

COBHAM HALL – 18 FEBRUARY 2014



This is the School. It's a £12 taxi-ride from Gravesend Station – by car it's just off the A2 and the postcode is DA12 3BL. In the left hand photo you'll see the driveway. Reception is on the left hand side of a white arch – can see the arch under the tree in the left hand photo.

The collection is on two floors. What follows is a series of photos of the collection and some notes.

General comments: There's a lot of magnificent material and it's certain anyone using this collection will get truly side-tracked with fascinating stuff!

Broadly speaking

GROUND FLOOR: is books, championships, coaching/biographies/medical and fitness and a mass of results, notes etc

FIRST FLOOR – is stats books and publications and the magazine collections (AW, Leichtathletik, Track and Field news)

This might change once we get started on sorting it all out.

I hope this guide will be useful for anyone going in the near future. It's all going to be quite an undertaking eventually!

GROUND FLOOR ROOM

Left bookcases (immediately next to the door) – two bays, four shelves,



Left bookcases near the door and fold-up chair!

Biographies and autobiographies	Biographies
Coaching	Coaching
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous
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GROUND FLOOR: Back of room – five bays, four shelves plus many materials on the top

	Bay 1	Bay 2	Bay 3	Bay 4	Bay 5
Above the shelves	Official results sheets of various championships, e.g. 70 CG, 83 WCh, 87 EJ, 97 WCh	Photo finish images, AWs, Peter Martin papers	Midland CAA and AAA indoors folders At right side top of bay 3 – Stoke and Staffs AC folders	British Junior Commission – various correspondence listed by years	Two boxes of early 70s NUTS rankings forms
Top Shelf	Coaching	Olympic Games	Athletics history	Medical/PE etc	Misc.
2 nd shelf	Coaching	Olympic Games	Athletics history	Medical, Injuries and doping	Misc.
3 rd shelf	Commonwealth/ Empire Games	Misc	Misc	Misc	Misc
4 th shelf	Miscellaneous	Misc	Empty	Misc	Misc



Bays 1-4 are in this photo, along with left corner of bay five

GROUND FLOOR - Right hand side book cases.



Unsorted – looks like more original results sheets, ranking lists, photos, programmes.
Bottom of left hand bay – more Staffordshire Champs results. Also Commonwealth Games materials.

GROUND FLOOR - Back of the room (above a fireplace – there's a window to the left)



Huge collection of books marked “books to move on – not for archive”. Look like general sports, fitness stuff rather than athletics

GROUND FLOOR - Central area



AAA and BAF blue folders (agendas, minutes etc) propped up on top of many unopened boxes.

TOP FLOOR

Left side (nearest stairwell)



Left hand cupboard – some very old programmes and a scrapbook of Binks News of the World cuttings.

Other cupboards – NUTS/ATFS and various international publications. Bottom self – Leichtathletiks.

TOP FLOOR – MAIN SHELVES



From the left:

NUTS and ATFS Rankings books

Bottom shelf – Sportsworld, Athlete's World, World Sports etc

Then – various stats books

Then – programmes on the top shelf and some AWs (loose) on the bottom shelf.

TOP FLOOR

Right hand shelves (top floor)

Small collection of UK and international stats – many French stats – this section could certainly be moved onto the main wall to create more space.



TOP FLOOR

Back Wall – overlooking downstairs area (see window at the back of this photo)



Combination of bound publications – to the right more Leichtathletiks and a Track and Field News collection.

To the left, bound volumes of Athletics Weekly

TOP FLOOR - Centre Table



A substantial largely unsorted array of boxes and small piles of specific items, notably AAA/UK/Eng Schools/IAAF handbooks, European Year Books, FAST etc. Some materials still in boxes.