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FRONTPIECE(Photo: Ed Lacey)--Who's that guy with George Piddington? Well, George condescendingly turned away his own autograph hunters to allow some Aussie fella called Ron Clarke to join him in a grin at Ed Lacey. They were front and back markers in a 1500 metres handicap at White City. We leave you to guess which was which!

FRONT COVER(Photo: C. Manning)--Our new President, FRANK SIMMONS, shown alongside a photograph of the 4x110yds relay team which he coached to victory in the AAA Championships of 1954.



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EDITORIAL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to all Belgravians-- everywhere. And a very special greeting goes to all those contributors, both regular and occasional, who have assisted your Honorary Editor over the past year. There are too many to enumerate but without their help your Gazette would be nothing. Our band of willing typists grows and the typescript for this edition was prepared by Sally Lucas and Margaret North to whom the Editor is eternally grateful. Our Xmas card by Arthur Bruce is on page 5---we hope you will not relegate it to the mantelpiece before reading the other 40-odd pages first!---

-----AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

REGISTRATION:

It is a pity that the bitter arguments of recent months should rage when both sides have the same ultimate desire, that is to improve the financial burdens of the A.A.A. and to provide a progressive outlook to the administration of athletics. However, in our view it is astonishing that a scheme of this sort should be put forward by men who are supposed to have experienced the problems of administering club athletics, of entering club teams for different events and of keeping tabs on unpaid subscriptions. Scrutiny meetings are bad enough already without having to check registrations as well, and establishing that club subscriptions are paid up is bad enough without having to check that registrations have been renewed. There is still considerable apathy amongst athletes on these questions but one wonders what their reactions would be when the inevitable spate of non-acceptances for races and team disqualifications arrived.

For those in the upper echelon of competitive athletics the scheme is quite straightforward. The nearer they get to international standard the less they represent their club and the more they work to their own programme; they would make it their business to register because their dedication requires it. But the majority of athletes in this country are those that don't have aspirations to such heights--no carefully laid plans, just a desire to enjoy themselves in healthy competition against their fellows and perhaps on the spur of the moment have a go at an open road race, track race or walk.

According to our handbook, the object of this Club "shall be the encouragement of amateur athletics" and many inside and outside of Belgrave have benefitted by our efforts in this direction. We do not consider it to be in the interests of our members to discriminate against those wishing to carry our colours in open competition by levying a fee. ON the contrary, we ourselves pay all except the first 5/- of travelling expenses to those competing in all Championships or National League fixtures, at no small expense. Do the rest of our members begrudge our representatives such a subsidy? of course not.

And so we arrive at the most logical solution of all---that proposed by our Honorary Secretary when the scheme was first mooted---clubs to pay an affiliation fee geared to the size of their membership. Of our 522 members it is anticipated that about 80 would register for open competition. A registration fee of ten shillings (with half lost in central administration) would produce £200---approximately 9a per head! If the Minister of Sport really does require us to produce additional revenue ourselves before he contributes more, then it is surely much better that open-club subscriptions throughout the land be increased by, say, 5/- a head for senior members and affiliation fees to the AAA increased pro-rata (a partial increase has already been made). Not only would the AAA have their money; but the athletes and officials would keep their freedom as well.

A referendum is to be held amongst all athletic clubs in the Country. This Club believes it is not in its members interests to endorse a registration scheme and will accordingly vote against this proposal.

HON SEC'S NOTES

We are sorry to learn that Past-President HARRY SHIELDS was recently admitted to hospital with coronary thrombosis. Harry is regarded with much affection both within and without the Club and his bubbling enthusiasm and sense of humour when officiating in all weathers is a well known trademark. It takes a lot to keep Harry down for long so we were not surprised to hear that he was soon wisecracking his way through the day again. Get well soon Harry, and we look forward to seeing you in circulation again. Most important---leave the nurses alone!.

The formal agenda at the Annual General Meeting of the A.A.A. held in early November was passed through almost without challenge; but under the heading of 'Other Business', the intention of the General Committee of the A.A.A. to introduce an Athletes Registration Scheme was hotly attacked from many quarters and the advocates of the scheme came under very heavy fire - so much so that they never had even the faintest possibility or hope of grudging approval.

The method of presentation of the suggestion to the A.G.M. invited, and received, highly critical condemnation, and the de-merits of the scheme itself with, inter alia, its proposed complicated additions to Honorary Officials' present work and the threat of sanctions against Club athletes who for any reason did not officially register, were enough to compel emphatic rejection. No formal vote could be taken on this subject and it will now be the subject of further consideration by the General Committee, with the possibility of a census of all clubs as to their thoughts on A.A.A. money raising suggestions.

Our thoughts were with the two Belgrave men in the Olympic team, Derrick Boosey and Alan Lerrill, but well as they jumped they could not qualify for the final competitions. We congratulate them on their selection and on the series of fine performances which led to their selection.

Incidentally, Belgrave photographer Eddie Lacey surpassed himself in his picture of Bob Beaman's 29 ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. long jump at Mexico City which appeared in 'Athletics Weekly' and the American publication 'Track and Field News' recently and this must be one of the finest sporting pictures of all time.

In view of the A.A.A. decision to hold its Championships at metric distances this coming season and its recommendation that the bodies should also do so we have decided that all our meetings - including our Championships at Hurlingham Park - shall be on the metric scale.

The G.L.C. have no immediate intention of altering their tracks to 400 metres, but the changed starting points for the various events will be clearly marked.

In our last issue I asked if there was a trophy available for presentation for our Annual Inter-School Relay and almost before the ink was dry PERCY WILSON, on behalf of himself and brother Joe, produced a fine shield which the Committee has been very pleased to accept. It is hoped to name this new trophy the WILSON SHIELD and we express our grateful thanks to Percy and Joe - two members who have served the Club well for many years - for their generosity.

May I again mention the Southern Counties A.A.A. "200 Club" scheme which involves payment of 5/- per week (per Bankers order) of which approximately 2/- goes to S.C.A.A.A. funds and 3/- is re-issued as prizes which can be as much as £250. Details can be sent to any interested person.

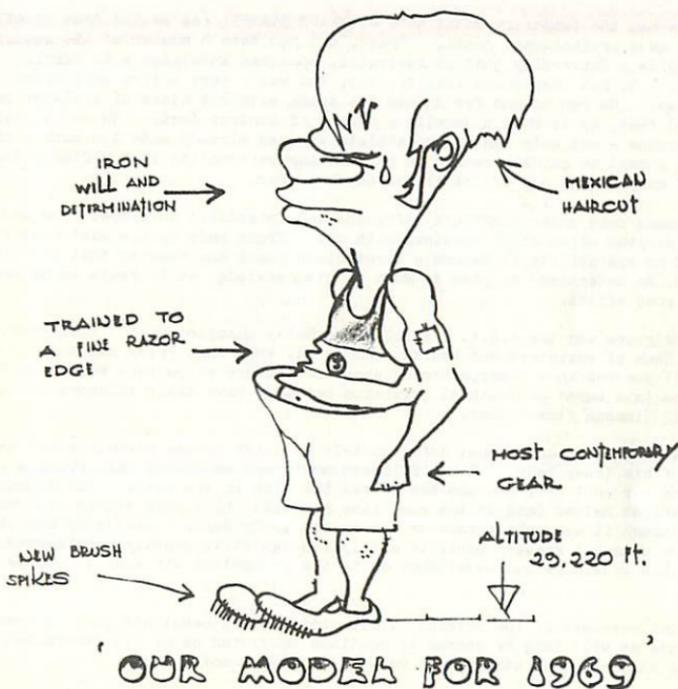
Among recent Belgrave winners are Frank Webb, Dave Shepherd, Les Cohen and Phillip Gee.

Our own money making schemes, too, demand every member's attention as it is manifestly impossible to provide training, competitive and information services and play some part in the promotion of Athletics on our subscription rate alone.

Your Hon. Treasurer will advise on this and in view of higher postage costs he would appreciate the flow of subscriptions without any prompting from him. They did become due on September 1st.



A
**MERRY CHRISTMAS
 TO ALL
 BELGRAVIANS**



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Belgravians,

In this Olympic year our thoughts turned to all those who represented Britain in Mexico, our own Derek Boosey among them, and whatever fortune had in store for them.

My thoughts are with you at the beginning of another Club year, success be with you in all your efforts at Walking, Cross Country, Road Running and on Track and Field. Major success can be yours by giving a little extra effort to your teams and by pack training at all levels.

I would be most happy if this year saw the beginning of a new era of Belgrave supremacy. The ability is there, it just needs the final pull.

Let us all go forward with high endeavour, and make this a truly Belgrave year.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Simmons

Our President ~ FRANK SIMMONS

You will search the records in vain for very frequent mention of the name of FRANK SIMMONS. In pre-War days and later, Frank pursued a very even course as a sprinter without ever getting into Championship class, and between whiles was a regular blood transfusion donor, and also made a valuable contribution to the Scout movement.

He also developed an absorbing interest in our sport and in our Club and this found expression in post-War years in a desire to help our young athletes and particularly our sprinters through the medium of coaching and the study of the various techniques. In 1949 Frank as 'Junior Captain' guided the destinies of our young athletes and later doubled up this job with that of Coaching Hon. Secretary. With the late GEORGE CLAY and MICKY PYER Frank gave many hours a week throughout the year in building up our younger members and teaching them first principles.

In 1952 we had the temporary assistance of FRANZ STAMPFL (as we had done briefly in pre-War years) as a professional coach. Franz, who had been a member of the Austrian Olympic team and now holds a University post in Australia, combined knowledge with terrific vitality and enthusiasm. He had tremendous ability, too, and was a very active participant in his own coaching classes. He ran to and fro across the track with his class of athletes pausing only to long-jump 24 feet, or to hurl a javelin a couple of hundred feet. He had a pleasant way of helping everyone - not only the proven athlete who had already made his mark - and with his slight foreign accent he quickly became an outstanding personality in our Club life. In the opinion of many he was one of the finest coaches ever.

Frank Simmons came under STAMPFL's influence and friendship developed from which benefits were derived which still continue with us. Franz made up his mind that Frank had the understanding and ability to become a first class coach and knowing that his time with us was limited, he determined to pass as much of his knowledge on to Frank as he could. This was done with good effect.

In 1954 Belgrave won the A.A.A. 4 x 110 yards Relay championship. Full credit went to our wonderful team of sprinters but behind them we all know that Frank had made it all possible. All coaches know disappointment when their hours of patient self-sacrificing work is lost perhaps in a burst of youthful petulance but they have their triumphs too and this was certainly Frank Simmons' finest hour.

Frank's work continued but most unfortunately he later became seriously ill and virtually lost the use of his lower body. Month followed month and we feared that Frank's name was just another on our roll of those who had helped the Club in the past. But Simmons had other thoughts and whilst helped (and at the same time hindered) by a pair sticks he forced himself to walk even though it was only a pace or two in the early days. Gradually his perseverance was rewarded by somewhat greater mobility until, although still gravely handicapped, he is once again passing his knowledge and experience on to the youngsters who wish to become star athletes.

His partial conquest of the physical difficulties which beset him carry a lesson for all of us. We hope he will long be spared to continue to remind us of his determination and courage and to help on young athletes as well as his older colleagues.

We are indeed honoured to acclaim Frank Simmons as President of the Belgrave Harriers - and we are happy to have his name carried into perpetuity on one of our Championship Cups.

A.A.H.

JACK FLOWER

It was with sadness that we received the recent news of JACK FLOWER's death at his home in Ruislip. Jack was one of our prominent runners in the 1930's and figures in many of our winning and placed teams as we climbed the ladder of fame. He was the South of Thames Junior race winner, and won the Southern 2 miles Steeplechase Championship, and with his brother T.J. (Joe) added real strength to our cross country, road relay and track teams for many years.

During the war Jack served as a Major in North Africa and on his return, business interests demanded all his Saturday afternoons which prevented his attendance at the major meetings, much to his disgust. His interest in the sport remained very strong however and he played an important part in the staging of the Ruislip Rotary Club Inter-Club track and field meeting each year in which we have competed.

We extend our sympathy to Jack's family and treasure our memories of his active career with this Club.

r.i.p.

The A. G. M.

Approximately 70 Belgravians were in attendance at Belgrave Hall on September 18th to say goodbye to the Club's 81st year and to welcome in the 82nd.

The proceedings began on a sad note when the meeting stood in memory of those who had passed on during the last year. ALBERT MACHER, JACK MACHER and JACK FLOWER were collectively in our thoughts during that minute of remembrance; and sharing that moment too was JACK HARTLEY of Coventry Godiva, guest at our last dinner in his capacity as ECCU President, and whose loss is mourned by the Midland club and its neighbours.

On opening the official proceedings our Honorary Secretary said he would not be presenting a formal detailed report as "the regular appearance of our excellent gazette THE BELGRAVIAN relieves me of the necessity to read a report of facts and figures". Our Secretary then summarised the year in general terms but made special mention of Derek Boosey, our Olympic representative and new holder of the "Tommy Green" Cup for the year's most meritorious performance, and Ray Middleton who was so unlucky to miss selection, "We are, indeed, very sympathetic towards him" said Mr. Harley

Turning to our team efforts our Secretary acknowledged the excellent 4 wins and 2 seconds chalked up by our walkers in the six premier events, and the second and fourth placings by our runners in the Southern and National Championships - "fourth may seem to lose the glitter of success but bearing in mind the class and colossal size of today's fields it is really a very excellent achievement" he said. So too was our winning of the Brockman and Ryder trophies during the track season. "Our consistency of performance overall, for nearly 60 years, has established us as one of the leading clubs in the country. Despite the fact that many of our old recruiting grounds now come within the spheres of newer clubs our success is undiminished: our younger members have indeed inherited a splendid heritage".

Tributes were then made to A.A. Harley by W.E. Lucas and our outgoing President who reminded the meeting that our Secretary was the first Belgravian to become President of the Southern Counties A.A.A.

Our Hon. Treasurer, D.M. Shepherd explained the shortage of balance sheets as being "my means of effecting an economy!" The recent increase in subscriptions did not have a marked effect on the year's income, and excess of expenditure over income was £163. In answer to a question, the Treasurer said he did not agree with laying down formal hire charges for the Hall but preferred to rely on donations from the users. The high cost (£129) of medals, prizes, engraving etc. was pointed out. After a thorough explanation of the accounts the meeting voted their approval. A.A. Harley spoke in appreciation of Dave Shepherd's work and reminded the meeting that handling the financial affairs of a club of our size was a major task.

The names of Ray Middleton and Tom Pritchard were then put up for Life Membership. Frank Jarvis spoke on behalf of Ray Middleton "not just as your Assistant Honorary Secretary, but also as Honorary Secretary of the Southern R.W.A." Ray had served his Club and country exceptionally well for many years now and the Club now wished to show its appreciation. Frank referred to Middleton as "the original boy from West Side Story" and spoke of his trips overseas, mentioning his preference for training rather than sightseeing.

In proposing Tom Pritchard, Frank Simmons told the meeting how Tom had been an ever present loyal member since 1924. Although he would not be remembered for his athletic achievements, this was not the criterion. He had instead always been ready to help the Club by carrying out many of the smaller thankless tasks and was regularly seen patrolling our cross-country courses or acting as pointsman in road races. Belgrave needed men such as he and Frank was proud to propose him. Both candidates were elected with acclamation.

Elections were next on the agenda and the outgoing President (Ted Stimpson) and the President-elect (Frank Simmons) both got in a little practice for their Club Dinner speeches on November 16th. In proposing his successor Ted spoke of Frank's sprinting days, how he really shone when he turned to coaching and of his immense courage which enabled him to walk again after a spinal operation. A.A. Harley said "Frank's love for the Club goes very deep and a fitting testimonial to his coaching skill was the team which won the A.A.A. 4 x 110 yds relay in 1954. We are pleased to honour him in this way." In adding his tribute, Tom Carter recalled that Frank was at one time a blood donor. "Whenever he sprinted his face went sheet white and he looked as though he had come straight from the van!"

Our new President then thanked the meeting for their kind words. "You have given me a hard task, but I shall strive to follow the high standards of my predecessors. My athletic career was during our glory as Cross-Country Champions. I hope that my year of office as your President will see our cross-country runners take the National again."

M. Fyer and B. Eglinton were then elected unanimously as Vice-Presidents. If anything, Mick Fyer's election was overdue. A club stalwart back in the twenties he has given nearly 50 years of service. For many years his coaching was a by-word in club athletics and he was

THE CLUB DINNER

Wimbledon Hill Hotel, November 16th

Wimbledon can now rest at peace for another year - the great social event of the season is over again.

The Club Dinner was, as usual, a roaring success, a good time being had by old and young alike. It is always pleasing to see both familiar and unfamiliar faces, the regular attenders and those who can only make it to see us on such occasions.

Judging by the way Club members polished their plates one can only assume that the food was good, that they had been starved for a week beforehand in anticipation of a good 'nosh' or perhaps that they had been out in the afternoon training or racing to work up a good appetite! The turkey and its accompaniments went down very well but the 'Peach Melba' caused some comment. Was it Melba, Flan or Gateaux? The final decision rests with the individual.

The meal over we settled back to listen to the pearls of wisdom from the speakers. The toast to the Club was very ably proposed by Ted Sutters, President of the E.C.C.U., who after admitting to doing some Belgrave homework, coloured his remarks with some background knowledge of his own. He also made observations regarding the Registration Scheme pointing out that Belgravians should have no difficulty in affording to pay up if judgement could be made by counting the number of bottles on the dinner tables. Is he right!? Pat Duncan's reply to Mr. Sutters proposal was very amusing and provided a welcome 'light interlude' to the more serious side of the proceedings.

