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## EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

In this issue we publish a letter from one of our founder members and we are sure it will be read with real interest by all members and with sensibility of the wonderful spirit of those young men who so many years ago gave to us and to Athletics—Belgrave Harriers.

We doubt if it is possible for to-day's members to visualise the tremendous amount of enthusiasm needed, the disappointments that had to be suffered together with the few triumphs gained, to start a club and to send it on its successful way, but we do say with supreme confidence that the work of those pioneers is appreciated and there are hosts who are or were Belgrave Harriers through the passing years who have enjoyed the grand Club Spirit that has always envisaged Belgrave and which was very essential in its conception.

We do, most sincerely, thank you Mr. Martyn and your colleagues for the birth of Belgrave and we know you have associated yourself with our successes as a proud parent would an illustrious child. We trust you have always had good reason to believe we have grown up to our present maturity in the same fine spirit in which we were born.

Your example has been followed by so many great sportsmen who too have worked steadfastly for the Club and it will be carried on by our younger members unto posterity.

Belgrave has given many the finest moments of their life—to you it has given happy satisfaction of something well done.

To the motto that you bestowed upon the Club at its birth—"semper paratus" (always ready) let us add another—"pristine virtutis memores" (mindful of the valour of former days).

YOUR EDITORS.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we hold an English Team Title and our thanks and congratulations go to members of the team that won the R.W.A. 50 Kilometres Championship over a difficult course in the Brighton area recently. Bert Clayton (2nd), Hugh McGreechan (6th), Jack Stirling Wakely (10th), and Harry Shields (11th), scored an easy win for us; and veteran Fred Rickards—one of the greatest walkers and finest sportsmen ever—was our fifth man to finish in a position that would still have enabled us to win even if one of our first four had faltered. It was good to see Fred on the road again and a reminder of many Belgrave championship wins of the past in which he had participated so fully.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Bert Clayton on his best individual placing yet in an R.W.A. Championship (and he promises to go one better next year) and to Harry Shields on being the first athlete ever to have scored in both English Cross Country and Road Walking winning championship teams, another unique double.

It is great indeed that Belgrave should again hold a National title and the only club that has ever held both English Walking and Cross Country titles at the same time should always strive to retain one or more such titles.

The track season has shown a wealth of talent particularly among our junior ranks and the future looks bright indeed. I look forward to the day when Belgrave will contest the relay championships (we have already recorded placings) and all the important Inter-Club contests, scoring points in every event. We should aim at three or more individual A.A.A. Championship wins, a sprinkling of placings and a dozen standard medal winners. We have the talent, of that I am certain and it only needs the determination and co-ordination of effort to bring these things about. May the day come soon when Belgrave can say with truth, that in track and field events, cross country and walking, they are without equal. And may it come about in the same good spirit of sportsmanship and true amateurism that has always characterised Belgrave.

A. A. HARLEY, President.

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### IN MEMORIAM

A. G. FELL

We regret to record the death of our old and esteemed friend Albert George Fell, who collapsed on one of our Supporters' coaches shortly before the start of the National London to Brighton Relay and was found to be dead on arrival at the Nelson Hospital, Mitcham.

Mr. Fell joined us in 1931 and as our Hon. Starter was a well known figure at our track meetings. His services as Starter were much in demand for sports meetings throughout the summer and as a loyal clubman, a Belgrave fixture had priority. Good starters are not as plentiful as we might wish, but by common consent, Mr. Fell was certainly in the top class. He was liked and respected by all of his many friends in the athletic world. Although he was by nature quiet and reserved, he could in his own way show the tact and firmness needed in the job of starting. His club interests and loyalties were not confined to the track for he was a keen and knowledgeable supporter of our winter teams and it was whilst he was sitting in a coach, ready to cheer on his club that his end suddenly came. That our lads rose to the occasion to make Belgrave the first winners of the new National Relay Championship would have pleased him.

He was laid to rest at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Leytonstone, where a number of members were present to pay their last respects. A wreath was sent from the club as a token of our esteem for his friendship and service to the club. We shall miss him but we certainly will not forget him.

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We also regret to announce the death of Mr. D. Fitte, who was our Club President in 1919-20. Dan Fitte, as he was always known to his fellow members, was one of the stalwarts who gathered together again the loose strings of the club after the first World War and for this we must surely be grateful. He was very keen on running and rowing in his early days. Latterly he was Managing Director of Chiswick Products, Ltd. Although we have not seen much of him in late years, he was always well informed on club matters and interested in our progress. His club comrades of the earlier years of club re-building, will deeply regret his passing.

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### HARRY PARKER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Many members have shown their appreciation of the late Harry Parker's personality and services to the club over such a long period by associating themselves with the idea of purchasing a perpetual trophy for the club to keep his memory and example ever before us. It will be necessary to close the fund within the next few weeks, and those who are desirous of being associated with the idea and have not yet done so, are asked to send their donations, large or small, to the Hon. Treasurer at once.

## THE FIRST DAYS OF BELGRAVE

Dear Mr. Harley,

My wife and myself wish to express our sincere thanks to you for your card and congratulatory letters to us on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding. It was a great surprise to us to hear from my old club and I shall treasure it with fond memories of years ago. I was only 20 when the club was formed and am now 84. I can only give you a few facts of the inauguration, it is so long ago I am afraid my memory will not permit. However, you are right in stating the year on your letter, i.e., the founding date 1887. Well, this is how it came about. A small group of young men, myself included, and all being athletic fans, were at the Oval in September, 1887, Jubilee Year, to witness the cycle sports of the South London Harriers (penny farthing bicycles in those days) when one of us had a brainwave and thought instead of going to sports meetings we might form a harriers club of our own. This idea was at once agreed to so it was arranged we meet and discuss the matter. This was done, a Secretary appointed, and a Captain with a Committee also. Mr. A. H. N. Edwards was the first Secretary, myself (a sprinter) Captain. The whole of the Committee consisted of many names I have forgotten, but those I can think of were C. Kirby, G. Thatcher and A. Brodie. We engaged a room at the King's Head P.H., Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, and made this our headquarters and met every Friday evening. Our training was carried out on the Embankment on the road or pavement for sprints, roadwalking and distance running to Battersea Park. The sprinters to improve themselves, used to go to Lillie Bridge Grounds (since done away with) and get free training by Harry Hutchings, an international sprinter who was always pleased to help us. It was decided the club should have a name and a badge, so after a lot of discussion and suggestions, it was arranged to name it Belgrave and not Pimlico, the better part of Pimlico being called South Belgravia. The badge to be the Portcullis, the Westminster Arms and the motto "Semper Paratus." I notice you have added the Cross Keys to the original badge.

The first President was a Patron, H. Monitor Carr, Esq. I am afraid the founders have mostly died as I have never seen any of them for years. I think this is all I can remember and I hope it will be some help to you in framing your records.

I may add I have always followed the exploits of the club and look forward every week to the report in the "Wandsworth Borough News" of the events. I am proud of the Belgrave, seeing to what heights it has attained out of a few boys' ideas so long ago. I would mention a famous walker of his day was trained by us, Bill Sturgess. He was one of the first members. I should like to pay the Club a visit one of these days if all's well and could enlighten you more probably in the course of a conversation. I hope I have made myself clear and that you will understand my writing. My hands are a bit rheumatic and won't let me scribe as well as I used to.

Again thanking you for your good wishes and hope the Belgrave will flourish and do good deeds in the future.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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### THREE DATES TO NOTE - SEE PAGE TWENTY-THREE

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#### THE E.C.C.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS—MARCH 10th.

It was the North's turn to stage these championships and the venue chosen was Richmond, Yorkshire. This meant a very long journey for the Midland and Southern contingents but even so the entries were up to standard with a field of over 300 in the senior race.

Sutton Harriers, the holders, were favourites for the team title and they proved their worth in no uncertain manner by having six in 51.

We were unlucky in the fact that Steve Charlton injured his ankle soon after the start and was limping throughout the race. But for this I certainly think we should have been the first Southern club home and even so it was only the placing of our sixth man that decided this in favour of Aylesford Paper Mills.

As some consolation to the lads we were glad to hear that we had won the "Charles Otway Memorial Cup" as the team finishing nine runners with the least number of points.

In the Junior race over 6 miles our lads packed fairly well but not near enough to the front and we missed the help of "Ginger" Newell who was running for his Service unit.

The Youths event saw the club nearest to gaining a place, and our lads were unlucky in losing third team awards by the narrow margin of six points. Harry Greene again ran well and was well backed up by Peter Courtney and Geoff Goode. Brian Trower ran below his Southern form but H. Cornell did his best to make up for this by giving his best performance to date.

Owing to some confusion as to where the presentation of awards was taking place, we unfortunately were not present when these were handed out and so had to return to London minus the Cup.

We are glad to say this has now been sent on to the club and we regret any inconvenience caused to the Union officials.

After an all-night journey home we arrived back at Kings Cross about 6.30 a.m. on Sunday morning, and I am sure that all those who made the journey including our loyal supporters, such as Mr. Greene, Dave Shepherd, Frank Simmons and Dick Savage, Jr., not forgetting Eric and Alan Bishop who came up by motor-cycle, will endorse my view that a good time was had by all.

Placings of our runners were as under:—

Senior (10 miles).—35, J. W. Brown; 58, C. L. Stokell; 63, E. H. Herbert; 67, J. Bromley; 86, E. S. Stimpson; 123, L. A. Adams; 128, S. Charlton; 132, L. C. Bishop; 180, R. W. Tobin.

Junior (6 miles).—47, D. J. Abbott; 50, G. Trower; 79, R. T. Taylor; 93, D. G. Maclean; 129, D. Briggs.

