1,041,273</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,042,960</b>	

There have been 1,042,960 finishers since the London Marathon started in 1981. A record 39,487 finished in 2017 after 40,048 started, the largest field so far.

A record 386,050 people applied to run the 2018 race of whom 327,516 were from the UK (an increase of 29% on 2017) and 58,534 from overseas.

Just over 58% of the UK applications came from people who have never run a marathon before, while more than 45% of them were from women, also a record.

Marathon first-timer Shannon Foudy from Hemel Hempstead became the London Marathon's one millionth finisher when she crossed the line in 2016. The 39-year-old was raising money for the Luton & Dunstable Neonatal Intensive Care Unit that saved the life of her premature daughter. She finished in 5:45:18.

## Mass Facts & Figures

Finishers' medals – main race	40,000
Finishers' medals – mini marathon	2,000
Finishers' bags for runners – main race	40,000
Finishers' bags for runners – mini marathon	2,000
Goody bag items	600,000
Pink Lady apples	40,000 (in finishers' bags)
Operational vehicles (hired)	115
TNT lorries transporting runners' kit	40
Renault cars carrying media, VIPs and staff	20
Portable toilets (incl. start, course, mini marathon and finish)	1,263
Urinal bays at start	400
Blue line paint marking the course	300 litres – 3-stripe line
Barriers in metres	50,000 metres
Barrier Tape	116,000 metres
Signs around the course	1,189
Ball bearings in finish cones	3.2 million
Cable ties	68,900
Marshals at the start	1,000
Marshals at the finish	2,000
Marshals on the course	1,500
Marshals at drinks stations	2,500
St John Ambulance volunteers	1,200 (incl. 30 cycle response specialists and 200 healthcare professionals)
Ambulances	45
St John Ambulance treatment centres	59
First aid stations	52
First aid kits	100s
Stretchers	300
Sterile gloves	5,000 pairs
Ice packs for sprains and strains	730
Petroleum jelly	250 tubs; 100lbs
Baby oil	200 bottles
Plasters	2,000
Recyclable Foil blankets	more than 40,000
Recyclable Ponchos	6,300
Water stations	21, one every mile from three miles, except miles 7 & 11
Elite drink stations	8 – for the elite runners where their chosen drinks are placed if required
Lucozade Sport stations	5 – isotonic energy drink is available to runners at 7, 11, 15, 19 and 23 miles; 110,000 100% recyclable 380ml bottles
Lucozade Sport (isotonic energy drink)	More than 40,000 bottles of isotonic drink are distributed at the start and more than 40,000 in finishers' bags.
Lucozade Sport Carbo Gels	50,000 at miles 14 and 21
Compostable cups	90,000 in total at two water stations & one sports drink station
Tables at drink stations	671
Bottles of Buxton Natural Mineral Water	Around 650,000 recyclable bottles in total are distributed at the start, on the course and at the finish
Pubs on or near to the course	84
Pubs hosting charities as part the London Marathon scheme	50
Live music sites on the course	42
Official cheering zone	Mile 23
Runners' blogs	7,200 – c. 20% of runners
Road closure leaflets delivered	200,000



## Celebrities

The challenge of completing the London Marathon has attracted many well-known names and famous faces over the years, and celebrities have become an increasingly visible and important part of the charity fund-raising element of the mass race.

Emmerdale actor Tony Audenshaw and model Nell McAndrew are two of the quickest celebrities ever to complete the course – Audenshaw once romped home in 2:55:06 while in 2012 McAndrew finished in 2:54:39, more than good enough to mix it with the serious club runners in the UK championship race.

Chris Newton became the quickest celebrity ever in 2014, the world champion cyclist finishing well ahead of the field in 2:45:10. Newton went even quicker in 2015 when he crossed the Finish Line in 2:39:27. He couldn't quite match that pace last year, when former rower James Cracknell was the quickest in 2:43:12.

The quickest women celebrities were not far behind, led by former Ironman triathlon world champion Chrissie Wellington, who stopped the clock at 2:49:01. Olympic rowing gold medallist Helen Glover was the second female celebrity in 3:05:25, while BBC News presenter Sophie Raworth improved her best by finishing in 3:29:15.

Her BBC colleague, Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans, crossed the line in 4:54:28 while Eastenders actor Adam Woodyatt was a couple of hours slower in 7:04:34.

Finishing times are only one concern for celebrity entrants, of course, as the race to raise funds is often the primary goal.

Former rower Sir Steve Redgrave once held the record for most money raised in a single London Marathon. The Olympic legend amassed £1.7 million, later surpassed by Steve Chalke who raised £2,330,159.38 for Oasis UK in 2011.

## Celebrities Running in 2018

A typical array of celebrities will be running in 2018. Coming from the worlds of TV, show business, film, music, sport and media, they all have their own target times and will aim to raise as much money as possible for their charities. A full up-to-date list of all the celebrities entered for this year's race can be found in the Media Resources section of the London Marathon website.

Here are a few names to look out for:

**Baker's Dozen:** Thirteen stars of the TV programme Great British Bake Off will swap their aprons for running kit as they take on the 26.2-mile challenge to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, Macmillan and World Vision. The team of cake makers include contestants from the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh series, aged 21 to 63, with a wide range of running and fitness experience.

They include Richard Burr, who finished runner-up in series five. He said: "The Great British Bake Off is a brilliant thing and we have been given so many opportunities to have fun, so we thought we would try to work off a little bit of cake and see if we can raise some money and awareness for charity while we are doing it."

