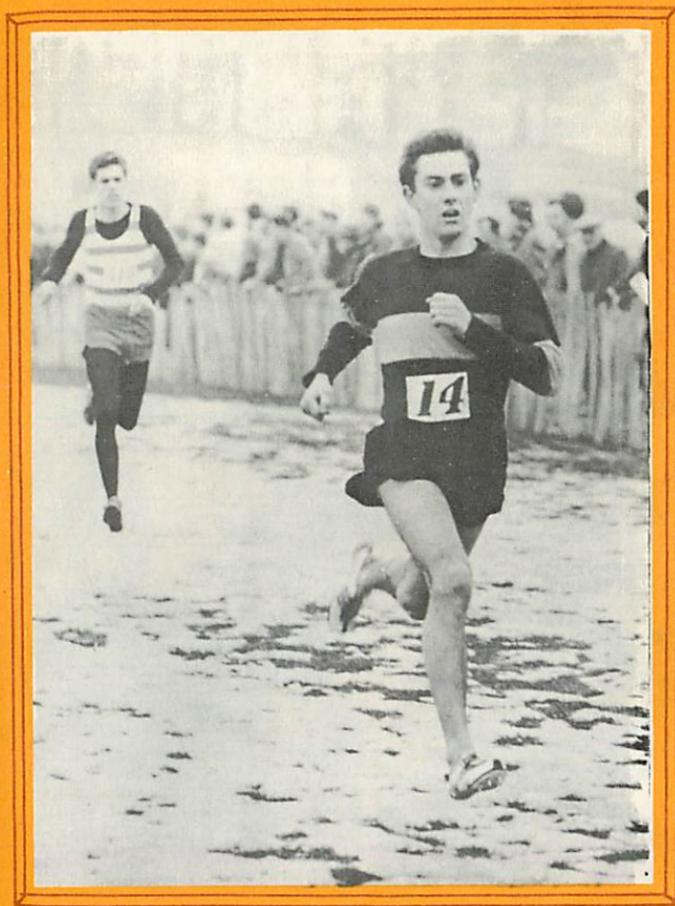


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FRONT ISPIREER: (Ed. Lacey) The Children's Party—quiet for a few seconds—
Group around Father Christmas (Arthur Penny)

FRONT COVER: (Ed. Lacey) John Biscourt finishes 3rd in the Southern Youths
Championship at Parliament Hill, just ahead of Roskilly
(Woodford).



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The New Year was heralded in by the announcement that British field athletes were to benefit from a generous £10,000 grant by Messrs. Courage, Barclay and Simonds Ltd. to boost jumping and throwing standards over the next five years. Athletics Weekly commented "----it will certainly be a great help to many athletes and give them every chance to reach the top IF THE RIGHT MATERIAL IS THERE". Is the right material, in fact, finding it's way to the National team? The B.A.A.B. use the Athletic Clubs of this country as their source for Internationals but to whom must the Clubs look for their material? Mainly, of course, the schools. It is this end of the scale that needs the attention. Every schoolboy plays soccer or rugby but how many have had the opportunity of pole-vaulting or even seeing a hammer? How many good-class rugby players have ever handled a shot or discus?-- They might have well missed their true vocation.

When the majority of schools in this country can field a team of two strings in all recognised events then the real cream will surely filter through to the top. Army units can find 2 men per event for the Inter-Unit Team Championships, and from the rawest of materials too, so the schools surely can. If 100 boys all throw the hammer for the first time, however crudely it may be, the best two or three are very likely to follow up their prowess if given the right encouragement. The seeds of enthusiasm must already be sown before a youngster will join an athletic club to improve his ability and seek competition. The field events sections of most Athletic Clubs are in dire need of recruits,--and it is upon school-leavers that most clubs depend. The number of Clubs in this country that can field 2 men in all field events can be counted on the fingers of one hand. It is no wonder that the National team suffers in turn.

If all schools, particularly those at the lower levels, would take a bigger interest in field events then they would be doing as big a service to the sport as the "Courage Awards". Perhaps our schoolteacher members are the best equipped to campaign for this end.

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## THE CHILDREN'S PARTY

JANUARY 6th - BELGRAVE HALL

Crackers, jellies, balloons, sweets, ice-cream, cakes - games with 'Uncle' Bill Lucas and 'Uncle' Bob Taylor - music, dancing, more sweets, more balloons and, inevitably, more and more noise! Phew! Training is needed for this type of event just as much as the athletic kind and, thanks to Ted Pallan and his social committee, everything was kept under some sort of control by the many adult helpers.

The deafening din reached a crescendo when the puppet show got under way and 'Mr. Punch' went home eventually with an inferiority complex - there is no hope for the clown. When the conjuror had finished his penal task, there was barely time to clear the chairs away before the floor was taken by the children once more. More noise. Then silence!

Father 'Nutt' Christmas had arrived. The children watched his slow plod with an air of apprehension as though they feared he might not approve (having been kept hanging around for 12 days; but their fears were quickly dispelled when the lights went up and the presents were handed out. By the same token, Santa Claus himself was forgotten (for the next 11 months at any rate) when the presents were opened.

Bedlam broke loose once more; this time accompanied by the roar, rattle and crash of the new toys. It was a joy to see so many senior member scuttling across the floor with aeroplanes, cars and balloons - to see Ron Linstead engrossed in the puppet show and Bob Taylor leading the 'conga'. Yes for the sake of our Senior members, we must keep the children's party going.

G.S.

# A COUNTRYMAN'S Jottings .....

Gerry North, the holder, was given little hope by the Press of obtaining a forward position in the Inter-Counties race at Reading. His defeat by Snowdon in a Surrey League match and sixth place in the Lancashire County were the basis of these views. When, seven days before the big race, Gerry only just held off Shelley (N.Staffs) in the Mitcham '15' it was said he was not the force of last year. How wrong they were. Despite suffering from a bad cold he beat all the recognised opposition only to lose his title to Portsmouth's T.K. Johnston who, revelling in the Arctic conditions, chose this day to make the biggest break-through of his career.

I wonder how many of our senior athletes have noticed that Gerry can race week in and week out yet still produce the big effort for the big occasion. Perhaps, if the lesson is learned, we will soon field our strongest team more than once a season.

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The first season of North Surrey League fixtures has ended, and was undoubtedly a success. These matches give the bulk of club athletes a chance to experience the big race atmosphere and, with 10 to score, an opportunity of counting for their team.

The league was born at the "3 Kings" Mitcham in May of last year. The proposal was put forward by Mitcham AC but, because of traditional fixtures being affected, it was not over-enthusiastically received by the other six clubs present who were, Belgrave, Walton, Surrey, Hercules, Herne Hill and South London. Eventually, however, all except SLH agreed to give it a trial.

I understand that South London are now looking for a "Mr Heath" to negotiate their entry to the "six". I wonder if Bill Lucas would make a good "De Gaulle"!

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Cliff Roffey arrived in this country a few weeks ago for a spot of leave from business in Kenya. I saw Cliff before the Club '10' and he said he did not feel as fit as on his last visit. Personally, I think his effort in the Championship compared favourably with the first race of his last visit.

Few will need reminding of the success he enjoyed last time. He went from strength to strength and in his final outing clocked fastest time of the day on Stage 10 of the Brighton Relay. That other overseas stalwart, Ranjit Bhatia, handed over to Cliff that day and for both that was the last time they ran on the Brighton Road. Unfortunately, Cliff returns to Kenya just 2 weeks before the National relay in April, so must undergo another period away before he can return to the Belgrave team.

Our other exiles, Mal Robinson (U.S.A.) and Ranjit Bhatia (India) are also keen to return for a spell. Who knows? they might all arrive together.

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Clive Shippen, who we have not seen competitively since last August, tells me he is making a determined come-back. Clive, who is 31, is not satisfied with what he calls "a career of near misses". Although he gained a Surrey Co vest in 1962, not a single team winners medal has come his way. He has a silver and bronze for the South of Thames Junior, silver and bronze for the London County, silver for the South of Thames Senior, bronze for the Surrey County, bronzes for the London/Brighton National and Southern Relays and narrowly missed a Club Honours Badge when he ran a 9:28 steeplechase the very season the AAA reduced their Grade 1 standard from 9:30 to 9:25!

Should he be successful in adding some "gold" to his collection an interesting set would be the South of Thames medals, for, to obtain a complete set, the gold must be won last of all-- the winning team being barred for good.

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Of the newer members that have been appearing at our recent fixtures Pat Bradley is perhaps the most promising addition. Pat, a Scot, was introduced into the Club by Bill Kerr and has already shown useful form. Next season could see him amongst our leading runners.

Paul Binns, still a junior, is not yet as advanced as Bradley and our other Juniors, but after speaking to him recently I am convinced he will make the grade. He has been running for nearly 2 years now but has only just started seriously. If he can stick to his 40 miles a week training he should

reap the benefit in a year or two.

Martin Edwards, a junior also, has wasted little time in carving a niche for himself in the ranks of our Junior team---a team which can be expected to perform well against the tough opposition they will meet in the Southern and National. Before these jottings are read the former event will be over and I shall not be surprised if a set of medals comes their way; nor for that matter the senior team also.

## SIX MORE MARKS IN DELHI STATE ATHLETICS RANJIT BHATIA SETS THE PATTERN

BY A STAFF REPORTER

splendidly that the whole Railway Stadium had to applaud him.

He had clocked 15:4.1, 10.3 secs better than the old mark, yet he looked still fresh at the finish. Later, he was still fit enough to help his team take second place in the 4X400 metres relay-----"

Ranjit, who lectures at St. Stephen's, introduced cross-country running to the College team and their runners have improved immeasurably, winning the state title. He tells me he also ran 1:56.7 (800 m) and 4:02.7 (1500 m) at the same meeting---surprising many pundits who regard him as semi-retired.

International politics rarely affect the affairs of Belgrave Harriers yet India's border dispute with China is an exception. Ranjit was planning to spend next summer's holiday in London but will now have to do a 4 month spell of military training instead. Thus, a reunion to which we all look forward must be postponed once more.

You can't keep a good man down! The headline you see here is reproduced from an Indian newspaper, and reads on as follows:-

"Indeed, the day's outstanding performer was a Senior---Ranjit Bhatia of St. Stephen's College, who represented India at the Rome Olympics. It was Bhatia who began Saturday's record-smashing---and in conditions hardly conducive to such a feat.

Bhatia began a "dead-cert" for the 5,000 metres. In fact, he had to race all the way against himself---his nearest rival was more than 400 metres behind---but he did this so



HEY!-----WHAT'S THAT?-----'OUR CHAS' TAKING A PEP PILL?  
Eddie Lacey's action picture seems to catch Charlie Walker in the act during the Club '7' with 2½ miles to go. He certainly needed it, for Gerry North (no pill) passed him shortly after to win by over a minute.

COUNTRYMAN

# CHRISTMAS 1962

## CHRISTMAS DAY PAARLAUF

Eighteen pairs took part in the annual 30 minute paarlauf from Lauriston Cottage and 12 of the teams were from visiting Clubs. This was the 9th year the race had been held and its popularity grows on each occasion.

The winning pair, Gowan and Derham of H.H.H. were the only set of these two-man relay teams to complete 8 circuits and in so doing they set a course record of 6 miles 1094 yards. It is customary for the Belgrave runners to draw for partners - one from the better half with one from the lesser - but with our first couple finishing only 8th the time has probably come for our stars to partner each other.

### RESULT.

|                                           |         |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1. M. Gowan/J. Derham (H.H.H.)            | 6 miles | 1094 yards (record) |
| 2. M. Burton/D. Harvey (Mitham)           | 6 "     | 953 "               |
| 3. R. Lovegrove/M. Kortzenray (Wimbledon) | 6 "     | 947 "               |
| 8. P. Newell/D. Bains (Belgrave)          | 6 "     | 697 " (Bels.rec.)   |
| 9. R. Linstead/M. Shingles "              | 6 "     | 622 "               |
| 13.A. Black/B. Hallowell "                | 6 "     | 265 "               |
| 14.D. Maclean/D. Crookes "                | 6 "     | 255 "               |
| 17.C. Walker/T. Hart "                    | 5 "     | 1328 "              |

## BOXING DAY HANDICAPS

Held at Battersea Park on a bitterly cold day this meeting was still able to command a fair turnout. It was as though those in attendance had friends in the Met. Office who had informed them that this would be their last chance of performing on firm going before the snow storms and freeze-up which arrived that afternoon.

