

# ● Excellent conditions, a fast course and some outstanding performances

THE first Jersey Top Island half marathon on Whit Sunday proved a tremendous success and a welcome addition to the road-running calendar.

In fine conditions and on a fast course, the race started at Les Fontaines, St John and finished at the northern end of the Five Mile Road. There were some outstanding performances, particularly by winner Peter Le Couilliard, who covered the 13.1 miles in 1 hr 9 min 36 sec.

Mr John Le Sueur, Controller of St John, sent the runners on their way and it quickly became evident that it would be a fast pace, when the leading trio of Le Couilliard, Gary L'Enfant and Ken White went through the first mile in 4 min 45 sec. White soon dropped away from the blistering pace but Le Couilliard and L'Enfant continued to run shoulder-to-shoulder until, at the 10½-mile mark, Le Couilliard made what proved to be a winning move by eight seconds from L'Enfant, who still recorded his best half marathon time.

The first overseas runner was Ian Park from Northern Ireland, who finished fourth, behind White, followed by Alan Ellis from Guernsey.

Another good performance came from Eric Renouard from Rennes, who finished 15th in 1.16.35.

## Barbara Finn: First lady

In the ladies' race, Barbara Finn, despite having done a sub-three hour time in the London Marathon only three weeks previously, dominated this race and won in 1.21.55. She also took first place in the veteran section.

Eddie Richardson, 54 years old, not only took first place in the over 50s section but also won in the over 40s. Sportingly, he agreed to take only the trophy and prize for the latter event and the over 50s

The two leaders: Peter Le Couilliard (left) and Gary L'Enfant, both of Spartan AC, who stayed together until the ten-mile mark when Le Couilliard pulled away. L'Enfant finished second

section prize was awarded to John Timms of Southampton AC.

The over 60s section was won by Leonard Vautier and the over 75s by Dolph Le Verdier, returning the excellent times of 1.43.12 and 2.03.56 respectively.

The ladies' over 45s section went to Julie Lawlor of Guernsey in the magnificent time of 1.33.00 and the over 55s was won by Sylvia Wilson in prizes were won by Jersey Spartan AC teams and the non-affiliated team prize went to the Grève de Lecq Gaspers.

## Honorary grand master

The trophies were presented at the Jersey Rugby Club by His Excellency, the Lieut-

Data Processing, the marshals, timekeepers, referee David Williams, the medical officer, Dr George Daley, St John Ambulance and the Honorary Police of the parishes through which the race passed.