We can always rely on Alf Harley to keep the interest of his listeners and he didn't fail us on this occasion. Who better to propose the toast to the guests than our distinguished Club Secretary, and the response by Ron Goodman, President of the Surrey County A.A.A. was a good follow up. Our guests are usually drawn from the official front ranks and this year proved to be no exception.

Our new President had the right idea in keeping his speech brief and we all joined whole-heartedly with Ted Stimpson in wishing Frank a very successful and happy year in office and an improvement in mobility to complete the picture. If determination has anything to do with it I am sure he will win through.

The formalities over the 'knees up' began. Everyone joined in with the usual waltz, fox-trot and quickstep (knowledge of these gained from 'Come Dancing') and some were dragged, not altogether without resistance, into doing the twist and the march of the mods. It certainly sorts out the fit from the rest!!!

During the evening we had a raffle for the Children's Christmas Party (needless to say in true Belgrave style the lucky winners were heckled and booed - such sportsmanship we all show) and the funds collected from this were augmented by the auction of a beautiful white Teddy Bear which was generously given by that grand gentleman, Ernest Neville. Our grateful thanks must be extended to him.

It is always a shame that this part of the evening goes so quickly and has to close just when we are all in full swing, but it is heartening to see our Club and guests enjoying themselves. Many thanks to all who organise this function and long may this Belgrave tradition continue.

S.L.

DON'T FORGET THE XMAS SOCIAL

AT BELGRAVE HALL ON DECEMBER 28TH

FEATURING THAT UP AND COMING VERSATILE GROUP

"THREE'S COMPANY"

8 p.m.-11.30 p.m.--5/-entrance--Cabaret.

The Children's Party will be held on January 5th at Belgrave Hall. All members whose children are under 12 years of age are invited to bring them along but application must be made first. A list can be found on the notice board at Belgrave Hall and you are requested to add to it the names of your children. If you cannot get to the Hall before December 14th please send the names (stating boy or girl, and ages) to E.S. Stimpson, 64, Beverley Way, S.W.20. (Tele: MAL 3893). Admission is free!

BEST PERFORMANCES 1968

FIRST CLAIM MEMBERS ONLY

'm' denotes conversion from metric, and figures in brackets alongside, e.g. (m-28.4) indicate 'metric time minus 28.4 secs'.

C.R. denotes Club record.

Figures in brackets beneath event title indicate best performances 1966-7.

TONY BROOKS WRITES:

Although only two trophies will adorn the mantelpieces of Belgrave Harriers this year, we can proudly say that they are two of the most coveted trophies in the South of England.

Ryder Trophy

A great team effort helped Belgrave to win this trophy from National League 'A' winners Southampton.

Brockman Trophy

Retaining this trophy for another year, by beating Blackheath by one point, Belgrave proved that on the day they can more than hold their own against the best.



Photos: Ron Linstead

John Mitchell, top of the long jump rankings, in action during the London Championships where he also finished 2nd in the 100 yds. The only member to have bettered John's long jump is second claim Olympian Alan Lerwill.

Through the season certain names have been prominent amongst the results. Such names as Adrian Major, Bill Kerr, Chris Martin, 'Snowy' Brooks and Phillip Gee. These fellows were always prepared to turn up to any meeting in any conditions and without them Bels would certainly not have fared as well as they did. It is noticeable that the performances of these members improved vastly during the season and one wonders whether or not the performances of some of the better runners who think they can produce better times at invitation meetings might not have improved as well.

Looking ahead, however, Belgrave can expect great things in the not too distant future. The majority of our track runners are only just out of their teens and with a little effort it could soon be that instead of just the odd county and area representation 'Bels' could be fielding a full county team.

Breaking down the various events, this was the structure of 'Bels' 1968 track team.

100 yds/100 mtrs.

John Mitchell and Jim Vivian share equal honours in this event. Both were credited with a 9.8. John, however, has recorded 10.6 for 100 metres which converts to 9.7 for 100 yards.

<p><u>100 yards: CR - 9.9</u> <u>(9.9/9.8m)</u></p> <p>9.8 J. Vivian 10.2 C. Martin 10.2 D. Boosey 10.3 C. Brooks 10.4 S. White (J) 10.5 A. Brooks 10.6 A. Brewster (J) 10.6 D. Rees (J) 10.6 M. Franks (J)</p> <p>W/assisted 9.8 J. Mitchell</p> <p>100m :</p> <p>11.1 S. White (J)</p> <p>W/assisted 10.6 J. Mitchell</p> <p>1 mile: CR - 4:02.1 <u>(4:03.3/4:07.2)</u></p> <p>4:05.3 J. Thresher 4:14.6 W. Kerr 4:15.0 A. Major 4:20.1 J. Bicourt 4:25.6 L. O'Hara</p> <p>1500m :</p> <p>3:44.6 J. Thresher 3:54.8 J. Bicourt</p> <p>3 miles: CR - 13:18.8 <u>(13:18.8/13:23.0)</u> 'm' varies</p> <p>13:20.6m J. Thresher (m-28.4) 13:45.4 Gerry North 13:55.6 J. Bicourt 13:55.8 W. Kerr 14:00.8 A. Major 14:04.0 L. O'Hara 14:12.8 A. Fairclough 14:15.0 R. Piotrowski 14:23.6m L. Mann (m-31.0) 14:31.0 T. Hart</p> <p>High Jump: CR - 6'3$\frac{3}{4}$" <u>(6'0"/5'11")</u></p> <p>6' 3" A. Bent (J) 6' 2" D. Winsborrow 5'10" B. Townsend 5' 8" C. Brooks 5' 8" S. Ipaye</p> <p>Shot: CR - 51'4" <u>(38'6"/42'4$\frac{1}{2}$")</u></p> <p>42'8$\frac{1}{2}$" N. Head 38'5$\frac{1}{2}$" J. Martin 37'5" W. Couzens 34'4" F. Glass 33'9" M. Knox</p> <p>Pole Vault: CR - 12'9" <u>(11'6"/11'6")</u></p> <p>11'0" D. Winsborrow 10'0" B. Townsend</p>	<p><u>220 yards: CR - 21.6</u> <u>(22.2/21.9)</u></p> <p>21.8 J. Vivian 22.1 S. White (J) 22.3 C. Martin 22.4 C. Brooks 22.5 A. Brooks 22.5 J. Mitchell 22.7 D. Boosey 23.4 D. Rees (J) 23.4 L. Sullivan (Y) 23.8 A. Brewster 23.8 M. Franks (J) 23.9 P. Gee</p> <p>2 miles: CR - 8:38.4 <u>(8:42.2/8:38.4)</u></p> <p>8:41.6 J. Thresher 8:55.2 L. O'Hara 9:01.6 Gerry North 9:01.6 W. Kerr 9:04.6 A. Major 9:06.4 R. Piotrowski 9:11.8 J. Bicourt 9:14.2 A. Fairclough 9:26.0 L. Mann</p> <p>6 miles: CR - 28:08.4 <u>(28:27.6/28:08.4)</u> 'm' varies</p> <p>28:20.7m Gerry North (m-60.7) 29:11.6 T. Hart 29:26.0 L. O'Hara 29:41.0 G. Dance 29:41.0 A. Fairclough 30:13.0 L. Mann 30:45.0 R. Piotrowski 31:20.0 W. Kerr</p> <p>Long Jump: CR - 24'0$\frac{1}{4}$" <u>(23'5$\frac{1}{2}$"/24'0$\frac{1}{4}$")</u></p> <p>24'1$\frac{1}{2}$" J. Mitchell 22'8$\frac{1}{2}$" D. Wade 22'4$\frac{1}{2}$" S. White (J) 22'2$\frac{1}{2}$" C. Brooks 21'9" A. Bent (J) 20'11" L. Sullivan (Y) 20'10$\frac{1}{2}$" R. Couillaunt</p> <p>Discus: CR - 154'10" <u>(124'0"/128'10")</u></p> <p>126'10" N. Head 121'8" F. Glass 102' 8" J. Martin 101' 8" M. Robertson 101' 1" A. Bent (J) 100' 7$\frac{1}{2}$" W. Couzens</p> <p>Hammer: CR - 171'8" <u>(104'7"/112'8")</u></p> <p>133'10" M. Robertson 117' 8" W. Couzens 111' 1" N. Head</p>	<p><u>440 yards: CR - 48.0</u> <u>(50.6/49.9)</u> m = 400m + 0.3</p> <p>50.5m A. Brooks 50.7m S. White (J) 51.0m C. Brooks 51.6 C. Martin 51.6 A. Mead 52.0 P. Gee 52.4 P. Smith 52.5 D. Winsborrow</p> <p>880 yards: CR - 1:49.6 <u>(1:54.7/1:55.3)</u> m = 800 + 0.7</p> <p>1:56.1m A. Major 1:57.4 J. Thresher 1:58.1m A. Mead 1:58.1m P. Hilliar 1:58.2 A. Brooks 1:58.7m L. Mann</p> <p>3000m S'Chase: CR - 8:57.6 <u>(9:09.6/8:57.6)</u></p> <p>8:51.2 J. Bicourt 9:01.4 R. Piotrowski 9:27.8 G. Dance 9:31.0 J. Dear</p> <p>120 yards H: CR - 15.3 <u>(16.0/16.5)</u></p> <p>15.8 D. Winsborrow 16.5 R. Couillaunt 17.3 B. Townsend 17.4 C. Brooks</p> <p>440 yards H: CR - 55.5 <u>(-/-)</u> m = 400m + 0.3</p> <p>59.6 C. Brooks 59.6m D. Winsborrow 59.7m R. Couillaunt 61.2 M. Franks (J) 62.2 J. Martin</p> <p>Triple Jump: CR - 51'11" <u>(50'1$\frac{1}{2}$"/51'8$\frac{1}{2}$")</u></p> <p>53'2$\frac{1}{2}$" D. Boosey 45'11$\frac{1}{2}$" R. Jones 44'8$\frac{1}{2}$" R. Couillaunt 42'0$\frac{1}{2}$" C. Brooks 41'7$\frac{1}{4}$" M. Franks (J)</p> <p>Javelin: CR - 211'3" <u>(210'2"/211'3")</u></p> <p>203' 6" N. Head 183' 8" B. King 183' 4" F. Glass 159' 2" W. Couzens 154' 0" M. Knox 152' 4" J. Martin 149' 9" D. Wilkinson (Y) 147'11" B. Townsend</p>
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200 yds/200 mtrs.

Jim Vivian with a 21.8 yards remains top dog, but close behind is first year junior, Steve White, 22.1. Chris Martin with 22.2 fills third place.

440 yds/400 mtrs.

Tony Brooks with a 50.2 metres fills first place while Steve White 50.5 metres in second. 'Snowy' Brooks 50.8 metres third gives him the edge over Alan Mead and Chris Martin 51.6 yards.

880 yds/800 mtrs.

A vast improvement from Adrian Major to 1:55.7 metres. John Thresher on one of his rare runs recorded 1:57.1 yards. Alan Mead and Pete Hilliar both recorded 1:57.4 metres and Tony Brooks 1:58.2 yards. Lionel Mann, a distance runner of repute, also encroached on this event with a 1:58.1 metres.

1500 metres

Although never extended John Thresher again has the fastest time for the distance of 3:44.6 and one feels that this, and not the 3 miles, is John's event. Close behind him are John Bicourt and Adrian Major, the real prospects for the near future.

1 mile

More of a token run than a race gave John Thresher a time of 4:14.3. Close behind was evergreen Bill Kerr with 4:14.6. A very good season for Adrian Major, finishing with a best of 4:15.0.

2 miles

Yet again John Thresher heads the lists with a very good time of 8:44.6. Laurie O'Hara with 8:55.2 was the second fastest over this distance and Gerry North ties with Bill Kerr for 3rd place with 9:01.6.

3 miles

An Olympic qualifying time for 5,000 metres gave John Thresher a 3 mile conversion of 13:21.0. Gerry North (13:45.4), John Bicourt (13:55.6) and Bill Kerr (13:58.8) complete the sub 14 minute runners.

3000 metres S'Chase

Although not living up to the promise of his earlier form, John Bicourt's 8:51.2 puts him ahead of Dick Piotrowski's 9:01.4 and Bill Dance's 9:27.8

Sunday, 25th August, 1968 - Twickenham - National League Meeting

100: A 1. J. Vivian 9.9	220: A 2. J. Vivian 21.8	440: A 5. S. White 52.8
B 1. J. Mitchell 9.8	B 3. C. Martin 22.9	B 3. A. Brooks 51.6
880: A 6. P. Hilliar 2:04.1	1 m: A 5. A. Major 4:16.9	2 m: A 3. Gerry North 9:08.4
B 5. J. Rimmer 2:03.4	1 m: B 4. W. Kerr 4:30.0	
3000: A 1. J. Bicourt 9:08.0	120: A 4. D. Winsborrow 16.7	440: A 3. C. Brooks 59.9
S/C B 1. R. Piotrowski 9:11.2	H B 3. R. Couillault 16.5	H B 3. R. Couillault 60.7
4 x 110 Relay: 2. Belgrave H. (S. White, J. Mitchell, C. Martin, J. Vivian)		43.1
4 x 440 Relay: 4. Belgrave H. (A. Brooks, P. Smith, P. Gee, C. Brooks)		3:29.8
Ham: A 4. N. Head 90' 4"	Jav: A 2. N. Head 203' 3"	LJ: A 1. J. Mitchell 22' 4"
B 2. B. King 83' 11"	B 2. B. King 165' 11"	B 4. C. Brooks 19' 7"
Shot: A 4. N. Head 40' 10"	H.J: A 1.*D. Winsborrow 6' 2**	T.J: A 5. R. Couillault 43' 7 1/2"
B 5. B. King 29' 6 1/2"	B 1. A. Bent 5' 10"	B 3. J. Mitchell 41' 9"
Diso: A 5. A. Bent 101' 1"	RESULT 1. T.V.H. 123 1/2 pts	4. BELGRAVE H. 101 pts
B 5. B. King 84' 5"	2. Birchfield 120 pts	5. Sale H. 84 1/2 pts
	3. Notts A.C. 109 pts	6. Leicester C.A.T 41 pts

FINAL LEAGUE RESULT:

1. T.V.H.	17 pts.	4. BELGRAVE H.	9 pts
2. Birchfield H.	16 pts.	5. Leicester C.A.T.	5 pts
3. Notts A.C.	12 pts	6. Sale H.	4 pts

WINTER TRAINING

Weight Training

Will take place at Melcombe School, Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6 (opposite Fulham Hospital) on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. onwards. Facilities are also available on other evenings.

As this is in G.L.C. Institute a fee must be paid for each term.

Coaching

Coaching in all throws, hurdles and jumps is available at Battersea Park track on Sunday mornings commencing 11 a.m.

Coaches

D. Ansell (Senior A.A.A.)
 R. Hopkins (A.A.A.)
 F. Simmons (A.A.A.)

M. Pyer (A.A.A.)
 W. Couzens

Pole Vaulting

Coaching in the Pole Vault for all Club members interested will take place at Battersea Park Track on the following Sunday mornings at 11.15 a.m. under the guidance of Frank Simmons.

8th December
 29th December

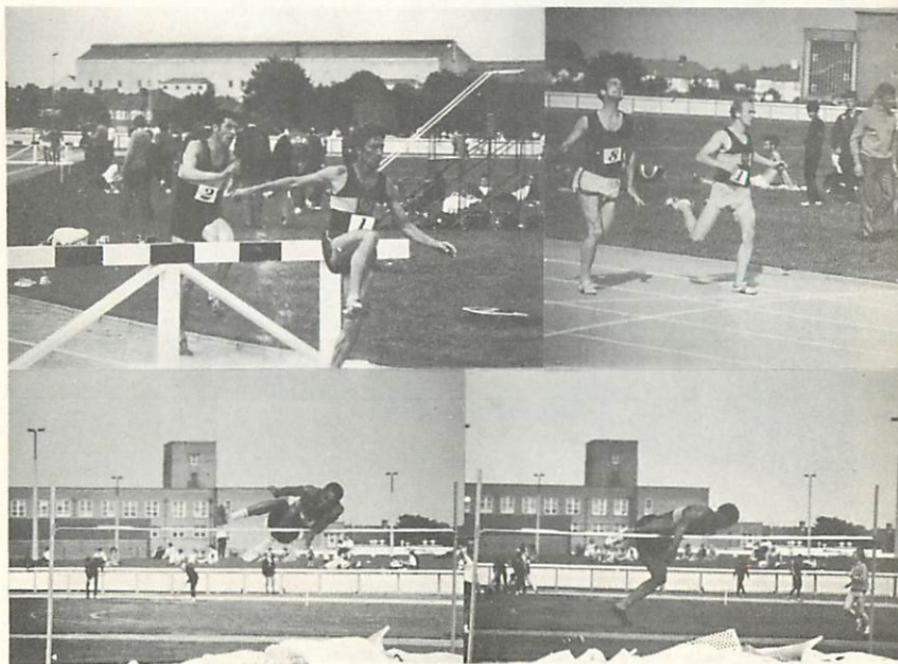
19th January
 7th February

30th February
 9th March

Winter Competitions

The following competitions will be held at Battersea Park track on Sunday mornings commencing at 11. a.m. sharp.