There were 7 starters in the 120 yards sprint and Pat Cornelius (off five yards) steamed home in a brisk 12.7. Later he made full use of his 5ft. 6" allowance in the shot to beat all but one of the 8 competitors with 33'0". Not a performance to worry Dallas Long but not a bad effort after all that Plum Pud, Turkey, and cigars!

A grand total of 25 starters went to their respective marks for the 2 mile run handicap and John Leaver, a youth, emerged a popular winner by 7 seconds from Dudley Gordon who manages to find time between his continental jaunts to 'get up' in these handicaps. Chris Steer and John Bicourt had a really ding-dong battle with Chris just getting the edge over his younger rival for 5th place. One of the most heartening features of this event was the fine running and encouraging support of our younger members.

### RESULTS 120 yds.

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| 1. P. Cornelius (5) | 12.7 |
| 2. R. Brown (11)    | 12.8 |
| 3. D. Rees (7)      | 13.0 |

### Two Miles

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. J. Leaver (620 yds)  | 8:47 |
| 2. D. Gordon (600 yds)  | 8:54 |
| 3. C. Keavey (550 yds)  | 9:1  |
| 4. A. Mead (620 yds)    | 9:5  |
| 5. C. Steer (220 yds)   | 9:8  |
| 6. J. Bicourt (320 yds) | 9:10 |

In the 3 mile Walk Handicap there were 10 starters. Eric Hall was back marker with an allowance of a minute and P. Wilson was first away with 7:30. Wilson held on to his lead and finished almost a minute ahead of Hall who had worked his way through the remainder of the field with deceptive ease. J. Wilson came under the Judges' eye on the 2nd lap and George Piddington better known in the cross-country section, decided to stick to running after 6 tough laps of "heel and toe".

### RESULT.

|                        |       |                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| 1. P. Wilson (7:30)    | 28:03 | 5. H. Hooper (3:45)    | 29:42 |
| 2. E. Hall (1:00)      | 29:01 | 6. R. Hall (1:45)      | 30:12 |
| 3. W. Belderson (2:30) | 29:18 | 7. H. Shields (5:45)   | 30:13 |
| 4. R. Farley (2:10)    | 29:24 | 8. B. Stevenson (4:30) | 30:20 |

MAL ROBINSON, whose article appears on page 11, sends new-year greetings and ----- "best of luck to all the Bels--- hope David Cocks continues to improve --- John Thresher doesn't run faster than me next season --- Ron Linstead keeps on visiting the pubs with Mao of a Sunday --- Bob loses weight training the Youth, which he should do --- Gerry North continues to hold high the name of Belgrave --- Charlie "What do you think?" Walker continues to run in Brightons --- Tom and Bill still maintain the "good old days" were best --- Dave still looks after the fixtures --- Alf continues to control the Club --- Trevor still talks too much --- "ole Mac" plays his transistor radio on Tuesday and Thursday evenings --- and so much which I miss; even working late at night catching up on lost time with the Belgravian! (Rls. He must be home-sick)

## BELS. PIPPED IN REIGATE RELAY: — — —

NOV 3rd-----6X2½ MILES

When Gerry North set off on the final leg 19secs down on Surrey AC and 17secs down on Mitcham AC, fireworks were eagerly awaited by the excited supporters. They were not disappointed, for Surrey's runner was no less than John Snowden who had every intention of holding his lead. Slowly the gap closed, but when North passed Mitcham's Rogers the Surrey man was still way ahead. In the final storming finish Snowden got home by 3secs, but Gerry had set a new course record of 9:21 which will take some beating.

The foundation was laid on Stage 1 when Bill Kerr came home 5yds down on Harris of Mitcham. John Davies consolidated our second place and John Thresher took us into the lead at the half way mark. "Charlie boy" didn't look very happy leading Stage 4 with the result that Don Maclean took over with opponents hard on his heels. Don gave way to two of them and sent Gerry off to his whirlwind finish.

RESULT

|                  |       | 'A'           | 'B'             | 'C'              |
|------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Surrey AC     | 59:00 |               |                 |                  |
| 2. BELGRAVE H    | 59:03 | Kerr 9:46     | Steer 10:09     | Paget 10:46      |
| 3. Mitcham AC    | 59:26 | Davies 10:02  | Moore 10:25     | Miller 10:55     |
| 4. Reading AC    | 59:34 | Thresher 9:42 | Jones(DP) 10:32 | Fiddington 11:14 |
| 5. H.H.H.        | 60:52 | Walker 10:05  | Jones(DW) 11:10 | Hart 11:22       |
| 6. Guildford & G | 61:14 | Maclean 10:07 | Conway 11:20    | Crookes 11:03    |
| 17. BELGRAVE 'B' | 64:41 | North 9:21    | Shingles 11:05  | Penny 11:27      |
| 27. BELGRAVE 'C' | 66:47 |               |                 |                  |

## South of Thames Junior

BILL LUCAS REPORTS:

The race was held this year from one of the regular venues for this event, namely The Guards Depot Caterham where the dressing, bathing and catering facilities are somewhat better than usual.

The conditions were very damp and slippery underfoot after continuous rain in the morning which had hampered the operations of the officials in preparing the course.

Our teams were very depleted and although fifty two names had been entered for five teams only twenty two went to the start. This was most disappointing as this race is designed to give a chance to the "lesser lights" of appearing in open competition. Belgrave accept this opportunity with open hands and enter everyone able to put one leg in front of the other.

In the absence of Barry Sawyer, Ken Miller, Clive Shippen, Laurie O'Hara, Derek Crookes and George Williams from the A team our hopes of a place as in the 1961 race were reduced to nil and the best we could do was to take 12th position out of the 69 teams that finished.

Tony Fairclough confirmed his early season form by running a steady race throughout to finish 19th and be our first finisher. Another junior, Chris Steer, also performed well to finish 55th with John Moore 59th and David Jones 89th. These were the scoring four who amassed 222 points as compared with Guildford and Godalming's 81.

Many of our runners were short of training and probably the most disappointing position was that of Cyril Forey who after a fair start fell right back to 195th whereas he should have been up with the leaders. What a pity Cyril is wasting his natural ability by lack of concentration on training.

Good performances were put up by Alan Morrison (115th) and Fred Paget (148th) and Keith Angus a new member showed great promise in finishing 170th.

It was interesting to note that four juniors were amongst our first seven finishers---a good omen for the future.

RESULT

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Guildford & Godalming A.C. | 81 pts   |
| 2. Kent A.C.                  | 120 pts  |
| 3. Bristol A.C.               | 123 pts  |
| 12. BELGRAVE 'A'              | 222 pts  |
| 33. BELGRAVE 'C'              | 751 pts  |
| 53. BELGRAVE 'D'              | 1126 pts |

The B and E teams were incomplete to score.

Individuals. 19th Fairclough, 55th Steer, 59th Moore, 89th D.F. Jones, 109th Maclean, 115th Morrison, 138th Hampshire, 144th D.W. Jones, 148th Paget, 170th Angus, 195th Forey, 208th Piddington, 229th Penny, 257th Conway, 267th Pepe, 276th Henn, 305th Fairfield, 306th Satchell, 324th Smithers, 327th D. Newell, 336th Keavey, 350th Ware.

## THE L.C.C.

Polytechnic Harriers and Thames Valley Harriers chose this year to enter teams for the first time and whilst we were able to conquer the latter we had to give best to a strong Poly team.

The race was run as usual at Parliament Hill Fields and only competitors who had worked or resided in the London area for a minimum of two years were eligible. Gerry North and Bill Kerr, therefore, were unable to compete. Walker, Black and Davies got an excellent start and at 3 miles had settled down into 13th, 15th and 17th places with Sawyer in the 20s and Brown in about 30th spot. A long drag and some heavy going in the next mile took its toll of John who dropped several places but Walker and Black (now 10th and 11th) and Sawyer (19th) were going very well and were ably supported by Brown and Gebbett who were now both inside the first 30.

With the exception of Charlie Walker our boys made little improvement in the final stages. Chas. however, must have produced the fastest last 880 of the race in his effort to make every place count. In the finishing straight a floundering Ken Harland (Cambridge H.) was all but knocked over by Charlie's slip-stream!

### RESULT

|                         |       |                            |           |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1.W. Card (T.V.H.)      | 30:15 | 28. E. Gebbett (Bels)      | 32:09     |
| 2.J. Hogan (Poly)       | 30:21 | 32. J. Davies "            | 32:20     |
| 3.E. Shirley (Finchley) | 30:34 |                            |           |
| 6.C. Walker (Bels)      | 30:50 | <b>Teams.</b>              |           |
| 10.A.Black "            | 31:03 | 1. Poly. H. (2,7,8,11)     | 28 points |
| 20.B. Sawyer "          | 31:27 | 2. Belgrave H. (5,9,18,23) | 55 "      |
| 25.J. Brown "           | 31:56 | 3. T.V.H. (1.13.15.41)     | 70 "      |

## THE CLUB '7'

Gerry North earned the right to hold the magnificent 'Black Staffs' Shield for 12 months, when he won the Club 7 mile cross-country championships at Wimbledon on December 1st. Although the winner finished over a minute ahead of the field, the race was full of interest throughout and many observers were speculating as to the humdinger that would ensue if the absent Kerr and Newell were able to get amongst 'this lot'.



Thirty-five runners set off in the muck of the afternoon over the three lap course with Walker, Black and Thresher forcing the pace. After one circuit these three, with North, Davies and Sawyer tucked in behind were clear of the field. Another half lap saw the fading of Davies and Sawyer and by the time the final circuit was under way a revitalised Walker had shaken off all but North.

It was at this stage that Gerry moved away like a Rolls-Royce in a scooter rally and it says great things for Charlie's temperament that he battled on undeterred never allowing his pursuers to gain an inch when many lesser men would have been thoroughly demoralised. Gerry stormed round that last lap finished 63 seconds clear of Chas. John Thresher was troubled with a minor leg injury and did not appear to be his usual fiery self but he nevertheless, finished a comparatively close 4th. Jack Brown had to make full use of his experience to pull back Tony Fairclough and John Davies in the later stages but eventually he got away from them and was fast catching Barry Sawyer in the run in. Thirty runners completed the course and the handicap was won by Niel Aston from Chas. Walker and Alan Black who finished equal second.

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# SURREY Co. CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Great Win For Juniors

### REGATE PRIORY---JANUARY 5TH 1963

Heavy falls of snow during Christmas and New Year covered the course to a depth of 8/9 inches with deeper drifts in parts--this, with a bitter cold wind, made conditions far from attractive for both runners and spectators although the latter were able to obtain some inner warmth from a welcome stall selling hot Oxo (no advertising intended).

The afternoon's activities started with the Junior race for which we were fielding our strongest team made up of a number of the runners who had in 1962 taken the Youths championship and the remnants of last year's Junior team. It soon became evident that we were possible winners for Tony Fairclough was with the leaders followed closely by Chris Steer with David Cocks and Jackie Hampshire not far behind. Tony ran a gallant race in atrocious conditions and fought every inch of the way with Stebbings of Croydon and Gregory of Walton before being forced back in 3rd position which he held at the finish. The others also held on to the early places and we took the team honours from Herne Hill, the favourites, by a mere two points.

Martin Edwards, a new member, ran very well in finishing 32nd.

### RESULTS.

|                             |       |                            |        |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. F. Stebbings (Croydon)   | 29:08 | 41. A. Morrison (BELGRAVE) | 33:51  |
| 2. M. Gregory (Walton)      | 29:20 | 42. H. Satchell "          | 33:54  |
| 3. A. Fairclough (BELGRAVE) | 29:30 |                            |        |
| 10. C. Steer "              | 30:33 | Teams:-                    |        |
| 15. D. Cocks "              | 31:10 | 1. BELGRAVE (1,6,10,11)    | 28 pts |
| 16. J. Hampshire "          | 31:18 | 2. H.H.H. (2,5,7,16)       | 30 pts |
| 32. M. Edwards "            | 32:54 | 3. Hercules (4,8,9,19)     | 40 pts |

Next came the Senior race in which we were hoping for a place despite the fact that our best runners are so spread that they do not qualify for Surrey. In fact we had runners in the Lancashire, Middlesex, Hampshire, Kent and Sussex championships on the same day.