Jane Beedle, runner-up in series seven, added: "A lot of us are not runners but what has brought us together is the camaraderie and the spirit of the London Marathon. Everyone comes together to support one another, regardless of whether they know them or not. It's the atmosphere and enthusiasm that made us all want to take part"

The full Baker's Dozen is:

- Jane Beedle (Series 7; Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity – GOSH)
- Richard Burr (Series 5; GOSH)
- Ian Cumming (Series 6; GOSH)
- Selasi Gbormittah (Series 7; World Vision)
- Michael Georgiou (Series 7; GOSH)
- Tom Gilliford (Series 7; GOSH)
- Kate Henry (Series 5; GOSH)
- Beca Lyne-Pirkis (Series 4; GOSH)
- Alvin Magallanes (Series 6; GOSH)
- Chetna Makan (Series 5; GOSH)
- Enwezor Nzegwu (Series 5; Cystic Fibrosis Trust)
- Frances Quinn (Series 4; Macmillan)
- Mat Riley (Series 6; GOSH)



**News and sports presenters and radio DJs** are well represented in 2018, led by BBC News' anchor **Sophie Raworth** who returns for her eighth London Marathon. Raworth has been getting faster each year, running her PB of 3:29:15 in 2017. She has become something of a marathon fanatic in recent years and completed the set of Abbott World Marathon Majors races last year when she finished the Chicago Marathon. She has previously run the New York, Boston, Berlin and Tokyo Marathons.

**Jonathan Pearce:** One of the best-known voices of football, Pearce is heard by millions of fans each week commentating on the BBC's Match of the Day. He will be running his seventh London Marathon for the charity, The Lily Foundation, which is named after his niece, who tragically died of mitochondrial disease aged just eight months.

**Sean Fletcher:** The sports presenter returns to the London Marathon to run for the charity Young Minds. Fletcher began his career at the BBC and presented its rolling news bulletins and BBC Breakfast before joining Sky Sports in 2011 and then ITV's Good Morning Britain in 2014. Since October 2015 he has also been a reporter for BBC One's Countryfile, and has also co-presented BBC Two's Food Detectives.

Marathon-running **chefs** are out in force again, with **Gordon Ramsay MBE**, back at the event for the first time in nine years. The owner of three Michelin stars and presenter of Hell's Kitchen, The F Word and Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares, ran 10 consecutive London Marathons up to 2009. This year he will run alongside his wife Tana and children Jack and Holly for the Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Ramsay is joined by **Marcus Bean**, who won Iron Chef UK on Channel 4 in 2010 and is a regular on ITV's This Morning, Good Food's Market Kitchen, and Channel 4's What's Cooking and Drop Down Menu.

**Sports stars** are ever present on the London Marathon's celebrity list and 2018 is no different.

Cyclist **Chris Newton** has been setting 'records' as the fastest celebrity for the last few years, his best being 2:39:27 in 2015. The multiple world track champion and triple Olympic medallist runs for Anthony Nolan this year.

**Hannah MacLeod:** A member of the Great Britain hockey team that won gold at the Rio 2016 Olympics, capping a fabulous 12-year international career during which MacLeod made 150 appearances for Britain and England. Since retiring she has coached the Great Britain Elite Development squad.

**Cassie Patten:** A bronze medallist in the 10km open water swim at the Beijing 2008 Olympics, Patten is one of only nine Britons to have won an Olympic swimming medal over the last 20 years. She also won a World Championship silver in 2007 – despite being stung by a jellyfish – and again a year later. She was the lead swimming pundit at the 2012 Olympics for Sky Sports News.

Among this year's **running actors** are:

**Richard Harrington:** the star of Welsh show Hinterland, plus Bleak House, Jimmy McGovern's Gunpowder, Treason & Plot and Gavin Claxton's comedy feature film The All Together. He runs for Bloodwise.

**Stephen Mangan:** best known as Adrian Mole from Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years and then as Guy Secretion in Channel 4's Green Wing. He appeared in the British/American comedy series Episodes as well as a string of films. Mangan was also the voice of Postman Pat in Postman Pat: The Movie.

**Rochelle Humes:** the TV presenter and clothes designer, who had 13 top 10 hits with pop group The Saturdays, will run for Charity of the Year Teenage Cancer Trust.

The full list of celebrities and media presenters running the 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon is available in the Media Resources section of the London Marathon website: [www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com](http://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com).



## Guinness World Records

Guinness World Records, the global authority on record-breaking, has supported many individuals who have attempted records while running the marathon. Since 2007 Guinness has officially partnered the London Marathon to adjudicate record attempts in the mass event and present successful record-breakers with certificates.

A team of eight Guinness officials are on the course throughout the day to judge any records and provide immediate news of successful efforts.

More Guinness World Records were broken in 2017 than at any previous London Marathon with 39 successful attempts from the 62 attemptees. It was London man **Joe Spraggins** who was fastest of all, clocking 2:42:24 to complete the fastest marathon dressed as a swimmer.

In his wake came elves, Vikings, fast food items and monks, while records for toilet rolls, nuns, Wellington boots and chili peppers all fell too.

**Rebecca Cesar de Sa** was the quickest of the female record setters, the Wonder Woman runner setting a wonderful time of 3:16:19 to become the fastest finisher in film character costume.