1st December:	60 yds	T.J.	Shot	120 hurdles
22nd December:	60 yds	P.V.	Shot	440 hurdles
12th January:	60 yds	L.J.	Shot	220 hurdles
2nd February:	60 yds	H.J.	Shot	440 hurdles
23rd February:	60 yds	T.J.	Shot	220 hurdles
9th March	: 60 yds	P.V.	Shot	440 hurdles
6th April	: 60 yds	L.J.	Jav.	120 hurdles



Photos: C. MacLennan

THE FINAL LEAGUE MATCH AT TWICKENHAM

TOP LEFT: John Bicourt and Dick Piotrowski lead the steeplechase field.

TOP RIGHT: Tony Brooks finishes 3rd in the 440 (B).

BOTTOM LEFT: Denzil Winsborrow wins high jump (A) with p.b. 6'-2".

BOTTOM RIGHT: Arnold Bent win high jump (B) with 5'-10".



The venue for the Surrey County Cross Country Championships has now been decided. The Senior, Junior and Youth events will be held at Lloyd Park, Croydon, on January 4th.

Boxing Day

At 11 a.m. on 26th December 1968, Belgrave Harriers will once again be staging their Boxing Day track and field handicap meeting at Battersea Park track. "So what!", you may say, "it's just another meeting; and who wants to run on turkey and Christmas pudding anyway". Well, that may be the view of the uninitiated, but for 81 years there has been sufficient support from our other members to keep the meeting firmly established on our fixtures list and, through doing so, the occasion is steeped in more tradition than the rest of our events put together.

It was in 1887, only a few months after the Club's formation, that our founder members voted to hold a 120 yards sprint handicap along the Embankment on the morning of Boxing Day. The details of that race are not known. Would there have been two heats, or three? (heat composition was small in number in those days). Was there more than one judge? A timekeeper? Was the course the same as that used in subsequent years? To all of these we can only hazard guesses but as to whether it was a success or not we have more evidence.



THE 1899 FINAL

In 1896, only nine years after the inaugural race, the event justified a printed programme, eight heats, semi-finals and final. Part of the programme is reproduced opposite.

It is fair to assume that for some years the occasion had attracted some public interest; for only three years later (1899) a photographer was in attendance and the pictures shown above and opposite were taken from beneath his black shroud.

Eventually the meeting moved to the track and, over the years, further events were introduced until we reached the present programme of handicaps: 2 miles run, 3 miles walk, putting the shot and, of course, the premier event celebrating its 82nd birthday, the 120 yards sprint handicap.

Times have changed a lot since 1887, the venue is different, the dress is different - but the Christmas spirit is still there and so is that inextinguishable spirit that launched the meeting long ago in 1887. Why not come along and rub shoulders with tradition at 11 a.m. on 26th December 1968?

BELGRAVE HARRIERS.

AFFILIATED TO A.A.A.

President—H. MORTON GARR, ESQ.

PROGRAMME OF TENTH ANNUAL Boxing Day 120 Yards Handicap. FOUR PRIZES.

OFFICIALS:

REFEREE—J. TAYLOR, ESQ.

JUDGES—MESSRS. A. EVANS & W. G. BROMLEY.

STARTER—W. HARLAND.

TIME KEEPER—E. J. BOSTOCK.

HON. SEC. & HANDICAPPER—MR. A. H. N. EDWARDS.

First in each heat to compete in Second Round.

First Two in Second Round to compete in Final Heat.

HEAT 1.		HEAT 2.		HEAT 3.		HEAT 4.	
	Start		Start		Start		Start
1 C. Lofts	Scratch	5 A. Lofts	5	9 F. Bool	8½	13 F. G. Thompson	6½
2 J. Burrows	8½	6 D. Robertson	8½	10 A. H. Edwards	10½	14 B. Donlevey ..	10½
3 W. Poole	13	7 C. Fortch	15	11 D. Barton	13	15 E. A. Gander ..	13½
4 J. Andrews	14	8 A. Bool	15½	12 W. Purvis	15	16 J. Wykes	15
First		First		First		First	
HEAT 5.		HEAT 6.		HEAT 7.		HEAT 8.	
	Start		Start		Start		Start
17 S. Sherrington ..	8	21 G. Hislop	9	25 F. Thompson ..	7	29 J. Baly	6½
18 C. Marshall	8½	22 T. Middleton ..	9	26 W. Jeffreys	10½	30 R. Brent	12½
19 G. Emmerson	9	23 A. MacLaren ..	9	27 C. Cox	12½	31 A. P. Fletcher	15
20 J. Hoare	9	24 J. Wilcox	14½	28 E. Clements ..	19	32 J. Cox	20
First		First		First		First	

SECOND ROUND.

HEAT 1.

HEAT 2.



COACH!

It was only last April that CHRIS STEER entered the marriage stakes, ran his last race in England and upped all to go to Canada. Needless to say he took his running kit with him and, in the hope of carrying on where he left off---with a club like Belgrave--- soon contacted the Toronto Olympic Club. He soon discovered that methods are different 3,000 miles away.

The occasion was a cool October evening with a cool breeze blowing off Lake Ontario. As I walked from the subway station across High Park, Toronto, running gear over shoulder, my mind was occupied with what little training I could reasonably get away with that evening. Pushing past a crowd of padded and helmeted football players and sitting thoughtfully on the dressing-room bench, inhaling the fragrant odour of orange peel and embrocation, remnants of some football players, I came to the conclusion that a steady half-dozen would suffice for that evening. No sooner had I made this difficult decision when other members of Toronto Olympic Club came drifting in, followed by the imposing figure of one Paul Pece, or 'Coach' as he is known to one and all.

'Okay you guys. Let's get moving. Repetition miles tonight.'

I was just about to suggest that I was not exactly in the mood for repetition miles and that I thought I would do six miles steady on the country when I was forestalled.

'Steer you hairy hippy. I'm not sure which team to put you in on Saturday. You better work out with Nick and Rudi. You should manage to keep up with them.'

My pride feeling slightly dented (Nick and Rudi were 'C' team runners) I conceded that an easy run was out for that evening. After four one mile laps on the road at eyeballs-out pace, coach called me over.

'Okay Chris, you've made your point. I'll put you in the 'B' team.'

I relate this incident, not in self-congratulation, but to illustrate some of the differences I have encountered between training in England and 'working out' in Canada. Whereas in England the run-of-the-mill athlete is only required to show up for races and the question of what training he does is left up to him, in Canada great emphasis is placed on collective training and club work outs take place every night under the close supervision of the club coach. When attending a club session, the athlete is told exactly how far and how fast to run and is expected to carry out these instructions to the letter.

It may be instructive to pause at this point to explain that the institution of 'coach' on this continent has somewhat different connotations than that in England. Broadly speaking, in most sports the coach's position is comparable to that of the manager of an English soccer team. Although not completely omnipotent, Baseball, Football and Hockey coaches and to only a slightly lesser extent athletics, coaches are solely responsible for the training, selection and overall performance of their charges. Because of this responsibility, most professional coaches rule their teams with a rod of iron and their word is law. This is not so evident in Track and Field, being an amateur sport, but the theory remains the same. 'Coach' selects teams, enters teams, treats injuries and just about runs the club single handed.

This invites the inevitable comparison with the British method with its sectional secretaries, selection committees and generally disorganised, or unorganized, training methods. From the point of view of tangible success the Canadian method could be held to be better. Most runners are undoubtedly good and extremely dedicated (in my club anyway). Out of a membership of about 100, Toronto Olympic provided eight members of the thirty strong Canadian Olympic squad. There are few, if any 'scrubbers' - they couldn't stand the pace. On the debit side several runners seem to place an undue reliance on coach. One of our stars whilst running in the Canadian 10,000 metres championship was heard to ask where he should start his final sprint - this was during the race. He received his instructions and finished a creditable second, but to my mind a runner of this class should have the brains to work out his own tactics.

The encouragement and incentive is certainly greater this side of the Atlantic. Athletes are not regarded as eccentric freaks by members of the general public and facilities are far better - four all-weather tracks within a mile of my apartment. In spite of all this I look forward to the time when I shall once again be splashing round Richmond Park on a Summer day with the exciting prospect of Wyn Shepherd's tea and buns before me.

ROAD RELAY ROUND-UP

The Autumn road relay results for 1968 were the worst for several years. Contributory factors were undoubtedly the transfer of the Belgrave 'Southern' Relay to the Spring and the cancellation of the Bristol-Weston event. These were the two premier events in the Autumn season and their loss seemed to take away our enthusiasm as well. Missing, was the fight for places. Missing, was the rivalry for times. Missing, was the endless gossip and speculation over team selections for our own relay and the Bristol-Weston. And not once did we get our best men together in anything like their usual form. The short season's events went as follows:

September 14th	Surrey County Road Relay	12th
September 21st	Blackheath Road Relay	5th
September 29th	'Johnston' Road Relay	4th
October 5th	Walton Road Relay	3rd
October 19th	Dudley - Bridgenorth Road Relay	2nd

At least the results showed week by week improvement.

Once again we performed badly in the opening event at Woking and our 'A' team contained not one of our best ten runners. Piotrowski and Hart were obliged to run in the 'B' team, being non-Surrey men, which didn't help a situation that was aggravated still further by Shippen running faster than four of the 'A' team. So after 3 stages the 'B' team headed the 'A' by 1:51. It was not until the closing stages of the final leg that Donnison put the teams the right way round.

The following week our '5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' road race clashed with the Blackheath relay, so only one team was sent to the relay. The team was by no means our best and their 5th placing was all that was expected of them. Thresher was overweight and running for almost the first time in two months and it was no surprise to find him a minute below his best. It was only on the last stage that Gerry North put S.L.H. behind us and take 5th position - but we were still a minute behind Mitcham and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes behind Hercules/Wimbledon who won every relay in which they competed this Autumn.

The 'Johnston' was held the following week and this is reported on another page. Once again we were not at full strength and 4th was no surprise - it was no disgrace either, for only Hercules/Wimbledon, Coventry Godiva and Manchester DLC were ahead of us.

Even the Walton relay reflected our below-par form. Two years ago we were easy winners and last year we were pipped by Bristol. This time we put Bristol behind us and broke the course record, only for H/W and Pompey to steal our thunder. Lionel Mann ran a great first stage to come in 2nd but, as good as it was, Major, Fairoloough, Thresher and O'Hara should never have permitted him to finish up second fastest Belgravian of the day to Gerry North. Our turnout for this race was excellent, with six teams being fielded and the 'B', 'C' and 'D' being the first home in their categories. For four consecutive weeks H/W had beaten us on the road and there is no doubt that this amalgamation is already a threat to us. They have shown fine form and fully justified their wins, but the real test will be in the 'Southern' and 'National' relays next Spring.

To help retain at least one major relay event in the Autumn, Tipton Harriers did a rapid piece of promotional work when the cancellation of the famous Bristol-Weston was announced, and organised a new relay called the "Dudley to Bridgenorth and Back" on October 19th. This effort on the part of Tipton is greatly appreciated by the 'Bristol' regulars. The report is covered elsewhere in this gazette and, considering the short notice, the event was a success. Derby were comfortable winners but our second place was praiseworthy for putting Tipton and Coventry behind us.

So, just as the season ended we seemed to be clicking into gear; and the early cross-country races seem to be reaping the benefit. There is no doubt that the nine-week long Spring season is now the premier one, and following on from the National cross-country championships, makes February/March/April the toughest 3 months of the year. Let us hope it will be the most successful also.

SURREY COUNTY RELAY - September 14th

1. Herc/Wim AC	82:39	C. Dabbs	(16)	14:43	R. Piotrowski	(8)	14:10
2. Ranelagh H.	84:55	R. Glover	(15)	15:55	C. Shippen	(11)	15:04
3. Mitcham AC.	85:12	W. Laws	(16)	15:51	T. Hart	(11)	15:24
4. S.L.H.	87:44	H. Satchell	(15)	15:44	D. Maclean	(12)	16:05
12. BELGRAVE 'A'	92:50	C. Walker	(14)	15:43	D. Jones	(13)	16:13
13. BELGRAVE 'B'	93:12	R. Donnison	(12)	14:54	G. Biscoe	(13)	16:16

Fastest Laps: R. Holt (H/W) 13:22, D. Holt (H/W) 13:33, S. Badger (Mit) 13:44

BLACKHEATH ROAD RELAY - September 21st

			<u>Fastest Laps</u>			
1.	Herc/Wim AC	86:05	J. Bicourt	14:34	R. Holt (H/W)	13:54
2.	Portsmouth AC	86:58	L. Mann	14:44	R. Richardson (B'Hth)	13:54
3.	Blackheath H	87:23	C. Dabbs	15:10	M. Hyman (Ports)	13:55
4.	Mitcham AC	87:38	J. Thresher	15:03	G. Taylor (Camb)	14:07
5.	BELGRAVE H.	88:30	G. Dance	14:52	Gerry North	14:07
6.	S.L.H.	89:05	Gerry North	14:07		

WALTON (Hewitt & Jones) RELAY - October 5th

1.	Herc/Wim AC	91:13	'A'		'B'	
2.	Portsmouth AC	91:51	L. Mann (2)	15:15	J. Dear (12)	15:47
3.	BELGRAVE 'A'	91:55	A. Major (3)	15:27	K. Diprose (16)	16:22
12.	BELGRAVE 'B'	97:01	J. Thresher (2)	15:17	R. Donnison (13)	15:56
20.	BELGRAVE 'C'	102:47	A. Fairclough (3)	15:37	P. O'Connor (12)	15:45
22.	BELGRAVE 'D'	105:54	Gerry North (2)	14:57	T. Hart (12)	16:13
25.	BELGRAVE 'E'	107:05	L. O'Hara (3)	15:22	W. Kerr (12)	16:58
	'C'		'D'		'E'	
C.	Calderwood (29)	17:34	B. Gorman (27)	17:08	C. Pearson (36)	18:49
C.	Keavey (29)	17:26	M. McNair (27)	17:23	J. Martin (34)	18:16
F.	Hilliar (26)	17:29	R. Sawle (28)	19:00	W. Laws (30)	17:36
R.	Glover (24)	17:06	J. Davies (28)	17:45	C. Walker (29)	16:36
A.	Black (21)	16:12	D. Maclean (25)	17:32	J. Rimmer (26)	17:13
C.	Shippen (20)	17:00	D. Brew (24)	17:06	G. Biscoe (25)	18:07

Fastest times

R. Holt (H/W) 14:41, N. Morrison (Croy) 14:47, Hyman (Ports) 14:51

O CONNOR BREAKS THROUGH3 1/2 Mile Road Race - Wimbledon, September 21st, 1968

This is not our road championship, the Wimbledon Cup Race being held in March each year, but it was pleasing to see over forty runners facing the starter although most of our leading runners were absent for reasons best known to themselves.

A small but select pack detached themselves from the main field round the first lap of the common with Pat O'Connor, Dick Piotrowski, Trevor Hart, Alan Black and a new member from New Zealand, Kelly Diprose, prominent. The latter at one time looked as if he intended to race away from the field but lack of training soon made itself felt and common sense dictated a more suitable pace.

Down Copse Hill the race resolved itself into a battle between O'Connor, Piotrowski and Donnison and it was to the surprise of most spectators that Patrick came up Cambridge Road like a champion and round the final lap of the common left the field spreadeagled behind. Never had O'Connor run like this but it was soon rumoured that this little man from Ireland had been putting in the miles and his hard work was obviously paying dividends. The change from a virtual scrubber to potential champion was miraculous and he is to be congratulated on his achievement. Not only did he win but he won in good time.

Dick Piotrowski never gave up chasing Pat over the last mile and Roger Donnison in taking third place again produced a steady and consistent performance.

Alan Black again failed to make use of his considerable talents - when is this man going to learn that he could be our leading runner if he trained the right way? - perhaps a chat with Pat O'Connor or Lionel Mann might help. The only training for running is to run and to keep on running - no-one can hope to do really well these days on less than 75 miles per week.

Mention must be made of Bill Curtin who, although only fifteen and against the advice of the pundits decided to run in this race, finished eighth in a time that many of our more seasoned runners would have been delighted to have achieved. Keep at it Bill!! - Munich in 1972 may be too early but 1976 should be just right.

Kelly Diprose made a good start to his service with Belgrave - this boy is going to be a tower of strength - he also has a good sense of humour which he will need to combat our cross country courses after Christmas.

Pat O'Connor easily won the handicap-it is doubtful whether anyone with a start of 3 1/2 minutes has ever won the scratch race before.