Alan Black set off at a great pace in an endeavour to secure an early good position but a slip sent him sprawling in the snow and it took two miles before he settled down again. It says much for his fitness that he worked his way up to 8th to again secure his County vest which he was first awarded in 1961.

Charlie Walker confirmed his good form by running a steady race to take 11th place. Our next runner was John Thresher in 25th position; a little disappointing as he had been running very well in earlier races, but perhaps understandable for a track man in such conditions. Don Maclean excelled himself to be our fourth scorer only a short distance behind John. Then came a gap before Ken Miller appeared--Ken is slowly working his way back after a long lay off through injury and by the time the big races come round should be a great force again. Our sixth scorer was Eric Gebbett with Ron Linstead (placed 70th) just behind--this was too far back for a runner of Ron's calibre in a field of only 120 runners, but it was obvious that the deep snow was not to his liking. In the end we took 4th position in the team event in a race where form went by the board.

### RESULT.

|                            |       |                 |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. R. Robinson (Guildford) | 38:59 | 27. D. Maclean  | 41:44 |
| 2. E. Watt (Surrey)        | 39:24 | 43. K. Miller   | 42:42 |
| 3. P. Barber (S.L.H.)      | 39:34 | 84. E. Gebbett  | 44:16 |
| 8. A. Black (BELGRAVE)     | 39:59 | 70. R. Linstead | 45:10 |
| 11. C. Walker "            | 40:24 | 79. A. Bishop   | 45:35 |
| 25. J. Thresher "          | 41:33 | 113. C. Henn    | 51:40 |

### Teams:-

|                                 |       |                                  |        |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. S.L.H. (2,6,8,14,18,28)      | 76pts | 3. Mitcham AC (3,12,17,20,23,29) | 104pts |
| 2. Walton AC (5,11,13,15,16,26) | 86pts | 4. BELGRAVE H (7,9,22,24,38,57)  | 157pts |

W.E.L.

### MATCH AT CHISWICK V POLY AND WALTON--JAN 19TH

#### CHRIS STEER REPORTS:-

In Arctic conditions with a gale-force wind blowing, eight intrepid Belgravians braved the weather (and the Poly) in a road race consisting of two laps of the Road Relay Course. The scheduled Cross-country match was cancelled owing to the "state of the course"; two feet of frozen snow.

Soon after the start a group of about 8, including some Bels who were indistinguishable in an assortment of track suits, jerseys and even tights, separated themselves from the rest of the field. This group stayed together for most of the first lap when Steer made a break pursued by O'Gorman of Poly. These two opened up a lead of 50 yards over Bill Kerr, Laurie O'Hara and Pat Bradley, amongst others. However, Bill then started to get moving and caught the leaders about half a mile from the finish. O'Gorman went with him.

and with about 400 yds to go drew away to win by about 20 yds in 29 mins 03secs. Bill Kerr came in 4secs later, with Chris Steer 3rd in 29mins 16secs. Laurie O'Hara was 5th, Pat Bradley 6th and Don Maclean 7th. Belgrave scored 16 pts to win easily from Poly, 28pts, and a team consisting of two Walton runners and a couple of Bank runners who scored 44 pts.

## Linstead Retains 'MACHER' Shield

### CLUB '10'----JAN 26TH

Ron Linstead, the holder, scored a fine win in this year's ten miles championship beating Pat Newell by 300yds over a snow and ice covered course of 4 laps.

Ron went straight into the lead and was never headed. Mile by mile he edged further away from Pat Newell and after 3 laps was 150yds ahead----a distance he doubled over the last circuit. Pat, in turn, got well away from Alan Black who was taking part in this Championship for the first time.

A most welcome competitor was Cliff Roffey, home on a spell of leave from Kenya, whose sun-tanned form was decidedly out of character with the surroundings. Cliff's 5th place was most noteworthy for he seemed to have greater difficulty with the conditions than anyone----conditions that caused several retirements including Kerr, Bradley and O'Hara; although the latter went off course when in the first six.

The first 3 home also got the corresponding handicap prizes. It must be a long time since the "back-markers" had such a field day.

### RESULT

|                |       |                 |       |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. R. Linstead | 59:55 | 10. A. Bishop   | 71:35 |
| 2. P. Newell   | 60:37 | 11. T. Hart     | 72:06 |
| 3. A. Black    | 61:20 | 12. P. Binns    | 72:28 |
| 4. B. Sawyer   | 62:45 | 13. D. Newell   | 73:05 |
| 5. C. Roffey   | 63:53 | 14. R. Langheim | 73:20 |
| 6. D. Maclean  | 67:03 | 15. C. Keavey   | 73:35 |
| 7. F. Paget    | 67:57 | 16. R. Plummer  | 78:55 |
| 8. J. Moore    | 68:00 | 17. P. Sutton   | 83:07 |
| 9. A. Turner   | 69:56 |                 |       |

Handicap 1. R. Linstead (3:00) 2. P. Newell (2:45) 3. A. Black (2:30)

## South of Thames Senior

### WEST WICKHAM----FEB 2ND

As the winning team is barred from future races the runners-up in this 7 miles championship should become favourites for the ensuing year's title. This was the position we held at the start. Only four of last year's men were included in our 12 starters---Linstead, Kerr, Thresher and Moore---yet for all that this was our strongest eligible team.

A heavy fall of snow on the preceding day led the officials to shorten the course to 6½ miles. With snow beginning to fall once again, and a cold easterly wind cutting across the Sparrows Den playing fields, the 296 starters set off on the first small lap.

Alan Black got his usual fine start and at 1 mile was in 4th place. John Thresher was 22nd, with Ron Linstead near at hand, but it was disappointing to see Kerr, Gebbett, and Maclean outside the first 100. However, at the half-way mark Mitcham and ourselves were scoring about 150 points each and it was obvious that every place was needed. Unfortunately many of our runners were unhappy with the going and our total score steadily increased whilst the Mitcham men made ground. Black and Thresher were unable to hold their places and it was left to Linstead in 14th place, to lead the team home, as he did last year. Tony Fairclough ran another excellent race to finish 34th and was our fifth scorer. Our sixth man closed in too far back to prevent Walton AC pipping us for 2nd place. Walton, therefore, have the privilege of starting favourites next year---perhaps that gives us a better chance of winning the title that has eluded us since 1955.

### RESULT

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. P. Barber (S.L.H.)        | 62. J. Thresher |
| 2. J. Blackburn (Westbury H) | 69. J. Moore    |
| 3. J. Luxford (Horsham B.S.) | 77. D.F. Jones  |
| 14. R. Linstead (BELGRAVE H) | 89. W. Kerr     |
| 27. A. Black "               | 92. C. Steer    |
| 30. B. Sawyer "              | 142. D. Maclean |
| 33. P. Newell "              | 173. E. Gebbett |
| 34. A. Fairclough "          |                 |

### Teams:-(6 to score)

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| 1. Mitcham AC | 119 pts |
| 2. Walton AC  | 176 pts |
| 3. BELGRAVE H | 200 pts |

### 'Colman' Cup (12 to score)

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Mitcham           | 751 pts |
| 2. BELGRAVE H        | 842 pts |
| ( 29 teams finished) |         |

## Is AMERICA'S College Set-Up The Answer ?

MAL ROBINSON WRITES FROM UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN LOUISIANA, U.S.A.

The fact that the United States of America produces so many sports stars is no accident. But it is hard for the lay-man to understand why the U.S. can head the world list at so many sports. A look at its High School and College set-up provides some of the answers.

In American schools sport has an important place. There is no time for a "playing is the important thing" attitude. Each school maintains a sports department with a specialist coach for each sport for the express purpose of providing a winning team. Usually a school has its own stadium (often better in quality than most British First Division Football Stadiums) and each football game is attended by upwards of 10,000 spectators. The coach is normally a College graduate holding a degree in Physical Education as well as some other academic subject.

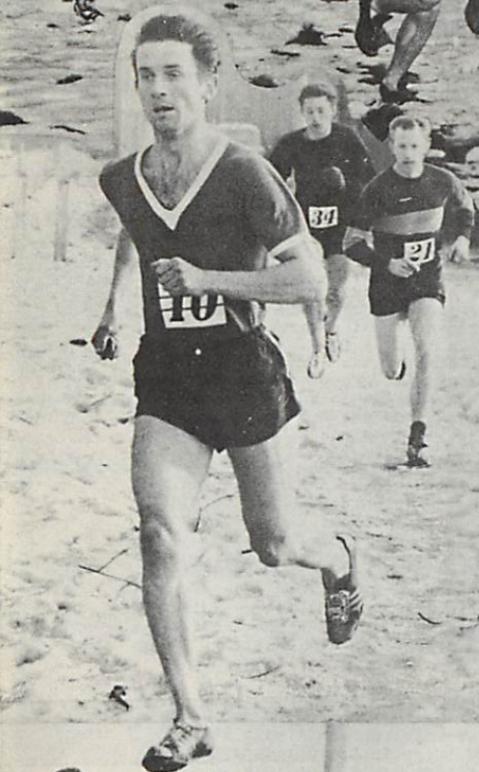
All this is made possible by alumni (old boys) and local businessmen. They provide the money to run the athletic programmes but as is often the case, "he who pays the piper, calls the tune" and a non-winning coach will often find that his contract is not renewed at the end of the season. A coach of a state championship team, however, can bargain for his contract.

Old boys (sometimes for tax exemption purposes) donate money to obtain a winning team and local merchants do so because a winning ball-team provides publicity for the locality. Every state is divided into areas, and within these schools are graded according to pupils' strength. Normally any school will confine its competition to schools within its group. At the end of the season each area classification champion plays off on a knockout basis to determine overall state supremacy. The newspaper reporters then draw upon all teams in any one classification to determine a state team - similar to an England representative side. This is further developed with regard to area and then national teams - "All-American High School Team of '62". For the individual school there is great prestige in being respective class champion, for the individual it is a great honour to be picked for a representative side.

Also at season's close a certain number of the school team will be selected by the coach for a letter award. This is the letter of the school (I am an S man of Southwestern). This is a great honour and one which if properly earned is of considerable value to a high school or college graduate. One of the biggest high school advantages takes the form of college scholarships. There are however, different types of scholarship awarded with varying degrees of coverage with regard to the payment of fees. To ensure that the college secures the best boys for its various teams an elaborate talent scouting system is operated and in some cases "under the counter" inducements are even offered.

Once the boy is at college he is expected to concentrate on two things - training and study (often in that order). During the season the athlete will train hard each day and this continues, though admittedly with less intensity, in the off-season. He is expected to be in his dormitory by 10.30p.m. and no smoking and no drinking is the general rule. Contrary to general belief in the U.K. a certain scholastic standard must be maintained and theoretically a student is not allowed to compete in the college team if he does not maintain a C average. Therefore the coach is expected to keep an eye not only upon athletic progress but also their studies.

Bearing all this in mind it is not difficult to see the sort of environment that has produced so many Olympic and world champions. The essential difference between the American and British sports systems is the comparative absence in the U.S. of the small amateur clubs and district associations and the concentration of athletic activity in highly subsidised and professional-minded colleges. In Britain we used to depend upon Oxbridge as our source of National Champions but whilst we still find our Metcalfes, Richard Sharps, and Chris Davidges, the amateur clubs throughout the country are now producing the lion's share of our stars. Inevitably there is a different approach resulting from each system. Despite the insistence on the maintenance of academic studies the American athlete is at least semi-professional and as such has a far greater need to win, whilst his English counterpart, although perhaps nowadays not an amateur of true blue quality, treats his sport more as a hobby and this would probably account for his not having quite the same 'killer' streak as his Trans-Atlantic rivals.



# WALKING

There was a time when any talk of Belgrave walking centred upon Hall and Vickers. Then came Williams and Middleton to hog the limelight. It was almost like a procession of music-hall names---rumour has it that Morecom Morecombe and Wise even considered joining our walking section. But this winter it's fair to say that one name more than any other has made Belgrave walking news---Vaughan Thomas. Vaughan is yet another walker who looks like gaining regular international honours before very long. He has led the way home for our boys in all the 'sevens' so far this season and obviously is a born fighter. The two Rays, Hall and Middleton, have also walked extremely well, and this part of the season, with its relatively short races, is not Ray Hall's particular favourite. John Knifton and Eric Hall have also been in winning teams and illustrate two ends of a scale---the enthusiasm and fire of the youngster and the determination and experience of the older man. There are many who are worthy of mention but for the sake of brevity we would conclude by mentioning a name to look out for in future---Dave King. He's provided a few upsets already and looks likely to unseat a few more established favourites before he's finished.

