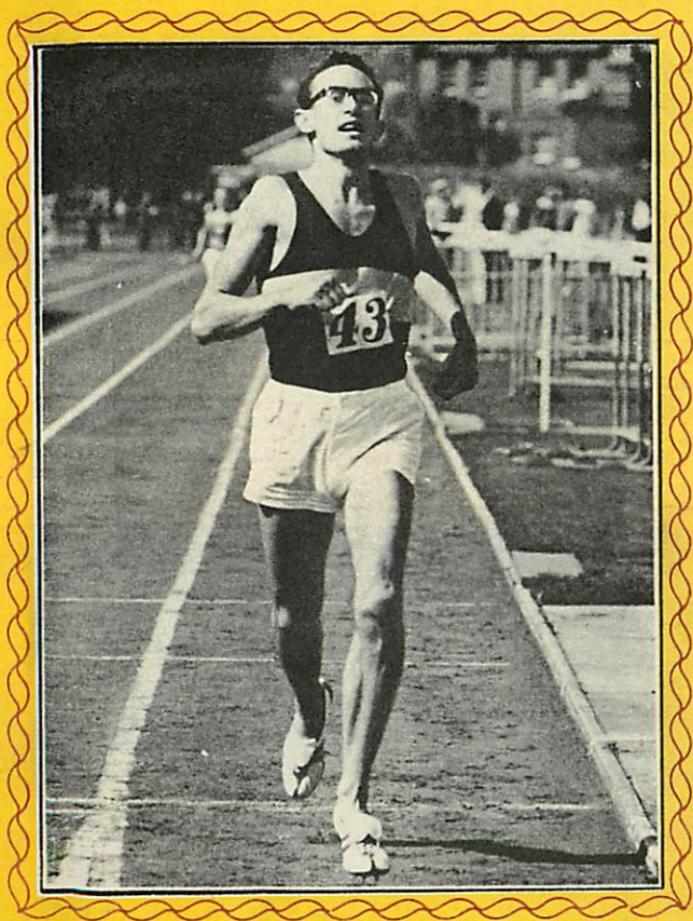


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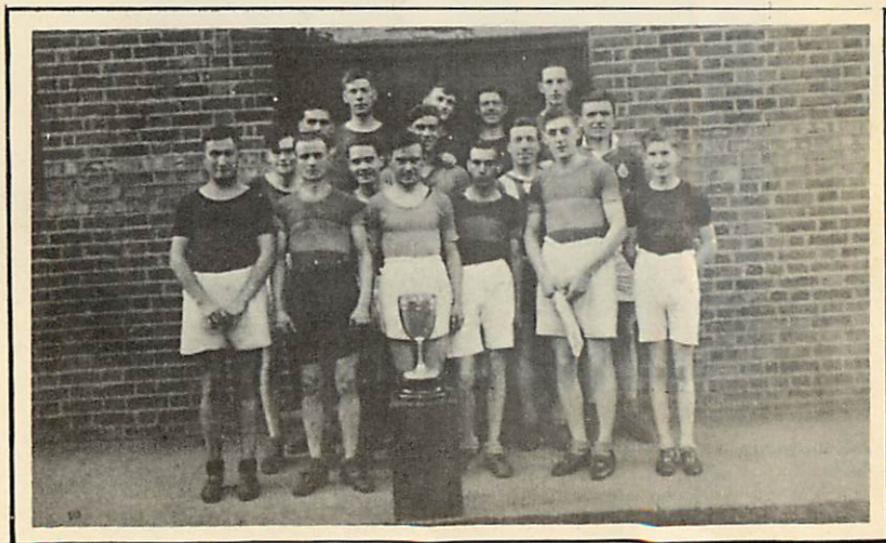
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1924 CAN YOU NAME THE BLANKS?

Standing: (Left to Right) Charlie Bain, -----, Wally Bayliss, Ken O'Kell, A.E. Smith, Mick Pyer, -----, H. J. Coxhead, Bert Footer, Syd King, Harry Parker
Seated: (Left to Right) -----, -----, F. L. Buckingham, Frank Thomson, Harry 'Spider' Bruce, Jimmy Platt, Arthur Lamm, -----, -----.



1933 BEIGRAVE WALKERS AND THE R.W.A. 'GARNET' CUP OUTSIDE CLUB H.Q.

Front Row: (Left to Right) P. Khlopin, W.G. Dodkin, F.H. Elson, S.L. Ring, R.G. Hillier, H. Lutter.

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The Club's 75th year approaches its end. We now enter the final quarter of our first century with the hope and prospect of reaching heights even greater than the many we have attained during the last 7½ decades.

As an Amateur Club we have a decidedly healthy look and an excellent club spirit. This has become increasingly noticeable over the last year or so and is in no small way due to our younger members, many of whom are taking an active part in the administration of Belgrave. Young faces are appearing on Committee, progressive ideas are being put forward and there has been a marked improvement in our Socials and catering arrangements. Our athletes can feel confident that they have the backing of an Organisation which will enable them to gain maximum results from their training.

Unfortunately, we do not possess any photographs of the Club's very early days but we do reproduce as our frontispiece two pictures kindly loaned to us by Syd King

which we think will be of interest. Should any of our older members have any early photographs suitable for publication we shall be delighted to hear from them.

Since our last edition the Mitchell half of the editorship has married the charming lady who typewrites all our material, whilst the Shippen half has moved house. There is, of course, no sinister connection between the two occurrences (!) but we mention them to explain the late appearance of this issue and also to draw your attention to the new editorial address.

We hope that 1963 will see the regular quarterly appearance of 'The Belgravian'. To accomplish this we shall need the co-operation of our contributors and we appeal for all matter to be sent to us immediately it becomes available. Correspondence is welcome from all sources, particularly our distant members.

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HON. SEC'S NOTES

Our Annual report advised the death of our last surviving founder-member (as far as is known) Mr. J.H. Martyn, at the age of 95 years. He has told how the Club was formed after a visit to an Athletics meeting at Kennington Oval, and how he was elected the first Club Captain. The changes that have taken place in the intervening seventy five years are tremendous, both in general terms and in the field of athletics. It seems incredible that the Club cross-country headquarters were once at Battersea Rise; and that our sprinters showed their speed along the Embankment, relatively traffic-free.

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We also mourn the passing of R.W. (Dick) Best, a Life Member and Vice President of the Club, and donor of our 880 yards Championship Cup. Dick came from the Westminster area which saw the origins of our Club; and between the Wars he was a very popular figure, with a great sense of humour and inherent charm, at hundreds of Meetings in the Home Counties. Dick had a standing order to be entered in all Club meeting running events and cheerfully paid up all his dues at the end of the season. He was a great supporter of the Club in many ways and we shall miss his cheery smile.

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FRONT COVER: The year's most improved runner, JOHN THRESHER, seen here winning the London County one Mile title in a record 4:12.4.

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It is proper that we should express our sincere thanks to the Club Officers who were not re-elected or did not seek re-election at the Annual General Meeting, for all their work on our behalf. Particularly, our very genuine appreciation of Sid Roberts' magnificent work must be placed on record. For twenty-two years Sid has served us in our Club in one office or another; and since 1952 he has been our highly-efficient Hon. Treasurer. Business reasons compel Sid's retirement from office; and we are indeed grateful for the great service he has rendered in so many different ways over such a long period.

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Our heartiest congratulations go to Ray Middleton and Ray Hall who were selected to represent Great Britain on the European Championships at Belgrade in the 50 Kilometres Walk. Also to Derek Hoosey who well earned his selection for the Triple Jump in the Great Britain v. Finland match.

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Ron Linstead also merits our congratulations on being selected as one of the four British Long distance runners to represent the Howl Runners Club in the Comrades Marathon in South Africa. Despite being out of luck on the day, Ron still managed to be fifth man home in this classic long distance event.

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Gerry North has been doing great deeds in our name recently and we have every hope that he will lead our cross country and road-relay teams to many many successes. We could not hope to have a finer runner for our Cross country Captain; and if Gerry is given the support that it is in our power to give, Belgrave can be very prominent indeed in all the major events. How about having three men in the International Cross-country team next March?

A. A. H.

THE PRESIDENT — D. M. SHEPHERD

We congratulate ourselves most heartily on having for our President this year one who has developed in the true Belgravian tradition, - one who has not spared himself in service to the Club over many years. This trait of long and devoted service has ever been present in our Presidents, and Dave has certainly helped in a hundred different ways in his thirty years of membership.

Joining us in the early 1930s Dave was to be found at most of our fixtures and in 1934, he was second man home for the Club in our fourth team in the Southern Junior Cross country championship. Studies now claimed his full attention for many years, and although often seen, he was unable to devote the time to training that membership of our teams demanded. He persevered with his studies, showing that determination we have seen in Club affairs, and after years of hard work became an expert in the field of heating and ventilating engineering.

Now began his great work for the Club and he has served us in a variety of ways. His technical knowledge has been of the greatest value to us, he was an excellent Social Hon. Secretary for many years, a member of the Belgrave Hall Sub Committee, and in recent years has carried through admirably the task of Track Hon. Secretary. Life Membership was conferred upon him some years ago and now we honour him as our new President. For good measure, and this is typical of him, he has also become an Hon. Treasurer in succession to Sid Roberts!

Dave would be the first to acknowledge the great help he has received from his wife (the present President of the Surrey County W.A.A.A.) his late Father-in-Law Dick Savage, and Mrs. Savage. Belgrave was ever in the heart of the Savage family; and Dave quickly learned to share their regard for Belgrave and to make his contribution to our Club.

I would particularly acknowledge the great part he played with re-planning the Belgrave Hall when the freehold was acquired; and his attention to detail and the great assistance he afforded when we were planning ahead and battling with the Ministry for building licences. He has certainly deserved well of Belgrave, and his personal qualities and devotion to the Club will ensure that we have a very worthy President indeed.

We shall be proud to serve under his leadership.

A. A. H.

The President's Message

I am most honoured to be elected as your President for this, the 75th year of the Club, and I am looking forward to a most enjoyable year in office.

Our Hon. Secretary has referred to this year as the time for a possible 'break through' and I would very much like to see this achieved. Success is not easy, all must work for it, Athlete, Coach, Official and Spectator, with team spirit and one aim - to be first past the post. I am confident we shall see improved results.

I should like to see all members making full use of the facilities the Club has to offer, it is of course, up to you, and if you are in any doubt you only have to ask any member of the Club committee, I know they will put themselves out to help.

Do not forget that Belgrave is the best Club in Amateur Athletics, that is why I joined, and I know that this was your reason also. Keep the standard up, the part you play in club life is just as important as any other member's. Will you also do your best to support the fixtures arranged by your Section Secretary, especially if you are asked to represent the Club. A lot of work goes into the organising of the meetings and you let yourself and most important, the Club down if you fail to turn out without due notice.

Social functions also need your support. If you have not yet had an evening with your fellow members, make an effort this year, I am sure you will enjoy yourself, and don't forget to bring the wife or girl friend.

Lastly, I do wish you all a most successful and enjoyable season.

Dave Shepherd.

P.S. I have asked the Editors to allow me space in this Issue to introduce myself to you all as your new Treasurer. This is a new job for me and I know that you will do your best to help me. May I suggest the best possible way to do just this?

SEND YOUR SUBS, to me NOW. DON'T WAIT FOR ME TO WRITE TO YOU.

Dave Shepherd,
104 Florence Road, Wimbledon S.W.19.
Seniors £1.10.0d. Juniors 12/6d.
Youths 5/-d.



The young Barnard brothers, Peter and John were unfortunately omitted from the notable performers listed on page 15 of your handbook. On the track this year John won the South London Schools 100 yds. and Peter the Furlong. Peter went on to win the London Schools Title in the fastest time recorded by a South London Schoolboy.

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BOYS AND YOUTHS MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The Boys Competition was won by newcomer P. Smith who was the only Boy to collect points in each of the minimum of five events.

The H. Shields Cup was again won by R. Dommett who scored 99 out of a possible 100 points.

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|---------------|-------|--------|
| 1. R. Dommett | ————— | 99pts. |
| 2. R. Clarke | ————— | 89pts. |
| 3. P. Edwards | ————— | 85pts. |

Our congratulations are extended to Gerry North on the birth of his son, to Bill Couzens on his new addition, and to Eddie Short on his second born.

'75th Year' Dinner

There was something extra special about this year's Dinner for although it was held in the same place as last year, the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, and although there was the usual array of familiar faces it did mark the 75th anniversary of the Club. Despite it being a bleak rainy evening this does not mean that the spirit of the occasion was at all dampened. This is one Club event when competition is put aside and everybody makes the best of having a good time.

After the Dinner itself we settled back over coffee, wine or in some cases cigars, (Havana?) to listen to the speeches. I think most people will agree that after-dinner Speakers vary in standard considerably and that after a good meal sleep is never far away in any case. But we were fortunate in our choice. A.J.C. Kendall, B.E.M., of the Southern Counties Athletic Association, proposed the toast to the Club and in doing so, drew attention to the enormous amount that Belgrave has contributed to the sport of athletics. We were also praised for our continual efforts in recent years in promoting numerous junior and youth events. It was appropriate that the response on behalf of the Club should be made by our Hon. Sec. unofficial historian, and night-on Mr. Belgrave, Alf Harley. Alf mentioned several respected and notable Belgravians present including 82 year old Harry Evans (still without his raincoat), K. O'Kell, A. Foster, and E. Macher and then told us a simple story that in some ways exemplified the true Belgrave spirit. Ted Goode, a member in the 1890s heard of Belgrave, wanted to join, and in order to save the 1/-d. membership fee walked to work from Chelsea to Baker St. each day until he had the necessary sum. It was through keenness and determination such as this that Belgrave has grown into the powerful and successful Club it now is.