Youths (3 miles).—19, H. E. Greene; 26, P. Courtney; 29, G. J. Goode; 59, H. Cornell; 111, B. C. Trower; 159, P. M. Childs.

#### TROWBRIDGE TRADER'S BOWL—10½ MILES WALK—10.3.51.

This year we managed to send a team for this race with the result that we scored first three places with Harry Churcher, Percy Wright, and Bert Clayton, with Gordon Waddingham making the fourth in ninth position.

Times as follows:—

1. H. G. Churcher	...	84.26
2. P. G. Wright	...	87.47
3. H. G. Clayton	...	88.49
9. G. Waddingham	...	98.29

Team Race.—1. Belgrave H., 15 points.

#### R.W.A. TEN MILES CHAMPIONSHIP—MARCH 17th

Three coaches took Southern competitors from various points and met at Dunstable. It seemed a long journey to Macclesfield and owing to the late arrival, the event did not start until 3.45 p.m.

Conditions were atrocious when some 140 walkers started off at a fast pace headed by Harry Churcher and Gerry Gregory. Soon came a show of red and white hoops and Allen and Hardy took the lead. Between 5 and 6 miles Hardy was "pulled" and Allen went on to win followed by Coleman of Highgate and Harry Churcher. The support of Dave McMullen, Gerry Gregory and Syd James gave us second place and Harry Churcher and Dave McMullen gained second place medals for Surrey County in the Inter-County Championship.

As Gerry Gregory and Syd James lost their "Garnet Cup" status, we shall need to strengthen our Juniors for next year.

George Checkley and Syd Jarlett walked extremely well.

Our President was on the spot on our arrival with a coat stand to complete the dressing room and we were further supported by Gordon Waddingham, Joe Coleman and Percy Wilson, the latter, as usual, managing to find a bike within a few minutes of his arrival. In spite of the weather, the local people turned out in force and the tea arrangements were good.

We must once again congratulate Sheffield on their splendid win.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. L. Allen (Sheffield) ..	1	15	41	17. C. Churcher ..	1	22	45
3. H. Churcher ..	1	19	8	24. G. Checkley ..	1	23	40
6. D. McMullen ..	1	20	34	30. A. Readman ..	1	24	21
14. G. Gregory ..	1	21	58	38. J. Rutland ..	1	25	12
16. S. James ..	1	22	32	43. H. McGreechan ..	1	26	49

Team Championship: 1. Sheff. U.H., 21 points; 2. Bel. H., 37 points.

### CLUB FIVE MILES ROAD RACE

At Wimbledon on March 24th we had quite a good field out with most of the runners keen on putting up a good show in order to strengthen their claim to a place in our Brighton Relay team.

This race is usually referred to as the "Brighton Trial" but the club cannot obviously select any team on the result of one race and we only use the form shown here as a guide when picking our team for the National Road Relay.

Len Herbert and John Bromley decided to run in together for first place and they were followed by Len Adams, Eddie Short and Bob Taylor.

Then came Reg. Bolam and D. J. Abbott, both London University runners, followed by Len Bishop and Colin Collis, yet another London member, with Ray Tooby just in front of three ex-International runners in Vern Blowfield, Ted Stimpson and Tom Carter.

The sealed handicap was won by Colin Collis, a well deserved effort for Colin does much good work in helping us to secure new members and moreover has shewn greatly improved form.

R. J. Mitchell, the youngest of our three brother members, took second prize with Mick Tween, another fairly new member, securing third award in the handicap.

Placings and times are given hereunder:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. in Time	Hcp. in Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. in Time	Hcp. in Time
1	L. W. Herbert	30. 8	0.15	29.53	40	26	H. J. Pinchin..	33.37	6. 0	27.37	4
1	J. Bromley .....	30. 8	1. 0	29. 8	30	27	M. H. Tween..	33.39	6.10	27.29	3
3	L. A. Adams .....	30.22	2.15	28. 7	12	28	S. Davies .....	33.49	3.50	29.59	41
4	E. A. Short .....	30.27	2.20	28. 7	12	29	J. E. Godfrey..	33.54	5.20	28.34	20
5	R. T. Taylor .....	30.32	2.50	27.42	7	30	L. F. Rolls .....	34. 1	5.30	28.31	19
6	D. J. Abbott .....	30.40	3. 0	27.40	6	31	A. W. Saville ..	34. 3	4.50	29.13	32
7	R. F. Bolam .....	31. 5	3. 0	28. 5	11	32	G. R. Chantler ..	34. 4	4.30	29.34	35
8	L. C. Bishop .....	31. 8	3.15	27.53	9	33	J. A. Lacey .....	34. 6	5.15	28.51	24
9	C. N. Collis .....	31.10	5. 0	26.10	1	34	J. W. Kennedy ..	34. 8	4. 0	30. 8	43
10	R. C. Tooby .....	31.26	1.45	29.41	36	35	A. H. Orton .....	34.10	5.15	28.55	25
11	V. S. Blowfield ..	31.32	1.15	30.17	44	36	D. G. Woodhead ..	34.14	5.30	28.44	23
12	E. S. Stimpson ..	31.55	1.50	30. 5	42	37	P. M. Childs .....	34.28	5.45	28.43	22
13	C. T. Carter .....	32. 5	3.45	28.20	17	38	A. Smith .....	34.37	5.10	29.27	33
14	K. G. Stimpson ..	32.18	3.15	29. 3	29	39	M. J. Hazel .....	35.22	5.30	29.52	39
15	D. Briggs .....	32.22	4.15	28. 7	12	40	P. Eglinton .....	35.25	6.30	28.55	25
16	E. M. Bishop .....	32.40	3.30	29.10	31	41	R. R. Minahan ..	35.25	5. 0	30.25	45
17	A. H. Bishop .....	32.43	3.45	28.58	27	42	M. J. Parks .....	35.45	4.30	31.15	50
18	T. F. Morrell .....	32.48	5. 0	27.48	8	43	S. Jefferson .....	35.47	7.45	28. 2	10
19	G. J. Stace .....	32.50	4.10	28.40	21	44	W. F. Merryman ..	35.53	6.20	29.33	34
20	J. McDonald .....	32.55	4.45	28.10	15	45	W. Paine .....	36.14	6.30	29.44	37
21	R. J. Mitchell .....	32.58	5.45	27.13	2	46	E. D. Lacey .....	36.15	7.15	29. 0	28
22	K. A. Cuff .....	33.14	4.45	28.29	18	47	A. T. A. Jordan ..	36.48	7. 0	29.48	38
23	R. J. Wolton .....	33.24	5.45	27.39	5	48	J. F. Keown .....	37.20	6.15	31. 5	49
24	D. G. Maclean .....	33.25	3. 0	30.25	45	49	E. C. Edwards .....	37.32	6.30	31. 2	47
25	P. E. Bide .....	33.33	5.15	28.18	16	50	R. G. Savage .....	37.32	6.30	31. 2	47

### CHICHESTER TO PORTSMOUTH—MARCH 24th

This race was, in effect, an inter-club match between us and Woodford Green A.C., as in the first 12 placings, Tunbridge, of Highgate, in 2nd place, was the only interloper. The result was that Woodford beat us by 1 point to secure team honours. Our four scoring men finished in a row, in 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th positions.

Placings and times as follows :—

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. R. Goodall (Woodford)	2	18	25	7. J. Bidgood	2	29	6
4. C. Churcher	2	21	0	15. H. Shields	2	31	54
5. P. Wright	2	26	12	24. J. Wilson	2	36	13
6. H. Clayton	2	29	6				

Team race.—

1. Woodford Green ... 21 pts.      2. Belgrave H. ... 22 pts.

**OPEN ROAD RELAYS**

We had what must be our best season ever in these open road relays, and the first one on our list was the Ilford Road Relay on March 17th.

We had supported this race many times in the past but since the War had not entered much owing to the fact that it came a week after the National C.C. race and the idea was to give our chaps a bit of a rest before starting on the road.

This year, however, our team was in the main composed of chaps who had not run in the National and they gave a good account of themselves with the "A" team 3rd and our "B" team 17th, out of an entry of 29 teams.

Chas. Walker gave the "A" team a good start with a 10 second lead over the rest of the field but Reg Bolam was forced to give ground and handed over in 4th place. Len Adams went off next and took us back into 2nd place only 5 seconds behind the leaders. Jack Brown running his usual good race regained the lead for us and this was maintained by Len Bishop only for his brother Alan to be forced to drop back into 3rd place. Eric Bishop kept this position on the next stage and then Eddie Short lost one more place to Jim Peters of Essex Beagles and although Bill Lucas took us back into 3rd position our final runner Vern Blowfield found he could not make any impression on Jimmy Wood and Tommy Rowe who were in front of him.

Individual times of our runners were as under :—

"A" Team		"B" Team	
C. W. Walker	18.32	K. A. Cuff	20.40
R. F. Bolam	20. 2	G. J. Stace	20.17
L. A. Adams	19.16	J. E. Godfrey	21.28
J. W. Brown	19. 2	K. Stimpson	20.30
L. C. Bishop	19.50	A. H. Bruce	20.16
A. H. Bishop	20.37	M. Porter	20.13
E. M. Bishop	20.24	E. Edgar	21.21
E. A. Short	19.32	R. J. Wolton	21.50
W. E. Lucas	18.50	G. J. Goode	20.20
V. Blowfield	19.39	S. Davies	21. 4

On March 24th, we sent one team only to the T.V.H. Road Relay at Cranford, the reason for this being that it clashed with our own 5 miles road race at Wimbledon.

However, the Committee thought it worth while to send along a team to support this fixture and they put up a new course record of 96 mins.