The cross-country section certainly seems to be emerging out of the depths again and successes have not been coming so frequently to the walkers as they have in the past five years. But the talent is still there and certainly the spirit has not disappeared. If Thomas maintains his form, Middleton gets really fit, Ray Hall gets going over the slightly longer distances, and our youngsters Barnes, Knifton, King etc. continue to improve then we shall be taking the gold instead of the silver and bronze.

## "The Sport Of Race Walking"

The Race Walking Association have just published a 161-page book "with 24 illustrations" bearing the above title. It has been largely compiled by our own General Hon. Secretary and traces the growth of competitive walking up to the present day, has many informative and indeed instructive chapters, and includes the results of all the past A.A.A. and R.W.A. Walking Championships and many other events.

Naturally, as Belgrave has played such an important part in race walking history the pages of the book are scattered with well-known Belgravian names, not to mention three of the full-page illustrations. In all, over 2,500 athletes names appear and there are hours of pleasure in store for all Belgravians who have a genuine interest in athletics in general and walking in particular.

Copies ( 6/-d. each including p. & c.) may be obtained from Jack Goswell, 7, Faversham Court, Faversham Road, S.E.6.

### NOVEMBER 17TH

Eric Hall won the Civil Service Championship for the 7th time and Ray Middleton making a promising return after a rest period finished 9th.

### Photos

**TOP:** Bicourt leads Fairclough, Cooks and Morrison at the half-way mark in the Junior 5 miles Championship for the "Savage" shield.

**CENTRE LEFT:** Linstead, the holder, leads Newell and Black in the Club 10 miles Championship for the "Macher" shield.

**CENTRE RIGHT:** Walker, Black, Sawyer, Thresher and North head the field at 2 1/2 miles in the Club 7 miles Championship for the "Blackstaffe" shield.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** At 2 1/2 miles in the Mitcham '15'. Walker leads the field with Newell, North and Sawyer close behind.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Steer fights his way through the South of Thames Junior field at Caterham.

## ENFIELD '7'

## NOVEMBER 10TH

Vaughan Thomas had a "cracker" to finish 2nd in 52:47 only one second behind Poly's Bob Clark. This performance in addition to the great personal satisfaction it must have given him enabled him to carry off the Individual Handicap Prize. Dave King (not yet of T.V. fame) walked extremely well in his first 'open' and showed some of our more experienced boys a thing or two. Our 'A' team of Thomas, Knifton, Ray Hall, and Middleton finished 4th in the scratch team race.

## RESULT

|                              |       |                             |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. R.A. Clark (Poly H)       | 52:46 | 70. P.L. Duncan (BELG. 'B') | 62:17 |
| 2. V. Thomas (BELG. 'A')     | 52:47 | 73. D.A. Bartliff " "       | 62:34 |
| 3. P. Nihill (Surrey WC)     | 52:50 | 74. B. Eglinton " "         | 62:35 |
| 4. J.F. Godbeer (Camb. H.)   | 53:47 | 84. C.P. Cameron " "        | 63:53 |
| 22. J.F. Knifton (BELG. 'A') | 57:53 | 95. B. Buschman " 'C'       | 65:01 |
| 28. F.C. Middleton " "       | 58:21 | 100. C. Maclellan " "       | 65:24 |
| 30. R.C. Hall " "            | 58:23 | 108. C. Yescombe " "        | 66:20 |
| 34. D. King " IND.           | 59:06 | 113. B. Stevenson " "       | 66:56 |
| 37. K. Bailey " 'A')         | 59:21 | 115. G.S. Doubleday " "     | 67:04 |
| 49. R.L. Barnes " "          | 60:13 | 122. J. Wilson " 'B'        | 67:50 |
| 58. W.A. Belderson " "       | 60:56 | 123. A.H. East " 'C'        | 67:52 |
| 63. E.A. Smith " "           | 61:49 | 133. P. Wilson " 'B'        | 69:19 |
| 65. G.S. Checkley " 'B'      | 61:57 | 151. J. Scammell " 'C'      | 76:50 |
| 67. J.F. Keown " "           | 62:13 | 185 finished.               |       |

## SCRATCH TEAM

|                                |        |                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Polytechnic H. (1,11,17,28) | 57pts. | 2. Surrey WC (3,6,15,33)       | 57pts  |
| 3. Cambridge H. (4,18,24,26)   | 72pts. | 4. BELGRAVE H 'A' (2,22,27,29) | 80pts. |

## The 43rd. Belgrave Open 'Seven'

## BEN KNIFTON REPORTS

This our 43rd annual event attracted the best entry since 1956 and some 26 teams contested the team competition. The individual race was well and truly won by Paul Nihill (Surrey WC) who had a margin of some 47 secs on the second man home Bob Clark (Poly) with Arthur Thomson (Met. WC) just easing himself into third spot. Once again Eric Hall was our first finisher although needless to say he is now just that little bit slower than he was a couple of years back. But this was great walking and Eric revealed his enthusiasm for the sport and the club by travelling down from the North for the event.

Unfortunately Vaughan Thomas was 'pulled' after 2½ miles whilst doing battle with the leaders and this spoiled any Belgrave hopes of winning the team trophy.

All praise, however, to Metropolitan WC on their fine packing which enabled them to carry off the Berman Cup. Needless to say our lads didn't go home empty-handed for they got right up amidst the handicap prizes carrying off ten of the awards.

## RESULT.

|                        |       |                            |       |
|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. P. Nihill (Surrey)  | 53:10 | 88. B. Eglinton (BELGRAVE) | 63:38 |
| 2. R. Clark (Poly)     | 53:57 | 94. S.L./Jones             | 63:59 |
| 3. A. Thomson (Met WC) | 54:03 | 107. C. Yescombe           | 65:25 |
| 8. E. Hall (BELGRAVE)  | 55:12 | 123. J. Morris             | 67:00 |
| 16. R. Middleton       | 57:06 | 127. G. Doubleday          | 67:15 |
| 19. J. Knifton         | 57:29 | 128. G. Beecham            | 67:32 |
| 21. R. Hall            | 57:46 | 131. J. Wilson             | 67:45 |
| 24. G. Farley          | 58:01 | 133. B. Stevenson          | 67:56 |
| 31. K. Bailey          | 59:00 | 137. D. Fotheringham       | 68:25 |
| 36. D. King            | 59:26 | 153. P. Wilson             | 69:53 |
| 41. W. Belderson       | 60:03 | 154. D. Earle              | 69:54 |
| 48. G. Checkley        | 60:40 | 169. A. East               | 71:58 |
| 61. D. Bartliff        | 61:25 | 172. P. Denny              | 72:15 |
| 74. J. Keown           | 62:26 | 176. D. Logan              | 72:46 |
| 75. G. Cameron         | 62:28 | 181. J. Scammell           | 75:57 |
| 78. E. Smith           | 62:40 |                            |       |
| 86. R. Barnes          | 63:35 |                            |       |

## TEAM COMP.-BERMAN CUP

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Met WC (3,5,10,18) - 36pts | 3. Surrey WC (1,6,12,34) - 53pts |
| 2. Poly H (2,9,14,28) - 53pts | 4. BELGRAVE (8,16,19,21) - 64pts |

## INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP

1. G. Farley. 2. D. King.

TEAM HANDICAP  
BELGRAVE 'B'.

## Bels. Win Cambridge '7'

Vaughan Thomas maintained his recent great form and "heel-toed" home in third place behind Ken 'Invincible' Matthews and Bob Clark. Matthews went away very early in the race and in his best 'Belgrade' manner finished practically two minutes clear of the opposition.

Vaughan had a really 'blood and guts' battle with Bob Clark and yet again finished just one tantalising second behind his Poly rival---(we'll wager Vaughan knows every hair on the back of Clark's neck by now!). Messrs. Middleton, Hall and Knifton backed up our Leading Aircraftman (sorry about that!) magnificently and we just sneaked the team prize from under the noses of the Poly lads.

### RESULT

|                    |              |       |                   |         |       |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| 1. K.S. Matthews   | R. Sutton C. | 51:45 | 57. G.P. Cameron  | BEL 'B' | 62:43 |
| 2. R.A. Clark      | Poly H.      | 53:34 | 62. D.A. Bartliff | .....   | 63:18 |
| 3. V. Thomas       | BELGRAVE 'A' | 53:35 | 63. B. Eglinton   | .....   | 63:36 |
| 11. R.C. Middleton | .....        | 56:38 | 72. C. MacLennan  | BEL 'A' | 65:32 |
| 16. R.C. Hall      | .....        | 58:12 | 73. P. Duncan     | BEL 'B' | 65:37 |
| 17. J.F. Knifton   | .....        | 58:24 | 76. C. Yescombe   | .....   | 66:06 |
| 31. K. Bailey      | .....        | 59:58 | 96. P. Wilson     | .....   | 70:03 |
| 33. W.A. Belderson | .....        | 60:14 | 100. B. Stevenson | .....   | 71:34 |
| 39. G.S. Checkley  | .....        | 61:00 | 112. A.H. East    | BEL IND | 80:21 |

### TEAM

|                    |              |        |                  |             |       |
|--------------------|--------------|--------|------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. BELGRAVE 'A'    | (2,11,16,17) | 46pts  | 2. Polytechnic H | (1,8,15,22) | 46pts |
| 3. Metropolitan WC | (4,5,13,36)  | 56pts. |                  |             |       |

## THOMAS TAKES HORWOOD CUP:

### DECEMBER 15TH

This '7' mile championship was held in conjunction with a match with the M.P.A.A. We were a little short of acknowledged star performers but this should in no way detract from his fine performance. His style is powerful as is his physique, and there is every indication that, as he settles down in the top company and as his experience increases, he will start to worry that rather elusive gentleman from the Sutton Goldfield area. John Knifton too is settling down into a reliable walker capable of great things and he finished a good second to Vaughan with comparative newcomer Dave King taking third place in the 'Horwood Cup' competition.

In the team match (scoring 9 a side) Belgrave beat the 'boys in blue' by a comfortable margin.

### RESULT

|                               |       |                            |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. V. Thomas (BELGRAVE H)     | 57:56 | 14. B. Buschman (M.P.A.A.) | 64:39 |
| 2. J. Knifton                 | 58:18 | 15. R.J. Hopper            | 64:44 |
| 3. R.C. Hall                  | 58:25 | 16. H. McGreehan           | 65:53 |
| 4. J. Turner                  | 58:29 | 17. D. Melia               | 65:55 |
| 5. D. King                    | 60:12 | 18. D. Holmes              | 66:49 |
| 6. P. Sadler (Visitor)        | 60:28 | 19. C. Yescombe            | 66:52 |
| 7. W. Belderson (M.P.A.A.)    | 60:49 | 20. P. Geeves              | 66:59 |
| 8. G. Colbourne               | 61:09 | 21. D. Fotheringham        | 67:35 |
| 9. C. Shields                 | 62:00 | 22. S.L./Jones (BELGRAVE)  | 68:13 |
| 10. G.S. Checkley             | 62:15 | 23. J. Hookaday (M.P.A.A.) | 69:08 |
| 11. G.P. Cameron (BELGRAVE H) | 62:39 | 24. A.H. East (BELGRAVE)   | 70:12 |
| 12. J.F. Keown                | 62:48 | 25. A. Clarke (M.P.A.A.)   | 71:38 |
| 13. D.A. Bartliff (M.P.A.A.)  | 62:53 |                            |       |

### 'HORWOOD CUP'

|                 |
|-----------------|
| 1. V. Thomas    |
| 2. J.F. Knifton |
| 3. D. King      |

### 'HORWOOD CUP' HANDICAP

|                 |
|-----------------|
| 1. B. Buschman  |
| 2. G.P. Cameron |
| 3. D. King      |

### MATCH

|                    |        |                 |          |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. BELGRAVE H..... | 71pts. | 2. M.P.A.A..... | 100 pts. |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|

The Southern Area Road Walk Championship for the "Garnet" Cup, due to be held on February 2nd at Morden, was postponed. All secondary roads were completely ice-bound and on the advice of the police, the race was called off. A new date will be announced on February 12th.