Sid Roberts proposed the toast to our Guests and singled out for special tribute the mums, wives and girl-friends present. D. Goodman of Surrey A.A. replied on the Guests' behalf and in his speech described Belgrave as a big-hearted Club and then went on to recall several happy moments he has spent with us and also several of those so-called "Social Runs" that he has enjoyed(?) in our Company. L.W. Woodcock of the Road Walking Association also replied for the guests and in the shortest speech of the evening heartily endorsed Mr. Goodman's opinions of Belgrave Harriers.

Our retiring President Arthur 'Nutty' Penny then proposed a toast to his successor, Dave Martin Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd. Dave replied and in his own cheeky fashion told us an amusing anecdote of a Club outing to Littlehampton by charabanc some years' ago when it rained 'oats and dogs' all day with the result that they all returned home wet both inside and out! A bouquet was then presented by Mrs. Shepherd to Mrs. Penny, a simple but admirable gesture from one President's wife to another.

Dinner downed and speeches over, tables were cleared away in preparation for dancing. Waltz or rock, tango or twist, everyone had a go and as is usual when things are going with a swing, it was soon 12.00 midnight and unfortunately time to go home. It may be our 75th year but if this Dinner and Dance is anything to go by, there's plenty of life left in the 'Old Dog' yet, and I am sure that all who attended would agree that this was a most enjoyable Club evening and that next year's 'Do' will be another sell-out!

D. E. M.

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### 'OPEN' YOUTHS RELAY. — Oct. 20th.

This year's race produced the closest finish yet---just 3 secs covering the first 3 teams, with Coventry moving from 5th to 1st on the last stage; a race of great excitement for the many spectators.

Nearly 40 teams faced the starter, and Leaver brought us to the first change-over in 14th place, ahead of Mitcham (18th) and only 10 secs behind Coventry (11th). John Bicourt then produced fastest time of the first two stages to take us up to third---what a great prospect this lad is! Simmons ran his hardest against the class opposition but was forced to concede 5 places. "Noddy" Edwards ran his usual gutty race hanging on desperately to his 8th position in the final straight to bring the team home 93 secs behind the winners.

The race was organised by Ray Conway, his first ever promotion, and it was a tribute to his fine work that a prominent Midland official should make an impromptu speech congratulating Belgrave on their excellent organisation.

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## Track Roundup

We find ourselves at the end of the Track season and the first league cross-country matches already upon us. What can we say of the recent summer season? Essentially it has been another disappointing year with overall performances not being as bright as we had anticipated. As was to be expected, we are still lamentably short of real class field-events men and sprinters, although some indication was at last given, that youngsters in these branches of the sport are now doing very nicely. If we are to succeed, however, in the fierce competition of trophy matches, then we must be capable of producing a good all round, well balanced team and not rely upon our one and three milers to salvage some of the points.

On the credit side, however, several athletes are worthy of mention. In particular are we proud to see Derek Boosey gaining international recognition and proving himself one of the top three triple jumpers in the country. Whilst on the subject of jumping, it is good to see Dereck Wade improving so consistently and indicating that he'll soon be reaching the 23' plus stage. Derek is a good all round sportsman and as he gains in strength and experience, he should prove himself the best Belgrave long-jumper ever. Let us also pay tribute to John Thresher, yet another of our truly home-grown athletes. John will run anywhere and in anything and his quiet approach conceals an intensely determined and dedicated individual. This year he exceeded all expectations, even, I suspect, his own and it was only fitting that he should carry off two titles in the Club Championships. Dave Cocks must surely be congratulated on his great form this year. His quarter-mile was remarkable for one who can be so good over the longer runs. (What other Brighton relay man can clock inside 50 for a lap?) Two Club records is good going for a season and the way he is moving they probably will not be his last.

Finally, thanks to all those people who lent helping hands throughout the season. Those who held watches, pulled triggers and those who yelled down microphones. Let us hope that the coming winter will see some of the pure track athletes training twice a week instead of once and so make next track season the best for a long time. D.E.M.

### MAY 7th - BATTERSEA - 300 YARDS HANDICAP

|                      |      |                         |      |
|----------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| 1. A. Sexton (28yds) | 31.3 | 4. A. Mead (25 yds)     | 32.6 |
| 2. J. Jarvis (35yds) | 32.2 | 5. D. Mitchell (18 yds) | 33.0 |
| 3. D. Gordon (25yds) | 32.6 | 6. D. Newell (30 yds)   | 33.0 |

### 1 1/4 Miles Handicap

|                          |        |                             |        |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. K. Redwood (200 yds)  | 6:34.4 | 7. R. Langheim (350 yds)    | 6:56.0 |
| 2. A. Morrison (200 yds) | 6:38.8 | 8. D. Brown (320 yds)       | 7:02.0 |
| 3. F. Paget (280 yds)    | 6:41.0 | 9. H. Satchell (250 yds)    |        |
| 4. M. Shingles (220 yds) | 6:48.0 | 10. G. Piddington (260 yds) | 7:01.0 |
| 5. J. Leaver (300 yds)   | 6:54.0 | 11. R. Brown (260 yds)      | 7:10.0 |
| 6. B. Sawyer (130 yds)   | 6:55.0 | 12. P. King (300 yds)       | 7:15.0 |

### Discus Handicap

|                     |        |                      |        |                    |        |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| 1. R. Brown (32'0") | 107'1" | 2. G. Edwards (scr.) | 104'6" | 3. H. Seyer (scr.) | 95'10" |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|

### MAY 12th - EALING

The undersized track at Drayton Green is invariably in poor condition and consequently the record book shows few performances of note; although one can recall Bob Taylor clocking a 4:16.0 mile there when no more than ten runners in the land had broken 4:10.0. Nonetheless there is always an atmosphere of friendly competition and this is a fixture that is always enjoyable.

The trophy was decided on the aggregate points score of Seniors, Juniors and Boys. The home club appeared to be the only one with any of the latter and this proved instrumental in their winning the contest, for their Seniors were last.

David Cocks was in great form setting a track record for the Junior 880 with 1:59.3 - half a second faster than the Senior winner! Jack Hampshire (2:08.3) backed up well for 3rd place. The Junior mile was also a Belgrave party. Winner Alan Morrison (4:37.2) was followed by Steer (4:39.0) 3rd, Bicourt (4:40.0) - and still a Youth, - 4th, and Redwood, Angus and Satchell making it 6 in 9.

The short sprint was a blow for he-man Blumberg. He was an easy heat winner in 10.3 but in the final, pulled a muscle when excellently placed and hobbled across the line in 3rd position.

Graham Worrell (24.2) and Pat Cornelius (24.8) were 3rd and 4th in the furlong, whilst Dave Mitchell (2:6.2) and F. Paget (2:12.0) took 5th and 7th places in the 880 yds.

John Thresher and John Davies produced fine efforts to beat Barratt of Ealing in the mile clocking 4:24.4 and 4:25.7 respectively. As can be seen already, conditions were certainly not conducive to fast times.

Bill Kerr ran a fine (9:25.0) 2 miles to beat O'Gorman and Macey of St. Albans, but unfortunately we were short of a runner for the team race one good man could have swung both the Senior and total scores in our favour. However, we did win the medley relay and the result ended up as follows:

| SENIORS.           |    | JUNIORS/BOYS   |    | TROPHY RESULT     |    |
|--------------------|----|----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| 1. St. Albans A.C. | 26 | 1. Ealing H.   | 38 | 1. Ealing H.      | 49 |
| 2. Belgrave H.     | 24 | 2. Belgrave H. | 21 | 2. Belgrave H.    | 45 |
| 3. Shaftesbury H.  | 17 | 3. Shaftesbury | 19 | 3. Shaftesbury H. | 36 |
| 4. Ealing H.       | 11 | 4. St. Albans  | 0  | 4. St. Albans     | 26 |

#### MAY 16th - BATTERSEA

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| H.H.H. .. .. .         | 44 points |
| Belgrave H. .. .. .    | 31 points |
| Polytechnic H. .. .. . | 22 points |

Outstanding Belgrave performer at this evening meeting was Mike Smithers who long jumped 21'5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" - a mere 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" behind U.K. record holder John Howell (H.H.H.) Bill Kerr (9:20:0) was a comfortable winner of the 2 miles but was edged out in the mile by team-mate John Thresher (4:26:4). Our dearth of sprinters cost us the match.

#### APRIL 28th - BATTERSEA

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Belgrave Harriers | 78 points |
| 2. Ealing Harriers   | 42 points |
| 3. Highgate Harriers | 27 points |

Our South African member Blumberg was a clear winner in both sprints (10.8 and 23.8) and with Peter Pepe (52.6) and John Thresher (1:58.6) showing good early season form by winning the 440 and 880 yards respectively, we were well set to record a convincing win in our first fixture. Other winners were Bill Couzens - 150'0" Javelin, Mike Smithers - 20'1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Long Jump and R. Shuter 39'4" S.P. John Davies just failed to hold Blagrove of Ealing in the 2 miles and finished 10 yards down with 9:31.9.

In the Southern Counties A.A.A. 6 miles championship at Portsmouth on April 28th, Bill Kerr finished an excellent 5th in 29:19.4, breaking Charlie Dabb's club record by 8.6 seconds. Winner was Batty (28:55.0) from Strong (28:58.4) and D. Cooke (29:03.8)

#### PARLIAMENT HILL, MAY 23rd.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Q.P.H.              | 206 points |
| Highgate H.         | 191 points |
| Belgrave H.         | 74 points  |
| Ruislip & Northwood | 35 points. |

It was hoped that the shortage of Belgravians at this Wednesday evening fixture was mainly due to the Club Championships, to be held three days later, and not through lack of interest. The match was decided on the aggregate score of Seniors, Juniors and Youths in a very full programme.

George Edwards (Javelin, shot and high jump) and Mike Smithers (long jump and shot) were our stalwarts, as usual, in the field and gathered 26 points between them! John Thresher (1:58.1) and Graham Worrall (52.2) were our winners on the track and the 63 points total scored by the Seniors was only 9 behind that of Q.P.H.

#### 5th June - NORBITON

|                |            |                   |            |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Surrey A.C. | 305 points | 4. Feltham A.C.   | 112 points |
| 2. Belgrave H. | 191 points | 5. Polytechnic H. | 46 points  |
| 3. Walton A.C. | 180 points |                   |            |

This match, although seemingly a one-sided affair, produced several excellent Belgrave performances. Surrey A.C. insisted on an 'A' and 'B' team match which naturally tended to favour the home club. John Thresher confirmed his early season form by an excellent half, in which he clocked 1:54.9 to win by about twenty-five yards. Graham Worrall was also in fine fettle and in beating Paul Ellis of Poly he won the 'quarter' in 50.7. Others worthy of mention were Smithers (220 - 23.9, L.J. 19'9") Cornelius (220 - 24.0 loo - 10.7), Don Maclean, Laurie O'Hara and Dave Baines.

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 26th - HURLINGHAM.

Inevitably performances generally suffered from the adverse weather conditions - a howling wind down the back straight and menacing overcast skies. We did have, however, certain bright athletic periods and the championships were supported by an unusually large number of athletes which seemed to indicate that there might be a resurgence of that old Belgrave spirit.

We 'kicked off' with the 100 and this title went to Gerry Leroy, fresh from his annual winter lay-off, who had just a little too much pep for our old friend and former international star Alan Sexton. Alan is carrying a little more weight these days but it really is grand to see him on the track again.

Later in the afternoon, Gerry, trying for the sprint double, made a perfect drop finish with inches separating the first four only to find that he had mistaken a post ten yards before the tape as the finish. This let in Graham Worrall and Pat (Nanny-Goat) Cornelius and Mike Smithers to take the medals.

The 'quarter' developed into a two horse race between Worrall and Pete Pepe, whose form over the hurdles has of late been so encouraging. In the last few strides, however, Graham just had the edge and so took his second gold of the afternoon. It was notable that there were no standards gained in this event - shades of that epic final of 1959 when the last man clocked 51.3.

Favourites often come unstuck and tipsters' faces are frequently red as they see their hottest tip floundering behind the leaders. Nobody would have given very long odds on John Thresher and sure enough, he lived up to his form by 'taking' John Davies down the finishing straight. All credit, though, to Dave Bains who took upon his shoulders the unwilling task of pace-maker. Stick to it Dave, one day they might not stay with you, remember Kuts in the 1954 European Games.

John Thresher also annexed the mile title; it must have been about his slowest time of the season but it was the manner of his victory that was so impressive. Don Maclean had an unexpected 'good un' with Laurie O'Hara holding off Clive Shippen for third place.

In the Senior Field Events, we had our usual shortage of competitors, but this must in no way detract from the performances of young Derek Wade in the Long Jump. His jumping suggests that as he gains in strength and speed, he may well become another Percy Luxon and start challenging for top honours.

The Junior Championships were, as expected, extremely well supported. Undoubtedly, the star was David Cocks who set up a championship 'best' in the 'quarter' and who also shrugged off all opposition in the 'half' to gain a double. The mile was something of a humdinger with Alan Morrison and Chris Steer battling all the way up the straight with Alan just getting the verdict and John Bicourt coming in well to take third place. No fewer than the first seven were inside standard time against six in the Senior event.

It was encouraging to note that the 100 yards Boys Final was so well supported. Nelson just got the judges' decision from Archer on the tape with Condon in third place. Certainly the Club is weak in the sprints and these youngsters, given the right encouragement and training, could well put us back on the map.