**David Hepburn, Meg Walker, Ceyhun Jay Uzun, Andy Sharpe and Holly Bishop** were among the slowest of the record breakers. The fabulous five dressed as Scooby Doo's Mystery Machine to complete the pesky 26.2-mile challenge in 6:17:26 and become the fastest marathon runners ever in a five-person costume.

Guinness World Record's official adjudicator Christopher Lynch was on the Finish Line to verify all new records.

"The Finish Line at the London Marathon is an incredible place to spend an afternoon," he said. "The outpouring of emotion from runners and spectators alike is heart-warming.

"It was a huge privilege to award so many new Guinness World Records titles today, the icing on the cake for the most determined and creative fun-runners. They've all raised significant funds for their chosen charities and earned a place in the records books – all in the London sunshine."

Some of last year's other record-breaking runners were:

- **Max Livingston-Learmonth**, fastest marathon dressed as a Bishop – 3:21:32 (pictured centre, below)
- **Sarah Dudgeon**, fastest marathon dressed as a monk, female – 3:21:33 (pictured left)
- **Victoria Carter**, fastest marathon dressed as a nun, female – 3:26:53 (pictured right)
- **Ian Williams, Evan Williams & Graham O'Loughlin**, fastest marathon in a three-person costume (fish in the sea) – 3:13:09 (pictured left to right on page 124)

The **London Marathon** is a Guinness World Record breaker in its own right for it is officially the largest single annual fund-raising event in the world. It first set the record in 2007 and has broken it every year since, a remarkable 11-year sequence. In 2017 runners raised **£61.5 million** for charities, meaning that a total of more than **£890 million** has been raised since 1981.

A list of all the 2017 Guinness World Record Breakers can be found at: [www.guinnessworldrecords.com](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com).





## This Year

Nearly 100 runners will be going for Guinness World Records in this year's race.

The attemptees have all registered on the Set a Record section of the Guinness website: [www.guinnessworldrecords.com/set-a-record](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/set-a-record)

Everyone who registers receives a response from Guinness, including guidelines on how to try to break the record and the time they need to beat.

Among the many records being attempted this year are:

- **fastest marathon wearing ski boots** – Colin Haylock will be sliding towards his six-hour target.
- **fastest marathon carrying an ironing board and iron** – Andy Farrer will steam towards the 4:15:00 record.
- **fastest marathon dressed as a whoopee cushion** – breathless or not, Oliver Hill will make some noise if he finishes inside 3:38:15.
- **fastest marathon dressed as Mr Potato Head** – roast, boiled or mashed, Andrew Patterson will peel his way towards the current record of 3:24:19.

A Marathon bar, Henry VIII and Paddington Bear will also be making their way from Blackheath to The Mall, as will Darth Vader, Chewbacca and Yoda. You might also spot a washing machine, a palm tree, and Belle (the beauty) without her Beast, not to mention a tractor, a pencil and a peanut.

For a full list of this year's Guinness World Record attemptees go to the Media Resources page of [www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com](http://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com).

Staff from Guinness World Records will be based at the media centre on race day, confirming records and awarding certificates. The GWR and London Marathon press offices can provide the stories behind various record-breaking runners.

More information, including a full list of the record attempts planned this year, is available from the VMLM and GWR press teams.

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Ian Williams, Evan Williams and Graham O'Loughlin, the fastest marathon runners in a three-person costume

## Politicians

Sixty-nine Members of Parliament, including six women, have run the London Marathon since 1981, between them completing 175 marathons. MPs have been present in all 37 races bar one, each of them encouraged and ably organised by former lobby correspondent Mike Steele.

Matthew Parris holds the record as the fastest MP, a fact of which he is enormously and rightly proud. His five London Marathon times (1981-85) are all faster than the next quickest MP, Doug Henderson.

Having run 10-apiece, Dick Douglas, Gary Waller and Alistair Burt jointly hold the record for the highest number of London Marathons completed as an MP. Douglas went on to complete a further 11 London Marathons after he left Parliament, then at the age of 70 decided that his 21st in 2002 would be his last.

Burt ran his 10th London Marathon in 2016, an incredible 32 years since his first in 1984. Burt holds the record among MPs for the longest period between his first and his most recent Marathons and has completed at least one in each of the last four decades.

Conservative Rehman Chishti was the fastest in 2017, the Gillingham and Rainham MP beating 2016 winner Alun Cairns by two minutes to move up to 11th on the MPs' all-time list. Labour's Dan Jarvis and Edward Timpson filled their customary positions behind Cairns as four finished in under four hours.

There were 11 personal bests from the record 16-strong entries, a first sub-4:30 time for Labour's Chris Evans and a first sub-seven for the Tories' Amanda Solloway.

Twenty MPs are running this year, smashing all previous records for MP entries. Eight of last year's finishers are in this year's line-up, including Chishti, Cairns and Jarvis, while 12 of the 2018 entrants are London Marathon debutants.

Again there are a record number of women MPs running – five this year.

Hannah Bardell became the first SNP Member to run last year and she's going again in 2018 together with two colleagues, David Linden and Stuart McDonald.

The Labour Party has the biggest contingent among the running politicians this year, with nine to the Conservative's eight. For the third year running, there are no Liberal Democrats.

The Tory entries include Cairns, the Secretary of State for Wales (and the fastest in the field on paper), while Labour's representatives include Jon Ashworth, Shadow Minister for Health.