## Olympic Cup:-----

There were only two competitors in the 5 miles Club Championship for Juniors. Dave King was the winner in 42:05, with Gerry Cameron clocking 43:43.

## the Police Open:—

### M.P.A.A. OPEN '71'—JANUARY 12TH

This time it was Paul Nihill of Surrey that came between Vaughan Thomas and victory. Behind Vaughan our lads packed excellently although perhaps a little too far down for we were beaten for first place by Metropolitan W.C. In the Handicap we managed to take third team prize and in the Individual event John Knifton also walked his way into third position. Although we didn't quite strike Gold we carried off some ten prizes and there were some notable Belgrave performances. George Checkley showed that he is returning to his old form after a 2 year layoff, Cyril Yescombe improved on his seasons best times by over 2 minutes, but Dave King after travelling up from Bournemouth was unfortunately pulled early in the race.

#### RESULT

|                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. P. Nihill (Surrey W.C.)....52:08  | 15. R.C. Hall.....55:20      |
| 2. V. Thomas (BELGRAVE H)....52:40   | 17. R.C. Middleton.....55:37 |
| 3. P. Selby (Surrey W.C.)....53:11   | 19. J. Knifton.....55:41     |
| 4. R. Wallwork (Lanes W.C.)....53:12 | 20. G. Farley.....55:45      |

#### TEAMS

|                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Metropolitan W.C. (4,9,11,15).....39 points |
| 2. BELGRAVE H..... (2,14,16,17).....49 points  |
| 3. Surrey W.C..... (1,3,25,35).....64 points.  |

## 'MURPHY' Shield for Thomas

### THE CLUB '10'—JAN 26TH

With a fine display of high-speed walking, Vaughan Thomas took this year's Championship in 76:18 and finished  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile ahead of his nearest rival, John Knifton. Ray Middleton, the holder, was third.

Vaughan's time was 2mins-19secs faster than last year's winning time and was fast enough to give him second place in the handicap---not bad for the scratch man! Handicap winner was 22 year old Percy Duncan who hails from Hampshire and is at present studying at Sussex University. His progress must have surprised even Bill True, who will surely clip his wings for the next handicap.

In the match v M.P.A.A., held in conjunction, Belgrave were the winners by 64pts to 107pts.

#### RESULT

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Vaughan Thomas (BELS) 76:18  | 13. D. Fotheringham (MP & BH) 98:41 |
| 2. J. Knifton ... 82:13         | 14. J. Wilson (BELS) 98:42          |
| 3. R. Middleton ... 82:33       | 15. M. Sargeant (M.P.A.A.) 99:00    |
| 4. W. Belderson (MP & BH) 85:09 | 16. P. Wilson (BELS) 100:30         |
| 5. D. Bartliff ..... 89:43      | 17. G. Doubleday ... 102:59         |
| 6. D. Clay Visitor 91:53        | 18. T. Melhuish (M.P.A.A) 103:08    |
| 7. P. Duncan (BELS) 92:06       | 19. C.V. Cittens (BELS) 103:38      |
| 8. H. Hooper .... 92:51         | 20. H. Shields .... 103:56          |
| 9. J. Keown .... 94:08          | 21. A. Clarke (M.P.A.A) 106:12      |
| 10. B. Eglinton .... 95:05      | 22. F. Denny (MP & BH) 107:35       |
| 11. C. Yescombe (MP & BH) 96:09 | 23. E. Ellison (M.P.A.A) 108:59     |
| 12. C. Shields ..... 97:20      |                                     |

Handicap: 1. P. Duncan (17:00) 75:06, 2. V. Thomas (Sor) 76:18  
3. J. Knifton(5:35) 76:38

## L.C.C. '10'

### BATTERSEA PARK—FEB 9TH

The Bels were all out for their third consecutive win in this, the 5th L.C.C. Championship, but finished a disappointing third. Yet, for all that, the first 3 teams had a battle royal, finishing their twelve scorers in the first 13 team places, with Surrey W.C. getting home by 4 points from a full-strength Poly quartet and ourselves a further 7 points behind.

A record number of 92 starters set off on the first of the Battersea Park laps with the B.B.C., I.T.A. and the press in close attendance. Nihill (S.W.C.) shot straight into the lead with Polytechnic's Clarke close behind—both held their places to the end.

For 6 miles Ray Hall and John Knifton, walking together, were our leading men in the early 'teens but Ray Middleton, who had been moving through steadily took over the mantle of spearhead and eventually took 8th place. In the closing stages Hall went ahead of Knifton in a vain attempt to catch Surrey's Bale.

Our supporters were hoping that Will Belderson, our 4th scorer, would make considerable ground on the last lap but he was unable to make much impression on those counting in the team-race and, in any case, Surrey W.C. were already out of reach, so, after 3 wins from the 4 previous championships we dropped to third, and although by no means disgraced you can be certain that next year the Bels will be out for vengeance!

#### RESULTS

|                                        |                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. P. Nihill (S.W.C.).....75:07        | 27. J. Keown.....89:26        |
| 2. R. Clarke (Poly H.).....77:44       | 42. C. Yascombe.....94:53     |
| 3. D. Thompson (Met.W.C.).....78:28    | 44. J. Morris.....96:05       |
| 8. R. Middleton (BELGRAVE H).....81:04 | 45. D. Potheringham.....96:36 |
| 10. R.C. Hall .....82:45               | 53. P. Wilson.....99:06       |
| 11. J. Knifton .....83:06              | 54. G. Doubleday.....99:29    |
| 16. W. Belderson .....84:47            | 56. A. East (Ind).....100:27  |
| 23. D. Bartliff .....88:41             | 60. J. Wilson.....101:55      |
| 24. K. Bailey .....88:44               | 65. H.W. Shields.....105:02   |

#### TEAMS

|                                            |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Surrey W.C.....(1,3,7,13)....24pts.     | 2. Poly.H.....(2,5,10,11)....28pts |
| 3. BELGRAVE H 'A'.....(6,8,9,12)....35pts. | 8. BELGRAVE H 'B'.....143pts       |

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### The flying BelgRAFians: ~

In the R.A.F. 7 miles championship at Lindholme on January 30th, Vaughan Thomas took the title in the excellent record time of 52:06. Bob Farley was 4th in his best time of 56:14.

Vaughan and Bob are both sergeants at the Chessington RAF station and both have sporting interests other than walking. Vaughan is a basket-ball international and still makes full use of the gymnasium, whilst Bob is a football referee and coach---this keeps him busy most Saturdays in the Winter but he should be a force in our distance walking teams this Summer.

As can be seen from this photograph our two Airforce members help each other a great deal in training. Both are dead keen and the pair can often be seen at 6 o'clock on cold winter mornings legging it out on the Chessington roads.



Thomas is leading Farley here in a time-trial at Carshalton track and these pictures are 2 of several taken at Vaughan's request to show where his style-swails lie.

Ken Matthews had some difficulty with his style at one time and was "palled" by the judges in 3 consecutive races---nearly quitting for good as a result. Our own Harry Evans, one of the judges concerned, persuaded Matthews to persevere, and we all know to what effect.

Vaughan intends to follow in his footsteps (figuratively speaking of course!) Yes, this man means business.

**FOOTNOTE:** Fame travels fast! Jack Goswell recently received a letter from George Towers of Leicestershire W.C. who is currently stationed with the RAF near Tobruk, North Africa.

Towers sent his congratulations and regards to Thomas and Farley on their recent results and added "I only hope they will be posted abroad before I return home!"---Whose side is he on?

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# Junior Section

Fairclough heads the Juniors---Bicourt the Youths-----Hayes the Boys. This is the position at the present time, but who knows how long it will last when we have so many other youngsters striving to depose them? Hayes is expected to show some pretty hot form when he gets amongst youths next season, for this lad could well be a worthy successor to Bicourt. But this season has seen Fairclough and Bicourt fighting it out for honours in their respective divisions with Fairclough perhaps having the edge by virtue of his excellent 3rd place in the Surrey County Junior Championship. Then came the "Southern" at Parliament Hill. With a beautifully timed run Bicourt took 3rd place----an effort of great merit. He thus becomes our 'Cover-Boy' for this issue; the first Youth to grace the front page. Fairclough's 18th place was also a fine effort and endorsed the consistency this scraggy fleet-footed hope for the future has shown this season.

Bicourt has received admirable support this year from Simmons, Edwards and Leaver. John Leaver is not yet quite a match for Eugene and "Noddy" but this tall, stylish runner seems to have temporarily outgrown his strength (a common occurrence amongst tall young athletes), but once his strength has been built up to match his physique then we could well see some startling progress from this likeable youngster. Patience is the key, and this applies to all of our younger runners. Remember, you all develop at different rates and if your rival appears to be improving more rapidly than yourself it doesn't necessarily mean it will remain that way. Many of you, after a period of encouraging progress, will find yourselves "marking time" for anything up to a whole season---don't be discouraged, for this is merely a period of consolidation. You cannot climb to a higher plateau until you have established a firm foothold on the lower one. Routine plays an important part here. Hang on to your fitness by resolving never to miss a training run---and if you don't feel like training? give yourself the luxury of an "easy" until you do, but still go out!

The National Championship, to be held on March 2nd at Cambridge will conclude the 1962/3 season and we look to our Youths and Juniors to round off this season on a high note.

## YOUTHS 3RD IN REIGATE RELAYS

Belgrave's Youths finished behind Mitcham and Reading in this year's 4x1½ miles relay. Eugene Simmons was the first of our quartet to climb the steep priory hill and after 8 minutes 45 seconds handed over to "Noddy" Edwards in 7th place, 12secs behind Mitcham and 12 ahead of Reading. With "Noddy" running his usual dogged race and moving us up into 3rd place we were still splitting the main two rival clubs.

John Bicourt then produced a devastating run to record second fastest time of the day and take us into second place just 15 seconds behind Mitcham.

John Leaver set off in hot pursuit of the leading runner but was not equal to the opposition on this day, faded, and eventually gave way to the Reading man. Nevertheless, the team's 3rd place was a fine performance, and if they stay together they have a promising future.

### RESULT

|                      |       |            |      |
|----------------------|-------|------------|------|
| 1. Mitcham AC        | 33:35 | E. Simmons | 8:45 |
| 2. Reading AC        | 34:20 | P. Edwards | 8:34 |
| 3. BELGRAVE HARRIERS | 34:33 | J. Bicourt | 8:10 |
|                      |       | J. Leaver  | 9:04 |

## 'Overseas' CUP

### YOUTHS 3 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP---DEC 1ST

Everything went to form. The first 3 were soon in their rightful places and it then became a question of margins.

The powerful, stylish John Bicourt looks more impressive on each outing and is surely destined for great things. "Noddy" Edwards was in hot pursuit of Bicourt throughout and it would seem that he is running into form for the Southern & National just as he did last year; few will forget his fine effort in the latter event.

The youngest competitor of the day was Ron Hayes (15) who took 3rd place. Ron is 14 months younger than Bicourt and at his present rate of improvement will be quite capable next season of matching (if not beating) John's performances of this year.

### RESULT

|               |       |                |       |
|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. J. Bicourt | 15:45 | 5. B. Merry    | 17:58 |
| 2. P. Edwards | 16:08 | 6. P.R. Clarke | 18:06 |
| 3. R. Hayes   | 16:48 | 7. I. Chandler | 18:36 |
| 4. J. Leaver  | 17:39 | 8. R. Nelson   | 19:25 |

# The North Surrey League

## Youths & Boys

### FINAL POSITIONS (subject to confirmation)

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| 1. MITCHAM A.C.....  | 156 points |
| 2. WALTON A.C.....   | 188 points |
| 3. BELGRAVE H.....   | 279 points |
| 4. SURREY A.C.....   | 370 points |
| 5. HERCULES A.C..... | 424 points |
| 6. HERNE HILL H..... | 472 points |

The four fixtures of this North Surrey League season were held in conjunction with the Senior/Junior league matches---each race being over a 2½ mile course. As in the Senior league, Mitcham, Walton and ourselves were predominant throughout. Scoring was based on 5 to count, University scoring.