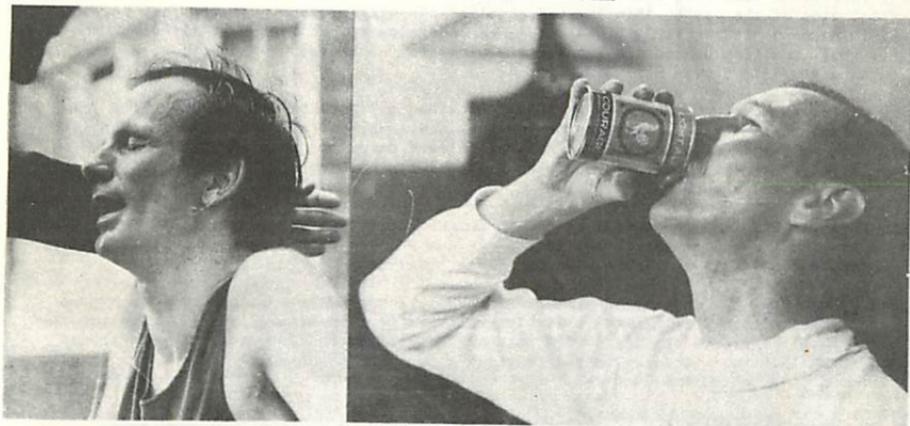


Photo : Ron Linstead

Pat O'Connor leads from Alan Black, Dick Piotrowski and Roger Donnison

RESULT

1. P. O'Connor	(3:30)	28:49	22. G. Biscoe	(5:15)	33:10
2. R. Piotrowski	(1:30)	29:03	23. C. Fairfield	(4:30)	33:19
3. R. Donnison	(2:00)	29:15	24. C. Henn	(6:30)	33:27
4. T. Hart	(0:45)	30:06	25. G. Pearson	(6:00)	34:19
5. A. Black	(1:30)	30:30	26. P. Hilliar	(3:30)	34:31
6. K. Diprose	(- -)	30:43	27. P. Kelly	(5:00)	34:32
7. C. Shippen	(3:15)	30:47	28. C. Pearson	(6:30)	34:33
8. W. Curtin	(- -)	30:53	29. P. Pringle	(6:30)	34:39
9. B. Gorman	(3:30)	31:27	30. K. Stimpson	(7:30)	35:01
10. C. Walker	(4:00)	31:35	31. P. Sutton	(8:00)	35:09
11. W. Laws	(3:30)	31:40	32. J. Macdonald	(9:00)	35:10
12. C. Keavey	(4:30)	31:47	33. D. Hurd	(5:15)	35:38
13. B. Glover	(3:15)	31:51	34. N. Bacon	(8:00)	35:43
14. J. Brew	(3:00)	32:06	35. R. Beaumont	(8:00)	36:03
15. A. Bruce	(4:00)	32:09	36. J. Martin	(10:00)	36:12
16. C. Calderwood	(4:30)	32:26	37. P. Smith	(8:30)	36:41
17. M. McNair	(5:00)	32:39	38. E. Pallant	(8:00)	36:53
18. D. Maclean	(5:00)	32:51	39. J. Plummer	(8:00)	37:28
19. B. Jones	(5:15)	32:53	40. C. Manning	(9:30)	37:48
20. V. Butcher	(5:30)	32:56	41. R. Nelson	(10:00)	38:28
21. J. Davies	(5:00)	33:02	42. A. Stroud	(9:00)	39:40



Ron Linstead's camera portrays the agony of the effort (Clive Shippen) and the pleasure of the reward (Don Maclean). There is no truth in the story that Don renews his strength by drinking Courage -- he drinks it simply because £100 was tucked in his shoes!

4th AGAIN IN 'Johnstone'

Johnstone Relay, September 29th, 1968

There seems to be some reluctance on the part of some of our top runners to either take part or be sufficiently fit to run well in this race and as a result we have yet to show our true form over this course. This year was no exception and in finishing actually fifth but officially fourth our performance was definitely sub-standard. The winners Hercules/Wimbledon finished 3 minutes and 34 seconds ahead and this is the largest thrashing we have received to date from this comparatively small but up and coming club - our reputation was well and truly dented and our local rivals will not cease to remind us of this performance for a long time to come.

The story of the race can be summed up by saying that we were never in the hunt and were trailing with little or no prospects of pulling back early deficits at any time.

Pat O'Connor after winning our 5^{1/2} miles road race in grand style one week earlier, took the first stage and brought us in sixth but we were 35 seconds behind Manchester and District Lads Club who were to be prominent throughout the race. Pat should become a great asset to our teams in the next year or two but at present lacks experience and the necessary fire in his running for this type of event.

We looked to Laurie O'Hara to bring us up to the leaders on Stage 2 but we were to be disappointed for although he had the usual fast finish Laurie seemed unable to consolidate in the middle part of the leg and lost much ground on the leaders and was forced to give way to Fuller of Hercules/Wimbledon who came up from 9th to 3rd.

Next came Adrian Major who had been suffering from achilles tendon trouble and was short of training. Adrian held on to 5th but had to give a lot away to Mike Beevor who took Hercules/Wimbledon into the lead - we were at this point 55 seconds behind.

Roger Donnison who is now becoming one of our regular team members was on the first of the short stages and ran most of the way with Geoff Biscoe (Mitcham) who left him on the run in and forced us back to 6th. Hercules were still in the lead and pulled away a little to leave us exactly one minute adrift.

When Gerry North takes over everything usually looks more rosy and our hopes rise. Today wasn't any exception for he soon set about Dave Smallbone (Mitcham) and pursued the clubs ahead. He managed to catch and pass Poly and Coventry but Bob Holt (Hercules/Wimbledon) and Wilde (Manchester and District) were in great form and both widened the gap considerably. Wilde in fact lowered the stage record held by Mike Turner of Liverpool by no less than 24 sec. and Bob Holt was 35 secs. faster than Gerry. Although we were 3rd we were 95 secs. behind the leaders.

Tony Fairclough came next and was soon caught and passed by Joslin of Poly who recorded the fastest time of the day on this leg and equalled the stage record. Later Tony had to give way to Hammond of Coventry who was only 3 seconds slower than Joslin. Although back to 5th our overall position behind the leaders was virtually unchanged. Manchester had at this point taken a short lead over Hercules.

Dick Piotrowski was on Stage 7 and although staying in 5th place dropped away from the leaders. Ernie Earl that old battler for Hercules was in great form and took his club into the lead once more and following him was a fight between Coventry, Poly and Manchester which resulted in Poly taking 2nd place through an excellent run by Campbell. Our deficit at this point - 2 minutes and 7 seconds.

John Thresher had been laying off after his summer activities and was obviously well over weight so we gave him one of the 'boys' legs. He was able to gain 21 seconds on the leaders (still Hercules) but could not improve on our fifth position.

Stage 9 is a long leg and Lionel Mann had run well in our track 6 miles championship so we expected great things from him but sheer inexperience of this type of running plus the fact that he raced on the preceding day (quite unknown to the team manager) lost us much ground and although still fifth the position was impossible as with only one leg to go we were almost four minutes behind the leaders.

Bill Dance who had only a few days previously moved house to Huddersfield came back specially for this race and ran in his usual indomitable style to preserve our fifth place and in fact to gain a little on Hercules/Wimbledon with the third fastest time of the day.

Continued opposite:

A DUKE'S SPRINGER

LONGSHAW WINS YACHT '3' - Wimbledon, October 12th

For weeks the Duke of York's mob had been up to something. You couldn't quite put your finger on it, but it was there. A certain air of expectation. Ace handicapper man Arthur Bruce had been bringing in his Sunday morning pack a little sweeter than usual of late - and why was 'Glimpy' carrying his watch about so frequently these days? Yes, the 'Dukes' were up to something and even Gordon Biscoe was caught smirking up his sleeve, mumbling something about 'doing' Bill Lucas. Well, nothing is likely to stop a combination as formidable as that, so our Hon. Handicapper can be excused for responding to Arthur Bruce's smooth "... and this is Longshaw, Bill, he's going to have a go but he's over 40 and has never raced before" by giving the fellow a cool 5 minutes start!

John Baker was first off with a start of 6:30, followed by Ted Stimpson (6:00). On 5:00 was McNally, McMillan and Longshaw. Almost immediately the 'springer' had the two macs trailing in his wake and bore down on our President and the front marker as though his life, as well as the shirts of the 'Dukes' themselves, depended on it. He was in front long before the village and broke the tape a mammoth 32 seconds clear of the field. Even a Keino or Clarke wouldn't have stopped him and Gerry North had to settle for 24th place 77 seconds down. There is no doubt of course that Longshaw ran well. He is a novice and 17 of the field were unable to match his 'actual' time. Our 'team' still had to show some restraint at the presentation but it is rumoured that the pubs in Chelsea were extra merry that night!

The most notable performances amongst the remainder were by Bill Curtin and Jim Rimmer. The latter gave Bill a ten-seconds start, caught him after a half mile, towed him through the field for a further $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles only to see the 15 years old Curtin run away from him in the closing stages. Both were unlucky to be out of the prizes, but credit must be given to those two youths Breslin and Stow who also surprised the handicapper, with second and third.

RESULT:

1. O. Longshaw	(5:00)	13:04	31. C. Walker	(1:50)	14:30
2. P. Breslin	(4:00)	13:36	32. E. Stimpson	(6:00)	14:30
3. J. Stow	(3:50)	13:38	33. W. Laws	(2:30)	14:31
4. W. Curtin	(2:00)	13:41	34. J.V. Baker	(6:30)	14:31
5. J. Blair-Fish	(2:30)	13:44	35. J. Hamilton	(2:50)	14:32
6. J. Rimmer	(4:50)	13:53	36. V. Butcher	(2:30)	14:32
7. C. Henn	(3:00)	13:55	37. B. Gorman	(2:00)	14:33
8. J. Martin	(3:10)	13:56	38. G. Biscoe	(2:40)	14:38
9. R. Sawle	(3:20)	13:57	39. S. McLeekin	(3:00)	14:39
10. N. Bacon	(3:00)	13:58	40. R. Conway	(3:50)	14:40
11. A. Bruce	(2:30)	14:01	41. R. Glover	(2:00)	14:40
12. P. Fringle	(3:20)	14:03	42. R. Hamilton	(2:50)	14:42
13. D. Hurd	(3:20)	14:04	43. R. Hopkins, Snr	(4:30)	14:45
14. M. McNair	(2:30)	14:04	44. R. Langley	(2:50)	14:45
15. C. Shippen	(1:50)	14:05	45. J. Dear	(0:40)	14:53
16. K. Diprose	(4:20)	14:06	46. R. Piotrowski	(0:40)	14:54
17. M. Bluce	(4:10)	14:07	47. C. Manning	(4:40)	14:57
18. C. Pearson	(3:00)	14:08	48. J. Hilton	(2:30)	14:58
19. C. Keavey	(2:20)	14:10	49. P. Gee	(3:50)	15:08
20. D. Maclean	(2:30)	14:16	50. A. McNally	(5:00)	15:14
21. J. Kelly	(2:30)	14:18	51. R. Hopkins	(4:30)	15:22
22. J. Davies	(2:20)	14:19	52. B. Merry	(2:20)	15:24
23. R. Donnison	(0:40)	14:20	53. D. Bordonno	(2:50)	15:36
24. Gerry North	(SCR)	14:21	54. A. Stroud	(3:30)	15:39
25. A. Fairclough	(0:20)	14:23	55. P. Smith	(3:10)	15:40
26. L. O'Hara	(0:20)	14:23	56. M. Harvey	(3:00)	15:47
27. A. Major	(0:30)	14:24	57. D. McMillan	(5:00)	16:07
28. W. Fairfield	(2:50)	14:25	58. W. Kerr	(0:40)	16:09
29. A. Chandler	(3:30)	14:27	59. D. Davies	(3:50)	16:54
30. R. Beaumont	(3:40)	14:27	60. R. Couillard	(3:20)	18:45

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Result:	1. Hercules/Wimbledon A.C.	3hrs 34 mins 25.6 secs.
	2. Coventry Godiva Harriers	3 " 34 " 59 "
	3. Manchester & District L.C.	3 " 35 " 53 "
	4. Polytechnic Harriers	3 " 36 " 03 " — disqualified for running
	5. Belgrave Harriers	3 " 37 " 59 " 2 runners twice

Team: O'Connor (21.26), O'Hara (24.52), Major (22.14), Donnison (15.05), Gerry North (27.52), Fairclough (24.55), Piotrowski (22.24), Thresher (15.9), Mann (30.0) Dance (13.59)

A Good Second

Dudley to Bridgenorth and back Road Relay, October 19th, 1968

This race was promoted at very short notice by Tipton Harriers to take the place of the Bristol to Weston Super Mare and back relay which has been discontinued because of the traffic difficulties. We agreed to send a team and the first impressions are that this could become a well supported annual event. The course is largely on country lanes and comprises ten stages varying in distance between 2.5 miles and 6.2 miles. Some of the legs are very hilly and are suitable only for fit runners. On the whole a sporty course and a race which can be well enjoyed by both competitors and spectators.

The first promotion was not well supported numerically probably because of the short notice but teams from Birchfield, Bristol, Coventry, Derby, Notts. A.C. and Tipton in addition to ourselves provided good competition and we can be pleased with our second place behind a very strong Derby team. It should be remembered that Derby finished second in the 1968 National Road Relay only a few seconds ahead of ourselves.

Adrian Major took the first lap and was 6th at the finish, twenty seven seconds down on the leaders, City of Stoke; a small club who did very well throughout the whole race to finish 5th.

Tony Fairclough brought us up to fourth and on this leg through a good run by Eccles, Derby went into the lead which they were to maintain to the end.

Trevor Hart convinced the team manager that he was suffering from a cold and talked himself into the short 2½ miles leg. He took us up to third and gained an invaluable thirteen seconds on the leaders. Tipton at this point were second about fifty yards ahead.

Next came Roger Donnison and although achieving third best time of the day had to be content with remaining in third place. He caught and passed Tipton but in turn was displaced by Hammond of Coventry who put up the fastest time on this stage. We were at this point 58 seconds behind Derby and 27 seconds behind Coventry.

Geoff North returning to the team for the first time after his wedding fought hard to get with the leaders but Rhodes of Derby and Kilby of Coventry proved to be better and we dropped back to a deficit of 1 min. 44 secs although staying in third place.

John Thresher took the first of the stages on the return journey from Bridgenorth which was by a different route. His leg of 5.4 miles proved to be a very tough one and John was forced to fight hard to keep us in the race. He lost ground on Derby who were well out in front but gained steadily on Coventry. Shelley running now for City of Stoke was working hard behind John and with the fastest time of the day caught our runner near the end of the stage. We were then back to fourth.

By a lucky piece of team selection we found that Bill Dance was set to chase Mel Thorpe who left us to go to Coventry last year. This was the ideal situation for Bill revelled in the position he found himself and after quickly passing the Stoke runner set off after Mel like a man possessed. Over his 4 miles stage he picked up the 27 seconds deficit and brought us in second with a further 13 seconds advantage over Coventry.

John Dear on Stage 8 had to contend with Grant of Coventry and at one stage it looked as if the Coventry runner would gain a large lead but John recovered well from a bad patch and in the end was only 8 seconds behind.

Gerry North again ran a captain's stage and with the best time of the day on the longest leg of 6.2 miles devastated Phil Lancaster running for Coventry and brought us back to a secure 2nd place. Derby at this point were well over 2 minutes ahead.

The last leg had been allocated to our new member from New Zealand, Kelly Diprose, and there is little doubt that he will remember his first serious outing for Belgrave for a long time to come. Although the stage was only four miles the majority was almost continuous uphill work and it required all of Kelly's considerable determination to tackle the ever upward grind. Tipton who had reserved one of their best runners for this leg having the advantage of knowing the course were confident that they would catch us but they had not bargained for Kelly's pluck and we were able to hold our second place. This new member is going to be a considerable asset to us - he has natural speed and no lacking in confidence and when really fit will trouble our best runners.

Lack of knowledge of the course produced some incorrect team allocations but we shall be wiser next year and will be keen to add our name to the winners list. We must make this race one of our targets - it would be useless to take a partially fit team.

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Postbag:

CHRIS STEER writes from Canada where he has done a little racing. He recently finished second in a road race, beating Mick Hamlin and Chris Henty in the process. There are other expatriates on the athletics scene out there "so it is not exactly lonely". He hopes to be back for the next cross-country season and conveys his best wishes to all Belgravians hoping "to read of their long overdue success in the Southern and National".

GEORGE ISAAC, one of our esteemed old members and an AAA coach, writes from Bournemouth. He is expecting to sail to South Africa in the New Year and we are sure that all Belgravians will wish him well. George must have been clearing out his attic, for he sent a bumper parcel of old athletics literature, magazines, programmes etc. to the Editor--helping to boost the reference 'library'. Are there any other attics requiring a spring-clean?. All matter on athletics, including cuttings are welcomed.

Former co-editor DAVE MITCHELL writes from Tonbridge, which is sufficiently far away to keep him safe from the 'Harriers'! He is seriously thinking of getting involved in athletics again, but possibly as a coach. Any comment, Dave Ansell?.

Walker ERIC FROUDE writes from Melbourne, Australia where the track season has just started. His club is short of walkers, which is just as well he thinks, in view of his 9 minute miles. He should have no difficulty getting in speed work, as the programme includes walking races over a distance of 680 yards!

RANJIT BHATIA sends his regular letter and his regards to all at Belgrave Hall. Unfortunately, Ranjit sustained a leg injury in a recent car accident and was hospitalised for a time. He will miss the start of the Indian track season.

Ranjit seems to be a lone voice in Indian athletics and is most upset at the way other sports there get preferential treatment. He cites Derek Boosey as an example of a man who, after receiving no encouragement, made good only after leaving India. The National Federation would only select four athletes for Mexico and the Government cut this to two. No wonder he is disillusioned.