## 100 yds. (no standard)

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| 1. G. Leroy  | 10.5  |
| 2. A. Sexton | 10.6  |
| 3. D. Gordon | 10.9. |
| 4. S. Sian   | 11.0  |

## 440 yds. (54.0)

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| 1. G. Worrall   | 52.5 |
| 2. P. Pepe      | 52.7 |
| 3. P. Cornelius | 54.8 |
| 4. D.C. Brown   | 57.6 |
| 5. P. King      | 61.4 |

## 880 yds (2:4.0)

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| 1. J. Thresher   | 1:58.2 |
| 2. J. Davies     | 1:59.4 |
| 3. D. Baines     | 2:0.8  |
| 4. K. Shackleton | 2:4.8  |
| 5. P. Duncan     | 2:5.1  |
| 6. A. Fairfield  | 2:30.9 |

## 220 yds (23.8)

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| 1. G. Worrall   | 23.2 |
| 2. P. Cornelius | 23.3 |
| 3. M. Smithers  | 23.4 |
| 4. G. Leroy     | 23.6 |
| 5. A. Sexton    | 23.7 |
| 6. P. Pepe      | 23.8 |

## 2 MILE WALK (1st.15:30, 2nd.16.30)

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| 1. R. Barnes   | 15:16.2 |
| 2. E. Smith    | 16:14.0 |
| 3. T. Keown    | 16:30.2 |
| 4. G. Cameron  | 16:37.8 |
| 5. G. Roberts  | 17:05.2 |
| 6. C. McLennan | 18:15.6 |
| 7. A. Gast     | 18:15.8 |

Style award. R. Barnes.

## HIGH JUMP (5'3")

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| 1. G. Worrall | 5'2" |
| 2. H. Leyer   | 5'2" |

## LONG JUMP (19'3")

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| 1. D. Wade       | 21'11" |
| 2. M.J. Smithers | 20'9"  |
| 3. D. Ansell     | 19'11" |

## SHOT (32')

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| 1. J. Shuter   | 39'0"  |
| 2. P. Finn     | 35'10" |
| 3. J. Williams | 34'6"  |

## DISCUS (95')

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| 1. G. Edwards | 118'2" |
| 2. R. Glenn   | 106'8" |
| 3. D. Butler  | 96'1"  |

1 MILE (4:35.0)

|                |        |                   |        |
|----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. J. Thresher | 4:25.7 | 7. M. Shingles    | 4:36.6 |
| 2. D. Maclean  | 4:27.9 | 8. B. Sawyer      | 4:37.5 |
| 3. L. O'Hara   | 4:29.8 | 9. J. Moore       | 4:50.0 |
| 4. C. Shippen  | 4:31.8 | 10. E. Penny      | 4:54.0 |
| 5. A. Bruce    | 4:34.4 | 11. D. Piddington | 5:04.0 |
| 6. F. Paget    | 4:35.0 | 12. T. Hart       | 5:05.0 |

JAVELIN (135')

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 1. W. Couzens | 161' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| 2. G. Edwards | 160' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| 3. H. Leyer   | 150' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |

TRIPLE JUMP

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| 1. M. Smithers | 41' 3" |
| 2. D. Wade     | 40' 5" |

Juniors100 yds.

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| 1. T. Harness  | 11.1 |
| 2. D. Wade     | 11.1 |
| 3. G. Gant     | 11.2 |
| 4. A. Mead     | 11.3 |
| 5. R. Dorrmett | 11.5 |

220 yds.

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| 1. R. Hudson   | 23.8 |
| 2. A. Mead     | 24.8 |
| 3. G. Gant     | 25.0 |
| 4. R. Dorrmett | 26.2 |
| 5. A. Gerrard  | 26.3 |

1 MILE (4.55)

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1. A. Morrison  | 4:37.6 |
| 2. C. Steer     | 4:37.9 |
| 3. J. Bicourt   | 4:41.9 |
| 4. K. Angus     | 4:42.3 |
| 5. K. Redwood   | 4:44.2 |
| 6. J. Hampshire | 4:45.4 |
| 7. P. Edwards   | 4:53.6 |
| 8. H. Satchell  | 4:57.1 |

440 Yds.

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| 1. D. Cocks  | 51.0 |
| 2. R. Hudson | 52.2 |
| 3. A. Mead   | 55.3 |
| 4. J. Jarvis | 56.6 |
| 5. R. Brown  | 56.6 |
| 6. R. Nelson | 58.1 |

880 yds

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| 1. D. Cocks  | 2:1.3  |
| 2. R. Brown  | 2:10.4 |
| 3. J. Leaver | 2:12.0 |
| 4. J. Jarvis | 2:15.4 |
| 5. R. Clarke | 2:28.5 |

HIGH JUMP (4'11")

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. D. Wade     | 5' 8" (= Ch. Best) |
| 2. J. Williams | 5' 0"              |
| 3. G. Candon   | 4' 11"             |

13th JUNE - BATTERSEA

Our main point-scorers in this match were Gerry Leroy, Bill Kerr, John Thresher and Pat Cornelius. Although beaten in the 220 yards by Marsh of Hercules, Gerry ran a fine 'quarter' to edge out Sunstan (S.L.H.) in 50.9 to show that he is still a force to be reckoned with over one lap. We also won the two mile team event, though even this fine team effort could not pull back sufficient points to wrest the match from S.L.H.

RESULT

|                          |            |                           |            |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 1. South London Harriers | 71 points. | 3. Surrey Athletic Club   | 40 points. |
| 2. Belgrave Harriers     | 68 points  | 4. Hercules Athletic Club | 35 points. |

JUNIORS

With the really "big guns" giving this match a miss we had to look to our field events men for the points. Williams and Potlinger were more than equal to the occasion and won the Shot and Long Jump respectively. Roger Hudson also deserves credit for his 220 and 440 running. Without wishing to blow our own trumpets too much, this match went some way towards proving that we are Junior-wise, one of the top Clubs in the area.

RESULT:

|                      |           |                          |           |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Belgrave Harriers | 63 points | 3. South London Harriers | 38 points |
| 2. Surrey A.C.       | 51 points | 4. Hercules              | 9 points  |

16th JUNE - CRICKLEFIELDS

Although we did not seriously contest the team competitions some athletes emerged with flying colours. John Thresher and Bill Kerr fought out the mile with John getting home in 4:13:4 with our Scots laddie following in 4:14:8. Smithers and Leroy had a private battle in the Long Jump with Mike just beating his less experienced rival by the odd half-inch (19' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 19' 6"). Don Newell ran in the half and although obviously a little out of his depth he stuck to his guns right through to the tape. Poorly supported from the Belgrave viewpoint, this meeting nevertheless offered some good competition to those that did bother to attend.

25th JUNE - BATTERSEA.

|                |                   |           |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| <u>Seniors</u> | 1. Belgrave H.    | 71 points |
|                | 2. Mitcham A.C.   | 55 points |
|                | 3. Woodford Green | 43 points |
|                | 4. Wimbledon A.C. | 42 points |

Leroy was our principal points-gatherer in this Belgrave victory - Gerry won the 440 yds in 51.8 and finished 3rd in the 100 yds (10.7). Worrall won the second string in 51.5 (probably 'niggled' at not being selected as No. 1.) Couzens won the Javelin (155' 1"), Kerr won the mile (4:18.1) and Mike Smithers popped up in several spots to collect valuable points. Special credit is due also to Derek Wade who, not only won the Long Jump (21' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " )

but who also beat Mitcham star and former international Dave Bridgen. This was a great club effort to beat two local rivals and also the strong Essex club.

In a Junior match Mitcham proved too strong for us but all praise to Cocks for his win in the 440 (50.6) and for grand supporting roles played by Redwood (4:35.7) Mead (55.8), Morrison (2:2.1) and Pottinger (19'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "<sup>11</sup>) in their respective events. The Youths forced a tie with Mitcham thanks largely to Bicourt (winning an excellent mile in 4:37.5) Peters, Martin and Miller.

## NORTH'S FIRST CLUB TITLE

### THE CLUB 'S' - JULY 25th

As was generally to be expected, Gerry North outclassed his opponents and leading from start to finish he established a best championship performance of 14:13.2. Although this was a time nowhere near Gerry's own personal best, the ease with which he smashed the existing record shows just how far we have to go as far as top-line competition goes.

John Davies beat Don Maclean in a tussle for second place with O'Hara closing on them at the finish. The most encouraging feature of this event was the number of 'lesser lights' who got inside sixteen minutes and showed that we have certain strength in depth. Mention must also be made of young Bicourt who gave Chas Walker the fright of his life up the finishing straight!

#### RESULT:

|                      |         |                      |         |                     |       |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. G. North          | 14:13.2 | 9. J. Bicourt (Y)    | 15:18.0 | 17. A. Morrison (J) | 15:50 |
| 2. J. Davies         | 14:44.6 | 10. M. Shingles      | 15:19.0 | 18. A. Satchell (J) | 16:00 |
| 3. D. Maclean        | 14:48.0 | 11. J. Moore         | 15:25.0 | 19. P. Edwards (Y)  | 16:03 |
| 4. L. O'Hara         | 14:53.0 | 12. C. Steer (J)     | 15:25.0 | 20. D. W. Jones     | 16:04 |
| 5. A. Black          | 15:03.0 | 13. K. Redwood (J)   | 15:34.0 | 21. R. Brown (Y)    | 16:13 |
| 6. B. Sawyer         | 15:10.0 | 14. J. Hampshire (J) | 15:39.0 | 22. G. Fiddington   | 16:35 |
| 7. A. Fairclough (J) | 15:17.0 | 15. K. Shakleford    | 15:48.0 | 23. B. Hopkins      | 16:56 |
| 8. C. Walker         | 15:18.0 | 16. F. Paget         | 15:50.0 | 24. R. Langheim     | 17:51 |

### 1st AUGUST - WIMBLEDON PARK

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Belgrave Harriers | 148 points |
| 2. Wimbledon A.C.    | 121 points |
| 3. Sutton & Cheam H. | 52 points  |

Our lads seem to like this track for they always turn out in force at this fixture. Indeed so many claret and gold vests were in evidence that we practically swamped the senior half and mile events.

O'Hara and Maclean finished first and second in the mile with two youngsters Fairclough and Bicourt fighting it out for fourth and fifth places to clock 4:31.0 and 4:32.0 respectively. In the half mile Paul Ellis of Poly had the legs of John Thresher in the straight but Pete Pepe slipped nicely to third spot to help with the points situation. Whilst talking of half miling we must congratulate Dave Cocks on setting up a new club Junior best of 1:56.4 - a performance which whilst it seemed inevitable, does erase from the book one of the most long-standing club records set up almost ten years ago by Frank Wright.

Another heartening feature of this match was that we at last won the relays - the Seniors finished in 45.7 and Juniors in 46.9. Certainly if we all supported our matches as we did this one, then we would certainly be well on the way back to being a major athletic force. The talent is obviously there, so let's give it a little more airing!

### 22nd AUGUST - CROYDON

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Croydon       | 86 points |
| 2. Blackheath    | 82 points |
| 3. Kent          | 60 points |
| 4. Belgrave H.   | 46 points |
| 5. Herne Hill H. | 41 points |

Despite the poor overall team result from our viewpoint, we must congratulate young Ryan for his excellent running in the youth events. The '100' he won in 10.8 (faster than most of our Senior athletes can clock) finished close up in third place in the 220 (24.1) and jumped 17'9" to take another third in the long jump. Three great efforts and we hope an indication of even greater things to come. Leroy ran his usual couple of 'stormers' to collect two seconds, clocking 22.8 in the furlong and 49.6 in the 440 yds behind international half-miler Mike Fleet d Croydon.

# THE CLUB '6'

## "EASY WIN FOR LINSTAD"

"Fresh" from his South African exploits over 53 miles of hard undulating road, Ron Linstead showed that a mere 6 on a level track at Battersea was really quite a cake-walk by beating Pat Newell and Barry Sawyer by 120 yards and 180 yards respectively and so now holds the 'Tom Carter Cup' for this event.

Shippen led the field through three laps with Walker taking over for another two, and at three miles this pair, with Linstead, Sawyer and Newell had broken clear of the field. On nearing the 3 miles time of 15:18, Linstead raced ahead and soon opened up a considerable gap. Although this was reduced a little in the closing stages, he was a comfortable winner and had run his last three miles only 2 secs slower than his first. Pat Newell ran very well in his first race for many months to gain second place and Barry Sawyer, despite not being in full training, took the bronze.

That promising fledgling Archie Bedford, still only 44 years old, turned in a brisk 32:51 to get amongst the standard medals once more. Of the 23 starters, 20 finished.

### RESULT:

|                |       |                   |       |                                |       |
|----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. R. Linstead | 30:38 | 8. A. Bedford     | 32:51 | 15. R. Langheim                | 37:08 |
| 2. P. Newell   | 30:55 | 9. D. Jones       | 32:53 | 16. D. Brown                   | 37:09 |
| 3. B. Sawyer   | 31:08 | 10. M. Shingles   | 33:14 | 17. D. Newell                  | 37:11 |
| 4. C. Walker   | 31:33 | 11. J. Dooley     | 33:26 | 18. E. Pallent                 | 37:23 |
| 5. C. Shippen  | 31:44 | 12. G. Piddington | 35:42 | 19. M. Reynolds                | 38:33 |
| 6. D. Maclean  | 31:53 | 13. J. Hampshire  | 36:40 | 20. C. Manning                 | 38:48 |
| 7. C. Dabbs    | 32:25 | 14. W. Fairfield  | 37:00 | Standards. 1st 32:15 2nd 33:30 |       |

## 25 Years Ago

### JUBILEE YEAR, 1937

In the A.A.A. Championships our representatives acquitted themselves well. Pat Parker was placed third in the 3 miles (14:28.0) and earned selection against France the following week. Don Brown was third and Percy Wright fourth in the 2 miles walk, and Eddie Pack (49.2) finished fourth in the final of the 440 yards.