Chas. Walker went off on the first leg and handed over in 2nd place one second behind young Pirie of S.L.H. and then Archie Bedford took us into the lead for Bill Lucas to consolidate our position so that Jack Brown had a comfortable run on the last leg to come home in 1st place, with T.V.H. second and Aylesford Paper Mills in third place.

The individual times of our four runners were—C. W. Walker 23.28; A. W. Bedford 24.14; W. E. Lucas 24.16 and Jack Brown 24.2; which as stated above set up a new course record.

On March 31st we sent two teams to the Cambridge Harriers Road Relay at Bexley and here again our "A" team set up a new course record, with Len Herbert putting up the fastest lap time and Bill Lucas the third best.

Our "B" team finished in 6th place and so won the awards for the first "B" team to finish and the individual times of our runners were as follows :—

"A" Team		"B" Team	
W. E. Lucas	... 16.51	R. F. Bolam	... 17.42
E. H. Herbert	... 17.27	A. J. Snoad	... 17.36
E. Stimpson	... 17.29	C. N. Collis	... 17.58
E. A. Short	... 17.25	E. M. Bishop	... 18.14
A. W. Bedford	... 16.57	L. C. Bishop	... 17.46
L. W. Herbert	... 16.33	D. J. Abbott	... 17.25

Yet another new course record was set up by our "A" team at the Hornsey (St. Mary's) Road Relay in Regent's Park on April 14th and the man mainly responsible for this, was our old friend Charlie Smart who beat the old individual course record by no less a margin than 70 seconds.

Our individual times are given below:—

"A" Team		"B" Team	
A. W. Bedford	... 29.32	R. T. Taylor	... 30.5
E. Stimpson	... 30.36	R. F. Bolam	... 31.45
L. A. Adams	... 30.27	S. Davies	... 32.7
J. C. Smart	... 28.37	L. C. Bishop	... 31.39

On the same day at the Ilford Youths' Road Relay our youngsters put up a very fine show by winning this event and beating the Southern Youth Champions, Southgate Harriers, into second place.

Harry Greene gave us the lead on the first stage and this was held by F. J. Wright with our "B" team up in 3rd place through a good run by D. A. Wise. Although our "A" team dropped a place on the next leg, Peter Courtney took us back into the lead and this was maintained by Geoff. Goode on the final lap.

Individual times of all our lads are given below:—

"A" Team		"B" Team	
H. E. Greene	... 9.31	B. C. Trower	... 9.56
F. J. Wright	... 9.39	D. A. Wise	... 9.57
H. Cornell	... 9.55	D. Cooper	... 10.16
P. Courtney	... 9.35	P. M. Childs	... 10.33
G. J. Goode	... 9.49	G. Lines	... 10.22

In the various Open Road Races our lads under the guidance of Bert Smith have been putting up a good show even if at times they have been at variance over the best methods to be used for training purposes.

On March 26th we had five teams down at Bognor for the local club's 10 miles road race and given good vocal support by a large crowd of club supporters, our chaps did well to take third place in the team race.

We also gained third team awards in the Wigmore 15 miles road race on March 31st and Mick Porter was our first man home in 10th position.

Mick Porter was also first home in 24th position in the Finchley 20 miles with Arthur Whitehead 39, Tom Carter 40, J. McDonald 41, Dick Towndrow 54 and Arthur Penstone 62nd.

In the Surrey 20 miles road race on May 5th, held in Richmond Park, Arthur Whitehead was our first man home in 9th place with Tom Carter 11, Syd Ring 15, Bert Jordan 19, T. Mitchell 22, F. Mitchell 23, and Dick Towndrow 27. Our team took third team awards with three to score for each team.

On May 12th our lads journeyed down to Chichester for the 16 miles run to Portsmouth, and Dick Tobin was our first man in 15th position and also gained second handicap award. Others to finish were:— J. McDonald 21; A. Whitehead 23; A. Smith 34; S. T. Ring 36; A. Penstone 37; B. L. Hudson 44; F. Mitchell 53; A. T. Jordan 64; R. S. Fairman 67.

On Whit Monday at Salisbury Ted Stimpson put up a fine run to win the 15 miles open race with J. McDonald 2nd and Dick Tobin 3rd. Con Abberton was 4th and Dick Towndrow 5th, with Bert Smith 7th, and this was truly a Belgrave "benefit."

Our team was second in the Walton 10 miles road race on May 19th, with B. L. Hudson 7; Ted Stimpson 11; J. McDonald 13; Dick Tobin 18; and Geoff Pearson 20.

## NATIONAL ROAD RELAY

This year saw the first National Road Relay being held over the usual Mitcham to Brighton course on April 7th.

All the clubs competing, with a few exceptions, had qualified to take part by being placed in the various area races, and we only just squeezed in by virtue of our 4th place in the Southern race last year.

We sent Chas. Walker off on the first stage to Purley and, although, as we anticipated, Alec Olney gave his club the lead, Chas. put up a fine run by handing over in 2nd place, just beating the Midland champion, C. M. Gray, of Small Heath H.

Len Herbert then exceeded our wildest hopes by not only catching his rival, but giving us a lead of 24 seconds, and Archie Bedford ran a gallant race to keep the lead, although Manley, of T.V.H., gained on him a little.

Bill Lucas then went off and in the face of a heavy downpour he gradually drew away from his rival, who was the course record-holder, to give us a lead of 84 seconds.

Then came what to Thames Valley was the final nail in their "coffin" in the shape of that old-looking runner, Charlie Smart, home on leave from Germany, and he set up a new course record and increased our lead to 3 minutes 27 seconds.

Eric Herbert went next and, although on a rather short lap, which was not really suitable to his style of running, Eric did well to maintain our lead.

Jack Brown tackled the long run from Handcross to Hickstead, and ran well, although losing ground slightly to the teams immediately behind us, who were—Thames Valley, Reading A.C., Sutton Harriers and Victoria Park A.A.C. (Scotland).

On the next stage John Bromley put in another fine run, so that our lead at the end of this stage was still 3 minutes 36 seconds, and, barring accidents, the race was "in the bag."

Eddie Short went off on the uphill climb to Patcham and put up a new club record for this stage in clocking 21.08, and three runners beat the previous course record.

This left Len Adams to do the final run into Brighton, and he ran well within himself to come home an easy winner of this first National Road Relay.

Finishing positions were:—1, Belgrave H., 3.53.38; 2, Thames Valley H., 3.56.27; 3, Reading A.C., 3.56.36; 4, Sutton H., 3.57.24; 5, Victoria Park A.A.C., 3.58.38; 6, Birchfield H., 3.59.29; 7, Coventry Godiva H., 3.59.57; 8, Blackheath H., 4.1.36 (18 teams finished).

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### METROPOLITAN W.C. 15 MILES. REGENT'S PARK, APRIL 7th

Once again we had our usual bad luck in this race in the matter of disqualifications. It seems that the flat course does not suit our walkers and we finished unplaced in the team event. Bill Wesson, a 2nd Claim member, won the Handicap off 27 minutes.

Placings and times as follows:—

		h.	m.	s.			h.	m.	s.			
1.	L. Allen (Sheffield)	..	1	57	15	40.	J. Robins	..	..	2	17	12
14.	C. Churcher	..	2	12	36	43.	J. Bellchamber	..	..	2	17	27
24.	J. Rutland	..	2	14	40	58.	R. Frazer	..	..	2	22	52
29.	A. Readman	..	2	15	15	73.	F. Rolfe	..	..	2	24	54
31.	H. Shields	..	2	15	30	74.	S. Spencer	..	..	2	25	27
35.	G. Checkley	..	2	16	24	108.	W. Brunning	..	..	2	45	59
39.	H. Clayton	..	2	17	11							

### COLCHESTER TO IPSWICH—APRIL 14th

This race once again proved the value of our Police Walkers and, in particular, showed the rapid improvement of George Checkley, who walked an excellent race to finish 2nd to Goodall of Woodford in the excellent time of 2 hrs. 27 mins. 2 secs. George led the Belgrave team home to victory, this time in a decisive win over Woodford, and in so doing, he was backed up by three other police members, Bob Readman, Hugh

McGreechan and Jack Bidgood. In addition, George also won the individual handicap off a very liberal allowance of 19.30.

Placings and times as follows:—

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. R. Goodall (Woodford)	2	26	24	8. J. Bidgood	..	..	2 33 50
2. G. Checkley	..	..	2 27 2	19. R. Frazer	..	..	2 41 43
5. A. Readman	..	..	2 32 22	32. S. Spencer	..	..	2 47 37
7. H. McGreechan	..	..	2 33 7	43. W. Brunning	..	..	3 7 17

Team Race.—1, Belgrave H., 19 points.

### THE CLUB 20—APRIL 21st

A fine day brought out not only a good field, but also plenty of supporters. The most pleasant surprise of the day was the return of two of our best and most popular distance walkers, namely, Colin Sutton, just returned from Australia looking very brown and fit, and Fred Rickards, who informed us he was going to make a comeback, not looking quite so brown, but fitter and, if possible, more chirpy than ever.

The race proved quite interesting and was literally not won until the winner had passed the post. George Checkley, a first-year walker, and Hugh McGreechan, a second-year walker, are to be congratulated on the splendid performances they both put up. In fact, when we learned that the first seven completed the course inside 3 hours 15 minutes, we had almost decided that the National "20" was in the bag.