### MPs Running in 2018

Jon Ashworth	Labour, Leicester South
Hannah Bardell	SNP, Livingstone
Ruth Cadbury	Labour, Brentford and Isleworth
Alun Cairns	Con, Vale of Glamorgan
Jenny Chapman	Labour, Darlington
Rehman Chishti	Con, Gillingham and Rainham
Nic Dakin	Labour, Scunthorpe
Leo Docherty	Con, Aldershot
Chris Evans	Labour, Islwyn
Chris Green	Con, Bolton West
Dan Jarvis	Labour, Barnsley Central
Caroline Johnson	Con, Sleaford and North Hykeham
John Lamont	Con, Berwickshire, Roxburgh & Selkirk
David Linden	SNP, Glasgow East
Shabana Mahmood	Labour, Birmingham Ladywood
Stuart McDonald	SNP, Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirintilloch East
James Morris	Con, Halesowen and Rowley Regis
Alex Norris	Labour, Nottingham North
Tom Pursglove	Con, Corby
Nick Smith	Labour, Blaenau Gwent

### PB

4:19:46 (2017)
6:06:54 (2017)
Debut
3:28:02 (2016)
Debut
3:34:22 (2017)
5:31:17 (2017)
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4:20:10 (2017)
4:16:56 (2017)
3:43:38 (2016)
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## MPs who ran in 2017

MP	Constituency	Time
Rehman Chishti	Con, Gillingham and Rainham	3:34:22 PB
Alun Cairns	Con, Vale of Glamorgan	3:36:45
Dan Jarvis	Labour, Barnsley Central	3:47:17
Edward Timpson	Con, Crewe & Nantwich	3:57:51
Chris Green	Con, Bolton West	4:16:56 PB
Jon Ashworth	Labour, Leicester South	4:19:46 PB
Graham Evans	Con, Weaver Vale	4:32:17
Scott Mann	Con, North Cornwall	4:50:54 PB
Chris Evans	Labour, Islwyn	4:20:10 PB
Simon Danczuk	Independent, Rochdale	5:06:11
Jonathan Djanogly	Con, Huntingdon	5:08:05 PB
Nic Dakin	Labour, Scunthorpe	5:31:17 PB
Mims Davies	Con, Eastleigh	5:35:52 PB
Hannah Bardell	SNP, Livingstone	6:06:54 PB
Sir Kevin Barron	Labour, Rother Valley	6:28:43 PB
Amanda Solloway	Con, Derby North	6:55:45 PB

## The fastest MPs

MP	Constituency	Time	Year
Matthew Parris	Con, Derbyshire West	2:32:57	1985
Doug Henderson	Lab, Newcastle upon Tyne North	2:52:24	1989
John McFall	Lab, Dumbarton	3:08:24	1988
Rhodri Morgan	Lab, Cardiff West	3:14:44	1988
Paul Marsden	Lib Dem, Shrewsbury & Atcham	3:18:01	2004
Dennis Canavan	Lab, Falkirk West	3:19:04	1985
Alun Cairns	Con, Vale of Glamorgan	3:28:02	2016
Robert Spink	Con, Castle Point	3:31:15	1995
Jim Murphy	Lab, East Renfrewshire	3:31:44	2013
Chris Bryant	Lab, Rhondda	3:34:19	2007
Rehman Chishti	Con, Gillingham and Rainham	3:34:22	2017
Howard Stoate	Lab, Dartford	3:36:28	2000
Chris Pond	Lab, Gravesham	3:37:54	1999
Alan Howarth	Con, Stratford-on-Avon	3:41:41	1985
Edward Timpson	Con, Crewe and Nantwich	3:42:24	2014
Greg Mulholland	Lib Dem, Leeds North West	3:42:51	2012
Jonathan Aitken	Con, Thanet East	3:43:00	1982
Dan Jarvis	Lab, Barnsley Central	3:43:38	2016
David Lock	Lab, Wyre Forest	3:44:36	1998
David Heathcoat-Armory	Con, Wells	3:55:45	1987

## MPs who have run the London Marathon

Sitting MPs who have run	24
Former MPs no longer at Westminster	43
Former MPs now peers	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>



MPs who ran the London Marathon in 2017



## The Ever Presents

Eleven of the many hundreds of thousands of people who have run the London Marathon over the years have finished every race from the first in 1981 to the 37th on 23 April last year. They are known as the 'Ever Presents'.

This informal group was first acknowledged after the 15th London Marathon in 1995, when it numbered 42. They were awarded with a special commemorative medal, a sweatshirt and guaranteed acceptance in future London Marathons. They cover a whole spectrum of running backgrounds, come from all walks of life, different locations and assorted occupations, although many are now retired.

At the top of the list is Chris Finill who received a Guinness World Record certificate in 2010 for 'the most consecutive editions of the same World Marathon Majors marathon completed in under three hours'.

All but one of the remaining 11 have broken three hours on at least one of their London Marathons. At 84, Kenneth Jones is the oldest Ever Present still running and in 2017 he had the honour of being the oldest male runner in the race, which fell less than a month before his 84th birthday.

*The Real Marathon Men: London Marathon Everpresents*, written by Dale Lyons, one of the surviving 11, was published in January 2014. As well as providing a factual record, it tells the stories behind the Ever Presents' stats – the tales of triumph and disappointment, their lives away from running, and the spirit that keeps them going.

Below is a full list of ever-present names with their times from the 2017 race and their London PBs. More information at [www.everpresent.org.uk](http://www.everpresent.org.uk).