#### RACE NO.1---Wimbledon, Oct 27th

In a tremendous finish John Bicourt gained second place, fractionally ahead of Walton's Blake and Mitcham's Cope. Simmons ran well, as indeed did Major, but with Mitcham finishing 5 and Walton 4 before our second man was home we stood little chance in the team race.

|                              |       |                |               |                 |     |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1. G. Biscoe (Mitcham)....   | 15:30 | 14. E. Simmons |               | <u>TEAMS</u>    |     |
| 2. J. Bicourt (BELGRAVE)...  | 15:35 | 18. A. Major   |               | 1. Mitcham..... | 35  |
| 3. M. Blake (Walton)....     | 15:36 | 19. P. Edwards |               | 2. Walton.....  | 49  |
| 4. D. Cope (Mitcham)....     | 15:37 | 21. R. Hayes   |               | 3. BELGRAVE.... | 74  |
| 5. C. Church (Walton)....    | 15:51 |                |               | 4. Hercules.... | 99  |
| 6. R. Sandford (Hercules)... | 16:08 |                |               | 5. Surrey.....  | 103 |
|                              |       |                | 6. H.H.H..... | 105             |     |

#### RACE NO.2---Esher, Dec 15th

Bicourt put himself out of the running for the League's individual award when he missed the start rather foolishly. He joined in the race after a short distance and finished fourth but did not, of course, score. "Noddy" Edwards and 15 years old Ron Hayes filled the breach admirably, however, and we finished third once again.

|                              |       |                 |                |                 |     |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1. M. Blake (Walton)....     | 13:12 | 9. P. Edwards   |                | <u>TEAMS</u>    |     |
| 2. D. Cope (Mitcham)....     | 13:21 | 11. R. Hayes    |                | 1. Mitcham..... | 31  |
| 3. G. Biscoe (.....)         | 13:25 | 22. B. Merry    |                | 2. Walton.....  | 47  |
| 4. R. Sandford (Hercules)... | 13:37 | 23. I. Chandler |                | 3. BELGRAVE.... | 83  |
| 5. F. Burtwell (Surrey)....  | 13:38 | 28. P. Clark    |                | 4. Hercules.... | 83  |
| 6. F. Badgery (Mitcham)....  | 13:44 |                 |                | 5. H.H.H.....   | 109 |
|                              |       |                 | 6. Surrey..... | 112             |     |

#### RACE NO.3---Kingston, Dec 29th

John Bicourt made sure he was at the start this time, but found the snow-covered course not at all to his liking and finished a struggling 7th. We were still no match for Mitcham and Walton and remained in our third place niche.

|                             |       |                |               |                 |     |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1. M. Blake (Walton)....    | 15:53 | 7. J. Bicourt  |               | <u>TEAMS</u>    |     |
| 2. A. Burtwell (Surrey).... | 16:09 | 13. R. Hayes   |               | 1. Mitcham..... | 40  |
| 3. C. Church (Walton)....   | 16:39 | 14. P. Edwards |               | 2. Walton.....  | 49  |
| 4. W. Hughes (.....)        | 16:43 | 18. B. Merry   |               | 3. BELGRAVE.... | 73  |
| 5. D. Cope (Mitcham)....    | 16:55 | 19. R. Clark   |               | 4. Surrey.....  | 73  |
| 6. D. Strudwick (.....)     | 17:09 |                |               | 5. Hercules.... | 131 |
|                             |       |                | 6. H.H.H..... | 140             |     |

#### RACE NO.4---Addington, Feb 9th

A mixture of frozen-plough, ice and knee-deep snow faced the starters in this final league match. And Bicourt faced his second disappointment in four matches when, after drawing away into the lead, he went off course at the half way mark and re-joined the field in 3rd place. With 300 yds to go he was second once more and only 10 yds down on the leader, but his effort had cost him dear and his two closest rivals raced away from him at the finish. The rest of the team ran very well and we were only 2 points short of turning the tables on Mitcham with our lowest yet score of 51.

(Cont'd overleaf)

|                                    |                |                   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. G. Biscoe (Mitcham).....15:08   | 8. E. Simmons  | <b>TEAMS</b>      |
| 2. M. Blake (Walton).....15:15     | 11. P. Edwards | 1. Walton.....43  |
| 3. J. Bicourt (BELGRAVE).....15:20 | 14. J. Leaver  | 2. Mitcham.....50 |
| 4. D. Cope (Mitcham).....15:25     | 15. R. Hayes   | 3. BELGRAVE...51  |
| 5. D. Piercey (Surrey).....15:30   |                | 4. Surrey.....82  |
| 6. M. Blake (Walton).....15:32     |                | 5. Hercules...111 |
|                                    |                | 6. H.H.H.....118  |

## Surrey Co. Youths

### RICHMOND PARK---KINGSTON 12TH JAN.

Run in appalling conditions over a snow and ice covered course, most runners had difficulty in getting an adequate foothold and there were several upsets in form.

John Bicourt was not at all happy with the going but still had sufficient class to hold 9th place. Eugene Simmons ran well throughout to be our next man home in 18th place, followed by "Noddy" taking 25th place with a fast finish---yes, every place counts! John Leaver completed the scoring four in 32nd spot.

The Senior and Junior match at Wimbledon had been called off that afternoon, so most of those that turned up at Belgrave Hall ran to Richmond Park to give the Youths a cheer. The Bels certainly took 1st prize for vocal support.

| RESULTS                     |       |                          |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. G. Biscoe (Mitcham)      | 24:45 | 9. J. Bicourt (BELGRAVE) | 25:41 |
| 2. D. Cope "                | 24:51 | 18. E. Simmons "         | 26:26 |
| 3. M. Kortenaar (Wimbledon) | 25:15 | 25. P. Edwards "         | 27:14 |
|                             |       | 32. K. Leaver "          | 27:44 |
|                             |       | 38. B. Merry "           | 28:05 |
|                             |       | 44. F. Clark "           | 28:30 |
|                             |       | 47. I. Chandler "        | 28:43 |
| Teams:-                     |       |                          |       |
| 1. Mitcham AC (1,2,10,13)   | 26pts |                          |       |
| 2. Wimbledon AC (3,7,14,43) | 67pts |                          |       |
| 3. BELGRAVE H (8,15,22,28)  | 73pts |                          |       |

Recently in an Indoor Match at R.A.F. Stammore young Derek Wade pulled out a really fine long-jump effort and in Senior Competition finished second to G. Kealey (Southall AC) with 21'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

This form suggests that Derek is making full use of these winter meets and intends to hit that take-off board really hard this coming summer.

### "SAVAGE" SHIELD WIN FOR FAIRCLOUGH.

Held on the same day as the Senior "10", Jan 26th, this Junior Championship was run over two 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles laps of a partly-thawed icy course. On the previous day it seemed very likely the race would be off, for the frozen course was particularly dangerous, but a thaw came along on the morning of the race softening up the surface enough to make racing possible.

John Bicourt went straight into the lead with Fairclough, Cocks and Morrison tucked in behind. John, running against athletes age-group above himself, was still in front at the half-way mark, his 3 pursuers close behind. On the final lap Cocks and Fairclough piled on the pressure, dropping Morrison and moving ahead of Bicourt. Fairclough had the race well in hand and drew away steadily with no sign of strain to win by 120yds from Cocks with a gallant Bicourt 50yds away, third.

It was good to see Keith Angus getting back to form again, this 19yrs old Sheffield runner has lots of potential.

| RESULT           |       |                |       |
|------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. A. Fairclough | 33:06 | 6. P. Edwards  | 35:05 |
| 2. D. Cocks.     | 33:28 | 7. J. Leaver   | 37:31 |
| 3. J. Bicourt    | 33:36 | 8. H. Satchell | 37:45 |
| 4. A. Morrison   | 33:59 | 9. M. Reynolds | 37:55 |
| 5. K. Angus      | 34:58 | 10. R. Clark   | 38:54 |

In the South London Schools championship for Intermediates, Adrian Major representing Tulse Hill School became the fourth Belgrave holder of the title in six years. His time of 19:52 was 19secs ahead of the runner-up.

The Surrey County Junior Championships were won this year by BELGRAVE HARRIERS. A report of both Senior and Junior events can be found on page 9

# THE SOUTHERN

## Juniors 4th.—Youths 6th

### PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS—FEB 16TH

Bicourt gained 3rd place by 1 second---the Junior team lost 3rd place by 1 point. By such margins are honours won and lost.

John Bicourt really rose to the occasion on this dangerous icy course. He never let the leading group get right away, although at times it was touch and go. With  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile to go he was 11th and then made a big effort up the last hill before the final long descent to the finish. His lengthy stride soon took him up to 3rd place on the downhill stretch and just as it looked as though he would get well clear of the pack the tremendous effort began to tell and our supporters shared every agonising step down the long finishing straight---but John held on and was a worthy winner of the bronze medal. He said afterwards "The crowd at the top of that last hill made me think it was the finish, that was why I took it so hard. When I saw the finish was nearly another half mile away I just hung on and tried to keep my effort going". Perhaps that crowd did him a good turn.

As expected, Tony Fairclough was our first Junior to finish and his 18th place was a pretty good guide to his season's form. Surprise of the day was the grand form shown by Keith Angus, whose 35th place was far above expectations. The determined running of this young athlete was a joy to watch, and his rapid improvement after a long lay-off augurs well for the National when David Cocks hopes to have overcome the effects of his recent injury. David ran his heart out but could barely raise a gallop down the finishing straight. Two weeks of hard training should see him right for the National. Jack Hampshire, as usual in the big races, really pulled his weight and was our third scorer in 61st position.

Our Youths team packed in their usual order with Simmons (31) Edwards (41) and Leaver (103) being Bicourt's supporting string yet again. All in all, both teams acquitted themselves well. Tom Carter and Jack Hampshire (Senior) can feel proud of these reliable youngsters for, lets face it, its the club with reliable men that makes its mark, not the one with "flash-in-the-pan" results gained by an occasional collection of their best runners.

### JUNIOR RESULT:

|                                  |       |                          |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. R. Howe (Walthamstow AC)..... | 33:13 | 18.A. Fairclough(BEL. H) | 34:59 |
| 2. P. Yates (Wycombe Ph.H).....  | 33:20 | 35.K. Angus (.....)      | -     |
| 3. W. Gibson (Surrey AC).....    | 33:33 | 61.J. Hampshire (.....)  | -     |
| 4. F. Stebbings (Croydon H)..... | 33:43 | 66.D. Cocks (.....)      | -     |
| 5. N. Barton (Oxford C).....     | 33:54 | 172.C. Steer (.....)     | -     |
| 6. B. Heaver (Blackheath H)..... | 33:57 |                          |       |

### Teams:-

|                          |                       |                        |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Shaftesbury H ....101 | 3. Blackheath H...179 | 5.Windsor & Eton...214 |
| 2. T.V.H.....128         | 4. BELGRAVE H.....180 | 6.Hercules AC.....244  |

### YOUTH RESULT:-

|                                  |       |                             |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1. R. Young (Hornchurch H)...    | 17:37 | 31. E. Simmons (BELGRAVE H) |
| 2. M. Hays (Shaftesbury H)...    | 17:53 | 41. P. Edwards (.....)      |
| 3. J. BICOURT (BELGRAVE H)...    | 17:56 | 103. J. Leaver (.....)      |
| 4. C. Green (Hercules AC)...     | 17:57 | 169. R.F. Clark (.....)     |
| 5. F. Roskilly (Woodford Grn AC) | 17:58 | 193. B. Merry (.....)       |
| 6. D. Catlin (T.V.H.).....       | 18:02 |                             |

### Teams:-

|                         |                        |                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Woodford Grn AC...73 | 3. Ponders End AC...79 | 5. Hornchurch H...175 |
| 2. Mitcham AC.....78    | 4. T.V.H.....121       | 6. BELGRAVE H....178  |



E. Simmons finishing 31st in the Youths Championship to be our 2nd scoring man.

# ROAD RUNNING

Pat Newell and Derek Crookes, who have always looked ideally suited to road running, have shown by recent performances that 'life on the road' might well bring them considerable success - providing, of course, they can find time to reel off the extra mileage in training.

Pat had his first long-distance outing in the Mitcham '15', and although he faded a bit in the last mile or so, it was a useful debut to finish as high up as 8th in a race of this class. His smooth, effortless action suggests he could 'purr' on for ever. It will be interesting to see if he can.

Derek ran in the Faversham '5', Hogs Back '9½' and the Mitcham '15', but found the distance a little too much in the latter. His efforts in the first two races were most encouraging and we look forward to seeing him in our future road running teams.