At the start Bert Clayton and Percy Wright got away fairly quickly and at two miles led by about 50 yards. Eight miles was reached by Clayton in 70.36, closely followed by McGreechan, Wright and Checkley; 350 yards behind came Bidgood, Bellchambers, Shields and Rutland, and a further 200 yards Wakeley and Readman, closely followed by Sapcote, Sutton and Robins. At 11 miles, in 95.25, Clayton was only leading from Checkley and McGreechan by five yards. Percy Wright was 50 yards behind and then some 400 yards back came Rutland, Shields, Bidgood and Bellchambers. At 17 miles Bert Clayton had recovered and was walking strongly, but was only still about 10 yards in front of Checkley, in the time of 2.29.25. McGreechan was still third, but some 250 yards in the rear, with Percy Wright now 200 yards behind Mac. Harry Shields, walking in great style, was next only 300 yards further back. The last 1½ miles almost spelt tragedy to Bert Clayton, as he was attacked by cramp in the groin and only just managed to keep walking, whilst, in the meantime, Checkley and McGreechan had put in very strong efforts. However, the champion was Bert Clayton in 2.57.20, with George Checkley 2nd in 2.58.35, and Hugh McGreechan 3rd in 2.59.46. Harry Shields deservedly won the handicap and it was fitting that the two most improved walkers of the year should be second and third. The rest of the field walked well up to expectations, although Jack Bidgood was not quite himself and Pat Sapcote was suffering from lack of training.

Placings and times:—

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. H. Clayton	..	..	2 57 20	10. A. Readman	..	..	3 13 20
2. G. Checkley	..	..	2 58 35	11. A. St. Wakeley	..	..	3 13 20
3. H. McGreechan	..	..	2 59 46	12. R. Frazer	..	..	3 18 22
4. P. Wright	..	..	3 0 47	13. J. Wilson	..	..	3 19 8
5. H. Shields	..	..	3 4 37	14. F. Rolfe	..	..	3 25 4
6. J. Rutland	..	..	3 5 4	15. C. Sutton	..	..	3 28 20
7. J. Bidgood	..	..	3 6 56	16. S. Spencer	..	..	3 36 59
8. J. Bellchamber	..	..	3 9 16	17. W. Ives	..	..	3 38 53
9. A. Pope	..	..	3 11 23				

Handicap.—1, H. Shields, 16.30; 2, G. Checkley, 10.00; 3, H. McGreechan, 9.00.

### MATCH v. KENT A.C.

Held at Ladywell Track on April 28th this was a five-sided contest and, determined to equal the fame of our cross-country and road relay men, the track athletes did well and easily won both Senior and Junior matches at this meeting.

Much of the credit must go to our field event men, who, taking

Charlie Jones' winter "pep" talks to heart, gained 32 out of a possible 40 points.

A. Bergvalds had a great day, winning the weight with 42 ft. 3 ins. (a new club record), and gaining second place in the discus with a throw of 111 ft. 8 ins.

Our junior, Alan Law, also did well to win the junior weight with 39 ft. 4½ ins., and took second place in the discus throw.

P. Luxon, our club champion, won the senior long jump and also gained a useful point in the high jump.

Ian Forrester was unlucky not to have a win, as he was second in both junior sprints and also in the junior long jump.

"Ginger" Holtum won the 100 yards senior event, and Geoff Osmint showed good form in the 220 yards to gain us yet another win.

Jack Brown won the half-mile, with Len Bishop in fourth place, and his brother, Alan, finished third in the 440 yards.

The one mile senior was won by D. J. Thompson of Shaftesbury, a cross-country international, and Ray Tooby was close behind, with Archie Bedford in third place.

With Chas. Walker and Bill Lucas running for us in the two-mile team race, we gained an easy win, with Eric Herbert in fifth place to complete our team.

Gerry Trower won the junior 440 and F. J. Wright ran well in the half-mile to finish second to Mitcham's brilliant young runner, B. Hewson.

Harry Greene could only finish fourth in the one mile, but our junior medley relay team of Rodgers, A. Law, K. Eales and Peter Hunt, had a first-class victory, with the latter running a very good 440 leg.

Our senior team of Bob Taylor, Eric Bishop, Dicky Bartlett and D. Mullen won their medley relay event, and the final points in the senior match were:—Belgrave H., 48; Shaftesbury H., 37; Mitcham A.C., 29; Kent A.C., 20; Tonbridge A.C., 16.

In the junior match the points were:—Belgrave H., 42; Mitcham A.C., 35; Shaftesbury H., 26; Kent A.C., 24; Tonbridge A.C., 7.

#### **WALKING MATCH v. VETERANS' A.C.—TOOTING BEC, MAY 5th**

1, H. Churcher, 14.45; 2, D. McMullen; 3, B. Shepherd.

Result:—7-a-side: Belgrave 35 points; V.A.C. 70 points.

#### **CLUB MEETING ON MAY 5th**

This was our first "home" fixture at Tooting Track and we had as visitors the Leicester College of Art and Technology and our old friends, the South London Harriers.

Once again we won both senior and junior matches, although, owing to the "Sward" Trophy contest on the same day, some of the S.L.H. field event men were missing.

We were very pleased to welcome the Leicester lads and "lasses" to Tooting, and the Selsonia and London Olympiades' girls provided the opposition for a few ladies' events.

The senior match saw "Ginger" Holtum win the 100, with "Paddy" Mullen second in the 220, while Jim Heathfield was third in the 440 yards.

Jack Brown was second to Johnny Prince of S.L.H. in the half-mile, with Bob Taylor third, and Chas. Walker beat K. Johnson, the Leicester champion, in the 1 mile, with Bill Lucas third.

Archie Bedford ran a good race to beat Pudicombe of S.L.H. in the 2 miles, with Eric Herbert in third place, and the final points position was:—Belgrave H., 33; South London H., 16; Leicester, 5.

In the junior match we had Ian Forrester winning the 100, with Frank Kemp taking the 220 and P. J. Casselton the 440 yards, and this trio have all the makings of future senior club champions.

Doug Maclean won the 880 yards, with C. W. Rodgers second, and Geoff Goode won the 1 mile, with Harry Greene in second place.

Our team also won the junior 4 x 110 yards relay, and it would take a very good club side to beat our boys.

Final points were:—Belgrave H., 25; South London H., 10; Leicester C.A.T., 1.

Also on the programme were some club handicap events, and these resulted as under:—

1,320 yards.—1, R. J. Mitchell (160); 2, P. G. Newell (110); 3, K. A. Cuff (125); Time 3 mins. 1.4 secs.

220 yards.—1, J. D. Benstead (18); 2, E. M. Bishop (18); 3, D. E. Mullen (8); Time 22.6 secs.

#### MATCH v. SOUTH LONDON H.

Held at Tooting on May 9th this was a return match with the Polytechnic Harriers coming in as well.

We scored yet another double victory, winning both the senior and junior matches, and it must be a long time since we started off the track season so well.

"Ginger" Holtum won the 100 yards and was also third in the 220, while Gordon Lowers made a welcome appearance to gain second place in the 100.

Jim Heathfield was second in the 440, with Alan Bishop and his brother, Len, being second and third in the half-mile.

Bob Taylor was second in the 1 mile, with Reg Bolam in fourth place, and Len Adams was second in the 2 miles run, with George Durrant in third place.

A. Bergvalds won the high jump, an unusual event for him, but as he cleared 5 ft. 5 ins. he is thus a decided asset to our jumping ranks.

Frank Kemp won the junior 100 and was second in the furlong, and Peter Hunt finished second in the quarter, with Gerry Trower in a similar position in the half-mile.

Harry Greene was fourth in the mile, but we won the long jump, with A. P. Mayhew clearing 18 ft. 7 ins.

Final points were:—Senior—Belgrave, 37; S.L.H., 23; Polytechnic, 20. Junior—Belgrave, 25; Polytechnic, 25; S.L.H., 9.

#### "GORDON STEWART" TROPHY MEETING

This annual contest was held at Drayton Green on May 12th, and we managed to regain possession of this trophy from Walton A.C., who were minus some of their "star" runners.

Alan Sexton scored a fine double win in the sprint events, with "Ginger" Holtum runner-up in both races, and Jack Brown was second in the 880 yards, with Bill Lucas winning the 1 mile.

We also won the 2 miles team race and finished second to Walton in the medley relay, and the final points were:—Belgrave H., 39; Walton A.C., 27; Ealing H., 8; Maidenhead A.C., 2.

#### JUNIOR MATCH v. EALING H.

This match was held in conjunction with the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy contest at Drayton Green, and our juniors once again came out on top.

Frank Kemp won the 100 yards, with Alan Law taking the 220, and Doug Maclean won the half-mile, with J. E. Godfrey gaining third place in the 1 mile.

We finished second to Ealing, who had Derek Godfrey of our own club running for them, in the medley relay, but the final points saw our lads out in front, thus:—Belgrave H., 23; Walton A.C., 17; Ealing H., 15; Maidenhead A.C., 5.

#### THE NATIONAL "20"—COVENTRY, MAY 12th

As seen by Gordon Waddingham.

The start saw L. Allen, Paddy Woods and our Bert Clayton with a disputed first place; Bert looked very comfortable and seemed quite willing to let the other two set the pace. With only 300 yards of the race gone we said goodbye to the Nijmegen Shield, for, with only eight starters, George Checkley had the misfortune to be disqualified. This is just one

of those things, for George started with a strained muscle in the left leg thus making it very difficult for him to lock it.

After five miles the front positions were the same, and we had Percy Wright lying handy in the first twenty, with Jack Rutland and Bob Readman walking shoulder to shoulder, and Hugh McGreechan, Harry Shields and Jack Bidgood all packing well in that order.