Name	Age group	2017 time	London PB
1 Chris Finill	55-59	2:57:42	2:28:27
2 Michael Peace	65-69	3:58:17	2:38:23
3 Roger Low	70+	5:00:27	2:33:47
4 Charles Cousins	70+	5:12:06	2:55:29
5 Terry Macey	65-69	5:25:17	2:58:18
6 William O'Connor	70+	5:30:48	2:34:29
7 Malcolm Speake	70+	5:37:00	2:45:10
8 Jeffrey Aston	65-69	5:54:27	2:29:34
9 David Walker	70+	6:05:55	2:45:48
10 Dale Lyons	70+	6:23:06	3:06:48
11 Kenneth Jones	80+	6:41:39	2:55:38

Eleven made the photo call at the Green Start for the 37th London Marathon on 23 April 2017. Left to right: David Walker, Ken Jones, Mike Wilkinson, Mac Speake, Bill O'Connor, Chris Finill, Dale Lyons, Jeff Aston (hidden), Mike Peel, Charles Cousins, Mike Peace (in front).



## Human Interest Stories

More than three-quarters of all runners at the London Marathon take part to raise money for charity, and more than £50 million is generated for good causes every year. The event itself holds a Guinness World Record for one-day charity fundraising, a record it has broken each year for the last 11 years. The 2017 record total was £61.5 million while the total raised over the last 37 years is approaching £1 billion and now stands at more than £890 million.

Many of those who run to raise money do so because they, or someone close to them, has experienced illness or tragedy, and they want to honour someone's memory, or give something back to the organisations and charities which helped them. For many, taking on the marathon is just one challenge in a whole host of others over a period of time, or merely one stage in an ongoing fund-raising campaign; for others, it's the climax of a personal journey.

You can find summaries of many of this year's 'human interest' stories in the Media Resources section of the London Marathon website. Here are just a few:

### **Georgia, Hugo & Anthony Rawlinson**

The Rawlinson siblings lost their mum, Penny, suddenly to secondary breast cancer in May last year after the incurable condition went undiagnosed despite lots of warning signs. Penny "was the type of person who was dedicated to doing good for others", according to Georgia, so the trio decided to run the London Marathon in support of Breast Cancer Now, the leading specialists in secondary breast cancer, to help support their work in learning more about the disease and its symptoms.

"One of the things that's really important about our story, and something we want to focus on, is that mum had lots of warning signs – she had lots of pain in her back, she had a broken shoulder from a small knock, she had terrible breathlessness," says Georgia. "She went to the doctors about all of these things and no-one put two and two together; no-one looked at her records to see that she'd recently had breast cancer."

The siblings who are hoping to raise in excess of £60,000 in her memory, will be supported on the day by their friends and family, including their most recent addition, Anthony's brand new baby.

### **Mel Elliott & James Parker**

The Leicester couple will be spending most of their wedding day in trainers as they prepare to run the London Marathon hours after tying the knot in Greenwich.

The couple, who have been together for over 20 years, have decided this is the year to finally get hitched and to mark the occasion they have chosen to run for the charity Get Kids Going.

"As keen runners we wanted to do the London Marathon together and what better opportunity to do it but as

newlyweds. Within days of securing the charity places, I had the registrars and venue booked," said Mel. "The ceremony will take place at 7.30am in Greenwich to give us plenty of time to get to the start line, while our guests can enjoy a bacon butty and a cuppa."

The couple have requested that all their guests donate to Get Kids Going! instead of buying them a wedding gift, and they hope to raise nearly £4,000 for the charity.

### **Robert Jenkins, Robert Jenkins Junior & Iwan Fesnoux**

Three generations of the same family will take on the London Marathon in an effort to raise £40,000 for medical research charity, RAFT. Eighty-one year-old grandfather Robert (Bob) Jenkins will run with his 49-year-old son, Robert Alun Jenkins, and 20-year-old grandson, Iwan Fesnoux (20), to raise money for the charity dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults who have suffered physical trauma.

A seasoned runner, Bob has run every London Marathon since 1993 and raised over £50,000 for RAFT, recently becoming a patron. His son Robert has followed in his footsteps, raising more than £25,000 himself. RAFT undertake research into new methods of reconstructive surgery, help develop innovative new treatments for cancers, burns, birth defects, prosthetics and wound healing which are used all over the world, explained Bob.

Despite completing 20 marathons, Bob is not a fan of running and does it simply to raise funds and awareness. He and Robert both ran in 2017 and this year Iwan joined the jogging clan after doing a placement with RAFT last Easter as part of his Bio-Medical Studies degree at Cardiff University.

### **Emmanuel Bejedi**

Originally from Cameroon, Emmanuel Bejedi found himself homeless and alone on the streets of London for several years before getting back on his feet thanks to help from The Running Charity. The organisation, which works with 16-25 year olds who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, helped him find a day centre, set goals, improve his fitness, build his self-esteem and create a new family of friends. He was eventually given indefinite leave to remain in the UK and is training to become a run leader to help support other young people involved with The Running Charity.

"Running has helped me through really sad times," said Emmanuel. "I have found friends and I am never alone. I also have the skills to bounce back when times are hard, and I am really looking forward to running the London Marathon, completing my run leaders and being able to give back."

For more information on these and many other human interest stories go to the Media Resources section of the London Marathon website, or contact a member of the London Marathon media team.