No one can cover an airmail letter-form so adeptly as BARRY SAWYER. It would take a whole gazette to reproduce the wealth of information he squeezes into a letter, but it is worth noting that Barry won all three Victoria State marathons this year--the 'Country' marathon championship in 2:26:53 and the State title in 2:24:16. At the former event he was pronounced unfit to run at the pre-race medical! Whatever the reasons were, Barry ignored them with typical stubbornness and led from start to finish to win by 11 minutes--"quite a training run" he quips. He missed the State '15 through a septic blister and blood poisoning, but shook this off just in time to resume twice a day training and clock up 122 miles in the week preceding the State Championship. "Having read through the programme I was reconciled to finishing 15th, but determined to stay with the leaders as long as possible. This I did to such good effect that I was alone in front at 11 miles----when I coasted along until a few miles from the finish---applied a little pressure---to come in a winner by 4 minutes 12 seconds". Barry's form prompted the Japanese to invite him to Fukuoka in December, but he cannot afford to leave. However, he hopes to run the Master's Marathon in Las Vegas on January 29th. If he does, our thoughts will be with him.

The 1969 BELGRAVE OPEN 20 MILES ROAD RACE will be held on July 19th.

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Result:	1. Derby & County A.C.	3 hrs 35 minutes 22 seconds
	2. Belgrave Harriers	3 " 38 " 0 "
	3. Tipton A.C.	3 " 38 " 19 "
	4. Coventry Godiva Harriers	3 " 39 " 24 "

Team: Major(6th),22.46, Fairlough (4th) 21.28, Hart (3rd) 11.49, Donnison (3rd) 22.1, Geoff North (3rd) 21.45, Thresher (4th), 28.48, Dance (2nd) 19.28, Dear (3rd) 18.30, Gerry North (2nd) 29.39, Diprose (2nd) 21.48

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Sporting Life Table
of Correspondents
Nap Selections



A. Bruce - Architect's Review	+ £29.10..0
E. Stimpson - Melody Maker	+ £12..3..4
S. Davis - Investors Chronicle	+ £1..2..3
R. Beaumont - Oily Rag	- £2..7..6

* Would have been double but stake lost in the post.



Cinema

South of Thames Jnr. (U) For a second feature this proved a triumph for supporting guest stars Diprose, Smith & Donnison. Nurtured at the Belgrave breast was Pat O'Connor who will deservedly run away with an Oscar before he is much older.

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"Kelly's Eye" - City - Cluedo.

Stimpson's "Room at the Top" - Croydon - Monopoly.

SOME SIGHTS OF LONDON

Robert & John Hamilton at Somerset House trying to change their name to Gorman.

SHOWS

The hammer throwing John Martin.

Brian Hamilton, Bob Glover and Bernard Merry on a friendly training run.

Chris Steer playing darts.

Charlie Manning running a half mile.

MUSEUMS

At the Natural History Museum don't miss Arthur "Boffer" Bruce's Belgrave Vest, Alf Harley's running grips and Harry Shield's Indian clubs.

LECTURES

Mr. North takes the platform on "Timekeeping today".

Jack Brown speaks on "Putting back into athletics what you get out".

Rev. T. Hart to a selected audience from Lauriston Runners Club titled "Prepare to meet thy Doom."

EXHIBITIONS

Ron Langhien carelessly tossing coins to children collecting for the "grotto", the "Guy" and Xmas Waits.

John Thresher being spoon fed.

Someone stepping forward to take on the Club Secretary's job.

Glimpy Jones having a "teach-in" with all our club coaches.

Charlie MacLennan drinking milk.

AUCTION SALES

Silver, gold, object d'art, sceptre, mace, decorated headgear, few ex. Govt. surplus robes, ermine trimmed. Catalogue from Mann & Major, P.O. Box, Buckingham Gate.

ANTIQUES

At Belgrave's Spring Fair look out for Bill Lucas's spikes and Alan Mead's toupet. A copy of Pat Duncan's R.T.Z. share certificate and Peter Wrenche's brown sports jacket.

GOOD FOOD

64 BEVERLEY WAY

The Maitre d'hotel is well known to the scores of Belgravians who have enjoyed the cuisine at this popular eating place which has a menu that even encompasses Indian food, and for the gourmet there is fruit cake. (This is generally kept in the safe and only available to order).

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just the same"

Kipling

Reg. Hopkins reports

The object of the Belgrave Harriers shall be the encouragement of amateur athletics with membership open to all regardless of race, creed or ability.

This is the charter of our Club. It is upon the last word in this sentence that I would comment now. Ability.

We have in Belgrave many fine athletes. We have had many in the past, and I am sure we will have many more in the future; but it is also true we have less gifted members, who not for the want of trying have not as yet met with success. I wish to make it quite clear that I regard these members as being equal in importance to the award-winning Belgravians. And if, at the moment, a member finds himself in a winning streak, it is bad sportsmanship and bad manners to knock less fortunate team members, and is certainly no way to bring the best out of them.

It is a marked distinction of the true Champion that he is always willing to help other competitors from his Club, knowing that if he could raise their standard he would benefit accordingly. By leading and encouraging; by example and understanding; by team backing, through trying their hardest at all times in races and by helping build a team spirit, not allowing pettiness to govern words and actions. This is the only way to success. We know this at Belgrave because we have had many many successes.

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On 23rd October at Crystal Palace indoor arena a festival of sport was presented to an invited audience as part of the National Boys Club Week.

Cricket, Table Tennis, Football, Swimming, Diving, Canoeing, Boxing, Gymnastics, Basket Ball, were some of the sports exhibited. It fell to the Belgrave Boys to demonstrate Athletics and Cross-Country which they did in a most impressive way, I was assured by members of the audience (fresh with the memory of the Olympics in mind) that we stole the limelight with our ability, enthusiasm and smart appearance.

Many famous sporting personalities were present so a lot of good will was gained for our Club and sport.

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TRACK ROUND UP

Congratulations to Arnold Bent, picked as 1st reserve in junior international match England v Germany at Crystal Palace on 7th September.

Bill Curtin won a fine 1500 metre race against a classy field in order to gain selection for the "London v Vienna v Israel" Schools match.

Bill's time of 4:16 placed him in front of

C. Jones	(V.P.H.)	4.25	A. Bull	(Hercules Wim.)
C. Taylor	(Woodford Green)		and our own	Richard Langley
G. Walsh	(H.H.H.)			

In the international match at Crystal Palace, Bill (4:07) placed 2nd to the German boy (4:05) who must have had to go some to beat Bill on this track.

Also now sporting a German vest (exchanged at this meeting) is Lee Sullivan who represented London in the long jump. Well done both!

September 8th - Wimbledon Park - Essex v Surrey v Kent

(Jnr Representing Sy)	Steve White	22Qyds	3rd	22.9
(Jnr Representing Sy)	Arnold Bent	H.J.	2nd	5ft 10"
	Arnold Bent	L.J.	3rd	21ft 3½"
(Youths : Sy)	Lee Sullivan	L.J.	1st	20ft 11¼"

Hurlingham - G.L.C. Championships

Youths 880 yds:	3. Bill Curtin	2:4.7
100 yds:	2. Steve White	10.4

1968 Rankings

BEST PERFORMANCES - JUNIORS, YOUTHS, BOYS, COLTS

60 yards: M. Bloice (B) 7.2 N. Bacon (J) 7.3 E. McNally (Y) 7.4 E. Lenniston (J) 7.4 R. Kibble (Y) 7.4 W. Keohane (Y) 7.9 X. Yianni (Y) 7.9 J. Stow (B) 8.0 R. Langley (B) 8.1 W. Waight (C) 8.3 R. Hopkins (C) 8.4	880 yards: B. Curtin (Y) 2:03.2 R. Langley (B) 2:05.0 J. Hamilton (Y) 2:05.5 R. Hamilton (Y) 2:06.3 T. Day (Y) 2:06.6 V. Butcher (Y) 2:13.1 M. Bloice (B) 2:13.1 J. Stow (B) 2:16.0 V. Weathers (Y) 2:20.0 M. Harvey (Y) 2:22.0 R. Hopkins (C) 2:24.0 E. McNally (Y) 2:28.2	Long Jump: S. White (J) 22' 4" A. Bent (J) 21' 9" L. Sullivan (Y) 20' 11½" D. Cole (2nd claim)(Y) 20' 2" J. Smith (Y) 18' 4" M. Franks (J) 17' 10" M. Bloice (B) 17' 3" J. Hamilton (Y) 17' 0½" R. Kibble (Y) 16' 10" J. Crockford (Y) 16' 8" R. Hamilton (Y) 16' 6½" E. Lenniston (J) 16' 6" M. Harvey (Y) 15' 6" R. Hopkins (C) 15' 5½" E. McNally (Y) 15' 0" V. Butcher (Y) 15' 0" B. Quirk (B) 14' 4" M. Waight (C) 14' 2"
100 yards: S. White (J) 10.2 L. Sullivan (Y) 10.5 M. Franks (J) 10.6 D. Rees (J) 10.8 A. Bent (J) 10.8 J. Hamilton (Y) 11.5 M. Bloice (B) 11.5 R. Hamilton (Y) 11.6 J. Smith (Y) 11.6 B. Quirk (B) 11.8 J. Crockford (Y) 12.0 R. Kibble (Y) 12.1 R. Langley (B) 12.3	800 metres: P. Carton (B) 2:08.7	High Jump: A. Bent (J) 6' 3" A. Mills (B) 5' 4" R. Hopkins (C) 4' 10" S. Corrigan (B) 4' 10" B. Quirk (B) 4' 9" J. Clements (B) 4' 9" Les Harris (Y) 4' 8" E. McNally (Y) 4' 7" M. Bloice (B) 4' 6" Lloyd Harris (C) 4' 6" R. Langley (B) 4' 6" R. Kibble (Y) 4' 5"
220 yards: S. White (J) 22.2 D. Rees (J) 23.4 L. Sullivan (Y) 23.4 M. Franks (J) 23.8 A. Bent (J) 24.5 E. Lenniston (J) 25.2 J. Hamilton (Y) 25.3 R. Hamilton (Y) 25.4 R. Langley (B) 25.9 M. Day (Y) 26.0 M. Bumstead (Y) 26.5 R. Kibble (Y) 26.9	Mile Walk: J. Blair-Fish (Y) 8:08.1	Triple Jump: M. Franks (J) 41' 7½" E. Lenniston (J) 36' 3½"
440 yards: S. White (J) 50.7 J. Hamilton (Y) 53.5 M. Franks (J) 53.8 R. Hamilton (Y) 55.8 L. Sullivan (Y) 56.4 R. Langley (B) 57.3 N. Bloice (B) 58.1 J. Crockford (Y) 58.8	2 Miles: B. Curtin (Y) 10:07.0 R. Langley (B) 10:08.0 C. Calderwood (J) 10:10.0 V. Butcher (Y) 10:13.0 N. Bacon (J) 10:15.7 M. Harvey (Y) 10:24.2	Shot Putt: E. Lenniston (J) 32' 1" E. McNally (Y) 28' 7" M. Harvey (Y) 26' 3½" B. Quirk (B) 26' 1" R. Kibble (Y) 25' 8" M. Bloice (B) 24' 1½" N. Bacon (J) 24' 0½" V. Butcher (Y) 23' 10½" R. Hopkins (C) 21' 3"
1 Mile: N. Bacon (J) 4:42.3 J. Blair-Fish (Y) 4:42.3 B. Curtin (Y) 4:45.0 M. Day (Y) 4:47.4 R. Langley (B) 4:47.6 V. Butcher (Y) 4:49.0 T. Day (Y) 4:53.0 C. Calderwood (J) 4:56.4 J. Hamilton (Y) 5:01.0 P. Carton (B) 5:02.2 J. Stow (B) 5:09.0	1000 S'Chase V. Butcher (Y) 3:02.0 V. Weathers (Y) 3:18.0 M. Harvey (Y) 3:25.0 E. McNally (Y) 3:32.0	Javelin: D. Wilkinson (Y) 149' 9" A. Bent (J) 130' 10" J. O'Hagan () 100' 11½" J. Paraskeva (B) 100' 7" E. McNally (Y) 99' 6" V. Weathers (Y) 90' 2" M. Harvey (Y) 81' 5"
220 yards Hurdles: M. Bloice (B) 31.9 M. Waight (C) 34.2 W. Keohane (Y) 34.6 S. Corrigan (B) 36.0 J. Stow (B) 37.1 E. McNally (Y) 37.5	80 metres Hurdles: B. Quirk (B) 11.6 S. Beadon (B) 13.1	Discus: A. Bent (J) 118' 0" J. Paraskeva (B) 85' 1"
120 metres Hurdles A. Bent (J) 17.8 N. Bacon (J) 19.6 B. Quirk (B) 20.0 R. Kibble (Y) 20.4 S. Beadon (B) 21.6 R. Hopkins (C) 22.2 E. McNally (Y) 22.4 K. Savage (Y) 22.8 M. Waight (C) 22.8	220 yards Hurdles: M. Bloice (B) 31.9 M. Waight (C) 34.2 W. Keohane (Y) 34.6 S. Corrigan (B) 36.0 J. Stow (B) 37.1 E. McNally (Y) 37.5	1 Mile: X. Yianni (Y) 5:10.4 Les Harris (Y) 5:14.4 E. McNally (Y) 5:25.2 R. Hopkins (C) 5:35.0

We have been fortunate in being allowed the use of a large room at a local boys Club in Southwark and during the past weeks the boys have been busy cleaning and painting it to our own requirements putting up pictures of favorite athletes (excellent photographs kindly given to us by Ed Lacy).

We also have use of a Gymnasium. This should prove most useful to us in the winter months when we are unable to use the track. We are planning weight training, circuit training, and indoor jumping sessions. And, if we can get them to come along, visits and lectures from prominent athletes and coaches.

We are also rigged up for film shows and Dave Ansell has promised to show pictures of the Mexico Olympics. So it does look like we shall have a sports centre of our own in S.E. London!

One other thing I would like the junior section to have is its own reference library. I appeal to any Club member who has any books on Athletics, weight training or similar subjects to donate them to the cause so that our younger members can learn from their pages.

REG HOPKINS

COVENTRY RELAY

September 28th - Coventry Godiva Harriers Boys Road Relay (4 x 1.9 miles)

A good first leg run from Barry Quirk, making his debut in the Boys team, brought us home in 6th position (time 10.19) 64 secs behind the leaders Small Heath.

Richard Langley, not quite his usual self and possibly upset by the long journey, did nevertheless gain us two places (time 9.46) and close us up to the leaders.

Reg Hopkins, still only a Colt, ran very well to hold his position (time 10.42) and Martin Bloice closed in our team with a good last effort. Martin is better at the shorter distances on the track but is such a good Club man that he delights in running for the Club at any distance.

Sixth position was a very good effort from our young team (three aged 14 and one aged 13) against ages up to 16 years. We felt we were putting our heads in the lion's mouth in going up to the Midlands, but we found that it was us that were treated with respect - Belgrave being a name held in the highest regard - we hope we helped to keep it that way.

The gear worn by our boys, particularly the shorts (recently bought in Spain), were looked at with envy by our adversaries - as was our Belgrave flag flying over the van!

In the Youths race over 2½ miles we were less successful, only managing to get 14th spot. None of the boys were at their best and we were never in the hunt for medals.

Robert Hamilton	17.03	Vic Butcher	16.12
Bill Curtin	15.19	John Hamilton	17.12

SURREY CO RELAY

September 14th - Woking

Although our team finished in third place last year exactly the same time was only good enough to place us fifth this year.

RESULT:	1. Walton A.C.	41.27	R. Hamilton	10.59
	2. Epsom & Ewell	41.49	V. Butcher	10.41
	3. West Surrey	42.15	M. Harvey	11.51
	4. Bels	45.00	J. Hamilton	11.29

September 14th - Haywards Heath Cross-Country Races

Colts Race 2000 metres:	17th	Reg Hopkins	8:34		
Boys Race 3000 metres:	1.	Bill Curtin	9.40	28.	Martin Bloice 12.28
	22.	Richard Langley	11.25	35.	Ian McNally 13.35
Youths Race 4000 metres:	12.	Patrick Breslin	17.31	15.	Eddy McNally 17.48
	14.	John Stow	17.37		

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all and some hard running was done over a variable and tough cross-country course. A thunderstorm earlier in the day had made it extremely difficult to keep upright but in spite of many falls all finished the distance - trying to the very end.

Brighton win our YOUTHS RELAY

October 19th - Belgrave Youths Relay

Although a smaller field than usual, the race was still its usual success, thanks to the many willing helpers who make this possible.

Twenty-two teams lined up for the start and it fell to Brighton & Hove to prove themselves the winners. The second team were competing in our race for the first time.

<u>RESULT:</u>	1.	Brighton and Hove	47.44
	2.	Hornsey (St. Marys)	48.03
	3.	Andover and District	48.37
	16.	BELGRAVE 'A'	52.04

First School to finish and collect a set of medals was Wimbledon College in 6th position (49.14)

Bels 'A':	Vic Butcher	12.54	Bels 'B':	Vivian Weathers	13.23
	John Hamilton	12.57		William Keohane	16.45
	John Crockford	13.08			
	Robert Hamilton	13.05			

Fastest lap of the day: P. Banning Andover 11.07

A good run came from Belgravian John Blair-Fish, running for his school Kings College, with 12.00.

October 9th - Terence McMillan Stadium, East London - Southern Counties Open Floodlight Meeting

<u>Boys 800 metres:</u>	1.	Richard Langley	2:13.8
	2.	Martin Bloice	2:13.9
	6.	Reg Hopkins	2:30.5

As can be seen by the times, this was a humdinger of a race. I would have expected a photo finish to decide who got the verdict for they were locked together fighting it out down the whole length of the finishing straight, making it the most exciting race of the meeting. Watch out Richard, he seems determined to get you!