A check at eight miles found the Bels' 18 points in the lead of the field, and everything in the garden looked lovely. Then it happened, Bert had the bad luck to come under the judges' ban. I think Bert should have worn his jockey cap, for the great surprise was to see a man all in white, and with jockey cap to suit, coming through the field and up to the leading bunch; Belgrave were now going to do or die . . . wake up at the back there . . . for the jockey-capped man was our own Percy Wright, who walked into third place at 15 miles, with Jack Rutland, Bob Readman and Hugh McGreechan (now showing his form) and coming through the field.

The end was now in sight, but with Alf Cotton coming through the field and bringing with him his clubmate Bob Goodall, Woodford were now coming to challenge us. The finish came with a fine win for L. Allen, who was 24 seconds faster than last year, and it was said that he dropped his speed down to 4 m.p.h. over the last two miles. Second was the "retired, but can't" walker, Lloyd Johnson, a very fine performance for a man of 51 years. Training for next year's Olympic Games is my bet. Alf Cotton was third.

Woodford won the team race for the second year, and also with the gallant help of Alf Pope, who finished eighth man for them, and had to have both feet bound up in the dressing-room afterwards, took the Nijmegen Shield.

With Belgrave third team last year and second team this year, it simply must be a first for us next year; it really must. As man of the day, I pick out Percy Wright for a truly wonderful performance. Bob Readman (retired, so he says) as second best, and on no training as well, and Hugh McGreechan, with a well-timed effort, as third. But it is difficult to leave anybody out of the praise list, for everybody excelled themselves. A word of praise should go to Percy (trainer) Wilson for riding the 20 miles on a cycle with a fixed pedal, and who ended up sore in the place where he wanted to sit on. The feeding stations, the course and the dressing-rooms were well organised, the only regret being that there was no hot water at the finish, but this was quite excusable considering that it was a holiday week-end.

Placings and times as follows:—

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. L. Allen (Shef.)	2	51	52	19. A. Readman	3	9	28
5. P. Wright	2	59	59	23. H. Shields	3	11	55
7. H. McGreechan	3	2	29	35. J. Bidgood	3	14	37
15. J. Rutland	3	8	13				

Team Championship.—1, Woodford Green, 40 pts. 2, Belgrave H., 46 pts.

### SURREY YOUTHS' AND RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Surrey County Youths' championships were held at Tooting on May 12th, and the club did quite well with three first places and some minor placings.

Ian Forrester won the 100 yards in 10.9 seconds, while F. J. Wright won the half-mile in 2 mins. 5.6 secs., and Geoff Goode the 1 mile in 4 mins. 43 secs.

Don Clements was third in the 100, C. W. Rodgers third in the half and Ken Eales third in the 220 yards.

Young R. Linstead was second in the 1 mile walk, but he actually prefers running to walking, and so it looks as if the running side of the club will benefit for a change!

The Surrey Relays were held at Tooting on May 19th, and here again

the club did excellently, with two wins plus a second and third place out of the five events.

We were sorry that we could not field a team in the senior 4 x 110 yards, owing to other commitments on the same day, but our juniors and youths rose to the occasion in fine style by retaining their titles in the Junior 4 x 110, also the Youths 4 x 110, and we have some very promising young sprinters, which speaks well for the time and trouble that Frank Simmons takes over training these youngsters.

Both our teams beat their last year's times and our junior team was only 1.2 seconds slower than the senior winning team.

In the senior medley race we had John Bromley doing the half-mile leg, with Jim Heathfield the 440, and Alan Picton and Alan Bishop, both last-minute substitutes, the two 220's.

Our team duly qualified by finishing second to Herne Hill in the heat and then in the final they gained third-place medals, with South London just beating Herne Hill for first place.

In the junior medley relay we saw P. J. Casselton give us the lead, which was held by both Frank Kemp and Alan Law, but Gerry Trower could not match the strong finish of Hewson of Mitcham, and so we finished second in this event.

Also on the programme was the Surrey County 6 miles track championship, and at his first attempt at this distance, Bill Lucas did 31 mins. 0.8 secs. to finish an easy winner, lapping all but one of his rivals, which, incidentally, was Eddie Short, who finished in second place.

Whether Bill will decide to tackle the longer distance in the A.A.A. Championships remains to be seen, however.

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*HAVE YOU COMMENCED SAVING FOR THE DINNER? See Page 23*

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#### **MATCH v. HERNE HILL H.**

At Tooting on May 16th this comprised both senior and junior matches and we had to admit defeat to a club who are very strong in field events and who, naturally, see to it that their matches contain a good proportion of the latter events.

The sprint events were on the relay principle and here again this favoured the home club, who are the National sprint relay champions, and they duly won both races, with our lads as runners-up.

In the straight running events we did well, with Jack Brown winning the half-mile, Reg Bolam taking the 1 mile and Bill Lucas the 3 miles, with Les Stokell in second place.

A. Bergvalds won the weight and was second in the discus, while P. Luxon gained third places in both the long jump and the hop, step and jump events.

We were pleased to see Doug Whitehead turning out for us in the javelin throw and he gained second place with 147 ft. 2 ins.

In the junior events, Frank Kemp was beaten by an old rival in Breacker of Mitcham, and Ken Eales was second in the 220 yards.

F. J. Wright beat Hewson of Mitcham in the half-mile, and this youngster is a champion of the future, while Geoff Goode met his match in Boyd of the home club in the 1 mile.

A. G. Simpson won the long jump for us with a useful jump of 18 ft. 5½ ins., and Alan Law did his usual good work in gaining second place in the discus and third in the weight.

Jim Purdy was third in the junior high jump and is one that we can always rely on for this event, but we would like to see some more promising young jumpers join our ranks.

Final points for the senior match were:—H.H.H., 73; Belgrave H., 45; Mitcham A.C., 16. Junior—H.H.H., 34; Belgrave H., 29; Mitcham A.C., 25.

#### **MATCH v. WALTON A.C.**

At the Stompond Lane track on May 19th was held a triangular match with the home club, Thames Valley Harriers, and ourselves.

In the 100 yards "Ginger" Holtum finished second, with Bob Taylor in a similar position in the 880 yards.

Ray Tooby was second in the 1 mile and Les Stokell was runner-up to Alec Olney in the 2 miles run.

A. Bergvalds was second in the high jump and also gained a double victory in the weight and discus.

George Powell turned out for us in the javelin and showed that he had lost none of his old power by winning this event, with Bergvalds in second place, and the latter must be one of the most useful field event performers that we have ever had in the club.

P. Luxon was third in the long jump and we occupied a like position in the 4 x 110 yards relay.

Final points were:—Thames Valley H., 42; Walton A.C., 39; Belgrave H., 35.

#### "B" TEAM WALKING MATCH v. UNIVERSITY OF LONDON— MAY 23rd

1 L. Paul (U.L.) ...	7.26	4 E. Hall ...	7.54
2 G. Warr ...	7.33	7 L. Abrahams ...	8.35
3 G. Beecham ...	7.46		

Result:—1. Belgrave ... 9 points.      2. University ... 12 points.

#### CLUB MEETING ON MAY 23rd

This was held at Tooting Bec track and was a Junior match against Wallington County School and Wimbledon College, plus an open schools' relay race for a trophy presented to the club by Charlie Smart.

There were two heats for the schools' relay, and Wallington, Whitgift Middle, Raynes Park and Mitcham County qualified for the final. This was won by Whitgift, with Raynes Park second and Mitcham third, Wallington being unlucky by the fact that their last runner dropped the baton at the change-over and so put his team out of the race.

In the junior match, Ian Forrester won the 100 yards, with Ken Eales third, and Frank Kemp won the 220, as usual, we might say.

Gerry Trower was beaten by Boyd of Wallington in a close finish for the 880 yards in the good time of 2 mins. 2.4 secs., and Geoff Goode won the 1 mile in 4 mins. 41.6 secs.

Alan Law won the weight and was second in the discus, and L. B. Parsons won the javelin for us.

We also won the 4 x 110 yards relay, and the final match points were:—Belgrave H., 27; Wallington C.S., 24; Wimbledon College, 15.

Also on the programme was a 1 mile run for unattached novices, and this was won in good style by J. Fadden, with E. Childs second and A. King third.

In the club handicap events the results were as under:—

100 yards.—1, G. J. Barker (6); 2, J. Thomas (8½); 3, B. J. Walden (7½); Time 10.3 seconds.

880 yards.—1, R. Taylor (30); 2, D. A. Wise (80); 3, J. Kennedy (65); Time 1 min. 53.5 secs.

1½ miles.—1, L. A. Adams (110); 2, D. J. Abbott (130); 3, C. N. Collis (170); Time 6 mins. 56.4 secs.

2 mile walk.—1, G. Beecham (480); 2, E. Smith (380); 3, E. Hall (490); Time 13 mins. 45.4 secs.

A remarkable feature of the above was the fine run by Bob Taylor in the 880, and he must have been well inside two minutes, and Len Adams also ran well to win the 1½ miles run, while Beecham made good use of his long mark to win the walk, in time which was well beyond the compass of Harry Churcher, the scratch man.

#### M.P.A.A. BARKING TO SOUTHEND WALK—MAY 24th

Although this is strictly not a club matter, the fact that this great race was once again won by one of our members is deserving of mention.

Hugh McGreechan, continuing his fine show of form over the longer distances, walked a splendid race to win by nearly two minutes from W. (Paddy) Wood. Veteran Bob Readman, more properly described as "Evergreen," also walked well to finish third. Jack Bidgood, last year's winner, took the Veteran's prize, and the second and third teams in the

championship consisted wholly of our members.