Arthur Penstone appeals to all road runners to let him have some idea of their plans for the coming season. All should make a point of running in their County '20'. Southern entry forms can be obtained from Arthur who will be only too pleased to give advice and enter you in those races you plan to run

## Faversham '5'

Few people would have given the Belgrave team of Kerr, Crookes and Paget much hope against that renowned trio from Aylesford P.M. - Mayatt, Pettit and Minshall. Yet win they did and happiest man of the day was undoubtedly Fred Paget who not only gained a team prize but turned the tables on his rival Mike Shingles, in the process.

Bill Kerr was in great form and set a new course record of 23:29 in beating the Irishman Hogan and Aylesford's Mayatt by 24 secs. and 38 secs. respectively.

### RESULT.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1. W. Kerr (Belgrave)    | 23:29 rec. |
| 2. J. Hogan (Poly)       | 23:53      |
| 3. J. Mayatt (Aylesford) | 24:07      |
| 7. D. Crookes (Bels)     | 25:26      |
| 10. F. Paget "           | 26:45      |
| 12. M. Shingles "        | 26:55      |

### Teams.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Belgrave H. (1.7.10)      | 18 pts. |
| 2. Aylesford P.M. (3.4.13.)  | 20 pts. |
| 3. Canterbury A.C. (6.8.14.) | 28 pts. |
| 5 teams closed in.           |         |

## HOGS BACK 9½;

Held on the same day as one of our league cross-country fixtures, we were unable to field a truly representative team. Seven Belgravians started in this very large field and Derek Crookes ran particularly well. This is always a high-class field and when runners like Cooke (Portsmouth), O'Sullivan (Oxford), Franklin (Tipton), Hill-Cottingham (Chelms) and Snowden (Surrey) all finish in the thirties, it is decidedly tough. Derek's 51st place was a fine effort.

### RESULT.

|                          |       |                           |       |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. B. Kilby (Coventry)   | 44:15 | 51. D. Crookes (Belgrave) | 49:21 |
| 2. D. Turner (Liverpool) | 44:24 | 110. L. Bishop "          | 52:20 |
| 3. M. Hyman (Portsmouth) | 44:58 | 142. G. Pearson "         | 53:56 |
| 4. J. Taylor (Coventry)  | 45:05 | 173. M. Shingles "        | 56:08 |
| 5. B. Heatley (Coventry) | 45:13 | 216. J. Baker "           | 59:04 |
| 6. L. Ebdlen (Hadleigh)  | 45:23 | 217. E. Bishop "          | 59:09 |
|                          |       | 218. D. Brown "           | 59:12 |

### Teams

1. Coventry 2. Portsmouth 3. Bristol 27. Belgrave (45 teams closed in)

## Bels. Win Mitcham '15' Again

### JANUARY 12th

Running in near Arctic conditions Belgrave "froze" the field for the 2nd successive year and again took both team awards (3 to score and 6 to score). The remarkable thing is that only one of last year's successful trio was in our scoring 3 and only 2 of last year's 6 in our first half dozen - so much for our depth.

This race is always held on the coldest Saturday of the year but this one must have been the coldest ever. At 3 miles the leading bunch had dwindled to 10 and included North, Newell, Sawyer and Walker. Two miles later the leading group was only 5 strong with Charlie trailing by some 30 secs.

At 7½ miles Gerry decided he had had enough of company and really got weaving. He ran through 10 miles in 49:49 with Newell 6th in 50:39 and Sawyer 8th in 51:10. The positions were the same at 12½ miles but Gerry had increased his lead to a full 40 secs. over Shelley (N. Staffs). It was at this stage that the bitter cold and the distance began to tell on all the competitors it seemed with the exception of Shelley who "put his skates on" and went after Gerry for all he was worth with the result that at 14 miles Gerry's lead had been cut to 30 secs. This course is a long 15 however, and in the last 1½ mls or so Shelley went from strength to strength and might well have pulled it off had he been up against a lesser man. But Gerry is a champion and held off last year's winner by 10 yards to provide an even more exciting finish than when Jack Brown pulverised Dennis O'Gorman a few years back.

A few places back Sawyer had passed Newell in the closing stages and Chas. Walker had held on well to 14th place. John Moore and Derek Crookes were running together a little further back and it was clear we would finish 6 in 40 despite the retirement of John Thresher and Bill Kerr. As a point of interest, Jack Brown's course record of 78:21 still stands.

**RESULT**

|                          |       |                           |        |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. G. North (Belgrave)   | 79:53 | 40. D. Crookes (Belgrave) | 88:05  |
| 2. D. Shelley (N.Staffs) | 79:55 | 92. A. Bishop             | 98:30  |
| 3. J. Edwards (Bristol)  | 80:40 | 97. G. Piddington "       | 100:26 |
| 7. B. Sawyer (Belgrave)  | 82:39 | 99. M. Shingles "         | 101:30 |
| 8. P. Newell "           | 82:48 | 104. C. Manning "         | 106:44 |
| 14.C. Walker "           | 84:27 | 115. J. Baker "           | 134:25 |
| 39.J. Moore "            | 87:59 |                           |        |

**Teams. (Jim Peters Trophy)**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Belgrave H. (1.7.8.) | 16 points |
| 2. Bristol A.C.(3.4.12) | 19 "      |
| 3. Tipton H. (9.10.19)  | 38 "      |

**(Fry Trophy)**

|                 |
|-----------------|
| 1. Belgrave H.  |
| 2. Mitcham A.C. |
| 3. T.V.H.       |

**More Walking****CROYDON/BANSTEAD AND BACK '11½'**

This annual match against Surrey WC was held on February 16th and the contest was hotted up by the appearance of Don Thompson competing as a visitor.

Thompson went straight into the lead and was never headed, but D. Bale of Surrey WC hung on for all he was worth and held Thompson's winning margin to 84secs.

Bob Farley walked exceptionally well and was in 3rd place for most of the way. Ray Hall worked his way through the field on the outward journey and just before the turn made a point of killing off Surrey's K. Mason who was moving up on Farley. Ray and Bob then walked together for most of the homeward journey---Ray setting the pace up the hills and Bob down them. Thus the Belgrave pair drew well away from Mason. Farley drew ahead of Hall on the final downhill stretches and took a well-deserved third place. With Bill Belderson and Don Bartliff following Mason home Belgrave won the team race by 3 points.

Farley was the winner of the Belgrave handicap prize, put up by the home club.

**RESULT:-**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. D. Thompson (Visitor).....94:41 | 6. W. Belderson (BELGRAVE H)..104:16 |
| 2. D. Bale (Surrey WC)....96:05    | 7. D. Bartliff (.....)..105:48       |
| 3. R. Farley (BELGRAVE H)...98:24  | 16. D. Fotheringham(.....)..116:59   |
| 4. R.C. Hall (.....)...98:43       | 20. J. Wilson (.....)..119:00        |
| 5. K. Mason (Surrey WC)...101:42   |                                      |

**Teams: 5 to score)**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. BELGRAVE H.....26points. | 2. Surrey WC.....29points |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|

**COMING EVENTS**

|                                        |                                        |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| MAR.15/16: AAA Indoor Champs. Wembley. | APR 27: 1st home match, Battersea Pk.  |
| " 16: All-England Schools, Coventry.   | MAY 4: SURREY '20'.                    |
| " 22/23: GB v West Germany, Wembley.   | " 6: 2nd home match, Battersea Pk.     |
| " 29/30: International Indoor Meet "   | " 11: SURREY RELAYS, Wimbledon.        |
| APR.6: NATIONAL LONDON/BRIGHTON RELAY. | " 15: 3rd home match, Battersea Pk.    |
| " 19/20: International Indoor Meet.    | " 18: Southern '20'.                   |
| " 24:Surrey 7 mile walk, Battersea.    | " 21/23: SURREY HEATS (S,J&Y) Motspur. |
| " 27: Southern '6', Motspur Park.      | " 25: SURREY FINALS "                  |
|                                        | JUN 8: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, Hurlingham. |

# THE SOUTHERN (Senior)

## DISAPPOINTING 8TH BY BELS:-

Held at Parliament Hill Fields it was touch and go on the morning of the race whether the race would be held. A partial thaw during the preceding week had softened up the ground and melted the surface of many large expanses of snow---but Saturday, February 16th, heralded the return of those icy North-Easterlies and everything turned to solid ice. It took the organisers a long time to re-route the course and avoid the hazardous ice-rinks but several balancing tests could not be missed and those with unsuitable footwear risked, and in some cases sustained, bad injury.

On paper we had high hopes of being second to Portsmouth AC but once again we were unable to field a truly representative team and the ten that did start were dogged by misfortune. Those that were unable to appear were Linstead (injury), Thresher (cold), Newell (work) and Roffey (flu). Gerry North had had tendon trouble for over 3 weeks and was ill advised to run, especially as he had also been down with gastric trouble on the Thursday and Friday. However, he and Barry Sawyer (foot injury) were plucky starters in our depleted team. We still had fair hopes at the start but the course disposed of them as well and Belgrave were written off in 8th place, for Sawyer had to retire and Bill Kerr's shoe was split by the ice, forcing him to withdraw as well.

Gerry nursed himself along from 30th to 11th at two laps, but on the final circuit was obliged to give away 7 places. Alan Black got an excellent start, being placed in the first ten at a half-mile, and our supporters were hopeful that he would reproduce his scintillating form of the previous week when he won the final league match, but Alan also was affected by the Belgrave jinx and moved steadily back to the 40's---a position he held over the last circuit. David Jones was nowhere near his recent form and John Moore, inexcusably, was left at the start. Charlie Walker ran well and moved through the field with great determination---fast catching Alan at the finish.

Our footballing runner, Laurie O'Hara, was taking part in his first race over 9 miles and did very well to finish 92nd. He was not in the least distressed and was soon talking about the Sunday League football match he would be playing next day! The only good thing about this weather is that it releases Laurie from his Saturday game to run for us.

Jack Brown, who appeared only as a reserve, was a gallant 109th in his first race since the Club '7' in early December. Close behind was Don Maclean (118) who made ground impressively in the latter stages to complete our scoring six.

To finish 8th without Kerr, Linstead, Sawyer, Newell, Thresher and Roffey just shows what potentiality we really have. We can only hope our bad luck came all at once and that we shall have a 100% top-form turn-out for the forthcoming 'National' and 'Brighton'.

On the overall results of Seniors, Juniors and Youths only T.V.H., as last year, had a better record---their positions of 2,2,4, beating our 8, 4,6, Ponders End's 5,12,3 (!) and Shaftesbury's 11,1,8. Mitcham recorded 14, 19,2 whilst Portsmouth, Woodford and SLH were not strong enough to finish teams in the first 20 of each section.

Perhaps there are a few seeds of comfort amongst these figures after all.

### RESULT:-

|                  |                            |                  |                  |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. T.F. Johnston | (Portsmouth AC).....48:44  | 18. G. North     | (BEL. H) ..50:59 |
| 2. D. Taylor     | (Herne Hill H).....48:49   | 43. A. Black     | (.....) -- -     |
| 3. M. Hyman      | (Portsmouth AC).....49:07  | 50. C. Walker    | (.....) -- -     |
| 4. T. Briault    | (Brighton AC).....49:11    | 92. L. O'Hara    | (.....) -- -     |
| 5. B. O'Sullivan | (Oxford City AC).....49:25 | 109. J. Brown    | (.....) -- -     |
| 6. M.B. Tulloh   | (Portsmouth AC).....49:38  | 118. D. Maclean  | (.....) -- -     |
| 7. J. Cooke      | (.....).....49:38          | 133. J. Moore    | (.....) -- -     |
| 8. F. Seal       | (Ponders End AC)....49:53  | 188. D. F. Jones | (.....) -- -     |
| 9. P. Mellor     | (.....).....49:54          |                  |                  |
| 10. D. Chapman   | (Woodford Grn AC) ...49:56 |                  |                  |

### Teams:-

|                          |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Portsmouth AC.....100 | 4. Woodford Grn AC...282 | 7. Polytechnic H...416 |
| 2. T.V.H.....210         | 5. Ponders End AC...360  | 8. BELGRAVE H.....430  |
| 3. S.L.H.....273         | 6. Reading AC.....381    |                        |

In the Metropolitan Police Road Walking Championship, W. Belderson finished 3rd behind Woodford's G. Brown and Enfield's C. Fogg. 'A' division won the team race.

'FLASHBACK!' ----- 9 years.