We were glad to see J. Dodd, representing N.C.A.A., win the Pole Vault. Club members to gain standard medals were A.A. Bird (880 yds), A.W. Penny (6 mls) L. Cohen (3 mls) A.R. Shaw (S' Chase) F.A. Walker and A.F. Mitchell (Marathon) ..... it was interesting to see that this year the "Sporting Life" compiled a table giving winners 6 points, down to 1 point for sixth place. This table took into consideration the A.A.A. distance championships decided earlier in the year and was as follows:-

|                  |            |                 |           |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. Achilles A.C. | 41½ points | 5. Greece       | 18 points |
| 2. Germany       | 35 points  | 7. Milocarian   | 17 points |
| 3. L.A.C.        | 29½ points | 7. Blackheath   | 17 points |
| 4. Hungary       | 24 points  | 9. Eire         | 14 points |
| 5. Belgrave H.   | 18 points  | 9. Salford A.C. | 14 points |

This shows us in a deservedly favourable position and if E.H. Pack and J. Dodd had appeared in the Club name our tally would have been 27 points and even more impressive.

## Photos

**TOP LEFT:** George Williams in the role of walker. Seen here finishing third for Surrey in the Inter-Counties Two Miles at White City. Best Two Miles time:- 13:34.5, beaten in 1962 only by European Champion Ken Matthews.

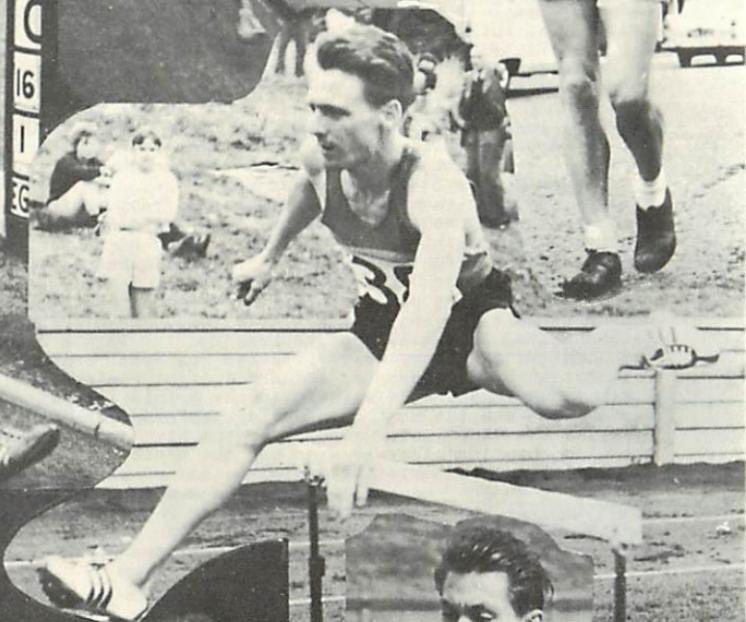
**TOP CENTRE:** George Williams in the role of runner. Broken during the Redhill stage of the London/Brighton Relay; a useful debut against tough opposition.

**TOP RIGHT:** Ray Hall during the early stages of his record-breaking walk in the Stock Exchange "Brighton".

**CENTRE:** Peter Pepe in full flight towards a fourth place in the 'Sward' 440 yds Hurdles final.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** John Thresher and Gerry North bring the Bels home in first place in the "London Clubs' Two Mile" team final. Don Maclean was 3rd and Bill Kerr 7th.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Alan Black who set a new Club Steeplechase record of 9:20.0 in the Scottish Championships. Shortly after this he fractured an ankle and has only just resumed training.



# FIELD EVENTS Review

I review the past season's efforts by the field events section with mixed feelings. There have been some good individual performances, but when it came to combined efforts in Trophy meetings, our efforts were rather poor. At our open field events meeting only two Bels turned out to compete; Dave Wiseman was 5th in the Long Jump 18'6" and H. Leyer 5th in the Javelin with a throw of 161'1". In the Club championships also it was noticeable that with the exception of a few, the general standard was lower than the track section. The first Trophy meeting of the season was the "Vancouver Trophy" at Woodford Bridge. Derek Boosey won the triple jump and George Edwards was placed 4th in the hammer.

Two months later at Wimbledon, H.H.H. promoted their "Brockman Trophy" and only two Bels turned out, Derek Boosey and Bill Couzens. Derek won the triple jump and Bill came 7th in the javelin.

At Chiswick the following week we entered a team for the "Sward"; we finished last out of 12 clubs with 6 points. Derek Wade did well in gaining points in the long jump and high jump and he also competed in the triple jump. Bill Couzens was unlucky in not getting to the final six in the javelin. Peter Pepe finished 4th in the 440 yards Hurdles. Basil Blumberg who has been troubled with an injury, got into the final of the 220 yards hurdles but did not finish due to a recurrence of this. When taking the water jump in the 3 kilometres steeplechase, Alan Black fell and injured himself, later x-rays showed that he had fractured a bone in his leg. Alan who has been running well this season, came third in the steeplechase at the Scottish Championships in a new club record of 9 minutes 20 seconds, a few weeks earlier. A fast time in one of the big races may have got him a place in Scotland's Empire Games team at Perth.

Of all the performances this season undoubtedly the best has been put up by Derek Boosey in the triple jump. In his first season with the Bels he has gained an A.A.A. vest, represented the Northern Counties, R.A.F. and the Combined Services, he was reserve for Great Britain in the match against Poland and then represented England against Finland. At the White City in the A.A.A. championships he was 4th in the triple jump with a distance of 50'6". Derek Wade was the most outstanding performer among our juniors. Derek equalled the Club junior record for the high jump with a height of 5'8" at the Club championships, he also won the senior long jump with a distance of 21'11" beating the existing Junior record of 21'6" held by F. Skelley which was set up as long ago as 1957. At the L.A.C. Schools, Derek was 4th in the long jump. As London schools champion he represented London at the All England Schools championships at Hull. With a faster "run up" which I am sure will come, he should be jumping well over the 23 ft. mark.

M.F.J.

## BELGRAVE FIELD EVENTS RANKING LIST.

(Based on the I.A.A.F. Scoring Table)

|                    |      |                      |      |
|--------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| 1. D. C. Boosey    | T.J. | 50'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " | 1065 |
| 2. D. R. Wade (J)  | L.J. | 21'11"               | 689  |
| 3. D. R. Wade (J)  | H.J. | 5'8"                 | 678  |
| 4. R. Spratte (J)  | L.J. | 21'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 656  |
| 5. M. Smithers     | L.J. | 21'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 651  |
| 6. G. Leroy        | L.J. | 21'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 621  |
| 7. M. Smithers     | T.J. | 41'3"                | 587  |
| 8. J. Shuter       | Shot | 39'4"                | 581  |
| 9. G. Worrell      | H.J. | 5'4"                 | 575  |
| 10. D. R. Wade (J) | T.J. | 40'5"                | 554  |

(cont'd from P.6)

### RESULT:

|                  |       |         |       |
|------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1. Coventry G.H. | 46:37 | Leaver  | 12:17 |
| 2. Worcester H.  | 46:39 | Bicourt | 11:22 |
| 3. Luton H & H.  | 46:40 | Simmons | 12:25 |
| 8. BELGRAVE H.   | 48:10 | Edwards | 12:06 |

(Fastest time: R. Taylor (Coventry) 11:01)



Mike Stearman is now the proud father of a son, NICOLAS CHARLES, born in July

# WALKING

Our two Rays of sunshine, Hall and Middleton, have certainly turned on the heat this summer. Their second and third places in the National 50 Kilos at Luton behind Olympic gold medallist Don Thompson was great stuff and earned them well-deserved places in Britain's European Games team for Belgrade.

Ray Hall's magnificent win in the Stock Exchange London to Brighton walk earned him a headline of his own in the "News of the World" (back page of course!) "Record Walk for Ray (28)" glared the heading, but the write-up didn't mention that his time of 7 hours 58 minutes and 33 seconds had enabled him to enter that very select band of walkers who have beaten 8 hours for this journey. These are, Harold Whitlock, Don Thompson, Tom Misson and now Ray Hall. Three of them have represented Great Britain in Olympic and European Games - two winning titles in the Olympics, and the third winning important International walks abroad. We wish number 4 on the list good fortune and the opportunity of proving himself the equal of those other three distinguished men.

George Williams began the season in terrific form with several fast 2 mile times and looked a strong candidate for the European Games, but George had the misfortune to be 'pulled' on a couple of occasions and was considerably disheartened as a result. So much so that he turned to running, and within a matter of weeks ran in Belgrave colours for the Surrey Road Relay race, and was eventually nominated for the Club team in the classic London-Brighton Relay. Whichever section George may choose to perform in - who knows it might be field events next - the Club can always be sure that in this stalwart Bournemouth-based athlete, it has a true Belgravian.

If the walking ranks appear poorer for the loss of George, they are certainly richer by the addition of Vaughan Thomas. Although in need of more coaching he has already made his mark in open competition. Vaughan, who is in the R.A.F., is a basket-ball international and can be seen at walking events sporting his "Great Britain" track suit - he could well become the first duo-international at these sports.

We are pleased to welcome to our ranks all newly joined men and in particular we would mention 20 year old Dave King who hails from Bournemouth. Dave is another great prospect whose keenness to do well is illustrated by his desire to join us from such long range. Unfortunately, we must wait 14 months (from last July) before he can represent us in open competition, but he will no doubt make good use of this period to gain experience he will surely need for our first teams.

## RESULTS:

### CLUB "20" ("R. W. Ricketts" Shield)

|                  |         |                 |         |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 1. R.C.Middleton | 2:42.43 | 3. R. C. Hall   | 2:56.58 |
| 2. E.W.Hall      | 2:54.16 | 4. R. S. Barnes | 2:58.10 |

## SURREY CO. TRACK '71

|                    |       |                 |       |               |       |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1. R. C. Middleton | 53:54 | 7. W. Belderson | 59:34 | 11. J. Morris | 61:41 |
| 2. R.C.Hall        | 56:54 | 9. D. Bartliff  | 61:17 | 18. P. Wilson | 75:02 |

## MIDDLESEX CO. '20'

|                     |         |                  |         |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 10. R. Barnes       | 3:02.11 | 30. H.W.Shields  | 3:25.27 |
| 18. D. Fotheringham | 3:16.34 | 37. C. Yesscombe | 3:31.40 |

## MAY/JUNE

Two two-miles handicaps were held at Battersea. Fotheringham won the first and McLennan the second. Bob Barnes won both scratch races beating Ray Hall on each occasion - the first time by a whisker and the second by 5 yards. Same time for both races - 15:22.

Mrs. Aplin, sister of the late Frank Elson, presented the "Frank Elson" Cup to Ray Middleton (52:56) at the Club '71' Track Walk Championship and donated the handicap prize which was won by Herbert Hooper. Second and Third place medals went to Ray Hall (56.23) and Bob Barnes (57.28).

The Club 2 mile Track Championship was won by Bob Barnes (15:16.2) at Hurlingham on May 26th. Ted Smith (16:14) was second and John Keown (16:30.2) third.

The same day a few lads travelled to Leicester for the "Mercury '20'". Don Thompson (Met. W.C.) set a new course record of 2:45:58 to beat our own Ray Middleton into 2nd place by 2 mins. 9 secs. K. Bailey was 19th and B. Eglington 37th.

## THE R.W.A. '20'

## Alf Harley reports:—

We travelled to Birmingham on May 12th feeling that if all went well we could even win this Championship once again. As it happened we gained third place by the margin of one point only; but our strength in depth prevailed once again and we retained the NIJMEGEN Shield for complete teams of eight.

It was a cold uninviting day over the two lap course which was plagued with traffic in parts, but the walkers found it to their liking and a tremendous number finished inside first-class standard time. From the start the holders Sheffield United Harriers swept into the lead with an impressive flurry of red and white hoops, and there they stayed until the last testing three miles revealed their weaknesses. Our lads in the early stages seemed set for a good show. Ray Middleton was walking with good judgment, the two Halls seemed to have settled down to a steady companionable race and Bob Barnes, after rather too fast a start, still looked a reliable fourth man. As the race developed, Middleton came through well picking up a number of places but was unable to break through into the first three. Ray Hall, walking the last few miles as fast as anyone in the race, picked up point after point - truly a Captain's effort. Eric Hall, however, had an off-day and found the last miles long ones indeed, but he kept going and was our third man home. Don Bartliff had taken over fourth team position for us, and confirmed that he has all the promise of championships to come in the years ahead; well backed by Ken Bailey, George Beecham, and Will Belderson. John Keown and J. Morris followed our eighth man in closely, and with Bernard Eglinton and Harry Shields completed our 'B' team. Meanwhile Ken Matthews had recorded an easy win having led from start to finish in his first 20 miles Championship, pursued by Don Thompson the holder.

Before the race our Walking Hon. Secretary and Captain had the extremely difficult task of selecting our team of eight. As Ray Hall said, we would like to "perm eight out of ten" but it must go on record that the nominated eight were, in fact, our first eight to finish - which surprised even our Officers!

In truth, we finished ten men before any other Clubs' eight - a magnificent performance. Our team gained the Nijmegen Shield for the eighth successive occasion; and each time our former Captain George Beecham has been in the team - a truly splendid personal record. Altogether we have recorded 14 wins in this Shield competition in 28 events.

Coming back to the Championship, Surrey Walking Club with a fancied four, came through in the closing stages of the race to win their first Championship since 1948; and we congratulate them most heartily. Sheffield the holders, lost valuable places near the end but held on to second team position; and as previously indicated we were placed third. Leicester had hopes of those third medals but the one point margin was in our favour.