TRAINING SESSION AT BATTERSEA

Standing (1. to r): Tom Carter, Eddy Lenniston, Barry Quirk, Reg Hopkins Snr., John Clements, Martin Bloice, Vic Butcher, Reg Hopkins Jun.
Mick Harvey, Richard Langley.
Seated (1. to r): Hank England, Geoff Hill, Mark Waight.

NORTH SURREY LEAGUE

Youths/Boys

Race No. 1

Wimbledon - October 26th

Bill Curtin scored an excellent win in beating Martin of Walton in exactly the same time as last year's winner (Hayes of Mitcham). Showing great form, he improved by 40 seconds on his sixth place of last year and led our team to a useful third place - the same as 12 months ago. Once again, M. Day was the first to provide support, having improved four places to 7th, but Crookford our third lad was unable to keep with Day as he did last year and had to be content with 17th place. It was good to see Richard Langley scoring in his first league outing and if he can repeat Bill's 40 seconds time reduction each season he will win the season after next!

Mitcham finished 18 points ahead of us, but last year we got 5 back at Esher, 22 back at Morden Park and a draw at Richmond Park to take the title. We must strive to repeat this performance. Everybody out!!

Result:

1.	W. Curtin	(Bels)	15:14		50.	M. Harvey	(Bels)	18:06
2.	R. Martin	(Wal)	15:29		54.	L. Harris	(")	18:17
3.	M. Farley	(HHH)	15:33		58.	R. Hopkins	(")	18:28
4.	C. Stebbings	(Croy)	15:39		61.	J. Hagan	(")	18:37
5.	S. Turner	(Mit)	15:46		63.	M. Bloice	(")	18:57
6.	M. Connelly	(Wal)	15:59		65.	I Gillings	(")	19:05
7.	M. Day	(Bels)	16:05		68.	I. McNally	(")	19:54
17.	J. Crookford	(")	16:32		69.	J. Stow	(")	20:04
23.	R. Langley	(")	16:44		70.	H. England	(")	20:35
33.	V. Butcher	(")	17:04		73.	M. Kane	(")	22:33
36.	R. Hamilton	(")	17:20		74.	W. Keohane	(")	22:53
41.	E. McNally	(")	17:38		76.	T. Cooper	(")	28:26

Teams:

1.	Mitcham A.C.	(5,9,11,14,16)	55 pts.
2.	Walton A.C.	(2,6,12,15,21)	56 pts.
3.	Belgrave H.	(1,7,17,22,26)	73 pts.
4.	Croydon H.	(4,13,19,23,24)	83 pts.
5.	Hercules/Wimbledon A.C.	(8,10,18,25,32)	93 pts.
6.	Herne Hill H.	(3,20,27,28,29)	107 pts.
7.	Ranelagh	(30,32,33,34,35)	164 pts.

October 5th - Brighton & Hove A.C. Road Relays

We broke the course record by 4 secs and yet only got 4th position. Such is the speed with which Boys standards are improving year by year.

John Stow ran a fine opening leg for us coming in 9th (11.21), not too far behind the leaders. We felt that we might now get into the medals with Bill Curtin going on the next leg. Bill justified our hopes by running a stormer to bring us up to third (time 10.17).

Richard Langley took the 3rd leg and ready to take on the challenge put in a great effort moving us into second place with a time of 11.08.

If only Paddy Breslin could hold on to what we already had. He tried really hard to the very end, but Paddy has not yet got the experience (being new to our sport) and he must have put too much in early on - leaving little to hold them off towards the end and conceding two places.

We were a bit disappointed to have been so near and yet not to have pulled it off but were cheered up a lot when we heard Bill had got a medal for second fastest time of the day (First fastest: Davis, Cranford School). He also broke the individual record previously held by P. Banning (Andover and District). This means he has been second fastest two years running.

A special word of praise to Martin. Although in great pain with stomach cramp he forced himself to finish to that his team mate, Reg, would get a run - even though he knew there was no 4th member to run and complete the team.

RESULT:	1.	T.V.H.	43.14	Bels 'B' Team:	Eddy McNally	12.02
	2.	Worthing	44.02		Reg Hopkins	12.25
youths team	3.	Walton	44.08		Martin Bloice	13.01

Robert Hamilton	6th	11.10	Richard Hofstedt	8th	11.56
Vic Butcher	8th	11.09	Robert Hamilton	10th	11.46
			Nick Harvey (Individual)		11.55



AWAITING THE START OF THE NORTH SURREY LEAGUE RACE

L. to R: John Crockford, Mick Harvey(12), Ian Gillings(9), Vic Butcher(10), Richard Langley(7), Michael Kane(3), Bill Keohane(rear), Martin Bloice(6) Reg Hopkins(2), Eddie McNally.

Richard Langley was recently presented with the Best Individual Winner award in the under-15 section of the Milocarian Schools Competition, for his 2.05.0 880 yds in the English Schools Championships. He also placed equal 2nd for his 4.47 mile. His school, Raines Foundation Grammar, won the Team award---Richard and another Belgrave boy, Barry Quirk, contributing a great deal towards this victory. These were most outstanding performances as some of the best schools in the country support the Competition---including public schools.

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Incidentally, Barry Quirk has been picked for the English Schools Basketball team.

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Talking of Basketball, we recently formed a team amongst our members, played our first League match, and won by 41 points to 38. in a very close and exciting game! Our object in this is to use Basketball as a means of training together in the winter, particularly for our high and long jumpers who will gain enormously from exercise.

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On Wednesday 27th Nov. at the Canterbury Club Bermondsey, Dave Ansell gave a showing of film he took of the Mexico Games to a large group of our junior members---and very good it was too. He had managed to capture all the outstanding moments and we all thrilled to see again, Hemery, Board, Beamon, Fosbury and all the other Olympic stars. A particularly large cheer greeted the sight of our own Alan Lerwill and Derek Boosey. Frank Simmons honoured us with his presence. Tom Carter did likewise, and also showed film of Belgrave stars from the past which was enjoyed by all---particularly Tom!

The evening closed with Pepsi Cola and Sandwiches and everyone agreed that it had been such a success that other similar gatherings would be arranged for later in the year.

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South London Schools Cross Country Champs.--Wimbledon Common--Nov. 20th

Intermediate: 1st Bill Curtin (St. Gerards).

Other Bels taking part:

Peter Carton (6th)

Pat Donnelly

Les Harris

Ian McNally

Stephen Corrigan

Terry Deakin

Francis Dunne

A most impressive win by Bill Curtin finishing before any other competitor was even in sight.

Senior Division 4½ Miles--Morden Park, November 13th

Richard Hofstedt (3rd)

Vivian Weathers (6th)

Luton A.C. Cross Country Relays--Stockwood Park, Luton--Nov 9th

Conditions were very cold and the going was very soft.

T.V.H. led all the way to score their third victory in this event missing the record by only 6 secs. Belgrave's position was a great improvement on last year's.

1. T.V.H.	42.46	3. Luton	44.11	8. BELS	45.39
2. Norfolk	43.23	(31 teams started.)			

A very improved position from last year.

'A' Team		'B' Team	
J. Stow	11.44	M. Bloice	12.37
R. Langley	11.35	I. McNally	14.11
B. Curtin	10.29	M. Kane	14.50
E. McNally	11.51		

Also at the same venue Reg Hopkins ran in the Colts Cross Country race (2 miles) and placed 43rd in 12.45--winner being Andy Barnett 10.57 (Record) (106 started.)

Crawley A.C. Boys 4x1 1/2 Mile Road Relay--Nov. 23rd

Teams: 1. T.V.H. 2. BELGRAVE HARRIERS 3. Brighton and Hove.

J. Stow	(3rd)	8.58	Richard Langley	(2nd)	9.05
Bill Curtin	(2nd)	8.35	P. Bjeslin	(2nd)	9.31

This was a first class performance by our boys in placing 2nd beating many very good teams. It has given them the confidence in themselves that was needed and I am fully expecting to report their first win any day now. They have worked for it and fully deserved getting a medal; T.V.H. were only a little way in front at the finish.

Praise goes to Richard Langley for agreeing to run in this race instead of elsewhere where he would most certainly have had an individual win; he chose to support the team.

Also to Bill Curtin for his determination to build a winning Belgrave team. Also to John and Paddy for training hard in recent weeks so as to strengthen weak links.

Cross-Country 2 1/2 Miles Match V Wimbledon College--Nov. 23rd Boys under 15
Win for the College 19 points to 53

We were low in numbers for our annual match against the College--Richard Langley being with our team at Crawley and Mark Waight being injured. Martin Bloice was below form.

RESULT

1. Darby	(Wimbledon College)	6. Dolan	(Wimbledon College)
2. Reg Hopkins	(BELGRAVE HARRIERS)	7. M. Kane	(BELGRAVE HARRIERS)
3. Wells	(Wimbledon College)	10. M. Bloice	(" ")
4. Keane	(" ")	14. I. McNally	(" ")
5. Murphy	(" ")	20. H. England	(" ")

K.L.G. 5,000M Cross-Country Race--Boys (12-14yrs)--Nov. 24th

It was very nice to see such a large crowd to see such a large crowd of our very young members turning out and competing with such obvious enthusiasm and showing such grit. Peter Savage stopping to be sick but insisting on going on to the finish (a big heart in a small frame).

Michael Kane ran well to be first Belgravian home, he seems to be liking the country these days. Mention should be made of Stephen Corrigan (High jumper) making good on the country and Mark Waight whom we consider to have lots of potential. Reg Hopkins having his third race in four days fought hard but was obviously very tired. "Well done" also to our two new members John O'Keefe and Steve McFall

RESULT

1. Cumbell	(Bracknell)	16.45	32. Mark Waight	(BELS)	20.01
2. Taylor	(Mitcham)	16.49	37. Colin Savage	"	20.54
3. Upton	(")	-	46 John O'Keefe	"	22.11
21. Michael Kane	(BELS)	19.37	50 Colin Croft	"	22.35
28. Stephen Corrigan	"	19.55	53 Steven McFall	"	22.53
30. Reg Hopkins	"	19.55	70 Peter Savage	"	24.51

A FLIGHT OF FANCY

25 years ago, in THE BELGRAVIAN of October 1943, ALF HARLEY took a flight of fancy 17 years into the future with a mythical extract from "The Daily Press" of April 1960. His predictions were not wholly serious, of course, but it is always interesting to see just how fanciful they were, or were not, 25 years later. The following is an abridged version of the "extract".

'As I look down on the swirl of traffic which flows eastwards through Hyde Park towards the new double cross-over traffic bridge at Piccadilly Circus, my thoughts turn on this Spring morning through the years, and I ponder on the position the Belgrave Harriers have now attained when contrasted with their humble origins of nearly seventy-five years ago.

I am sitting in one of the offices devoted to the production of THE BELGRAVIAN (lavishly illustrated these days and published weekly and recognised as the leading authority on all matters concerning athletics). These offices form part of the magnificent building in Knightsbridge which houses the Club's Town Headquarters and preserves its associations with the City of Westminster and from which training takes place most evenings over Rotten Row.

At Wimbledon the Belgrave Harriers still have their weekend headquarters, now situated on Common Side, and every Saturday throughout the winter hundreds of athletes in the familiar claret and gold enjoy their favourite sport in the neighbouring roads and common land. The Committee many years ago realised in its wisdom that the facilities the Club can offer, which are unrivalled anywhere in the world, might well attract a type of member who was merely interested in its restaurant, its billiard room, its luxurious lounges, with no interests in running, walking or field events, and so all members are called upon during their first ten years of membership to make at least 20 appearances in athletic races or competitions each year. The subscription remains at the humble few shillings which ruled at the commencement of the Second World War and the frequent social evenings are still a great feature of the Club life.

It must be admitted that the Club hardly expected to be owners of such magnificent quarters at Wimbledon and Westminster in such a comparatively short time, but the new outlook towards amateur sport which followed the War, plus a munificent grant from the Anglo-American Philanthropic Association for the finest example of 'self help' in the first half of the Twentieth Century, together with the funds accumulated by decades of enthusiastic Club members, made all things possible.

Many of the Club's members have gained positions of considerable importance in our present day world. A notable example is bluff Sir Harry Shields, Bart., whose contributions to the solution of post war traffic problems are well known, and whose baronetcy derives mainly from the original and brilliant idea of bringing all London's Underground train services to the surface and of directing all surface routes underground.

Lord Parker, of New Malden, to whom much of the credit for the Belgrave Harriers' progress goes, was awarded his peerage in the Peace Honours List 'for distinguished services to Amateur Athletics and the public'. Tom Cotton, M.P. for the Battersea Park Division, is universally known for his fighting speeches in the House and his consummate command of language, and is ably supported from the back benches by A.W. Penny, whose rallying call of "Up Surrey!" has often been heard in the House.

The erstwhile cross-country champion, Bert Footer, now leads a quiet life in the bosom of his family as "Mine Host" at "The Spiked Shoe", Putney Heath. It will be remembered that on leaving the Royal Marines, Footer secretly married Miss 'Fluffy' Blonde from the Windmill Theatre, and later became Minister for Cross-Country Running.

Gordon Doubleday is now Managing Director of "Nutty Foods Limited" and Tommy Green is Mayor of Eastleigh permanently. Charlie Churcher can still be seen dancing with his former grace, to which is allied these days an Egyptian mysticism. Percy Wright is leader of the Welsh Nationalist Party; Frank Webb remains a bachelor and pursues his sinuous course; and so on ...

To all who have contributed to the amazing success of the Belgrave Harriers in the past and to those who help to guide and maintain its traditions in our time a great deal of gratitude is due from the World; for these amateur sportsmen have shown that ideals worth pursuing and fighting for can come to realisation. There is a message in this achievement for all of us'

So ends a flight of fancy taken 25 years ago. What is 1993 likely to show? Well, apart from 106 years old Avery Brundage defending the International Prolympic Committee's decision to hold the 1996 Games on the moon, most things will be surprising. For instance well, how about some suggestions from our members?

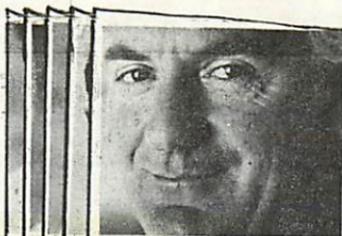
Olympics

The Sunday Times team is
on the starting blocks

THREE WEEKS TO MEXICO... and today the Sunday Times launches its full coverage of the 1968 Olympics.

On page 22... a Prediction Chart, forecasting the winners in all the 19 sports.

On the same page... Roger Bannister, writing the first of two special previews, analyses with his unique combination of medical and



LOGBEL LACEY

and scientific aspects of the sport, and comment on the long-distance running

of Brooks-Ward, the correspondent of the Times since the 1964 Olympics will report the show

jumping and the Three-day event.

● **Ed Lacey**, who has been photographing athletics and other sports for eighteen years. He will be at his third Olympics. His dramatic and illuminating pictures will appear exclusively in the Sunday Times.

Three weeks before the 1968 Olympic Games THE SUNDAY TIMES announced its "team" for Mexico. It was no surprise to the Athletics world in general, and Belgrave in particular, that Eddie Lacey should be chosen to stand alongside Lovesey, Glanville, Bannister and Brooks-Ward. A staunch Belgravian for 20 years, his generosity with photographs for the Club is legion—whether they be of racing, training, the Club Dinner, the New Year's Dance or the Children's Party. The greatest beneficiary is undoubtedly your Honorary Editor who has no hesitation in devoting these two pages to a small part of Eddie's Mexico work. It is worth noting that over half of the 60 odd photographs in America's 'Track and Field News' Olympic edition are by Ed Lacey. His shot of Bob Beamon soaring 29'-2½" across the long jump pit warranted a whole page and is the photograph by which posterity will remember Mexico 1968—and by which Belgravians will be reminded that winning races is not the only way of bringing fame to Belgrave.



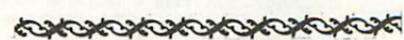
LEFT: Temu (Ken) beat Wolde (Eth) to win the 10,000 metres.

TOP: Doubell (Aust) wins the 800m from favourite Kiprigut (Ken)

CENTRE: Keino (Ken) beats Ryun (USA) by a 'street' to take 1500m.

BOTTOM: The medallist the Americans rated second only to Beamon; Britain's Dave Hemery caught in flight down the final straight of the 400 metres hurdles in a world record of 48.1 seconds.

CENTRE: The scoop of them all! Bob Beamon (USA) soars to his fantastic world record of 29'-2½".



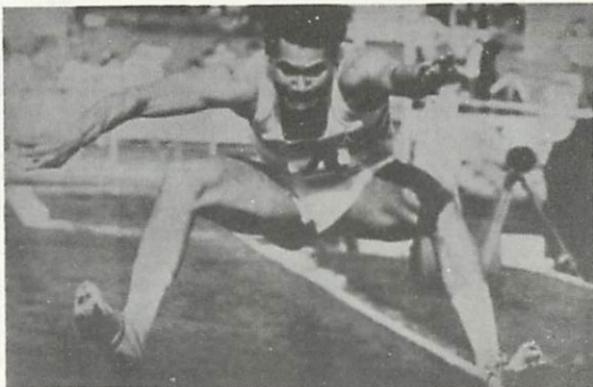


MEXICO 68



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What was Mexico like for the competitors? What did they know about their rivals before the big day and what did they think of them afterwards? Views must have changed very quickly, many times. Our own DEREK BOOSEY never expected the record breaking triple-jump final to be quite so fantastic---a final he missed so narrowly. But as he writes of his experience he remarks"---I must now work very hard".