THE SOUTHERN 1954



This picture was taken by Ed Lacey at Parliament Hill just after the start of the Southern Senior Championships of 1954. That man out front?---- Why, "Jumbo" Masters of course. The "Pied Piper of Parliament Hill" is seen here propelling that Belgrave vest to the very summit where T.V. cameras were positioned to screen their first ever "Southern".

"Jumbo" was first past the cameras but 21st across the finishing line. Twenty of the reasons for this can be seen close behind and include P. Driver, K. Norris, A. Olney, F. Sando, M. Maynard, G. Olding, A. Perkins and R. Clark.

For the record, Belgrave's scoring six in 1954 were Masters (21), Walker (45), Stearman (65), Short (72), Briggs (82) and L. Bishop (91). The team were sixth---two better than this year---and it is interesting to note that T.V.H., S.L.H. and ourselves are the only 3 clubs to appear in the first 8 for both years; T.V.H. being second on both occasions. In 1954 Portsmouth were 28th and Woodford 15th---how times change!

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CLUB '71' RESULT:

|                  |        |       |                   |         |       |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| 1. G. North      | (scr)  | 40:43 | 16. A. Bishop     | (7:30)  | 47:27 |
| 2. C. Walker     | (2:15) | 41:49 | 17. G. Piddington | (7:00)  | 47:39 |
| 3. A. Black      | (2:30) | 42:04 | 18. R. Bolem      | (7:50)  | 47:48 |
| 4. J. Thresher   | (2:00) | 42:12 | 19. E. Penny      | (7:00)  | 47:58 |
| 5. B. Sawyer     | (2:15) | 42:59 | 20. C. Henn       | (7:30)  | 48:28 |
| 6. J. Brown      | (2:45) | 43:04 | 21. N. Asten      | (9:00)  | 48:32 |
| 7. A. Pairelough | (3:00) | 43:26 | 22. M. Stearman   | (8:00)  | 49:31 |
| 8. J. Davies     | (3:00) | 43:32 | 23. R. Lawrence   | (7:00)  | 49:56 |
| 9. E. Gebbett    | (3:00) | 44:06 | 24. R. Conway     | (7:30)  | 50:18 |
| 10. O. Steer     | (4:15) | 44:48 | 25. E. Bishop     | (6:30)  | 50:42 |
| 11. J. Moore     | (3:30) | 45:01 | 26. D. C. Brown   | (11:00) | 51:13 |
| 12. D. W. Jones  | (5:00) | 45:50 | 27. D. Newell     | (10:30) | 51:40 |
| 13. L. Bishop    | (4:45) | 46:04 | 28. C. Manning    | (14:00) | 53:38 |
| 14. P. Bims      | (6:00) | 46:55 | 29. J. Baker      | (12:30) | 54:00 |
| 15. J. Dooley    | (7:00) | 47:10 | 30. - Hopkins     | (12:00) | 55:39 |

## The North Surrey League

### FINAL RESULT (Subject to confirmation):-

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. WALTON A.C.....   | 697 points  |
| 2. BELGRAVE H.....   | 799 points  |
| 3. MITCHAM A.C.....  | 1172 points |
| 4. HERCULES A.C..... | 1434 points |
| 5. HERNE HILL H..... | 1594 points |
| 6. SURREY A.C.....   | 1623 points |

This was the League's first season and it consisted of four fixtures in which all six clubs competed. Any number can run but only the first ten from each club count in the scoring (the "University" scoring method). If a club fields less than 10 men then their score is made up by the addition of positions 60, 59, 58 etc.

An individual award goes to the man who, competing in all 4 races, scores the lowest number of points.

The four host clubs this season were Belgrave, Walton, Surrey, and Herne Hill, in that order. But for the Surrey match there were over 100 starters in each race and the biggest team turn-out was Belgrave's 30 in the final match.

### RACE NO.1---Wimbledon, Oct 27th.

This was held in conjunction with our "Opening 5", and Gerry North was the first winner to go into the League's record books---this was also his first win over the country in Belgrave colours.

Charlie Walker ran exceedingly well to finish 5th and was well supported by Pat Newell and young Fairclough. Walton's packing, 7 in 17, was too good for the Bels.

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|------------------------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| 1. G. North (BELGRAVE)....   | 27:57 | 14. P. Newell     |  |
| 2. J. Snowden (Surrey)....   | 28:10 | 15. A. Fairclough |  |
| 3. R. Roath (Walton)....     | 28:11 | 20. D. Maclean    |  |
| 4. L. Presland (Surrey)....  | 28:21 | 22. E. Gebbett    |  |
| 5. C. Walker (BELGRAVE)....  | 28:35 | 27. J. Moore      |  |
| 6. K. Hazeltime (Surrey).... | 28:38 | 33. J. Davies     |  |
| 7. P. Palmer (Walton)....    | 28:39 | 35. C. Steer      |  |
| 8. P. Milner                 | 28:42 | 46. K. Angus      |  |

#### TEAMS

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Walton....   | 158 |
| 2. BELGRAVE.... | 218 |
| 3. Surrey....   | 300 |
| 4. Mitcham....  | 316 |
| 5. Hercules.... | 408 |
| 6. H.H.H....    | 430 |

### RACE NO.2---Esher, Dec 15th.

This was the toughest course of all and the going was really heavy. Gerry North won by a street and was this time supported by John Thresher (8th) and Pat Newell again (11th). This was Bradley's first outing and his 20th place just behind Sawyer and Fairclough was a fine effort. Bill Kerr was lying 5th on the last lap when he fell with a badly sprained ankle.

Walton again took the team-race, but by a smaller margin from the Bels who scored one point less than in race No.1 but had to go back to 54th place for their 10th scorer. But for Bill's accident we would have won.

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| 1. G. North (BELGRAVE)....    | 33:49 | 11. P. Newell     |  |
| 2. D. Taylor (H.H.H.)....     | 34:40 | 18. B. Sawyer     |  |
| 3. J. Snowden (Surrey)....    | 34:48 | 19. A. Fairclough |  |
| 4. R. Roath (Walton)....      | 34:58 | 20. J. Bradley    |  |
| 5. P. Palmer (.....)....      | 35:19 | 26. C. Steer      |  |
| 6. M. Gillett (Mitcham)....   | 35:40 | 30. J. Davies     |  |
| 7. C. Strange (Walton)....    | 36:02 | 35. D. Cocks      |  |
| 8. J. Thresher (BELGRAVE).... | 36:10 | 54. K. Miller     |  |

#### TEAMS

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Walton....   | 172 |
| 2. BELGRAVE.... | 217 |
| 3. Hercules.... | 304 |
| 4. Mitcham....  | 356 |
| 5. H.H.H....    | 358 |
| 6. Surrey....   | 423 |

### RACE NO.3---Kingston, Dec 29th.

Held in Richmond Park over a snow-covered course Surrey A.C.'s Snowden, revelling in the conditions of his home course, held off a fast-finishing Gerry North by 1 second. Both runners were nearly 1½ mins ahead of the next man. Weather conditions were responsible for keeping the field down to 75 finishers.

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|---------------------------------|-------|------------------|--|
| 1. J. Snowden (Surrey)....      | 30:08 | 9. C. Walker     |  |
| 2. G. North (BELGRAVE)....      | 30:09 | 14. B. Sawyer    |  |
| 3. M. Gillett (Mitcham)....     | 31:51 | 16. J. Thresher  |  |
| 4. P. Milner (Walton)....       | 31:40 | 26. D. Maclean   |  |
| 5. A. Milner (.....)....        | 31:40 | 28. J. Moore     |  |
| 6. J. Meech (.....)....         | 31:54 | 29. K. Miller    |  |
| 7. A. Fairclough (BELGRAVE).... |       | 30. F. Paget     |  |
|                                 |       | 43. J. Hampshire |  |

#### TEAMS

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Walton....   | 188 |
| 2. BELGRAVE.... | 204 |
| 3. Mitcham....  | 254 |
| 4. Hercules.... | 278 |
| 5. Surrey....   | 377 |
| 6. H.H.H....    | 529 |



**BACKPIECE:** (Ed. Lacey) The start of the Belgrave Youths Smiles Championship  
L. to R. --- 'Noddy' Edwards (2nd), R. Nelson (6th), J. Bignott (1st),  
R. Hayes (3rd), J. Leaver (4th), B. Mery (5th), F. Clark (6th),  
and J. Chandler, partly hidden, (7th).

RACE NO.4.---Addington, Feb 9th

This was to be the race where Gerry North would clinch the individual title, but Gerry was injured and unable to run so the award went to Walton's Bob Roath.

North's absence did not affect the team award, and it was ironical that we should score our first league win without him. What's more, Alan Black showed everyone that he could be a "North" if he liked and produced a power performance that made the rest of the field look like hacks. On a course of heavy snow and occasional patches of frozen plough his effort drew forth superlatives from all sides. Bill Kerr and David Jones, both getting back to fitness again, provided excellent support with their 4th and 12th places.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. A. Black (BELGRAVE)....33:37     | 12. D.F. Jones    | TEAMS<br>1. BELGRAVE 160<br>2. Walton...179<br>3. Mitcham...246<br>4. H.H.H....277<br>5. Hercules.444<br>6. Surrey...523 |
| 2. R. Roath (Walton).....34:25      | 14. C. Walker     |                                                                                                                          |
| 2. C. Strange (.....)....34:25      | 16. C. Roffey     |                                                                                                                          |
| 4. W. Kerr (BELGRAVE)....34:29      | 18. C. Steer      |                                                                                                                          |
| 5. A. Rogers (Mitcham)....34:33     | 19. B. Sawyer     |                                                                                                                          |
| 6. J. Meech (Walton).....34:40      | 24. J. Thresher   |                                                                                                                          |
| 7. M. Gowan (H.H.H.).....34:44      | 25. A. Fairclough |                                                                                                                          |
| 8. G. Winchester (Walton).....34:45 | 27. D. Crookes    |                                                                                                                          |

In the four races, 21 Belgravians contributed to our total points score, thus illustrating our considerable depth. Unfortunately, it also indicates how rarely we manage to field our best runners all at once.

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## 25 Years Ago

### 16th JANUARY 1938.---THE INTERNATIONAL C.C. CLUB RACE AT LA CROIX DE BERNEY, PARIS.

A further invitation having been given by the Union Sportive Metropolitaine for us to compete in the above event was accepted and the following team was chosen to represent the Club---Carter, Cohen, Footer, D. Patience, J. Parker, Penny, Tobin and Verney, accompanied by W.G. Webb and H. Parker as Club Officials.

-----and soon we were to hear the voices of our President, and Tom Carter, Bert Footer and Arthur Penny coming over the air from the Radio City Broadcasting Station in Paris, telling the French folk why the Belgrave Harriers were in their gay city.

-----38 teams were to compete in the race, including the Belgian Champions (Union St-Gilloise) and ourselves, the only British entry. After the parade of the runners the "Off" was given and soon we had the pleasure of seeing Parker leading the field. At 3 miles Parker was still leading with Penny & Footer coming through to the front. At this stage, however, it seemed that our other boys were further back than they should be and one began to wonder if that awful sea-crossing was affecting their running. At 5 miles Parker had dropped to 5th place and though Penny and Footer were running strongly and Carter and Cohen striving hard, it could easily be seen that we could not win. The team of Algerians (U.S. Belfortaine) was running wonderfully well and had 3 men in the first 4.

-----In the last lap of the race Penny came up to pass Parker and finished first man for us in 7th position.

RESULT

7th A.W.Penny, 9th J.Parker, 11th H.E.Footer, 23rd C.T.Carter, 27th L.J.Cohen  
32nd R.W.Tobin, 34th D.Patience, 117th H.G. Verney.

Teams:-

|                     |         |                      |         |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| 1. U.S. Belfortaine | 68 pts. | 3. BELGRAVE H        | 109 pts |
| 2. C.O. Billancourt | 104 pts | 4. Union St.Gilloise | 186 pts |
| (38 teams ran)      |         |                      |         |

-----during the race our President (W.L. Bayliss) was introduced to members of the German, Austrian and Italian governments. Are the Belgrave Harriers to visit one of these countries for International Honours?! (Eds' Note: "Yes, some were, but regrettably not in the role of athletes---21 months later we were at war)."

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In the Insurance A.A. 5 miles cross-country championship, held on December 8th, Barry Sawyer finished 2nd to Woodford's Tony Lewis.