We have now been placed in all the 20 mile Championships held since the War, seventeen consecutive placings, five of them wins. Going back to pre-War Championships our record is 24 consecutive placings to date. In fact since we were first placed in this Championship in 1922 we have only been unplaced three times in 34 competitions, winning the Championship eleven times.

All this is indicative of good team work, mutual support and good leadership; and without taking anything away from the excellent Captains we have had in the past, we can say that Ray Hall is the best yet, and that his influence and example will be seen in our teams for many years to come.

RESULT

|                             |         |                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1. K. Matthews (R.S.C.W.C.) | 2:38.39 | 41. W. Belderson (Bels 'A') | 3:03.27 |
| 2. D. Thompson (Met. W.C.)  | 2:42.42 | 47. R. L. Barnes "          | 3:05.48 |
| 3. P. Nihill (Surrey W.C.)  | 2:46.13 | 54. J. Keown " 'B'          | 3:08.09 |
| 5. R. Middleton (Bels 'A')  | 2:47.05 | 55. J. Morris "             | 3:08.09 |
| 8. R. Hall (Bels 'A')       | 2:49.56 | 67. B. Eglinton "           | 3:13.01 |
| 30. E. W. Hale (Bels 'A')   | 3:00.32 | 93. H. W. Shields "         | 3:23.32 |
| 33. D. Bartliff (Bels 'A')  | 3:01.14 | 101. P. Wilson "            | 3:27.24 |
| 35. K. Bailey (Bels 'A')    | 3:02.09 |                             |         |

Teams.

|                                 |           |                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Surrey W.C. (3.9.14.23)      | 49 points | 4. Leicester W.C. (11.16.19.24) | 70  |
| 2. Sheffield U.H. (10.12.13.21) | 56 points | 12. Belgrave H. 'B' (.....)     | 241 |
| 3. Belgrave H. 'A' (8.7.27.30)  | 69 points | (16 teams closed in)            |     |

In the Surrey County Track Championships at Motspur Park, George Williams won the 2 mile title in a new County record of 14:05.4. Ray Middleton was 2nd in 14:29.0.

Did you know that Ray Hall is triple Champion of this year's Stock Exchange Events? Ray was outright winner of the 25 miles, London-Brighton, and 2 miles Track Championship.

In the Inter-Counties meeting at the White City in June, George Williams (13:57.2) was 3rd in the 2 miles event and Ray Middleton 4th in the '7'. Both represented Surrey.

On June 16th we travelled to Vauxhall Motors, Luton, for the open '20' and despite losing George Williams on the first lap we managed to bring home 10 of the 15 awards!

#### RESULT

|                              |           |                             |            |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. K. Matthews (R.S.C.)....  | 98:59     | 23. W. Belderson (Bel. 'A') | ....115:06 |
| 2. D. Thompson (Met.W.C.)... | 99:20     | 25. J. Morris ( " 'B' )     | ....116:16 |
| 3. R. Clark (Poly).....      | 101:12    | 28. B. Eglinton ( " " )     | ....117:10 |
| 5. R. Middleton (Bel. 'A')   | ...101:48 | 29. J. Keown ( " " )        | ....117:45 |
| 7. R. Hall ( " " )           | ...105:04 | 30. R. Barnes ( " 'A' )     | ....119:20 |
| 12. K. Bailey ( " " )        | ...111:08 | 34. H. Shields ( " 'B' )    | ....121:03 |
| 14. D. Bartliff ( " " )      | ...112:47 | 40. J. Wilson ( " " )       | ....124:10 |
| 19. G. Beecham ( " " )       | ...114:11 |                             |            |
| <u>Teams</u>                 |           | <u>HANDICAP</u>             |            |
| 1. BELGRAVE 'A'              | 15 pts    | 1. D. Bartliff (Bels. 'A')  |            |
| 2. Highgate 'A'              | 38 pts    | 3. R. Hall ( " " )          |            |
| 3. Belgrave 'B'              | 59 pts    |                             |            |

## THE R. W. A. 50 Kilos

This year's race was held on a very fine 2 lap course from the Vauxhall Motors Ground, Luton, on June 23rd. Although Don Thompson gained his 7th successive 50 Kilos victory he did not have it all his own way. From the 25 Km mark to that at 40 Km. Ray Middleton pushed the Champion very hard and Thompson was very pleased to finish. Ray finished an easy 2nd with the excellent time of 4:30.59.

After a fast start Thompson reached the 10 Km mark 2½ minutes ahead of the field! Ray Middleton and Vaughan Thomas (!) were chasing hard amongst the leading challengers, with Ray Hall backing up well. At 25 Km. Middleton had left the field well behind and was a mere 8 secs. down on Thompson. The battle was on! As hard as Ray tried, it took a full 5 Km. to pare off another 2 secs. but 10 Km. later the gap had stretched to 24 secs. — after 3½ hours of walking! Ray's effort eventually took its toll and he was forced to ease and be content with 2nd place, a truly great effort.

Ten minutes or so behind the field was battling it out and, with a nicely paced effort, Ray Hall worked his way through to gain a fine 3rd place.

The team race was extremely close and we were forced to relinquish our hold on the Trophy by the narrow margin of 2 points. Surrey W.C. were the victors with some excellent packing. However, the Bels won the newly instituted "Milan" Trophy for the first team to finish 8 men (8 in 28) so all in all, it was a good day for the Club.

#### RESULT

|                               |         |                           |                       |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. D. Thompson (Met. W.C.)    | 4:27.26 | 30. R. Farley (Bels)..... | 5:18:00               |
| 2. R. Middleton (Bels)        | 4:30.59 | 32. J. Keown .....        | 5:18.24               |
| 3. R. Hall.....               | 4:42.25 | 33. J. Morris .....       | 5:18.24               |
| 13. G. Beecham.....           | 4:59.44 | 40. B. Eglinton.....      | 5:25.46               |
| 19. K. Bailey.....            | 5:03.19 | 45. J. Wilson.....        | 5:29.03               |
| 24. D. Bartliff.....          | 5:09.13 | 62. H. Shields.....       | 5:42.46               |
| <u>Teams.</u>                 |         | (95 started)              |                       |
| 1. Surrey W.C. (4,5,6,8)      | .....   | 23 points                 | 4. Woodford Gn. 100   |
| 2. BELGRAVE H. (1,2,9,13)     | .....   | 25 " "                    | 5. Leicester W.C. 104 |
| 3. Sheffield Utd. (3,7,11,18) | .....   | 39 " "                    | 6. Highgate H. 121    |
|                               |         | (12 teams)                |                       |

#### JULY/AUGUST

At our annual Inter-Club Walks at Battersea on July 4th we had a guest team of 3 Japanese Walkers taking part in the 5 miles event and a small presentation was made to them afterwards by the President.

Seventy-five Walkers took part in the 4 races and 11 teams finished. Surrey W.C. were the victors (157 pts.) after another tight finish. Met. W.C. (155 pts) and Woodford (154) were 2nd and 3rd with ourselves 4th (144).

D. Bartliff and H. Shields were 16th and 18th in the '5', R. Middleton and W. Belderson 2nd and 7th in the '4', J. Knifton and H. McGreechan 6th and 18th in the '3' and R. Barnes and G. Cameron 6th and 11th in the '2'.

Ray Middleton recorded a fast 14:30 2 miles in a Club Handicap on July 9th to beat Bob Barnes by 47 secs.

HANDICAP RESULT: 1. G. Cameron (3:10) 13:24 3. R. Middleton (0.55) 13:35  
2. R. Barnes (1:45) 13:32

Five days' later Ray took part in the A.A.A. 2 miles Championship but was unable to produce anything better, finishing 5th in 14:47.4.

Two 2-mile handicaps were held during this period. Vaughan Thomas won the first from Sandy Law and Hugh McGreechan and also the scratch race in the good time of 14:38. In a combined match with Surrey W.C. the Bels won, 121-132.

The second handicap incorporated a match against M.P.A.A. which the Polles won 33-45. Bob Barnes won the handicap from Don Bartliff and Ted Smith; Bob's time being 15:01.

## DOVER - CANTERBURY & BACK

This 28 mile open walk held on Sat. 28th July from the sea-front at Dover was notable for the fine walking of our R.A.F. man Gordon Farley. Representing our 'B' team he put two 'A' team men behind him, held George Beecham to one sec., and took the handicap prize into the bargain.

Ray Middleton resumed battle with "Little Mouse" once again finishing 2nd to the Met. man with Enfield's Fogg 3rd. Surrey W.C. continued in their winning ways by snatching yet another team title.

### RESULT:

|                            |          |                            |         |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1. D. Thompson (Met.W.C.)  | 3 :52.23 | 12. D. Bartliff (Bels 'A') | 4:30.18 |
| 2. R. Middleton (Bels 'A') | 4:01.35  | 13. J. Keown " 'B'         | 4:32.42 |
| 3. C. Fogg (Enfield)       | 4:03.41  | 22. K. Duncan " "          | 4:56.45 |
| 8. K. Bailey (Bels 'A')    | 4:16.26  | 24. B. Eglington " 'A'     | 5:03.03 |
| 9. G. Beecham " "          | 4:24.38  | 28. P. Wilson " "          | 5:12.27 |
| 10. G. Farley " 'B'        | 4:24.39  | (33 finished)              |         |

### Teams.

|                               |           |                            |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1. Surrey W.C. (3.4.5.) total | 12 points | Handicap                   |         |
| 2. Belgrave 'A' (2.6.7.)      | 15 "      | 1. G. Farley (Bels 'B')... | (40.00) |
| 3. Belgrave 'B' (8.11.15)     | 34 "      | 2. K. Bailey " 'A'         | (29.00) |

In the triangular match, Civil Service v. Mdx. v. R.A.F. at Uxbridge on August 2nd we had 3 representatives in the 2 mile walk; Middleton (C.S.) and Thomas and Farley (R.A.F.) After making the pace pretty well throughout Ray was edged out of first place by his old rival A. Thomson of Mdx.

### Result:

|                        |         |                       |         |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. A. Thomson (Mdx.)   | 14:14.2 | 5. V. Thomas (R.A.F.) | 15:00.0 |
| 2. R. Middleton (C.S.) | 14:14.8 | 6. G. Farley (R.A.F.) | 15:41.6 |

## LONDON VIDARIANS '25'

|                            |         |                           |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1. P. Nihill (Surrey W.C.) | 3:50.32 | 4. D. Bartliff (Belgrave) | 3:57.56 |
| 2. K. Bailey (Belgrave)    | 3:51.25 | 5. J. Keown (Belgrave)    | 4:09.10 |

## 6 MILES ROAD WALK - Tooting Aug. 31st

|                              |       |                         |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. J. Godbeer (Cambridge H.) | 45:12 | 21. E. Smith (Belgrave) | 51:49 |
| 2. P. Nihill (S.W.C.)        | 46:17 | 22. G. Cameron "        | 51:52 |
| 3. A. McFarlane (M.P.A.A.)   | 47:06 | 25. W. Belderson "      | 53:34 |
| 5. J. Knifton (Belgrave)     | 47:17 | 32. A. East "           | 56:58 |
| 6. R. Hall "                 | 47:30 | 34. C. McLennan "       | 57:47 |
| 12. K. Bailey "              | 50:11 | 37. C. Gittens "        | 59:31 |
| 13. R. Barnes "              | 50:12 | 44. P. Wilson "         | 62:34 |
| 14. H. McGreechan "          | 50:49 | (47 finished)           |       |

### Teams

|                     |         |                     |          |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Surrey W.C. .... | 134 pts | 2. Belgrave H. .... | 166 pts. |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|

## LONDON - BRIGHTON WALK

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Belgrave Harriers | .....26 points  |
| 2. Surrey W.C.       | .....31 points  |
| 3. Highgate H.       | .....72 points. |

|                           |         |                          |          |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. D. Thompson (Met.W.C.) | 7:49.58 | 15. J. Morris (Belgrave) | 9:21.38  |
| 2. C. Young (Essex. B.)   | 8:07.42 | 18. J. Keown "           | 9:26.29  |
| 3. K. Mason (S.W.C.)      | 8:26.22 | 34. J. Wilson "          | 9:48.13  |
| 6. D. Bartliff (Belgrave) | 8:43.17 | 39. B. Eglington "       | 9:57.58  |
| 7. G. Beecham "           | 8:50.02 | 43. P. Wilson "          | 10:13.38 |
| 8. K. Bailey "            | 8:53.12 | (67 finished)            |          |

In Highgate Harriers 'One Hour Walk' at Parliament Hill on Sept. 22nd Belgrave Walkers were not very prominent. John Knifton was 24th in Section A Barnes, Belderson, Beecham and Keown, 6th 7th 30th and 32nd respectively in Section B; Eglinton, Cameron, McLennan, Duncan, Wilson and Doubleday between 18 and 62 in Section C; Bushman, East and Logan 14th, 15th and 34th in Section D. Belgrave were 6th in the team race. Our first 3 men did over 7 miles and our next five over 6½ miles.

In the Leicester Open '7' on October 6th, Eric Hall (55:31) was 7th and Bernard Eglinton (61:51) 46th.

A five mile Walk handicap and Match v. M.P.A.A. was held from Wimbledon on October 6th and Vaughan Thomas proved an easy winner of the scratch event in 39:02; John Knifton was 2nd in 39:46. Belgrave won the match 120 - 133 and Len Fairman (14 minutes) the handicap from Charlie Speechley (14:30) and Fred Denny (14:30).