Eleanor Draper: the London Marathon's oldest female finisher

## Runners by Age

Age Group	Men	Women	All
18-19	164	132	296
20-29	4,966	5,217	10,183
30-39	10,041	7,277	17,318
40-49	10,242	6,806	17,048
50-59	4,950	2,781	7,731
60-69	1,227	520	1,747
70-79	262	81	343
80-89	16	3	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,868</b>	<b>22,817</b>	<b>54,685</b>

## Oldest Runners

The oldest man is:  
**Samuel Starbrook**, 87, born 18 September 1930

The oldest woman is:  
**Eileen Noble**, 83, born 30 December 1934

## Youngest Runners

The youngest men are:  
**Tom Roberts**, 18 years 0 days, born 22 April 2000

**Joshua Ambrose**, 18 years 0 days, born 22 April 2000

The youngest women are:  
**Gabrielle Pearce**, 18 years 0 days, born 22 April 2000

**Isabelle Ellis**, 18 years 0 days, born 22 April 2000

## Runners who have birthdays on Race Day

Men	Women	Total
125	88	213

## Oldest & Youngest All Time

Oldest winner (men): Allister Hutton (GBR)  
 1990 (35 yrs 278 days)

Oldest winner (women): Joyce Smith, (GBR)  
 1982 (44)

Youngest winner (men): Sammy Wanjiru (KEN)  
 2009 (22)

Youngest winner (women): Małgorzata Sobanska (POL)  
 1995 (25)

Oldest finisher (men): Fauja Singh 2004 (93)

Oldest finisher (women): Jenny Wood-Allen 2002 (90)

## Runners by Occupation

Occupation	Men	Women	Total
Accountant	1,291	783	2,074
Actor	69	55	124
Administrative and Clerical Support	203	733	936
Administrator	311	852	1163
Advertising	136	92	228
Agriculture	77	14	91
Airline Cabin Crew	9	36	45
Airline Pilot	28	1	29
Ambulance Service	22	21	43
Analyst	187	107	294
Apprentice	7	1	8
Architect	157	53	210
Armed Forces	255	47	302
Artist	60	63	123
Banker	669	238	907
Banker (City of London)	230	51	281
Beautician / Hairdresser	16	111	127
Building Society	29	11	40
Building Trade	310	9	319
Business Owner	806	310	1116
Catering	123	79	202
Catering – Professional	82	53	135
Chairman / President of Company	192	23	215
Civil Aviation – Cabin Crew	8	18	26
Civil Servant	210	151	361
Clergy	29	3	32
Clerical	38	80	118
Communications	142	103	245
Construction	471	45	516
Consultant	675	270	945
Data Processing / MIS Manager	49	6	55
Data Processing / Systems Analyst	141	42	183
Data Processing Engineer	50	7	57
Data Processing Manager	74	21	95
Data Processing Programmer	69	4	73
Dental Assistant	2	27	29
Dentist	66	58	124
Designer	300	191	491
Doctor	158	160	318
Doctor - GP	76	63	139
Doctor - Specialist	195	120	315
Driver	294	16	310
Economist	43	16	59
Editor	52	59	111
Education – Support	71	220	291
Electrician	262	2	264
Engineer	858	69	927
Engineer - Civil	173	22	195
Engineer - Electrical	206	14	220
Engineer - Mechanical	360	16	376
Events and Operations	34	66	100
Film Maker	42	12	54
Finance and Investment – Support	123	64	187
Financial Analyst	435	152	587
Firefighter	208	20	228
Forestry / Game Keeping	10	5	15
Haulage	31	2	33
Health Service	142	351	493
Health and Fitness	87	146	233
Healthcare – Professional	186	550	736
Healthcare – Support	60	154	214
Homemaker	17	243	260
Hospitality	34	42	76
Hotel	56	30	86
Hotel and Leisure Industry	34	28	62
Housewife	6	352	358
IT Professional	720	107	827
IT Support	61	20	81
Insurance	259	126	385
Investment Broker	59	11	70
Labourer	66	5	71

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Lecturer	128	96	224
Legal Profession	367	363	730
Legal – Support	22	37	59
Librarian	4	17	21
Local Government	137	96	233
Machinist	13	1	14
Machinist / Plant Worker	67	5	72
Manager	774	440	1,214
Manufacturing - Production Management	158	28	186
Manufacturing - Shop Floor	53	10	63
Marketer	168	174	342
Marketing	488	501	989
Mechanic	44	2	46
Media and Publishing	132	117	249
Military Services	173	33	206
Musician	88	21	109
Newsperson	33	16	49
Nurse	104	718	822
Other	4,454	3,197	7,651
Paramedic	23	15	38
Pharmacist	44	36	80
Photographer	32	25	57
Physician	2	4	6
Physiotherapist	47	127	174
Pilot	38	5	43
Plumber	41	1	42
Police	438	265	703
Politician	26	9	35
Postal Worker	48	12	60
Printer	25	3	28
Programmer	44	5	49
Psychiatrist	5	10	15
Public Relations	80	146	226
Public Service – Support	82	64	146
Public Transport	43	14	57
Publishing	31	27	58
Radio / TV	98	64	162
Recreation Worker	6	8	14
Restaurants	73	36	109
Retail Trade	310	230	540
Retail – Manager	112	60	172
Retail – Support	102	117	219
Retired	616	293	909
Sales Manager	686	210	896
Salesperson	402	205	607
Scientist	229	188	417
Secretary	5	223	228
Security	31	4	35
Shop Worker	32	37	69
Social Worker	37	70	107
Solicitor	52	56	108
Sports Person	55	40	95
Sportsperson	102	56	158
Stock Exchange	15	2	17
Stockbroker	36	2	38
Student	552	691	1,243
Surveyor	190	54	244
Systems Analyst	19	10	29
Taxi Driver	21	0	21
Teacher	455	747	1,202
Teacher / Education	646	1,215	1,861
Trade and Craft – Professional	94	15	109
Trade and Craft – Support	9	1	10
Transportation	108	13	121
Travel	49	45	94
Travel and Tourism – Worker	22	29	51
Unemployed	65	72	137
Waiter / Waitress	7	23	30
Writer / Journalist	69	76	145
Youth / Community Worker	39	57	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,868</b>	<b>22,817</b>	<b>54,685</b>