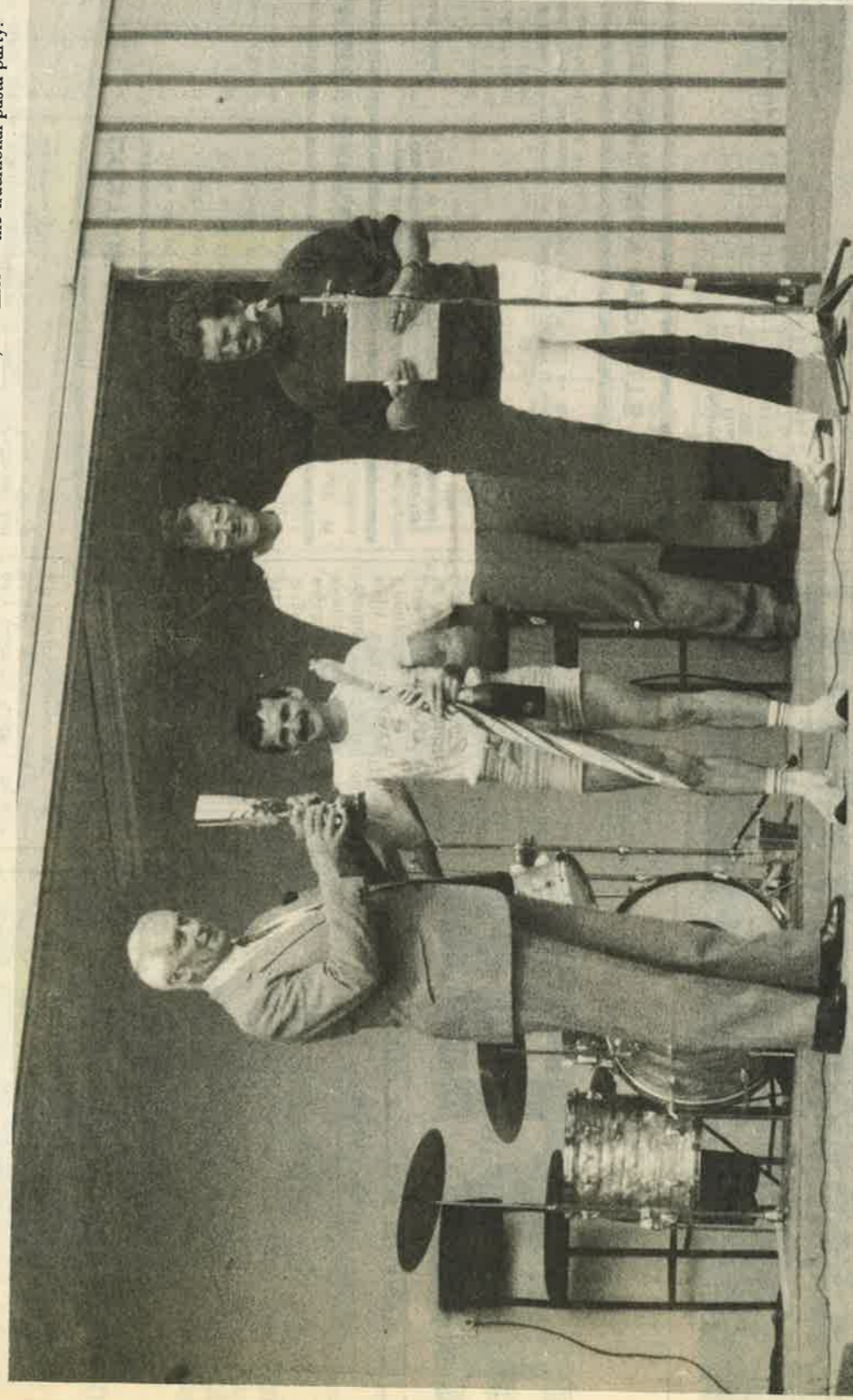
Mr Maddison also thanked the Jersey Rugby Club for the use of their premises and Sir William for giving of his valuable time to make the presentations.

The organisers had not over-giving, everyone enjoyed the sunshine, the music of the Black Butter Jazz Band and the sponsors' products — although not necessarily in that order!

On the eve of the event, Jersey Tourism had hosted a Vin d'Honneur for the visiting runners, which was followed by the traditional pasta party.

Governor, Admiral Sir William Pillar. Sir William has been a great supporter of the organising club, Jersey Hash House Harriers, and after the prizegiving he was invited by Glenn George, on behalf of the JHHH, to become their honorary grand master.

Sir William said that he was delighted to accept the appointment, although he had no idea what his responsibilities might be. The organising director of the main sponsors, Randall's Brewery, thanked all those responsible for organising the event and made special mention of the JHHH committee, Mike Palfard, Barry Le Plongeon, Trevor Billingsley, Peter Cook, Peter Dodds and Glenn George. He also thanked the Tourism Committee, Channel



Jersey's Lieut—Governor, Admiral Sir William Pillar, the new grand master of the Island's Hash House Harriers, presents Peter Le Couilliard with his winner's trophy watched by Glenn George, of the Harriers' organising committee (right) and Randall's Brewery managing director Roger Maddison. Ladies' winner Barbara Finn is shown on the right with her trophy and bottle of 'bubly'



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