#### TROWBRIDGE OPEN '6' - Chippenham to Calne

| Result                     |       |                       |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. K. Matthews (R.S.C.)    | 42:47 | 63. G. Cameron (Bels) | 53:14 |
| 2. J. Godbeer (Camb. H.)   | 45:58 | 70. B. Eglinton "     | 54:14 |
| 3. D. Thompson (Met. W.C.) | 46:08 | 99. J. Wilson "       | 58:13 |
| 12. J. Knifton (Bels.)     | 48:04 | 103. G. Doubleday "   | 58:24 |
| 25. K. Bailey "            | 50:16 | 120. P. Wilson "      | 59:13 |
| 32. D. King "              | 50:52 | (158 started)         |       |

Our only representatives in the National Youths and Junior Walks at Battersea Park on October 20th were Gerry Cameron and Brian Bushman who finished 18th and 36th respectively in the Junior Event. 55 Started.

#### BELS. LOSE HIGHGATE '7'

The absence of George Williams and Ray Middleton (2nd and 5th last year) and the loss of John Knifton during the race was too great a burden to bear in our effort to retain the Highgate title. Vaughan Thomas and the ever-faithful Eric Hall worked hard to fill the breach but we had to be content with fourth place.

#### RESULT:

|                             |       |                          |     |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. K. Matthews (R.S.C.)     | 50:36 | 71. G. Checkley Belgrave | 'C' | 62:24 |
| 2. P. Nihill (S.W.C.)       | 52:07 | 83. B. Eglinton "        | "   | 62:48 |
| 3. R. Clark (Poly.)         | 52:47 | 85. P. Duncan "          | 'B' | 63:04 |
| 6. V. Thomas (Belgrave 'A') | 53:25 | 91. F. Jones "           | "   | 63:56 |
| 12. E.W. Hall "             | 54:45 | 94. B. Bushman "         | 'C' | 64:05 |
| 21. R.C. Hall "             | 56:35 | 128. J. Wilson "         | 'B' | 65:55 |
| 41. W. Belderson "          | 58:59 | 135. G. Doubleday "      | "   | 67:25 |
| 52. R. Barnes "             | 60:08 | 144. P. Wilson "         | 'A' | 68:10 |
| 53. G. Cameron "            | 60:19 | 146. A. East "           | 'B' | 68:38 |
| 60. D. Bartliff "           | 61:11 | 152. C. Yescombe "       | 'C' | 69:09 |
| 65. J. Keown "              | 61:45 | 169. D. Logan "          | "   | 73:53 |

#### Teams.

|                  |         |                 |          |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Essex Beagles | 41 pts. | 4. Belgrave 'A' | 68 pts.  |
| 2. Met. W.C.     | 44 pts. | 12. " 'B'       | 248 pts. |
| 3. Poly. H.      | 56 pts. | 14. " 'C'       | 269 pts. |

#### here & there

On 25th. August some of the 'boys' went down to Brighton. Leroy clocked 22.9 in the 220 yds and 49.4 in the 440 yards, Thresher 4:15.3 in the Senior mile, and Bicourt 4:29.6 in the Junior mile.

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Junior Dave Cocks was ranked 4th in Surrey Junior 880 yds list for 1962 season with a time of 1:56.4 and second in the 440 yds with 49.7.

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Brian Morris finished 2nd to Nick Overhead (Watford) in Invitation 400 m. at White City on August Bank Holiday Monday with a time of 48.3. Gerry North finished behind Batty and Snowden in the rain-spoiled 5,000m, clocking 14:30.6.

# A.G.M. 1962

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20th.

Like the Club Dinner, the A.G.M. seems to act as a magnet for all true Belgravians. Although the Hall was not filled to capacity, there was in attendance the best part of a hundred faces, young and old, the familiar and the almost forgotten, all intent upon the business in hand, namely the administration of Belgrave affairs.

After the usual pleasantries and, in some cases, reunions, we got down to 'brass tacks'. We were introduced, many of us for the first time, to Ken O'Kell, a past President of the Club and a man with a genuine and fond affection for the Belgrave Harriers. Ken was present largely for the purpose of handing over to the Club two honours boards, one recording Past Presidents, the other, International Athletes. These Boards, one of which is already in place, are to grace the walls of our Headquarters giving us a visual record of many notable members. They were duly presented, and their donor made an excellent speech which revealed not only something of his life with Belgrave, but also his pride in being a member of the Club.

Next on the agenda came the presentation of our financial position by our own financial wizard, Sid Roberts. Although we are still keeping our head fairly well above water, it was emphasised that we are becoming increasingly subsidised by football competitions and schemes of similar form. It was indeed largely on account of this that a motion was later to be proposed, and passed, by the meeting to the effect that subscriptions should be raised to 30/-d. in the case of Seniors and to 15/-d. in that of Juniors. Although the voting on this motion was by no means unanimous, it was generally felt that such an increase would in some measure lessen our dependence upon income from outside sources such as football schemes. The Treasurer's report itself was something of a sad affair, inasmuch as it marked the end of some ten years service by Sid Roberts in that somewhat unenviable position. Unfortunately, business ties have called Sid away from office, but we are sure that all Belgravians would agree that a hearty vote of thanks is due to him for the tireless and sincere way in which he has performed his duties.

The greater part of the meeting was taken up with the election of Club officers and whilst there was the usual spate of 'no changes', we must mention certain elections, not out of mere courtesy, but because they are offices which greatly affect us as a Club. First and foremost, of course, Dave Martin Shepherd was elected President (another bald 'un). Dave of course, is a great personality and if he can spread just a little of his own enthusiasm throughout Belgrave, his year of office can hardly fail to be successful. As if this role was not sufficient, he was later made Treasurer, so it looks as if we're on our way to a dictatorship! At this juncture, we must also say 'thank you' to Arthur 'Nutty' Penny for the way he has filled the Presidency over the past twelve months. Certainly it can be said that during the past year there has been a stirring of the old 'Bels' spirit, let's hope this really bursts into life under Dave Martin.

Another election of interest was that of Gerry North, National Cross-Country Champion, to captaincy of the Country Section. His qualifications, of course, are insurpassable and during the brief time that he has been with us he has shown that he holds the interests of Belgrave strongly at heart. Certainly if our boys back him up, even make him fight for his place in the teams, then there is no reason why we shouldn't be challenging for championship honours once again.

It is customary during the A.G.M. for Honours Badges to be presented, and this year these were awarded to David Cocks, John Thresher, Gerry North, Derek Boosey and Derek Wade (Junior). Particular mention ought to be made of the fact that Cocks has gained his Senior badge whilst a Junior and also his Junior Standard whilst only a Youth. At this stage too, the Boys and Youths medal competition awards were made to P. Smith and R. Dommett respectively.

A proposal made by Dave Martin Shepherd and seconded by Pat Cornelius that Arthur Penstone be elected to Life Membership was carried unanimously. This comes as a fitting reward to Arthur who, in addition to his activities in relation to the Road Running section, has also contributed considerably to the maintenance of Belgrave Hall.

After a final vote of thanks to Sid Roberts, voiced by Colin Collis, the meeting was adjourned. It is reported in some quarters, that Dave Martin Shepherd was in fact, last seen buying 'halves' all round.

D.E.M.

**ROAD RELAYS:****SURREY Co. ROAD RELAY**

September 8th - We usually experience some difficulty in raising a fully representative team for this event owing to holidays but this year our strength was more befitting the Club and for the first time for many years we secured 3rd place thanks largely to an excellent run by John Thresher on the 5th leg, who with 13:51 put up the fastest time of the day. Eric Gebbett our first leg specialist brought us into 8th place just over a minute behind Barry Collins who gave Surrey A.C. a lead which they soon lost, never to regain. The 2nd leg was taken by George Williams better known in top class walking circles. This was George's first competitive relay run and performing like a veteran, he took us up one place and brought us 6 secs. nearer the leaders (Walton). Next to run was Chris Steer, one of our most promising Juniors. Chris ran a good leg, gaining another place but losing some ground on Walton, who had gone well ahead through a fast run by Bob Roath. Charlie Walker gained 10 secs. on the leaders and brought us to 4th place with a typically solid effort on the 4th stage. John Thresher, fresh from an excellent track season in which he had produced a number of sub 4:10 miles, proved that his basic speed was also suitable to road running and with the fastest time of the day put us into third place within sight of the leaders, Walton and Herne Hill. Don Maclean who has been running far more consistently of late, pulled out all the stops in an effort to pull back the two Clubs ahead, but to no avail and we had to be content with 3rd position.

**RESULT**

|                  |       |          |       |          |       |
|------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1. Herne Hill H. | 86.02 | Gebbett  | 14:29 | Walker   | 14:25 |
| 2. Walton A.C.   | 86.05 | Williams | 14:38 | Thresher | 13:51 |
| 3. Belgrave H.   | 86.30 | Steer    | 14:47 | Maclean  | 14:20 |

**BELS. THWARTED IN POLY. RELAY**

For many years now our main rivals in this event have been the promoting club Polytechnic Harriers, with T.V.H. and Walton A.C. also great dangers. We had never yet been able to conquer all three at once - yet this year we did it! Why didn't we win then? Well the strongest club in the South decided to enter for the first time - yes, Portsmouth A.C. and they must be given full credit for their win, for they succeeded without the inseparable Hyman/Tulloch partnership, who were performing great feats in Belgrade. So the Bels were destined for second place again, although the 'B' team took winning 'B' medals for the 4th time in 7 years.

Eric Gebbett (A) Jack Brown (B) and Ray Conway (C) set off on the first stage and eyebrows were raised when Jack and Eric came down the finishing straight together in 6th and 7th positions - a fine start for both teams. Charlie Walker ran well to take the 'A' team up to 4th and handed to our new 'star' John Thresher. John's fast miling this year has made him a little impetuous at the start of these longer runs and within a mile he had taken the lead. He had to give way eventually to Woodford's Willie Heiburg but still turned in an excellent 13:12. John Moore had a steady run and Ron Linstead and Barry Sawyer consolidated our position amongst the leading four.

Gerry North then took over for the penultimate stage and showed everyone what a great road-runner he is by smashing Hogan's course record by 9 seconds, to record a fantastic 12:38. Even so, Portsmouth were still out of reach and Don Maclean only had to go through the formality of maintaining our comfortable second spot.

Jack Brown and John Davies were our fastest 'B' men, but special mention should be made of young Tony Fairclough, who recorded an excellent 14:05 and of Cyril Forey whose 13:59 for the 'C' team may have seemed bad selection - in fact he had been in training for but 3 weeks after a 5 month lay off and showed everyone once more what great natural ability he possesses. We closed in three complete teams.

|                       |        | 'A'      |       | 'B'        |       |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. Portsmouth A.C.    | 106.39 | Gebbett  | 13:57 | Brown      | 13:56 |
| 2. Belgrave H. "A"    | 107.68 | Walker   | 13:36 | Crookes    | 14:14 |
| 3. Woodford G. "A"    | 108.54 | Thresher | 13:12 | Jones D.F. | 14:48 |
| 4. Walton "A"         | 109.06 | Moore    | 14:00 | Morrison   | 14:26 |
| <b>Day's fastest.</b> |        | Linstead | 13:31 | Davies     | 13:52 |
| 1. North (Bels)       | 12:38  | Sawyer   | 13:36 | Bedford    | 14:41 |
| 2. Heiberg (W.G)      | 12:54  | North    | 12:38 | Fairclough | 14:05 |
| 3. Salvat (Port)      | 13:03  | Maclean  | 13:48 | Shippen    | 14:36 |

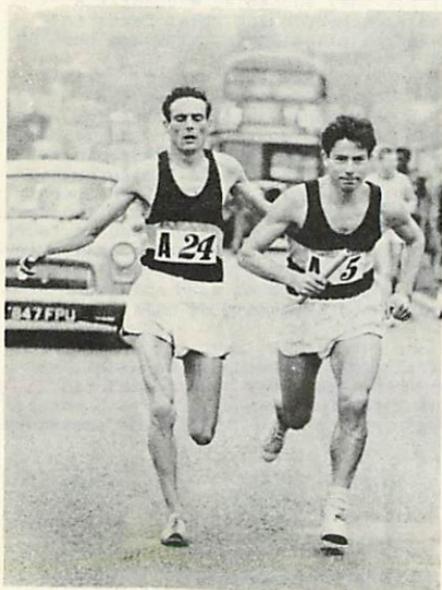
# 'BELS' BACK ON TARGET!

## SOUTHERN 'BRIGHTON' by OLYMPIAN

Was the 13th to be an unlucky day for us or were we to run up to our proper form, secure a place, and so qualify again for the National Relay next April? This was the thought in most of our minds as the runners went to the start in Old Palace Yard, Westminster just before 10 o'clock on a cool Autumnal morning. If confidence was anything to go by we were certain to finish amongst the first three because the spirit of the team was higher than for many a long day and competition for team places had been keen throughout the previous weeks. No-one in their right mind could see Portsmouth being beaten but the second spot was thought generally to be between T.V.H., Woodford and ourselves with S.L.H. and possibly Walton providing opposition. Woodford were without three of their leading runners due to commitments on the Continent and we were without the services of Kerr, Linstead and Black all of whom were injured. The race in fact soon resolved itself into a fight between the above-mentioned Clubs and we eventually took third position behind Portsmouth and T.V.H. Walton fought us every inch of the way and this rivalry produced plenty of fireworks on the last few stages.

The race itself was outstanding from our point of view for a number of reasons. Firstly Charlie Walker was performing yet again, in his 25th consecutive Brighton Relay, an achievement of which he can be justly proud and which the Press duly noted with some complimentary comments. Secondly, Gerry North was leading the team for the first of what we hope will be many Brighton races and just how well he did it is indicated by his time of 27:27 on the 9th stage, only 2 secs. outside the record set up by Brian Kilby last April and 68 secs. faster than Bill Kerr's Club record. Then we had John Davies producing the form of which we know he is capable to take the fastest time of the day on the 6th stage. Also Pat Newell returned to the team to record another first-class performance and so lower the Belgrave record for the 10th stage by 13 secs. Pat now holds two Club stage records against Jack Brown's three - this can surely be changed next April!