## Runners by Nationality

Country	Code	Men	Women	Total
Albania	ALB	1	1	2
Andorra	AND	3	0	3
Argentina	ARG	23	19	42
Armenia	ARM	2	2	4
Australia	AUS	132	132	264
Austria	AUT	20	5	25
Bahamas	BAH	2	1	3
Bangladesh	BAN	5	0	5
Barbados	BAR	0	1	1
Belgium	BEL	73	20	93
Bermuda	BER	4	2	6
Botswana	BOT	1	3	4
Brazil	BRA	84	26	130
Bahrain	BRN	0	3	3
Brunei Darussalam	BRU	20	5	25
Bulgaria	BUL	8	8	16
Burkina Faso	BUR	6	0	6
Canada	CAN	90	83	173
Congo	CGO	0	1	1
Chile	CHI	28	7	35
China	CHN	418	194	612
Cote d'Ivoire	CIV	2	0	2
Cameroon	CMR	2	0	2
Colombia	COL	7	6	13
Cape Verde	CPV	0	1	1
Costa Rica	CRC	4	1	5
Croatia	CRO	4	0	4
Cyprus	CYP	3	1	4
Czech Republic	CZE	2	5	7
Denmark	DEN	75	21	96
Dominican Republic	DOM	3	1	4
Ecuador	ECU	7	1	8
Egypt	EGY	5	1	6
Spain	ESP	182	46	228
Estonia	EST	11	10	21
Ethiopia	ETH	2	0	2
Finland	FIN	23	16	39
Falkland Islands	FLK	1	0	1
France	FRA	427	131	558
United Kingdom	GBR	27,188	20,291	47,479
Georgia	GEO	1	0	1
Germany	GER	230	115	345
Guernsey	GGY	1	2	3
Greece	GRE	28	12	40
Guatemala	GUA	11	0	11
Haiti	HAI	1	1	2
Hong Kong	HKG	3	1	4
Honduras	HON	5	5	8
Hungary	HUN	10	7	17
Isle of Man	IMN	0	1	1
Indonesia	INA	25	14	39
India	IND	57	17	74
British Indian Ocean Territory	IOT	0	1	1
Iran	IRI	3	0	3
Ireland	IRL	404	232	636
Iceland	ISL	4	12	16
Israel	ISR	20	6	26
Italy	ITA	356	122	478
Jamaica	JAM	0	2	2
Jersey	JEY	4	1	5
Jordan	JOR	5	0	5
Japan	JPN	75	35	110
Kazakhstan	KAZ	2	0	2
Kenya	KEN	5	2	7
South Korea	KOR	13	1	14
Saudi Arabia	KSA	2	1	3
Kuwait	KUW	2	0	2
Latvia	LAT	3	2	5
Lebanon	LIB	8	6	14
Lithuania	LTU	6	7	13
Luxembourg	LUX	5	2	7

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Morocco	MAR	21	5	26
Malaysia	MAS	20	11	31
Malawi	MAW	0	1	1
Moldova	MDA	1	1	2
Maldives	MDV	1	0	1
Mexico	MEX	74	24	78
Mongolia	MGL	0	1	1
Macedonia	MKD	1	0	1
Malta	MLT	10	2	12
Monaco	MON	1	0	1
Mauritius	MRI	1	2	3
Myanmar	MYA	3	0	3
Namibia	NAM	1	0	1
Netherlands	NED	110	62	172
Nepal	NEP	4	0	4
Norfolk Island	NFK	53	44	97
Niger	NIG	12	2	14
Northern Ireland	NIR	15	6	21
Norway	NOR	4	1	5
New Zealand	NZL	56	45	101
Pakistan	PAK	4	0	4
Panama	PAN	2	1	3
Paraguay	PAR	0	2	2
Peru	PER	3	2	5
Philippines	PHI	17	8	25
Poland	POL	54	32	86
Portugal	POR	37	13	50
Puerto Rico	PUR	1	0	1
Qatar	QAT	1	0	1
Romania	ROU	5	6	11
South Africa	RSA	121	69	190
Russia	RUS	25	10	35
Scotland	SCO	132	103	235
Senegal	SEN	1	0	1
Singapore	SIN	12	13	25
Sierra Leone	SLE	1	0	1
Slovenia	SLO	3	1	4
Serbia	SRB	5	1	6
Sri Lanka	SRI	1	0	1
Sudan	SUD	1	0	1
Switzerland	SUI	94	35	129
Slovakia	SVK	3	5	8
Sweden	SWE	66	42	108
Swaziland	SWZ	0	1	1
Syria	SYR	1	1	2
Tanzania	TAN	1	0	1
Thailand	THA	7	1	8
East Timor	TLS	1	0	1
Chinese Taipei	TPE	21	10	31
Trinidad and Tobago	TTO	2	2	4
Turkey	TUR	11	3	14
Uganda	UGA	2	3	5
Ukraine	UKR	4	5	9
Uruguay	URU	1	0	1
United States	USA	446	464	910
Venezuela	VEN	5	3	8
Wales	WLS	206	114	320
Zambia	ZAM	2	0	2
Zimbabwe	ZIM	4	2	6
		26	8	34
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,868</b>	<b>22,817</b>	<b>54,685</b>

## Marathon Weather

Runners will be hoping for a fine spring day to help them get around the 26.2 mile course on 22 April. A mild, not hot, day with a light breeze will help the mass runners, most of whom will complete the race in the afternoon. Those conditions will also help the elites run at close to world record pace.