Times and placings of our members were as follows:—

		h.	m.	s.			h.	m.	s.		
1.	H. McGreechan	..	5	20	0	21.	J. Tebbutt	..	6	5	48
3.	A. Readman	..	5	30	56	25.	S. Spencer	..	6	12	45
7.	J. Bidgood	..	5	36	54	28.	P. Sapcote	..	6	18	25
14.	G. Atkinson	..	6	0	31	33.	B. Mitackis	..	6	28	7
16.	G. Bentley	..	6	1	43	39.	E. Beesley	..	6	50	18
17.	E. Evans	..	6	2	10	44.	F. Jarvis	..	7	3	55

### "BROCKMAN TROPHY" MEETING

Held at Tooting on May 26th this was on similar lines to the "Kin-naird" meeting, except that there were more field events, and so gave a more true reflection of the all-round strength of the competing clubs.

We made a grand start by having both our men in the final of the 100 yards, and "Ginger" Holtum surprised many by beating Clay Gibbs to win in 10.5 seconds.

Denis Merrett also beat Gibbs in the final of the 220 yards, with Holtum in third place, and so our sprinters really showed what they can do when they make up their minds to have a go.

A new member in J. V. Beesley turned out for us in the 440, but he was in Terry Higgins' heat and just failed to qualify for the final. Jim Heathfield also competed, but our quarter men are not yet up to this standard of competition.

In the 880 we had both Jack Brown and John Bromley qualify for the final and, although Bromley took the lead with 220 yards to go, with Jack on his heels, they had to give best down the straight, to eventually finish third and fourth.

The 1 mile saw Chas. Walker and Bill Lucas both run well, with the former beating Alec Olney for first place, with Bill third. It was only through Bill "pepping" up the pace with a lap to go that the field broke up and this enabled Walker to use his stronger finishing powers to good advantage.

In the 3 miles run we had Les Stokell and Archie Bedford, and they finished fourth and fifth, to score some useful points.

The field events saw P. Luxon finish third in the triple jump, but what with a pole vault and 120 yards hurdle events, in which we had no competitors, we did not get much help as regards increasing our points total, and unless we can strengthen our field event section, we cannot hope to achieve success in this type of contest.

Final points scoring was:—Herne Hill H., 99; Belgrave H., 59; Thames Valley H., 43; Polytechnic H., 28; Southgate H., 25; Cambridge H., 23.

### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

We put up quite a good show in the various County Championships which were held on June 2nd, and at the Surrey meeting, held at Motpur Park, the Belgrave colours were well to the fore.

It was true that we only had two individual title winners in the senior events and two in the junior, but the all-round performances of our members was very good, as you can see from the following results.

Denis Merrett won the senior 110 yards and was second in the 220 low hurdles, while Harry Churcher won the 2 miles walk, with D. McMullen second, as usual.

Chas. Walker was third in the 1 mile and Bill Lucas occupied a similar place in the 3 miles. Eddie Short was second in the 2 miles steeplechase, and A. Bergvalds was second in the weight and third in the discus throw.

Frank Kemp was second in the Junior 100 yards, but won the 220 in 22.8 seconds, which is some going for a junior.

P. J. Casselton was third in the junior 440, and Gerry Trower ran the race of his life in the half-mile, only to lose to Hewson of Mitcham, who did 1 min. 56.7 secs., and Gerry was clocked at 1 min. 59.4 secs., which must be the fastest time ever recorded by a club junior member.

Doug Maclean won the 1 mile junior in a new record time of 4 mins. 25.8 secs., and all these fine performances promise well for the future of the club when these lads reach our senior ranks.

E. Hall was second in the 1 mile walk and Alan Law gained second place in the weight with 41 ft. 8 ins.

In the Middlesex events "Ginger" Holtum ran really well to finish second in the 100 yards, and our old member, Derrick Burfitt, won the 1 mile.

Jack Brown was second in the Kent 1 mile, with Ray Tooby in third place, and H. G. Clayton was second in the Hampshire 2 miles walk, with G. J. Warr third.

Another of our members, in G. H. Gregory, won the Western Counties 2 miles walk, and so the Belgrave colours were well distributed round the country, and our lads worthily upheld the best traditions of the "claret and gold."

#### MATCH v. MITCHAM A.C.

At the "News of the World" ground on June 6th, this was not too well supported by our senior members, but we managed to win the junior match.

J. E. Godfrey won the 880 yards and Frank Kemp obliged, as usual, in the 220, with Geoff Goode taking the mile.

We also won the sprint relay, and final points for the junior match were:—Belgrave, 19; Mitcham, 13; S.L.H., 4.

In the senior events we had Bob Taylor winning the mile and Bergvalds the javelin, and Dicky Bartlett and Geoff Barker gained a couple of third places in the sprint events.

Final points here were:—Mitcham, 19; Belgrave, 13; S.L.H., 10.

#### "KINNAIRD TROPHY" MEETING

At Chiswick Stadium on June 16th we put up what must have been about our worst ever performance in this contest and did not secure a single placed man in any event.

A lot, of course, depends on the seeding of the heats, and with such men as McDonald Bailey, Derek Pugh, Arthur Wint, Roger Bannister, to mention only a few who were competing, it will be seen that the class was very, very high.

However, it is to be hoped that we shall again receive an invitation to compete next year, and we shall have to see to it that we field a stronger team and score more than the meagre eight points which was our lot this time.

Len Herbert and Bill Lucas, in the 3 miles, were responsible for some of these, plus Chas. Walker's sixth place in the 1 mile event.

In the 2 mile walk, although we filled first two places with Harry Churcher and Dave McMullen, the team race resulted in a tie between us and Cambridge Harriers.

Our club Marathon championship was held in conjunction with the Polytechnic event from Windsor to Chiswick, and the new title-holder proved to be Con Abberton, who thus followed in his brother Frank's footsteps in holding the "A. F. Mitchell" Shield.

Placings and times of our men were:—25, C. Abberton, 2.54.56; 28, J. McDonald, 2.56.21; 43, G. M. Pearson, 3.2.21; 58, G. R. Chantler, 3.10.40; 61, A. Smith, 3.13.14; 73, F. Mitchell, 3.19.50; 88, T. Mitchell, 3.31.51; 90, A. Penstone, 3.35.7.

#### R.W.A. 50 KILOS CHAMPIONSHIP—BRIGHTON, JUNE 16th

By kind permission of the Editor of the B.N.L. we reprint the report of Syd King and, in doing so, we feel it so perfectly describes the race that we have taken the opportunity of not only presenting to you an accurate description of the championship, but of saving us time and labour. It also enables Syd King to do us an unwitting favour. In any case, both your editors were on duty as judges in this race and as they are expected to be completely unbiased, they were both severely handicapped from making any kind of report.—Ed.

## THE R.W.A. 50 KILOMETRES CHAMPIONSHIP—Reported by Syd King

Brighton air and Belgrave Harriers form a good combination these days. Last September, our distance men went on their annual jaunt to Brighton and after a lapse of thirteen years won the team honours. In the same town, on June 16th, we won the 50 Kilometres Team Championship, an honour that has eluded us for a like number of years. We must consider adding a Brighton dolphin to our club badge. The weather was fine and warm, perhaps too warm for the competitors; and except for a mile or two of loose flints and some nasty hills between Rottingdean and Falmer, which had to be covered twice, the course was a good one. We started two teams, both of which closed in, and only three of our 13 starters failed to finish. This is a very creditable performance in a race of this length, and members of the "B" team are especially to be congratulated, for, unlike the "A" team, they had no prospects of awards to spur them on.

Bert Clayton, our first man home, was never further back than fifth place. By finishing second he put up his best performance in this championship, and must have staked his claim for Olympic consideration for 1952. Hugh McGreechan occupied tenth position most of the way, moving up in the last eight or nine miles to finish sixth. Jack Wakeley hovered about 30th position until half the distance had been covered, after which he improved his position at a steady rate, gaining about 15 places in the last 15 miles to finish 11th. Harry Shields, our fourth man, who was placed 45th at five miles, had only about 20 men in front of him at half distance, and continued to walk through the field to finish 12th. Jack Rutland was in the leading four for 14 or 15 miles, but cramp in his toes forced him to retire after covering 20 miles. Percy Wright was another one who was unfortunate. Not too prominent at the start, he made an effort which took him into 12th position at nine miles, after which he, too, fell back and later retired. Cramp in the stomach appears to have been his trouble. Fred Rickards, an almost legendary figure, staged a come-back and, despite a bad time around 20 miles, walked so well that he was fifth Belgrave to finish. Tony Bellchamber completed the "A" team, and he would no doubt have been further up had he not had trouble with his tummy, which caused him to dart into the hedgerows from time to time. The "B" team, of which we are equally proud, consisted of Joe Wilson, Dick Frazer, Fred Rolfe, Syd Spencer and Frank Jarvis, but, unfortunately, the latter blistered rather badly and was forced to retire. However, we are indeed fortunate in having so many useful distance men.

The team race was not the walk-over that one might suppose from the final score. Up to 14 miles we were sitting pretty, with a lead of about 12 points, but over the next 2½ miles Percy Wright and Jack Rutland dropped back, and at 16½ miles we had a lead of only five points from Surrey W.C. Woodford then put on a spurt, and at 22 miles only four points separated us. However, from this distance our other "A" team men began to come into the picture, while other clubs fell away. Poly were by this time making ground on all clubs except Belgrave, and they eventually finished 15 points behind us. All our men put up such a good show that it would be invidious to single out anyone for special mention, but it is worthy of note that Harry Shields now holds National Team Medals for cross-country running and walking, besides having been a member of the winning team in the Brighton relay. All our scoring men finished inside first-class standard time, and Joe Wilson and Fred Rickards made second-class standard.

It was pleasing to see a number of supporters round the course, for their presence undoubtedly raises the morale of our lads, especially when they are beginning to feel the strain of the race.

SYD KING.