On arrival in the Olympic village, I decided to get into a daily routine. As the qualifying rounds were scheduled for 10 a.m. I decided to have breakfast at 6.30 a.m. and commence my training at 9 a.m. This was essential for me, as I find it very difficult to jump well in the morning.

Before the Games opened I never saw the village track deserted; there was always somebody training and the 'rush' hours were between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Naturally, I spent my time observing the triple jumpers when I was not doing anything specific myself. Gentile, who was to surprise most people with a world record in the qualifying rounds, did not impress me in his training. He had his thigh heavily strapped up, but I think it was only psychological, as he did not appear to be injured. According to Starzynski, Joseph Schmidtz's coach, Gentile had spent a considerable time in Poland last winter 'working out' with the Polish squad.

In the qualifying rounds the conditions could have been called ideal, except for a slight head wind. It was a warm, sunny morning and considering the time of the day there were a considerable number of enthusiastic spectators. I had no trouble with my run up but ruined my first round by hopping and stepping too far which resulted in a very poor last phase, giving me only 49'5". In the second round I moved up to 52'5", but still felt that I was not 'getting up' for the last phase. Then just before I took my last round Gentile caused quite a stir by jumping 56'1/4" for a new world record. His run up was not impressive and neither was his hop - but then he bounced into a big step and his last phase was really huge - surely it must have been close to 21'? Next round I took my last jump but as usual my last phase let me down. The figure '16' went up on the score board, and so did my hopes, only to be dashed in the next moment when the figure one centimetre was lit up - nine centimetres (3 3/4") short of the qualifying distance of 52'10". Then came a tense twenty minutes wait as no one was sure how many had qualified and whether there was a chance that the best 'failures' would make the last twelve. Unfortunately for me, thirteen qualified and I was placed sixteenth. At that time I was very disappointed but on reflection I don't feel so bad, just the thought that I must now work very hard.

The triple jump final was just fantastic. It is described very well in Athletics Weekly, so I will just mention one or two observations I made. Sanejev the Russian looked very strong and was very consistent. Even on his 57'0 3/4" he still had about six inches to spare. Prudencio the Brazilian is a very fast, bouncy jumper. He did not look like a weight-trained athlete, and if this is the case, there is definitely room for improvement. Gentile was very unlucky; first a world record in the qualifying rounds followed by another world record in the first round of the final; he surely must have thought it was 'in the bag'. In my opinion Art Walker (U.S.) was the best jumper, but not once did he hit the board, and his final effort of 56'2" was really worth about 57'10" from take-off to landing. Dudkin was the typical Russian technician with bags of strength. Phil May, the Australian, jumped exceptionally well. His last phase let him down, so it seems he also has lots of room for improvement. He is tall and

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MEXICO 68

For some time former co-Editor DAVE MITCHELL has been threatening to go into print, but it never seemed to happen---until the Mexico Olympics that is. The Games has prompted his call for change, but is it the right one?. Our cross-country and road runners will probably not like it but, as Charlie Walker would say, "What do you think?".

Now the Mexico Olympics are over. Now the post mortems will begin. Apart from that glorious 400m hurdles final and possibly Whetton's determined running in the 1500m, Britain made little or no impression in any of the finals. The tragedy is that nobody ever really expected Britons to do well. Of course we expected the explosive events to be dominated by the big powerful Americans. We all knew that the altitude problem would inhibit and handicap the unacclimatised athletes. Performances from Hines, Carlos, Evans and company confirmed the former and our fears over the altitude question were supported not only by abysmal British performances but also by below par efforts by 'greats' such as Ryun, Roelants and Haase. Are we convinced, however, that if the Olympiad had taken place on the shores of the Dead Sea we would have improved our gold reserves? Did our sprinters even look world class? Where was the Brightwell strength and the Metcalfe flair in the one lap event? Then, even allowing the criminal handicap of altitude running, can we in any way equate Messrs Herriot, Taylor and Blinston with the Tbbotsons, Piries and Norrises of little more than a decade ago.

The simple answer, of course, is that relatively we have improved our times less rapidly than almost all other nations. Strangely enough the U.S.S.R. seems to be in very much the same boat at the moment. Also of course, ignoring Mexico, many of the new stars are from the newly emerging African and Central American states with their great natural speed and strength. But why is it that Australia can produce Ralph Doubell almost out of the blue (certainly out of season) and our representatives in the same event (shades of Derek Johnson) run like novices? Although Dave Hemery acknowledged his debt to Harrow's Fred Housden and although he may have been home grown he was certainly ripened in the American collegiate hot house. Not that that lessened the thrill of seeing the Union Jack at the masthead for a change.

So we come down to the system. The old professional versus amateur argument. One T.V. commentator (I.T.V. not Auntie) accused our athletes of lacking dedication. My comments at this were unprintable (but I am fortunately speaking to my wife again). Anybody who turns out in our climate for cross-country runs, practices pole-vaulting at Footing Bec or runs the roads because he hasn't a local track must be dedicated. It's not the athletes, neither let me hasten to add is it the officials, who are to blame. It's the system.

What is the system? Basically it's a set up consisting of about 4,000 clubs of all sizes producing the best cross-country and road runners in depth in the world. Perhaps we ought to reinstate cross-country as an Olympic event! Certainly our system, our approach and our facilities are not geared to track and field events. Personally I've always felt that most athletes in this country regard the track season as that pleasant lull between the National and next season, or to Belgravians of any age at all, between the Brightons. Cross-country is organised - of course it's easier. You all go out, in any weather, and run. In the summer the edge seems to go - very little is organised by way of specialist training. Where do most of the coaches go in summer anyway?

At last I think I know what I'm trying to say. Let's throw cross-country and road running out of the window. They're fine in their own way - excellent training, marvellous for producing stamina, determination etc. But none of these qualities will ever compensate for speed. At Mexico we were represented in the 1500m by two steady plodders and one nippy finisher (providing it's a slow first 1400m).

If we want to be revolutionary how about changing our name from Belgrave Harriers to Belgrave Comets or Belgrave Bombers. Munich 1972 will be tough, times will be fast and they won't be won on Wimbledon Common but on the tracks of Hurlingham and Battersea. Let's set targets. Not to win 'n' trophies but to have 10 men inside 51 secs for the quarter or 4:10 for the mile. Coaches must be in the van of this revolution. Not necessarily coaches brought up in the old world of repetition 70 second laps but motivators prepared to handle a small group of athletes who can work as a group and develop the competitive instinct. Cross-country breeds sufferance and patience, we want temperament and aggression. We don't need professional athletes but we do need athletes with a professional attitude. Otherwise in 1972 we won't have anybody in the Olympic finals.

lean with a 10.4 second 100 metres to his credit. Schmidt the 'old man' came through with an excellent 55'5" - he is the perfect technician. Mansour Dia, the 6' 8" negro from Senegal, can be relied on to jump 54" any time. He is slow but has fairly good rhythm: his 54'10" would have given him a silver medal in 1964, but was only good enough for 8th place. The conditions were superb; brilliant warm sunshine and a strong wind in favour.

ROAD RUNNING

Once again the time of the year has arrived when we enter the quiet period for road running. This time we can look back on a fairly successful season over distances up to 10 miles but have yet to make that major break through in the 20's and marathons. However, our placings in this year's Poly Marathon suggested this could be around the corner, and if Pat O'Connor can retain the tremendous improvement he has shown this autumn he may well join Trevor Hart and Lionel Mann to form our strongest and most well balanced team for some time. We must not, of course, forget Charlie Dabbs who, if he can free himself of injury, may well come back to show them all a thing or two.

Whilst 'name dropping' for hopes of future successes we must not forget those such as Messrs. Hall, Bonser, Mathews, Baker, etc. - a band of stalwarts who with Lionel have travelled many expensive miles this season to take part in some gruelling events and have made sure that Belgrave has been represented far and near.

Also, congratulations to Geoff Pearson who this year 'became of age' by running his 21st Poly Marathon - surely a record which will take some beating.

Having aced over 300 miles on the road this season, Lionel Mann received his just reward for such enthusiasm by being elected Vice Captain at the A.G.M. Having just received an addition to his family around this time (and with Charlie Dabbs and Gordon Biscoe old bachelors) he was probably considered just the person to keep a fatherly eye on some of our runners.

G.I.B.

Results

SHAPTESBURY 10m - 10th August

1. R. Richardson (B'heath)	49:01	94. J. Hilton (Bels)	63:21
2. Gerry North (Bels)	50:01	95. W. Mathews (Bels)	63:25
6. L. Mann (Bels)	51:40	97. D. Bonser (Bels)	63:38
57. J. Hall (Bels)	58:01	113. P. Pringle (Bels)	68:40

(123 finished) BELGRAVE 'A' - 6th

WORTHING 10m - 10th August

1. B. Collins (L.R.C.)	55:10
3. T. Hart (Bels)	55:47
26. G. Piddington (Bels)	70:21

MORRIS MOTORS 7m (COWLEY) - 17th August

1. Gerry North (Bels)	33:18
(New course record)	

SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS 30m - 7th September

1. J. Newsome	2:50:59
14. L. Mann (Bels)	3:17:17

SOUTHALL 10m - 21st September

1. I. Mackintosh (Ran)	57:15
32. J. Hall (Bels)	61:09
43. D. Bonser (Bels)	63:46

(54 finished)

R.R.C. TRACK 25 - 19th October

1. E. Austin (Wores)	2:10:48
6. L. Mann (Bels)	2:23:49

Winner - World's best performance which clips over 6 minutes off BELGRAVIAN BARRY SAWYER'S 5years old record.

HARLOW MARATHON - 26th October, 1968

1. B. Watson (Bournemouth)	2:19:09
50. G. Pearson (Belgrave)	3:01:25

(73 finished)

READING POLICE 10m - 17th August

1. B. Bacon (Reading)	48:45
10. L. Mann (Bels)	51:01
56. J. Hall (Bels)	55:50
73. J. Baker (Bels)	57:07
92. D. Bonser (Bels)	60:45

(126 starters)

GREENWICH 10m - 19th September

1. M. Tagg (Nor. G)	51:19
7. L. Mann (Bels)	56:50
18. J. Brown (Bels)	59:43
34. J. Baker (Bels)	62:40
38. J. Hilton (Bels)	63:28
48. G. Pearson (Bels)	65:23
49. D. Bonser (Bels)	66:10
53. K. Stimpson (Bels)	67:17

(80 starters) Belgrave - 3rd team

PIDDINGTON SPECIALS

UITSLAG VAN DE 25 Km (HOLLAND) - 17th August

51. G. Piddington (Bels)	1:48:24
(71 finished)	

HULL 20 - September 21st

23. G. Piddington (Bels)	2:19:15
(44 ran)	

53. B. Mathews (Belgrave)	3:03:25
62. D. Bonser (")	3:08:21



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Fellow runners could this eventually be you? - Have you ever considered the future? - What is life like when you no longer get those 'You have been selected' cards? - No longer get those individual and team pots - When the London to Brighton Relay is only a distant memory. Think on these things and act now!! Please be generous this Christmas and send your donations to:

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TANSWELL '10'

Lionel Mann reports:

The inaugural ten mile road race for the "Harry Tanswell memorial trophy" was held from Gloucester Park, Basildon, Essex on Sunday, 15th September, 1968.

The weather was a trifle wet and the conditions in which the race was to be run were so poor due to the rainfall being so heavy that a new course had to be mapped out by the organisers, who showed great resilience and determination in enabling the race to commence at all.

Eventually nearly fifty athletes (aqua-lungs, snorkles and flippers were ruled out!) came under starter's orders to splash their way through ten very wet miles of Essex roadways; the course was nearly always ankle deep, often knee deep and at one unforgettable pool - waist high. To coin a phrase, it made Wimbledon Common seem like an arid desert. Nevertheless the Belgrave Aqua-Harriers remained damply undeterred. Gerry North surfaced in first place with Lionel Mann and Bill Dance in seventh or ninth places claiming the 'Tanswell Trophy' for Belgrave.

1. G. North	Belgrave	51.05	1. Belgrave	17 pts.
2. I. Mackintosh	Ranalagh	51.26	2. T.V.H.	19 pts.
3. P. Cannwell	Ilford	52.00	3. Southgate	52 pts
7. L. Mann	Belgrave	53.50		
9. W. Dance	Belgrave	54.09		
26. J. Hall	Belgrave	59.18		
41. P. Pringle	Belgrave	67.23		

P.S. Bill Dance won an umbrella, so at least arrived home in the dry.

WALTON A.C. 10m - 19th October, 1968

1. M. Hyman	(Portsmouth)	48:21	78. G. Piddington	{Belgrave}	60:56
13.P. O'Connor	{Belgrave}	50:39	81. P. Pringle	{ " }	61:08
43.W. Kerr	{ " }	55:34	85. D. Bonser	{ " }	61:48
52.J. Hall	{ " }	56:37	92. R. Beaumont	{ " }	65:38
77. C. Henn	{ " }	60:45	(100 finished)		

All members are asked to note March 29th in their diaries. This is the day of the BELGRAVE and SOUTHERN ROAD RELAY. Dozens of marksmen and other helpers will be needed to assist Bill Lucas. Note the date and let him have your offer of help---whoever you are.

WALKING

LONDON - BRIGHTON WIN

September 7th - 43rd London to Brighton

No other race can compare with the 'Brighton' that unique stretch of road linking Westminster Bridge and Brighton Pier, a race which is both loved and feared by those taking part, famous wherever athletes gather and the centre of countless stories of courage and endurance. Belgrave have their share of heroes Tommy Green four times winner, Norman Guilman won it, L.C.Allen and Harry Shields won the veteran's award, Ray Hall one of six men who have bettered the magical eight hour barrier and George Beecham holder of more winning team medals than any other man. Towering above these great performers stand the achievements of one man who made this race his own DON THOMPSON. 2nd in 1954, 1965 and 1968, 1st a fantastic nine times. The Mighty Mouse has broken eight hours no less than ten times and his 1957 record of 7:35:12 still stands. Now that Don has retired we can look forward to greater variety at the top - and back on the most magnificent distance career ever.

For this year's race we fielded our winning Hastings team strengthened by the addition of Bob Farley and John Keown. Lined up against us was a strong Bristol combination and a Surrey team which although weaker than in previous years was potentially troublesome. The leading group were quickly away with Young and Lightman making much of the early pace, Eley and Thompson sitting in. Further back Pat Duncan seemed happy to let things go for a while, Dave King and Bob were well up with George Beecham and John settling in to build the team foundations. Insurance policy Bernard Eglinton was not up to his usual form and for him the road was long. At Croydon the leading group began to break up Eley taking the lead with Fogg dropping back. At the half way stage Pat had moved into sixth position and as Lightman retired he really piled on the pressure through his home county to a personal best time, third place overall and his third consecutive win in the Belgrave Cup Championship. In the team race Bristol challenged hard but were held off by the sustained walking of Dave and Bob. George, safe as ever, fought a rearguard action to complete the scoring four enabling us to retain our title by 3 points. Support from other Belgravians was fantastic, Captain Ray Hall, Charlie MacLennan, Carl Lawton, Brian Ward, Johnny Morris, Steve Brown, The Wilson brothers as well as many others all played a part on this hot day. At Dale Hill Bob Coates and John Moullin were out encouraging the boys and having a crafty look at what it will be like when they take part next year.

Result: B.Eley	Bristol	8.00.50	9. G.Farley	Belgrave	9.13.55
2.D.Thompson	Met WC	8.18.00	18. G.Beecham	" "	9.37.15
3.P.Duncan	Belgrave	8.23.24	21. J.Keown	" "	9.46.28
7.D.King	" "	9.06.04	39. B.Eglinton	" "	10.18.25

Team: 1. Belgrave (2,3,5,14) 24 Points
 2. Bristol (1,7,9,10) 27 Points
 3. Surrey (4,11,15,17) 47 Points

September 14th - Morecambe Open 20 Kilos.

In his best race ever Carl Lawton powered past none other the Ronny Wallwork to record 99.02 for a slightly short 20. Pat Duncan was close behind in 100.24.

LUGANO

November 3rd - Lugano International 100 Kilometres

Pat Duncan found himself the solitary upholder of British distance walking, without attendant but with last year's bitter memory to erase Pat took the first 50 Kilos at a steady 4hrs 57 mins. With 14 miles to go Lindberg (5th in Mexico) was 20 minutes clear from Pat in third place. The incessant rain continued as our man relentlessly pursued the leaders. At 60 Miles the Swiss Champion fell to the long-striding Belgravian but it was too late. Lindberg finished first by five minutes with Pat second having covered the last 15 miles $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour faster than anyone else.

Result: 1. S.Lindberg	Sweden	10:15:39	40 Started from 7 Nations
2. P.Duncan	UK	10:20:56	there were 28 retirements
3. M.Aeberhard	Switzerland	10:24:17	mainly because of the cold

LONDON & BRIGHTON PHOTOS by Charlie MacLennan

TOP LEFT: Pat Duncan BOTTOM LEFT: Dave King. BOTTOM RIGHT: Bob Farley
 TOP RIGHT: The nicest attendant on the road. The 'savage' with her is---er---er---er---some bloke called Lawton--we think!



September 28th - Highgate One Hour Meeting

Belgrave's outstanding performance came from Will Wesch who ripped through the laps to cover 7 Miles 281 Yards, and finished third in section 'C'. Belgrave finished third in the team event.