The story of the race is one that almost excludes the winners Portsmouth for they took the lead on the third stage and from then on it was only a question as to how far ahead they would be at Brighton. In fact, it was something more than a mile, which in some way illustrates the strength of the Club.



John Davies takes the baton from George Williams and sets off to record day's fastest for stage 6

Eric Gebbett had been given yet again the task of bringing us near to the front on the first stage and again he did not fail - his 7th position was performed against good opposition and his time was a personal best for this leg. (21:12. 7th)

John Thresher took the second stage and was anxious to redeem himself for his moderate run last April. Starting perhaps a little too fast, he ran nevertheless, very well to take us up to 6th position without losing any ground on the leaders, Woodford, who had entrusted this stage to one of their stalwarts Eric Major. (25:07. 5th) At Mitcham Jack Brown took over 43 sec behind the leading club on what is probably his favourite leg. How well we remember his grand performances of a few years ago, one of which earned him the record that still stands as a Club best. The encroaching years have slowed Jack down a little but have not dampened his enthusiasm and he put in a steady run which took us up to fifth place although the distance between us and the leaders, now Portsmouth, had widened. (29:51. 14th) Charlie Walker made a further place on the run to Merstham, chased all the way by Roly Langridge of S.L.H. and producing a sprint finish with what he himself describes as "a desperate effort". (25:32. 5th. fastest)

Next came George Williams the International Walker who only a few months ago was making a great name for himself by helping Great Britain to a win in the Europa Trophy. George has turned to running and may well be the first to achieve National honours at both walking and running. Despite his inexperience of relay running he performed very well. Taking over with Harvey of S.L.H. he was unfortunate to meet a younger man who was running a little above his normal form. George did the only thing possible, he went with him and later had to suffer for a slightly too fast start. (22:33. 10th) John Davies set off with a gap of 30 secs. between himself and S.L.H. and a deficit of 3½ minutes on the leaders. John ran his best ever Brighton leg and just missed Mal Robinson's Club record by 3 secs. (13:33.1st) Cyril Forey was making a welcome return to the team on the Gatwick leg. He had the unenviable task of trailing Mick Firth on this windawet stage and it was only towards the end of the leg that Firth's greater experience and fitness took him away from Cyril. (18:48. 5th. fastest)



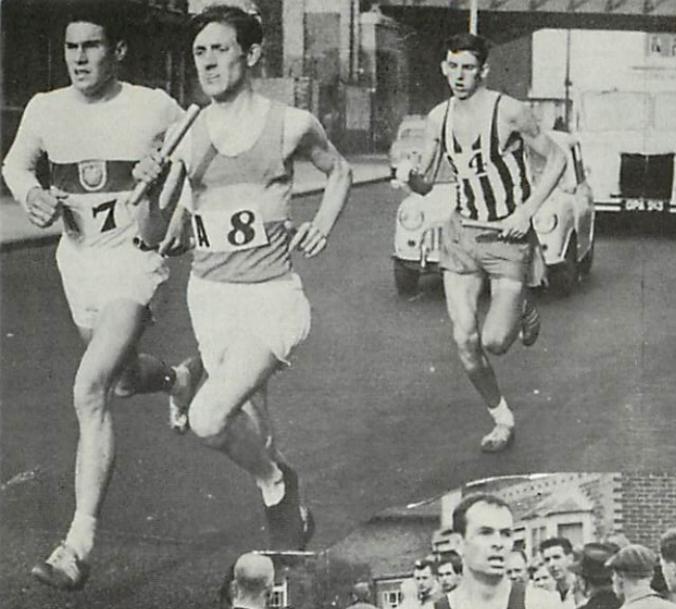
Gerry North hands over to Pat Newell

Barry Sawyer took over in 5th place and he quickly passed his S.L.H. rival and whilst running steadily did not quite manage to produce the same spark that he had shown in recent weeks although it must be conceded that he was very much on his own and so was not hard pressed. At Handcross, Barry handed over 5 mins. behind Pompey but within striking distance of T.V.H. and Walton. (31:27. 10th. fastest) This was the position that faced Gerry North and how well he tackled it is illustrated by the fact that after 6 miles he had reduced Portsmouth's lead by 10 secs. (their runner being non other than Martin Hyman), brought us to within 13 secs. of T.V.H. and 4 secs. of Walton. This was the fastest time of the day but unfortunately missed the stage record by a mere 2 secs. (27:27.1st) On the next leg T.V.H. pulled out their trump card in the form of Mike Wiggs who with a great run knocked off 10 secs. from Jim Peters's stage record set in 1953 and this time in turn was bettered by Bruce Tulloh running in the lead position who ran even 30 secs. faster than Wiggs. Meanwhile our own Pat Newell, not in the least deterred by the class of the opposition, was putting pressure upon Peter Milner of Walton and ended up in third position only 45 secs. behind T.V.H. and 29 secs. ahead of Walton. (19:56. 4th. fastest) On the penultimate leg we had Laurie O'Hara running in only his second Brighton. He took Dale Hill in admirable fashion and although losing a little ground on the two leading clubs made sure that Walton were not in a position to challenge over the last leg. (21:01. 5th. fastest) Don Maclean has this year been entrusted with last leg in all the relays in which we have competed and has acquitted himself admirably. This was to be no exception for although he could not catch T.V.H. he certainly gave Walton no chance of 3rd place. As it was Don only missed Jack Brown's stage record by 10 secs. (17:25. 4th. fastest)

Thus we arrived at the Aquarium in 3rd place to ensure that we compete in next April's National Race. We hope that by then we have Bill Kerr Ron Linstead and Alan Black back with us, and also see such people as Miller Moore and our up-and-coming Juniors making competition for those coveted team positions really hot. With that proverbial 'bit of luck' we shall certainly be pushing the mighty Portsmouth and Derby teams very hard next spring. Supporters please book the date now - you are promised an exciting day's sport.

#### RESULT;

|                            |         |                          |         |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. Portsmouth A.C.....     | 4:27:04 | 11. Polytechnic H.....   | 4:43:13 |
| 2. T.V.H. ....             | 4:32:47 | 12. H.H.H.....           | 4:43:21 |
| 3. BELGRAVE H.....         | 4:33:52 | 13. Welwyn.....          | 4:43:53 |
| 4. Walton A.C.....         | 4:34:57 | 14. Essex Beagles.....   | 4:45:02 |
| 5. S.L.H.....              | 4:37:31 | 15. Shaftesbury H.....   | 4:46:07 |
| 6. Woodford Green A.C..... | 4:37:50 | 16. Brighton A.C.....    | 4:46:17 |
| 7. Mitcham A.C.....        | 4:38:33 | 17. Victoria Park H..... | 4:47:43 |
| 8. Blackheath H.....       | 4:40:13 | 18. Hampstead H.....     | 4:49:03 |
| 9. Ealing H.....           | 4:40:24 | 19. Chelmsford A.C.....  | 4:54:42 |
| 10. Ilford A.C.....        | 4:42:42 | 20. Highgate H.....      | 4:55:35 |



## SAWYER WINS '5 3/4'

September 22nd. - A smaller field than usual faced the Starter, our newly elected President Dave Shepherd. It took only the length of Lauriston Road to separate the "fast men" from the rest of the field and round the first lap of the Common a group comprising Sawyer, Brown, Gebbett, Walker Williams and Fairclough battled for the lead with the steadier types trailing along behind the most prominent of which were Forey, Crooks and Moore. Down Copse Hill Williams dropped away a little but Tony Fairclough keen as a mustard to prove himself as good as the Seniors, hung on for grim death. Forey, Crooks and Moore were all making progress behind the forward group and were getting into position to pounce on any of the leaders who showed signs of flagging. Cambridge Road as usual, sorted the sheep from the goats and Barry Sawyer returning once more to the form he showed about a year ago, pulled away from Eric Gebbett and Jack Brown who were renewing the battle they enjoyed in the Poly Relay only a week before. Chas. Walker was showing signs of tiredness at this stage and young Fairclough was finding the hills just a little too much. George Williams who seems to have renounced walking for good, was showing good form and sound pace judgment only to be forced to drop back temporarily thro' an attack of catarrh soon after passing the church. Meanwhile Barry was going further ahead and looked a certain winner with just one lap of the common separating him from victory. Eric and Jack were still locked in deadly combat and Chas was obviously contenting himself with 4th place. George Williams got going again after the "dip" and set off at great pace to recoup his losses.

John Baker excelled himself at the tail end of the field with his fastest run to date over this course which secured him the first position in the handicap. George Piddington also achieved a personal best to take 2nd place and the race winner Barry Sawyer, with an excellent 28:43, faster than is normal for the autumn race, snapped up 3rd prize. Overall the result augured well for the imminent Brighton Relay.

## RESULT:

|                      |        |       |                   |        |       |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. B. Sawyer         | (0:45) | 28:43 | 15. G. Piddington | (4:30) | 32:19 |
| 2. E. Gebbett        | (0:45) | 29:02 | 16. R. Conway     | (3:00) | :39   |
| 3. J.W. Brown        | (0:45) | :05   | 17. K. Stimpson   | (4:30) | 33:23 |
| 4. C.W. Walker       | (0:45) | :44   | 18. C. Henn       | (5:15) | :45   |
| 5. C. Forey (J)      | (1:00) | :50   | 19. C. Keavey     | (5:00) | :51   |
| 6. J Moore           | (1:30) | 30:04 | 20. M. Reynolds   | (6:00) | 34:01 |
| 7. G. Williams       | (1:45) | :16   | 21. C. Steer (J)  | (1:30) | :24   |
| 8. D. Crookes        | (1:45) | :23   | 22. R. Brown (Y)  | (5:00) | :24   |
| 9. A. Fairclough (J) | (1:45) | :44   | 23. D. Newell     | (6:00) | :43   |
| 10. N. Stairs        | (2:30) | :50   | 24. A. Ware       | (7:00) | :51   |
| 11. A. Bedford       | (2:30) | :56   | 25. N. Asten      | (6:00) | 35:25 |
| 12. J. Masters       | (2:30) | 31:13 | 26. C. Fairfield  | (5:00) | :57   |
| 13. L. Bishop        | (2:15) | :14   | 27. J. Baker      | (9:00) | 36:40 |
| 14. A. Bishop        | (3:45) | 32:01 | 28. C. Manning    | (9:00) | 38:05 |

Handicap: 1.J. Baker 27:40, 2.G. Piddington 27:49, 3.B. Sawyer 27:58.

HAYES WINS *Yacht '3'*

First two places in this year's race went to boys. Young Hayes, who has been showing good form of late, made the most of a generous mark to romp home over half a minute ahead of the next man, Bicourt. The next 33 men arrived home in the space of a minute and with several back markers racing through the field the finish produced much excitement.

The scratch man this year was Gerry North who was having his first crack at the event. Gerry celebrated his initiation by slicing a full  $\frac{1}{2}$  minute off the existing course record with 14:15. Other notable runs were made by Fairclough, O'Hara and Don Maclean; the latter's 15:11 being 2nd fastest of the day. (cont'd overleaf)

## The 'Brighton' in PHOTOS

TOP LEFT: Eric Gebbett fights out the first stage against Fudge (Portsmouth) and Darbon (Shaftesbury).

TOP RIGHT: Jack Brown climbs the airport drag on Stage 3.

CENTRE LEFT: Cyril Forey on the Gatwick stage.

CENTRE RIGHT: Barry Sawyer hands over to Gerry North at the end of stage 8.

LOWER CENTRE: Gerry storms past a Belgrave Supporters coach during his devastating run on stage 9.

BOTTOM LEFT: Pat Newell about to past Tony Milner of Walton on stage 10.

BOTTOM CENTRE: Laurie O'Hara races for the final change-over.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Don Maclean crosses the line just 65 secs. behind T.V.H.

RESULT;

|                  |         |       |                  |        |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. R. Hayes      | (3:50)  | 13:19 | 25. W. Fairfield | (3:30) | 14:35 |
| 2. J. Bicourt    | (2:10)  | 13:52 | 26. C. Henn      | (2:40) | 14:37 |
| 3. R. Bolam      | (3:00)  | 13:55 | 27. D. Crooks    | (1:30) | 14:38 |
| 4. L. Bishop     | (2:00)  | 13:56 | 28. K. Miller    | (1:50) | 14:39 |
| 5. N. Asten      | (3:20)  | 13:58 | 29. R. Brown     | (2:50) | 14:41 |
| 6. A. Fairclough | (1:30)  | 13:59 | 30. R. Nelson    | (4:30) | 14:43 |
| 7. L. O'Hara     | (1:20)  | 14:00 | 31. D. Gordon    | (3:20) | 14:45 |
| 8. D. Maclean    | (1:10)  | 14:01 | 32. J. Baker     | (4:00) | 14:46 |
| 9. C. Steer      | (1:30)  | 14:03 | 33. C. Dabbs     | (1:30) | 14:51 |
| 10. R. Clark     | (4:00)  | 14:05 | 34. A. Ware      | (3:10) | 14:52 |
| 11. E. Simmons   | (2:30)  | 14:06 | 35. H. Satchell  | (2:40) | 14:53 |
| 12. C. Manning   | (5:00)  | 14:07 | 36. C. Keavey    | (2:40) | 14:56 |
| 13. G. Williams  | (1:20)  | 14:14 | 37. D. Brown     | (3:00) | 15:02 |
| 14. D. Cocks     | (1:40)  | 14:15 | 38. R. Conway    | (2:20) | 15:03 |
| 15. G. North     | Scratch | 14:15 | 39. P. Newell    | (0:40) | 15:05 |
| 16. K. Angus     | (2:10)  | 14:15 | 40. B. Merry     | (3:50) | 15:09 |
| 17. P. Edwards   | (2:30)  | 14:17 | 41. E. Penny     | (2:10) | 15:10 |
| 18. D. Jones     | (1:50)  | 14:18 | 42. A. Mead      | (3:10) | 15:28 |
| 19. F. Paget     | (2:10)  | 14:20 | 43. A. Niel      | (2:30) | 15:38 |
| 20. J. Moore     | (1:20)  | 14:20 | 44. E. Short     | (2:10) | 15:42 |
| 21. J. Davies    | (1:00)  | 14:20 | 45. S. Bradshaw  | (3:50) | 16:04 |
| 22. D.W. Jones   | (2:00)  | 14:21 | 46. J. Jarvis    | (3:10) | 16:31 |
| 23. C. Forey     | (1:10)  | 14:22 | 47. D. Ring      | (2:30) | 17:45 |
| 24. P. Pepe      | (2:40)  | 14:06 | 48. P. Cornelius | (2:40) | 17:55 |

**BELGRADE**-by Ron Langheim

We have all read Hackett, Moor, and Allen on the Championships. We have all thrilled to the films of Messrs. Tulloh, Brightwell and Kilby winning gold medals. Now read the unpublished story of the exploits of four Belgravians in Belgrade!!