Placings and times as follows:—

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. D. Tunbridge (H.H.)	4	54	34	38. J. Wilson	5	26	48
2. H. Clayton	4	52	6	42. J. Bellehamber	5	32	58
6. H. McGreechan	5	2	0	44. R. Frazer	5	34	48
11. A. St. Wakeley	5	6	3	54. F. Rolfe	5	42	25
16. H. Shields	5	7	5	64. S. Spencer	5	50	34
26. F. Rickards	5	19	58				

Team Championship.—1, Belgrave H., 29 pts.; 2, Polytechnic H., 44 pts.

### CLUB MEETING ON JUNE 18th

This meeting was held at Tooting and was another junior match against Whitgift Middle School, John Ruskin School and the John Fisher School.

After a very close struggle we managed to beat Whitgift by a single point, with the Ruskin and John Fisher boys well behind.

Frank Kemp scored a double win in the 100 and 220 yards, and Ian Forrester won the second string race in the latter event.

P. J. Casselton won the 440, with Gerry Trower second, and F. J. Wright had an exciting struggle with De'Ath of Whitgift, to be beaten on the tape in the 880 yards.

Geoff Goode won the 1 mile, with Brian Trower second, and the latter looks like following in his brother's footsteps as a future club champion.

R. Cooper, our club junior champion, won the high jump for his school, Whitgift, and Alan Law won the weight, and our lads also beat Whitgift in the sprint relay and were the first team to beat them in such an event this season.

Final match points were:—Belgrave H., 41; Whitgift Middle School, 40; John Ruskin, 19; John Fisher, 10.

Also on the programme was a 1 mile walk for novices, and this was won by M. J. Parks, a club member, and it was pleasing to see Eric Hall pacing some of the younger walkers and then being content to finish behind them in order to encourage them.

In the club handicap events the results were as under:—

100 yards.—1, J. Thomas (7½); 2, J. D. Benstead (7); 3, A. Bergvalds (14); Time 10.2 seconds.

440 yards.—1, I. Badiali (12); 2, R. J. Wolton (22); 3, R. F. Budd (22); Time 51.3 seconds.

1 mile.—1, C. L. Stokell (120); 2, M. F. Jones (200); 3, L. F. Rolls (180); Time 4 mins. 14.4 secs.

220 Low Hurdles.—1, P. D. Hunt (20); 2, D. J. Merrett (scr.); 3, A. G. Simpson (23); Time 29.7 seconds.

High Jump.—1, J. F. Latter (10); 2, E. M. Bare (scr.); Height 5 ft. 10 ins.

A feature of the above was the promise shewn by I. Badiali in the 440 yards, the strong running of Les Stokell in the mile, and Denis Merrett's fine hurdling. Also our latest recruit, E. M. Bare, who comes from Nigeria, showed good form to clear 5 ft. 9 ins. in the high jump, and at long last it looks as if we shall have a club member who can hold his own in first-class competition.

### MATCH, BELGRAVE HARRIERS v. SURREY W.C.

2 Miles at Tooting Bec on June 18th

1. H. Churcher	14.40	16. M. Ellis	16.55
2. R. McMullen	15.12	17. F. Dixon	16.58
3. F. Holt	15.31	18. L. Wells	17.13
4. D. Christie Murray	15.35	19. L. Woodcock	17.20
5. S. Jarlett	15.35	20. G. Swan	17.28
6. E. Smith	15.35	21. Restall	17.30
7. Scaramanga	15.43	22. W. Williamson	17.32
8. S. James	15.46	23. C. Hipkin	17.32
9. M. Fisher	15.53	24. S. Horton	17.36
10. G. Parker	16.03	25. Knight	18.33
11. G. Beecham	16.06	26. Austin	18.42
12. G. Oliver	16.17	27. F. Wilmot	18.46
13. A. Readman	16.40	28. Mason	19.02
14. G. Checkley	16.43	29. A. Frost	19.21
15. L. Griffiths	16.47		

Scoring 9-a-side.—Belgrave H., 74 pts.; S.W.C., 97 pts.

Belgrave Handicap:—

1. S. Jarlett (All.) ... 1.25  
2. E. Smith (All.) ... 1.20

3. G. Beecham (All.) 1.45

**COMBINED MEETING ON JUNE 20th**

This was held at Tooting and was in conjunction with the London Olympiades A.C. on the same lines as last year's meeting with these friends.

On the programme was the club hop, step and jump championship for a new club trophy, the "C. Cook" Cup, in memory of a very respected member, and this was won by P. C. Luxon with a jump of 42 ft. 4½ ins., which is a new club record.

We also held some club handicaps, but these were not too well supported, and it rather makes one wonder what our members want in the way of competition. They all seem to do plenty of training, but when it comes to racing of any kind they seem to fight shy of such events.

In the 100 yds. Junior handicap we only had one heat, and the winner was J. Thomas, who is quite a promising recruit to our sprinting ranks, with Frank Kemp second and Ian Forrester third.

The 300 yards handicap saw I. Badiali continue his good form to win this event very easily, and we were pleased to see Basil Walden making a welcome re-appearance on the track.

George Stace won the 2 miles run in good style, with Bill Lucas coming through his field to take second place from young R. Linstead, who ran very well for a lad not yet 16 years of age.

B. Miska, one of our Latvian members, won the weight handicap, with P. Lowe second and A. Bergvalds third.

Full results are given below:—

100 yards Junior.—1, J. Thomas (4); 2, F. W. Kemp (scr.); 3, I. Forrester (2); Time 10.7 seconds.

300 yards.—1, I. Badiali (10); 2, B. F. Walden (8); 3, M. F. Jones (26); Time 32.8 seconds.

2 miles.—1, G. J. Stace (300); 2, W. E. Lucas (40); 3, R. Linstead (340); Time 9 mins. 18 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, P. Luxon, 42 ft. 4½ ins.; 2, P. Lowe, 40 ft. 7½ ins.; 3, L. Christmas, 39 ft. 7¼ ins.

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**SOUTHERN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Southern Senior Championships were held at Reading on June 23rd and our representation was not very large, due to various reasons, but we did gain a couple of third places.

Jack Brown ran his best mile to date to finish third to Seamon and D. A. Pirie, both just out of the junior stage, and he beat such men as Burfitt, Olney and Jimmy Wood. We also had Chas Walker and Ray Tooby qualifying for the final of this event and this speaks well for our strength at this distance.

A. Bergvalds gained 3rd place in the Weight with 39 ft. 1½ in. and followed this with a 4th place in the Discus Throw.

John Bromley was 5th in the 2 miles Steeplechase and our team in the Junior 4 x 110 yds. relay finished 4th, and although not at full strength, they would have probably been nearer the winners but for a mix-up in which one of our runners was placed in the wrong lane!

On the same day we had a team at the Vickers meeting competing in the 2 miles team race and they won this event, with Bill Lucas finishing second in the individual race after having fallen in the second lap. It speaks well for Bill's presence of mind that he was able to make up the lost ground and our other two scoring men were Les Stokell and Len Adams.

**"HEATHFIELD TROPHY" MEETING**

This meeting, held at the Stompond Lane ground at Walton-on-Thames, on June 30th, was not too well supported by our members.

Bill Lucas put up a good performance to win the 2 miles run but he was our only competitor for this event and in the mile we had no starters!

I. Badiali, our new member from India, ran well to finish second in the 440 yds. and he is certainly a most welcome addition to our ranks.

Alan Sexton came along from his R.A.F. duties to turn out for us and it is a pity that we have not a few more like him, willing to come a long distance in order to help his club.

Also on the programme was a 15 miles road race and our lads finished 2nd to Mitcham A.C. in the team race and J. McDonald ran really well to finish 7th in a good class field. Placings and times of our lads were:—  
7. J. McDonald, 1.27.23; 10. R. W. Tobin, 1.28.20; 13. E. Stimpson, 1.30.53; 18. G. Chantler, 1.33.58; 21. A. Smith, 1.36.46.

### INTER-CLUB WALKING COMPETITION

The Annual Inter-Club Walking Competition promoted by Belgrave Harriers was held at Tooting Bec Track on Wednesday, July 4th. Entries were received from 11 clubs and a total of 68 walkers competed in the four events. Results were as follows:—

#### 5 Miles

1. H. A. Martineau	S.W.C.	40.09
2. C. T. Shaw	Highgate H.	
3. J. Rutland	Belgrave H.	

Belgrave H., 38 pts.; Enfield A.C., 14 pts.; Essex B., 30 pts.; Highgate H., 33 pts.; Met. W.C., 15 pts.; S.A.C., 10 pts.; S.W.C., 22 pts.; Walton A.C., 20 pts.; Woodford, 35 pts.

#### 4 Miles

1. R. Goodall	Woodford	31.16
2. J. Lelyveld	Met. W.C.	
3. A. Marler	Enfield	

Belgrave H., 14 pts.; Enfield A.C., 20 pts.; Essex B., 13 pts.; Highgate H., 23 pts.; Met. W.C., 30 pts.; Poly, 25 pts.; S.A.C., 23 pts.; S.W.C., 34 pts.; Walton, 23 pts.; Woodford, 38 pts.

#### 3 Miles

1. G. Coleman	Highgate H.	22.27
2. D. McMullen	Belgrave H.	
3. J. Eggington	S.W.C.	

Belgrave H., 39 pts.; Camb. H., 15 pts.; Essex, 27 pts.; Highgate H., 39 pts.; Met., 10 pts.; Poly, 23 pts.; S.A.C., 9 pts.; S.W.C., 39 pts.; Walton, 16 pts.