Result: L.Duquemin	7 Miles	1279 Yards
J.Moullin	7 "	676 "
G.Cameron	7 "	610 "
P.Duncan	7 "	568 "
C.Lawton	7 "	532 "
W.Wesch	7 "	281 "
B.Ward	6 "	1573 "
J.Capener	6 "	1558 "
D.Fotheringham	6 "	1531 "
A.East	6 "	165 "
C.MacLennan	5 "	1536 "
J.Wilson	5 "	1390 "
P.Wilson	5 "	1123 "
J.Scammell	5 "	975 "
S.Brown	5 "	383 "

Team: 1. Leicester	39
2. Highgate	61
3. Belgrave	81



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WILL WESCH

THE OPENING FIVEOctober 5th.

Len Duquemin moved straight into a lead which he increased throughout the race his winning 37.23 was also fast enough to give him first place in the handicap. John Moullin finished second, behind him an unexpectedly fast Pat Duncan. In a 9 a side Match with the Police Belgrave finished 19 points clear.

Result: 1. L.Duquemin	Bels	37.23	14. T.Cook	Bels	47.21
2. J.Moullin	"	38.40	15. A.East	"	48.03
3. P.Duncan	"	39.21	16. B.Eglinton	"	49.24
4. A.Ross	MPAA	39.34	17. D.Holmes	MPAA	49.51
5. C.Lawton	Bels	40.55	18. A.Hinchcliff	Bels	49.55
6. L.Taylor	MPAA	42.41	19. I.Fairman	"	50.23
7. P.Duckett	Bels	43.15	20. C.MacLennan	"	50.34
8. J.Clifton	MPAA	44.00	21. J.Wilson	"	50.39
9. R.Hall	Bels	44.00	22. C.Gittens	"	51.00
10. K.Chamberlain	MPAA	45.20	23. S.Brown	"	53.01
11. J.Keown	Bels	45.26	24. P.Wilson	"	53.01
12. P.Burling	MPAA	46.11	25. J.Scammell	"	53.14
13. G.Mathieson	MPAA	46.37	26. A.Day	MPAA	57.39

Team: Belgrave Harriers 67 Points MPAA 86 Points.

October 12th. Calne Six Miles.**Result:**

1. P.Fullager	Basildon	44.12	12. J.Moullin	Belgrave	47.22
2. P.Thorn	Trowbridge	45.08	18. C.Lawton	"	48.33
3. W.Sutherland	Highgate	45.22	19. P.Duncan	"	48.42
6. L.Duquemin	Belgrave	46.24	38. W.Wesch	"	50.35
			69. B.Eglinton	"	54.15

Team 1. Highgate (2,10,11,18)	41
2. Leicester (3,8,14,17)	42
3. Belgrave (5,9,15,16)	45

In the Leicester Open '7' Gerry Cameron led the Belgrave contingent home in a classy 55.32. Gerry is in the process of moving to Swindon but we will be needing performances like this in 1969 to keep our place at the top.

August 31st - Enfield '5'

1. J.Webb	Basildon	37.13	7. C.Lawton	Belgrave	41.33
2. K.Easlea	Enfield	39.56	13. W.Wesch	"	44.37
3. A.Buchanan	Brighton	40.07			

NATIONAL JUNIOR

October 19th - RWA National Junior Championship at Manchester

For the first time for some years Belgrave were able to field a team for the Junior 5 Mile championship. Carl Lawton led the boys home followed by Brian Ward with newcomer Paul Duckett breathing down his neck only $\frac{1}{2}$ a minute down. Paul still has three years to go as a junior and on his present form there will be few to beat him in a year or two. Belgrave finished fourth in the team race.

Result: 1. R.Mills	Ilford	37.14	10. C.Lawton	Belgrave	40.05
2. P.Bannan	Boundary	37.24	24. B.Ward	" "	42.20
3. P.Embleton	Met WC	37.39	26. P.Duckett	" "	42.55

HIGHGATE 7

October 26th

A good Belgrave turnout for the first of the '7's saw Len Duquemin take first place and lead the team in first as well. Cameron and Wesch walked well but were edged out by Carl Lawton as fourth scorer.

Result 1. L.Duquemin	Belgrave	54.03	5. J.Moullin	Belgrave	55.15
2. A.Buchanan	Brighton	54.11	7. R.Middleton	" "	55.38
3. B.Armstrong	Ilford	54.14	14. C.Lawton	" "	56.46

Team: 1. Belgrave 20 Pts 2. Highgate 38 Pts 3. Surrey 68 Pts

November 2nd - Match versus Police and Civil Service at Imber Court,

Most notable for the return to competition of Eric Hall, be a great fillip to the boys to have Eric back permanently, who has lost none of his style and only some of his speed.

Result: 1. L.Duquemin	Belgrave	52.15	21. B.Capener	Bels	59.37
2. D.Vale	Civil Service	52.57	26. D.Fotheringham	"	59.55
3. R.Middleton	" "	53.10	28. P.Duckett	"	60.55
5. J.Moullin	Belgrave	54.30	29. R.Hall	"	62.05
9. C.Lawton	" "	56.47	38. B.Eglinton	"	63.56
10. W.Wesch	" "	57.08	45. J.Keown	"	65.18
17. E.Hall	" "	58.46	63. J.Wilson	"	71.07
20. B.Ward	" "	59.10	68. S.Brown	"	74.11
			69. P.Wilson	"	74.11

ENFIELD 7

November 9th

Dominated by John Webb and Bob Hughes who were both fresh from Mexico the Bels were not up for individual honours but managed the team race without trouble. Ray Middleton is coming back after his rest and Carl Lawton turned in his first sub 56 minute '7'.

Result: 1. J.Webb	Basildon	50.20	10. R.Middleton	Belgrave	53.50
2. R.Hughes	RSC	50.34	13. J.Moullin	" "	53.56
3. P.Fullager	Basildon	51.21	23. C.Lawton	" "	55.52
7. L.Duquemin	Belgrave	53.20	43. P.Duncan	" "	58.06
			51. B.Ward	" "	59.24
			61. D.Fotheringham	" "	60.16
			65. R.Hall	" "	61.03
			84. B.Eglinton	" "	63.08
			121. J.Wilson	" "	70.28
			125. P.Wilson	" "	71.18
			131. S.Brown	" "	75.00
			132. J.Scammell	" "	75.41

Team: 1. Belgrave	42 Points
2. Basildon	67 " "
3. Highgate	70 " "

G.L.C. Result, cont'd from page 47

1. Belgrave Harriers (1,5,14,15)	35 pts.	1. Gerry North (Belgrave)	31:26
2. Blackheath Harriers (2,11,12,22)	47 pts.	2. R. Richardson (B'heath)	31:46
3. Hercules/Wimbledon A.C(4,6,9,35)	54 pts.	3. M. Absolem (Eton Manor)	31:58

Team: North (1), Fairclough (6), O'Hara (16), O'Connor (17), Major (21), Hart (24), Donnison (27), Mann (31)

A COUNTRYMAN'S JOTTINGS ●●●●●●●●●●

What a great start to the season! Four wins in our first four races-- and this after a mediocre road-relay season. The first league race, the Priory Cross-country relay, the South of Thames 'Junior' and the London Championships all produced wins far more convincing than we expected.

The South of Thames victory was a sight for sore eyes, with four Belgrave vests in the first eight. Not since 1945, when our 'A' team scored 1,2,3,13 (19pts) and our 'B' team 5,7,17,26 (65 pts) have we produced such a performance. The odd thing is, that Bill Lucas is still the last man to take the individual title (1946): but he has only held this distinction by the skin of his teeth for, since then, a Belgravian has finished runner-up on no less than six occasions---the unlucky fellows being:-

C.W. Walker	1949	G. Flanagan	1957
P. Newell	1952	M. Thorpe	1965
P. Bagnall	1953	P. O'Connor	1960

Perhaps Bill will present a special award to our next winner!--- I've a hunch it will be another Bill---Bill Curtin.

As I mentioned in the March issue, it is sad that Bill Dance should have returned to the North. His desire to remain first claim and run for us, when he can, reflects his devotion to Belgrave and his enthusiasm for our team efforts. However, with a useful club like Longwood Harriers on his doorstep, we would not wish him to sacrifice his own athletic interests for the sake of the long range loyalty.

The news of Bill's departure had hardly percolated through the Club before we received the equally disappointing news that Roger Donnison will have moved to Exeter before the end of the year. Roger has been showing some good form of late and his eighth place in the South of Thames would seem to herald his best ever cross-country season. He also, like a true Belgravian, intends to support the Club at every opportunity, but is also alive to the fact that such sentiments become tarnished with time---particularly as our team have to fight for their places week by week.

The 'loss' of Bill and Roger has been compensated for by the acquisition of two Antipodeans, Kelly Diprose and Bob Smith. Kelly is a Kiwi and Bob a Kangaroo (or is it a Wallaby?). Both have fitted into the scheme of things as though they have been with us for years, and their enthusiasm is just the brand we like. Kelly has a 4:06 mile to his credit and Bob a 13:46 three miles. They are not yet fully fit, but still finished 5th and 6th in the South of Thames. With competition for places now hotter than ever the rest of the lads are really on their mettle.

The cross country secretary tells me that there are still a large number of members to whom selection cards are sent who do not let him know if they are unable to attend. It is extremely difficult to sort out teams--- particularly for relays where we are running three or four teams---if the

secretary is not aware who to expect. It would also be helpful if everyone arrived at the venue at least thirty minutes prior to the time of starting as team declarations have to be made in good time. Late arrival is also unfair to the reserves who warm-up in expectation of having to race, only to see the latecomer appear at the last minute. Remember! 30 MINUTES before the start.

And here is the man himself working out the '52' result at Belgrave Hall. Please don't give him any more grey hairs!

Photo: Ron Linstead



NORTH SURREY LEAGUE

Seniors/Juniors

Wimbledon - October 26th

One of our best ever starts - and what a surprise! Hercules-Wimbledon had recently beaten us in four consecutive road relays, and whilst we thought we had the edge we hardly expected to score only half the number of placing points as our nearest rivals. With 10 in 23 we totted up a lowest ever 124 points and go in the second race at Lloyd Park on December 14th with a useful lead.

Gerry North bided his time on the first lap, lying handily within reach of the leading bunch, and then took the lead halfway round the final circuit for a comfortable win. The next five, including Tony Fairclough, finished in a bunch before the fast improving Kelly Diprose led in the remainder 20 seconds further back. Then came the Belgrave rush that left the forward placing Donnison and Hart (24th and 29th) outside of our scoring 10! It was good to see our road running twins, Mann and O'Connor, showing their worth in the mud. They should be even more of a force when the 'nines' come round.

Result:

1. Gerry North	(Bels)	28:18	10. J. Thresher	(Bels)	29:10
2. M. Gowan	(H.H.H.)	28:40	12. L. Mann	"	29:18
3. D. Smallbone	(Mit)	28:41	13. R. Piotrowski	"	29:19
4. B. Collins	(H/W)	28:42	16. P. O'Connor	"	29:24
5. A. Fairclough	(Bels)	28:43	18. Geoff North	"	29:32
6. D. Holt	(H/W)	28:44	19. A. Major	"	29:39
7. K. Diprose	(Bels)	29:04	23. B. Smith	"	29:47
24.R. Donnison		29:50	91. C. Walker		33:56
29.T. Hart		30:10	92. C. Pearson		34:07
45.J. Dear		31:00	93. C. Henn		34:08
49.J. Rimmer		31:12	96. N. Bacon		34:23
70.C. Calderwood		32:19	101. M. McNair		34:36
76.D. Brew		32:46	103. P. Pringle		34:52
79.B. Gorman		32:56	104. D. Hurd		35:08
82.B. Glover		33:03	105. McMeekin		35:18
88. D. Maclean		33:37	109. W. Fairfield		35:52
89.B. Merry		33:45	110. J. Martin		36:04
			111. G. Piddington		36:18
			114. P. Smith		36:41
			115. P. Gee		36:43
			118. K. Stimpson		36:54
			119. R. Conway		37:30
			120. D. Trow		38:17
			123. D. Stroud		38:32
			128. C. Manning		39:48
			133. J.V. Baker		41:37
			134. E. Stimpson		42:07

Teams:

1. Belgrave Harriers	1,5,7,10,12,13,16,18,19,23	124 points
2. Hercules/Wimbledon A.C.	4,6,22,24,25,29,30,34,36,38,	248 points
3. Mitcham A.C.	3,9,11,21,26,27,32,47,53,54,	283 points
4. Ranalah	8,15,27,33,37,43,49,52,63,64	381 points
5. Herne Hill Harriers	2,40,41,42,44,48,55,56,59,61	448 points
6. Walton A.C.	20,35,39,45,46,50,57,58,60,62	472 points
7. Croydon A.C.	14,28,31,51,65,66,67,68,69,70	529 points

BELS RETAIN 'REIGATE'

Priory Relays, 2nd November, 1968

On a very cold and miserable day Belgrave set out to win this race for the second year in succession.

Gerry North set up a new lap record of 12:42.0 which contributed in no small way to the boys winning again, and John Bicourt, running in our 'B' team since he has not appeared much lately, was our second fastest man of the day leading the first leg home.

Results:	1. Belgrave H. (A)	79.32	15. Belgrave H. (B)	87.27
	2. Mitcham A.C.(A)	79.47	29. Belgrave H. (D)	96.00
	3. Reading A.C.(A)	80.10		

Teams:

- A. Major (13.15), Diprose (13.29), Gerry North (12.42), Piotrowski (13.32), Fairclough (13.2), Thresher (13.32)
- B. Bicourt (13.1), Donnison (13.36), Rimmer (14.21), Calderwood (15.15) Gorman (15.35), Kelly (15.54)
- C. Glover (15.30), Hillier (15.5), McNair (15.12) Keavey (15.25) Trow (16.31) (5 laps only - non finishers)
- D. Fairfield (16.9), Biscoe (16.9) Maclean (15.10), Pringle (16.27), Pearson, C (15.56), Henn (16.9)

Victory in SOUTH of THAMES

South of Thames Junior Team Race, November 9th, 1968

It was a sight for sore eyes to see five Belgrave vests well placed after the first mile and although John Dear, one of the five, was forced to fall back the claret and gold of the remaining four kept well to the fore right to the end. Mitcham looked as though they might swamp us at one time but their young and inexperienced runners could not keep up the pressure and fell away in the latter stages of the race.

Pat O'Connor kept up his new found form by running a very sensible race which at one time gave the Belgrave supporters a hope of an individual win, but the superior speed of a young lad from Brighton who had set a stiff pace throughout kept him in front and Pat had to be content with second. It is not since 1946 when our cross country secretary won this race that we have found an individual winner although we have had a number of placed runners in the meantime.

It was pleasing to see the forceful running of our two new boys from 'down under'. We already knew about Kelly Diprose, having seen him in action in the North Surrey League and in the Dudley to Bridgenorth relay earlier, but we knew little or nothing about Bob Smith who is in this country for a time as a dentist in Croydon. Bob like Kelly is a fighter and many of our regular runners will have to look to their laurels if they are to keep their places in the Southern and National teams in 1969. Competition for team selection can lead only to success in the major races.

Roger Donnison is to be congratulated on his best cross country run to date in Belgrave colours.

Result:	1. BELGRAVE H.	(2,5,6,8)	21 pts	24. Belgrave H. (B)	485 pts
	2. Mitcham A.C.		67 pts	31. Belgrave H. (C)	727 pts
	3. Reading A.C.		72 pts	38. Belgrave H. (D)	869 pts

Individual:	1. Standing (Brighton and Hove A.C.)	25.04
	2. P. O'Connor (Belgrave)	25.12

Teams: A. O'Connor (2) Diprose (5) Smith (6) Donnison (8), Rimmer (66) Dear (70) Hillar (171) Calderwood (181)

B. Brew (101) Howell (118) Gorman (132) Keavey 134, McNair (143) Glover (149) Kelly (157) Maclean (205)

C. Pearson, C (164) Hurd (179) Martin (191) Fairfield (193) Merry (198) Henn (202)

D. Pringle (204) Beaumont (214) Piddington (215) Stroud (236) Plummer (251)

G.L.C. ~ A BELGRAVE HAT-TRICK

G.L.C. Cross Country Championship - Parliament Hill Fields - November 23rd, 1968

In the face of strong opposition and on a course very soft and spongy Gerry North retained his individual championship and Belgrave took the team race for the third year in a row.

We were prominent throughout and it was encouraging to see our boys moving up late in the race with our scoring four in the first seventeen places and the whole of our 'A' team home by the 31st position.

At the end of the first lap Gerry had a fifty yard lead having been headed only by John Roberts for a short period at about two miles. Tony Fairclough in inimitable style was seventh and Adrian Major and Laurie O'Hara were 16th and 17th. Trevor Hart and our new star of 1968, Pat O'Connor, were close up and looking dangerous, and round the second lap Pat gained a number of places to move up into our scoring four. Adrian faded a little over the last mile but Laurie O'Hara who we have seen infrequently in the past few weeks kept going well to hold his place. Roger Donnison (27th) and Lionel Mann (31st) ran well and will be a tower of strength to our teams this year.

We also finished a 'B' team which finished well down but it was pleasing to see Bryan Buxton in operation again. His 57th place was not outstanding but it will not be long I am sure before he is back amongst our regular first team runners.

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BACK COVER (Photo: Ron Linstead) -- Bill Curtin, nearest camera, crouches down in preparation for the G.L.C. Youths 880yds Championship in which he finished second.