Average weather conditions for the London Marathon up to 2017 give some indication of what to expect:

- average maximum temperature: 14.9°C
- average minimum temperature: 8.9°C
- average rainfall: 1.3mm
- average sunshine: 5.4 hours.

The event has seen some extremes of weather in the past. In 2004 it was particularly wet and windy. Evans Rutto, the eventual winner of the men's race, was just one of the runners who slipped and fell in the poor conditions.

The highest temperature of 22.2°C was recorded on two Race Days – in 1996 (21 April) and 2007 (22 April); the lowest of 5.3°C on 18 April 2004.

The wettest Race Day on record was 18 April 2004 when 12.4mm fell, while the sunniest was 26 April 2009 with 12.3 hours of sunshine.

## Race Day Temperature (°C)

Race Date	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00
29 Mar 81	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.9
09 May 82	10.5	11.1	13.4	14.0
17 Apr 83	10.1	10.0	10.4	10.0
13 May 84	8.6	10.4	12.2	13.0
21 Apr 85	6.0	6.9	8.0	8.6
20 Apr 86	8.1	10.2	15.6	17.0
10 May 87	10.0	10.6	12.0	12.4
17 May 88	10.6	13.2	14.6	16.4
23 Apr 89	8.4	8.5	8.7	10.1
22 Apr 90	9.4	10.0	10.2	10.9
21 Apr 91	5.8	7.1	9.4	9.1
12 Apr 92	11.3	12.1	13.2	13.8
18 Apr 93	11.8	12.2	13.1	13.8
17 Apr 94	5.9	6.6	7.5	7.6
02 Apr 95	8.3	9.6	12.0	14.1
21 Apr 96	17.6	20.3	20.1	21.0
13 Apr 97	9.9	11.2	12.0	13.3
26 Apr 98	11.1	11.2	13.0	12.7
18 Apr 99	5.9	6.8	7.6	8.4
16 Apr 00	6.6	8.7	9.9	11.3
22 Apr 01	7.6	8.4	8.6	10.4
14 Apr 02	7.6	9.2	10.6	11.2
13 Apr 03	9.5	11.5	15.0	16.4
18 Apr 04	9.6	10.2	10.3	11.2
17 Apr 05	7.7	9.4	10.9	12.3
23 Apr 06	11.1	11.3	12.1	12.7
22 Apr 07	16.3	18.6	20.5	21.7
13 Apr 08	10.4	12.1	8.9	9.5
26 Apr 09	14.1	14.9	16.1	16.2
25 Apr 10	11.8	13.8	14.4	15.6
17 Apr 11	14.1	15.9	18.3	19.9
22 Apr 12	8.8	10.4	12.5	13.4
21 Apr 13	7.0	8.9	10.4	12.8
13 Apr 14	10.5	11.3	12.7	13.7
26 Apr 15	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0
24 Apr 16	6.8	7.4	8.0	9.0
23 Apr 17	11.7	12.6	13.6	13.9

## Race Day Relative Humidity (%)

<b>Race Date</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>12:00</b>
29 Mar 81	89	91	94	94
09 May 82	65	56	52	51
17 Apr 83	87	87	87	79
13 May 84	70	56	45	30
21 Apr 85	75	74	68	65
20 Apr 86	96	94	93	71
10 May 87	65	61	56	50
17 May 88	80	64	62	57
23 Apr 89	92	88	88	75
22 Apr 90	93	91	91	88
21 Apr 91	62	58	50	51
12 Apr 92	82	78	64	60
18 Apr 93	81	82	73	64
17 Apr 94	84	78	66	54
02 Apr 95	78	72	61	54
21 Apr 96	51	36	33	28
13 Apr 97	58	56	47	43
26 Apr 98	72	71	61	67
18 Apr 99	83	74	65	57
16 Apr 00	75	65	57	51
22 Apr 01	68	63	80	46
14 Apr 02	58	49	38	31
13 Apr 03	77	69	55	50
18 Apr 04	89	88	90	85
17 Apr 05	64	54	46	44
23 Apr 06	78	81	78	81
22 Apr 07	48	43	35	30
13 Apr 08	65	54	80	73
26 Apr 09	55	49	46	42
25 Apr 10	82	79	80	77
17 Apr 11	68	58	51	44
22 Apr 12	76	69	61	55
21 Apr 13	67	55	46	51
13 Apr 14	55	49	48	48
26 Apr 15	80	88	86	79
24 Apr 16	67	54	55	46
23 Apr 17	60	61	57	48

Keep up to date with the latest weather forecast for the London Marathon on the Met Office webpage: [www.metoffice.gov.uk/events/london-marathon](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/events/london-marathon).