#### 2 Miles

1. W. Woods	S.A.C.	14.51
2. E. Staker	Highgate H.	
3. S. Jarlett	Belgrave H.	

Belgrave H., 39 pts.; Enfield, 12 pts.; Essex, 17 pts.; Highgate H., 39 pts.; Met., 28 pts.; S.A.C., 22 pts.; S.W.C., 30 pts.; Walton, 11 pts.

#### Final Placings

1. Highgate Harriers	...	...	pts.
2. Belgrave Harriers	...	...	134
3. Surrey W.C.	...	...	125
4. Essex Beagles	...	...	87
5. Met. W.C.	...	...	83
6. Woodford Green A.C.	...	...	73
7. Walton A.C.	...	...	70
8. Surrey A.C.	...	...	64
9. Polytechnic H.	...	...	48
10. Enfield A.C.	...	...	46
11. Cambridge Harriers	...	...	30

## THE RUNNING HON. SEC. SAYS—

Although the turn-outs at the start of the track season were up to standard there has been a marked falling away, especially as regards our sprinters and field event men.

We know that Denis Merrett is tied-up with his London University commitments and that "Ginger" Holtum has had some leg trouble but nevertheless it has become increasingly difficult to field a top-class sprinting team.

Perhaps some people wonder why we do not support the Southern and A.A.A. Senior Relay Championships, but the plain fact is that we cannot field teams worthy of the club name for such events.

The field event section is also causing the club officials some concern for at all our club matches, both senior and junior, there are always two or three field events to be contested, and except for our genial friend, Bergvalds, who is a veritable tower of strength, and Luxon, in the long jump, we are hard put to find men for this type of event.

In the Junior section we have Alan Law in the throwing events, but it is the jumps which are most difficult to find competitors for, and if we have any club members who think they would like to turn out in this type of event, will they please contact me and I will do my best to see that they are given a chance to show what they can do.

Our distance men also seem to be lacking on occasions, and for a club which prides itself on being one of the premier clubs in the country at distance running, it is surprising how often we have to "scratch" round to find someone willing to run at say 2 or 3 miles on the track.

We know that several of our best runners have quite a number of A.A.A. matches to contend with but I do at least think that when there is a club fixture, which after all is shown on the summer fixture card, and which I am convinced very few of our members ever look at, then our runners should do their best to keep this date clear so that they can turn out for the club.

I am sure that we have plenty of talent within our ranks and this is especially true as regards our Junior members, but I would like to see a bit more enthusiasm shown as regards competing in club matches or club handicap events.

I am already fixing dates for the coming winter season, and have arranged for Mitcham A.C. to visit us on October 27th at Belgrave Hall when we shall hold our usual 5 miles cross-country handicap in conjunction. We pay a visit to our old friends and rivals, Thames Valley Harriers, at Cranford on November 3rd, and I hope all our members will support this all-to-score match.

The Woodford Green A.C. are coming to Belgrave Hall on November 17th and a week later we visit Ealing Harriers at their quarters at Perivale. As this latter date is the day fixed for our "open" road walk at Wimbledon, will all members kindly note that runners will not be allowed at Belgrave Hall on that day, and I trust therefore that they will support the fixture with Ealing Harriers, which is for both seniors and juniors.

The main cross-country championships are on much the same dates as last year with the South of Thames District 5 Miles Team Race taking place on November 10th.

It should be noted that there is the Southern London to Brighton Road Relay on October 6th and this may mean that our opening 3 miles road handicap will have to be held on the last Saturday in September.

The Club Dinner has been fixed for October 20th and so I shall only arrange a training run for that afternoon in order not to spoil any of our members' appetites.

If any member has any queries as regards fixtures or would like to be picked for any club matches, will they please write to me, as under, or they can phone me at ROYal 3016 during business hours.

E. A. DUFFETT.

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## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

A coin operated telephone is now installed at the Belgrave Hall so that members may check (not make) their dates after the afternoon run, or tell the wife they are on the way home (or detained) or order their carriages—sometimes necessary—to take them home.

There was a successful Inter-Schools Relay Match for the handsome trophy presented by J. C. (Charlie) Smart showing a bronze of a relay runner. Bob Wolton, our Junior Secretary, did a good job of work in obtaining the entries and the event, which is an annual one, should do much to encourage athletics among the schools and, we hope, encourage many schoolboy athletes to continue in the sport and we also hope, in our own colours as they grow older.

### THREE DATES YOU MUST BOOK AND RESERVE NOW

On Saturday, September 8th, our walkers are defending their London to Brighton title and we are expecting to field a very strong team, with a possibility of a second team. To give them the maximum support a double-decker bus has been booked and all that is required is for you to **BOOK YOUR SEATS NOW** through the Waking Hon. Secretary, Syd. Roberts, 35, Perrymead Street, Fulham, S.W.6 (REN. 4738). The charge will be not more than 10s. per head.

The Annual General Meeting at the Belgrave Hall—Saturday, October 13th.

The Club **DINNER AND DANCE** at Coventry Street Corner House, on Saturday, October 20th.

Arrangements for payments by instalments in advance have been made and C. T. Carter, our Social Hon. Secretary would be pleased to advise you of these. Just a case of "pay first and eat afterwards" but it does make it easier for you to treat the wife or girl friend to a first class night out. This is the grandest club Social Event of the year and we want everybody there.

Frank Webb, our advance booking agent—or ticket tout—has block tickets at reduced prices for the London v. Gothenburg Match at White City on Wednesday evening, September 26th, which is a floodlight meeting. Good support should be forthcoming from members for this meeting as a portion of the profits are allocated to the club.

Our new starter, Mr. Fell, who has so ably carried out his new office during the summer, is the son of our late starter, A. G. Fell. Like his father before him, he asks no remuneration for the very expensive ammunition and white finishing tape he supplies, to say nothing of the very smart starter's outfit he wears which certainly gives colour and distinction to our meetings. Mr. Fell's very sporty gesture in filling the office left vacant by his father's death should, and will no doubt be fully appreciated by all club members and we hope he will enjoy to the full his association with our club in this capacity for many, many years.

The committee have, on behalf of the members, gratefully accepted an offer by the relatives of the late Mr. A. G. Fell, to provide a trophy to perpetuate his memory and his happy and long association with the club.

A special welcome is given to E. M. Bare, a Nigerian Law Student, who has recently joined us. He has jumped 6 ft. 4 ins. in his own country and has yet to wear a pair of spikes. We wish him a very pleasant sojourn in this country with many successes in our colours,

## HERE AND THERE

John Bromley was a member of the British team in the Services C.C. International Race held in the French Zone of Germany and he was 5th scoring man in our team which beat France by 2 points. Also in the race was our old friend E. Gailly, running for Belgium and he is in the regular Army there.

Archie Bedford won the London Transport 5 Miles C.C. Championship Race which was held at Wimbledon.

Hearty congratulations to our three walkers who have recently qualified for their Club Honours Badge, viz., Harry Shields, Hugh McGreechan and Gerry Gregory.

Doug. Maclean came first in the L.A.C. Schools 1 Mile Race in 4 min. 28.2 secs., and P. J. Casselton, a new member, came second in the 440 yards. Both these two members were picked to represent the London Schools v. Paris at the White City on April 28th, and "Mac" duly won the mile and Casselton was second in the 440.

Bernard Chitty writes from Singapore to say that he has met "Splinter" Tranter out there and they both send their best wishes to all their fellow members.

E. Gebbett is now with the R.A.M.C. out in Germany and says he hopes to be able to get in some training there. He also congratulates the club on their fine performances during the winter and especially in the "National" Road Relay.

Charlie Smart is another "exile" who has written to say that he recently won a 5,000 metres event in Germany in 15 min. 11 secs. which is about 14.39 for 3 miles.

Harry Churcher won the Southern 10,000 Metres Walk at the White City on June 13th, in 35.45.

At the Inter-Counties meeting we had Harry Churcher gaining 2nd place in the 2 miles walk and Chas. Walker was 6th in the 1 mile and so they both helped towards Surrey retaining their team title.

Chas. Walker was also second man home in the Inter-District c.c. race held at Sheffield and so helped the South to beat the North and Midlands.

D. Hills, one of our new walkers, gained his six miles in the hour badge by walking 6 miles in 57 mins. 11 secs. in the Walton A.C. trial in June. We hope this is the first of many.

Denis Merrett gained a double win at the London University Championships in the two sprint events and in the match against the Paris Universities he was 3rd in the 100 metres and 2nd in the 200.

Jack Brown also took a team up to Scotland and with himself running the half-mile, Alan Sexton the quarter and "Ginger" Holtum and Geoff. Osmint the two 220's, they duly won the 1 mile relay at Hawick.

Gerald Warr won the King's College 1 Mile Walking Championship on April 28th, in 7.43.6.

On May 5th, in a match, King's College v. Imperial College, Michael Parkes, another new walking member, beat Gerald Warr over a mile, in 7.16.5.

In an Inter College Match on May 9th, Gerald Warr finished 2nd to the Latymer stylist R. Hutchison. Gerald is trying very hard to popularise walking in the colleges and is to be complimented not only on his athletic progress but also his organising ability. To crown his effort, the Universities of London held a 1 mile championship in which Gerald finished 2nd to I. Paul.

On June 23rd Gerald Gregory won the Tobacco Trades 1 Mile Walk Handicap at Woodford off scratch in 6.39.9 and the following Saturday he won the Exeter Harriers 2 Miles Open Handicap off 230 yards in 13.49.

Ted Smith recently won the London Transport 2 Miles Walking Handicap.

Just before it is too late.—Congratulations to Jack Stirling-Wakely on winning the London to Brighton and Back Walk and to Joe Wilson for finishing the course in First Class Standard Time. A report of this race will be published in our next issue.