"West London air terminal was the meeting point for the 'Athletics Weekly' party to the European Games. A motley crowd had assembled all keen to set out on a journey which was to provide most of us with our first glimpse of life behind the Iron Curtain. The Belgravians present were Mike Shingles, Fred Paget, Glimpy Jones (Keeping a tight grip on his two main possessions in life, stopwatch and camera) and myself.

After a five hour flight we arrived in Zagreb where we boarded a coach for the trip to Bled, a lake near the Austrian border. Here we joined the party who had made the long train journey. The next stage of the journey was a twelve hour coach trip to Belgrade that soon had all concerned well and truly 'Shattered'. The only person who seemed to be enjoying himself was 'Glimpy' Jones who had armed himself with meat-pies and tablets of all colours. We arrived very tired and just in time to fall into bed - oh what a night! The bed was like iron and we were just nodding off when angry voices could be heard on the staircase - 'Travel 12 hours and find no bed!' In burst Brian Nott of Ranelagh, a room-mate of Glimpy's, struggling up to the top floor with a bed under his arm. Apart from the sleeping arrangements in the hotel, our stay here was most enjoyable and there was even an English-speaking waiter keeping a beady eye open for those who dodged paying for their beer at meal-times.

We travelled on to the Adriatic coast and it was here that we ran in an epic road relay - started on the sea front at seven in the morning by Jimmy Green of A.W., it managed to convince the local inhabitants that the English visitors really were 'honkers.'

We arrived home with empty pockets although Glimpy managed to bring home some samples of Yugoslave meat-pies, whilst 'keep-fit' enthusiast Fred Paget smuggled home a jar of local honey. All in all, a hectic holiday, but nevertheless a really enjoyable time was had by all concerned."

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Members are reminded that current subscriptions became due on September 1st. Those members still in arrears are asked to send their remittances to the Hon. Treasurer himself or by contacting the three ASST. Treasurers Tom Morrell Norman Dewberry, and Pat Cornelius who are present at most Club activities.

# ROAD RUNNING

## ARTHUR PENSTONE COMMENTS:-

Once again this past road racing season has seen Belgrave Harriers competing in most of the major road races of the South - or most of the older established ones anyway. A brief glance at the results is sufficient to indicate the improvement shown.

New faces are always welcome and this season the road running ranks have been swelled by Gerry North, Bill Kerr, Charlie Walker, George Williams John Moore and Peter Wrench; and with Jack Brown showing a return to form, things look good for next season.

I would like to thank all the lads who helped out on the day of the Belgrave '20' also those who generously contributed towards the cost. This assistance helps to make our own '20' the best of them all.

One important reminder - watch out for the dates of your County and Southern '20s' and contact me for your entry forms. These races must be supported.

## BELGRAVE OPEN '20'

JULY 21st - This was the 11th annual 'Bels 20' and before all else, credit must be given to Arthur Penstone for the admirable way in which he organised the race. His Worship The Mayor of Wimbledon (Alderman T.H. Metcalfe J.P.) acted as starter and Ernest Neville presented the Surrey County awards as this championship was incorporated into the overall race.

On the first of three laps the leaders were our own Gerry North; Tony Towl and Ted Richardson with other Belgrave athletes such as Gebbett, Dabbs and Linstead also moving well a little lower down the field. At about 11 miles Gerry went out alone - passed 12 miles in 63:30 and was leading in fine style at 15. But at this point, Ron (Best-Bitter!) Linstead was beginning to make his presence felt and at the 15 miles mark he was only some 50 secs. behind North. The strain of leading now began to tell and as the wind on the third lap hit Gerry again, Ron relentlessly closed the gap. At the finish Ron was a clear winner by some 52 seconds and his winning time ranks 2nd to Fred Norris's all time best (1:47:26) whilst Gerry's time is the fourth best ever recorded.

Eric Gebbett ran his usual evenly-paced race to finish seventh with Chas. Dabbs making a most welcome return to something like his old form, eighth. In the team events the Bels did very well indeed winning both the open and the Surrey County events. In the final analysis, therefore, Belgrave were successful on two scores; their athletes performed excellently and the event was organised in the best Belgrave traditions of hospitality and efficiency.

### RESULTS:

|                              |         |                                |         |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1. R. Linstead (Belgrave H.) | 1:48.50 | 3. E. Richardson (Walton A.C.) | 1:50.45 |
| 2. G. North                  | 1:49.42 | 4. G. Winchester               | 1:55.18 |
| 7. E. Gebbett (Belgrave H.)  | 1:54.44 | 20. J. Moore (Belgrave H.)     | 2:02.32 |
| 8. C. Dabbs                  | 1:56.29 | 32. L. Bishop                  | 2:06.46 |
| 13. B. Sawyer                | 1:59.08 | 40. R. Bolan                   | 2:10.47 |
| 16. N. Stairs                | 2:00.54 |                                |         |

OPEN TEAMS 1. Belgrave H. 9 pts. 2. Walton A.C. 18 pts. 3. T.V.H. 29 pts.

SURREY 1. Belgrave 12 pts. 2. Walton A.C. 12 pts.

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## ROAD RUNNERS CLUB



Road Runners Club was formed in an attempt to channel the abundant enthusiasm that existed, and still does, into an Association uniquely qualified to cater for this branch of the sport as well as to know and foster the interests of the runners themselves who constituted the Club. The Association was actually founded on

April 16th 1952 with the object of encouraging running and in particular road running. Membership is confined to amateurs who are members of clubs affiliated to the A.A.As or to the governing body of the country in which the athlete resides. The minimum subscription is 5/-d. per annum payable on April 1st in each year.

A News Letter is published and sent to all members F.O.C. on average 3 times a year. Besides giving detailed results of R.R.C. sponsored races, it gives results of other major long-distance road races held in this country and abroad; articles are often written by runners themselves describing their training and experiences in races.

# The Season's Results:—

## WIGMORE '15' - MARCH 31st

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. J. Edwards (Bristol A.C.) | 1:20.04       |
| 2. M. Price                  | 1:20.24       |
| 3. D. Plater (Ilford A.C.)   | 1:22.05       |
| 7. R. Linstead Belgrave 'A'  | 1:23.43       |
| 44. L. Bishop                | " " 1:31.28   |
| 47. A. Bishop                | " 'B' 1:32.30 |
| 51. J. Dooley                | " 'A' 1:32.51 |
| 54. G. Pearson               | " " 1:33.44   |
| 75. P. Wrench                | " 'B' 1:36.56 |
| 80. A. Penstone              | " 'C' 1:38.03 |
| 84. T. Hart                  | " " 1:39.01   |
| 88. R. Conway                | " " 1:39.53   |
| 100. J. Baker                | " 'C' 1:50.12 |

### TEAMS

1. Bristol. 6. Belgrave 'A'. 11. 'B'.

## PINCHLEY '20' - April 28th

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. J. Edwards (Bristol)    | 1:44.15     |
| 2. G. Harrison (Highgate)  | 1:44.26     |
| 3. J. Plater (Hull)        | 1:46.44     |
| 10. R. Linstead (Belgrave) | 1:50.05     |
| 55. D. Jones               | " " 1:59.15 |
| 60. N. Stairs              | " " 2:00.12 |
| 63. J. Dooley              | " " 2:00.42 |
| 85. A. Penstone            | " " 2:07.15 |
| 100. E. Bishop             | " " 2:10.41 |
| 108. L. Bishop             | " " 2:14.32 |
| 125. C. Manning            | " " 2:17.18 |

### TEAMS

1. Bristol. 8. Belgrave H.

## BHICHESTER - PORTSMOUTH '16'. 12th May

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. R. Roath (Walton)      | 1:22.32     |
| 2. A. Towl (H.H.H.)       | 1:23.22     |
| 3. T. Hayden (Portsmouth) | 1:23.26     |
| 40. N. Stairs (Belgrave)  | 1:32.48     |
| 42. J. Moore              | " " 1:33.01 |
| 43. D. W. Jones           | " " 1:33.02 |

### TEAMS

1. Walton A.C. 19 pts. 10. Bels. 107 p

## I.O.W. MARATHON - MAY 19th

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. J. Tarrant (Hereford) | 2:26.44     |
| 2. T. Ray (Bristol)      | 2:27.02     |
| 3. R. Adams              | " " 2:33.29 |
| 5. B. Sawyer (Belgrave)  | 2:37.47     |
| 7. N. Stairs             | " " 2:43.41 |
| 27. A. Bishop            | " " 3:04.30 |
| 41. W. Wortley           | " " 3:21.24 |

### TEAMS

1. Belgrave 14 pts. 2. T.V.H. 30 pts.  
Hants Championship 1. B. Sawyer

## KENT '20' - MAY 26th

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. A. Towl (H.H.H.)       | 1:48.19     |
| 2. T. Richardson (Walton) | 1:49.20     |
| 3. B. Shave (H.H.H.)      | 1:50.23     |
| 4. R. Gebbett (Belgrave)  | 1:51.49     |
| 10. D. W. Jones           | " " 1:57.16 |
| 21. G. Pearson            | " " 2:03.44 |
| 24. I. Bishop             | " " 2:07.33 |
| 26. E. Bishop             | " " 2:08.46 |
| 28. R. Bolen              | " " 2:10.37 |
| 31. R. Conway             | " " 2:15.28 |

### TEAMS

1. H.H.H. 28 pts. 4. Belgrave 55

## POLY. MARATHON - June 16th

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. R. Hill (Bolton)        | 2:21.59     |
| 2. F. Mihalic (Yugoslav.)  | 2:23.21     |
| 3. R. Franklin (Tipton)    | 2:25.06     |
| 12. R. Linstead (Belgrave) | 2:33.25     |
| 34. E. Gebbett             | " " 2:44.44 |
| 39. L. Bishop              | " " 2:46.47 |
| 44. J. Dooley              | " " 2:48.48 |
| 52. G. Pearson             | " " 2:50.17 |
| 106. R. Bolen              | " " 3:07.34 |
| 108. R. Conway             | " " 3:10.30 |
| 125. A. Bishop             | " " 3:21.51 |

Open Teams 1. Bolton 40 pts

4. Belgrave 81 pts.

Southern Teams

1. Walton 76 pts

3. Belgrave 81 pts

The Jack Andrews Award 1. Belgrave H.

## WALTON '15' - June 30th

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. G. North (Belgrave)  | 1:17.45     |
| 2. R. Barlow (Wallesey) | 1:18.53     |
| 15. C. Dabbs (Belgrave) | 1:25.03     |
| 22. N. Stairs           | " " 1:27.03 |

Teams 1. Walton 20 pts. 2. Bels. 29 pts

## A.A.A. MARATHON - August 11th

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. B. Kilby (Coventry) | 2:26.15     |
| 2. A. Wood (Aberdeen)  | 2:26.35     |
| 3. M. Batty (Thurrock) | 2:28.10     |
| 6. G. North (Belgrave) | 2:30.27     |
| 8. R. Linstead         | " " 2:31.30 |
| 29. L. Bishop          | " " 2:50.01 |
| 39. G. Pearson         | " " 2:57.04 |

## WYCOMBE '5' - August 25th

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. G. North (Belgrave)     | 24.34 Rec |
| 2. J. Taylor (Coventry)    | 24.37     |
| 3. D. Brennan (Ruislip)    | 24.53     |
| 14. R. Linstead (Belgrave) | 25.44     |
| 27. G. Walker              | 26.23     |
| 30. B. Sawyer              | 26.29     |

### TEAMS

1. Coventry 2. Belgrave.

## SOUTHALL '10' September 1st

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. B. Kilby (Coventry) | 50.38     |
| 2. J. Taylor           | " " 50.40 |
| 3. G. North (Belgrave) | 51.37     |

## S.L.H. '30' - September 1st

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. J. Tarrant (Hereford) | 2:59.55     |
| 2. R. Franklin (Tipton)  | 3:00.26     |
| 3. B. Bacon (Reading)    | 3:04.05     |
| 7. N. Stair (Belgrave)   | 3:10.06     |
| 19. L. Bishop            | " " 3:25.48 |
| 24. A. Bishop            | " " 3:43.17 |

## LONDON TO BRIGHTON - September 29th

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. J. Smith (Epsom)       | 5:35.22     |
| 2. D. Turner              | " " 5:37.59 |
| 3. L. Jones (Southend)    | 5:52.55     |
| 24. W. Wortley (Belgrave) | 7:23.21     |
| 32. A. Bishop             | " " 8:00.24 |

In the Romford Half-Marathon in April, D. W. Jones finished 26th in 79:52. and in the Bernie Hames Half-Marathon on September 2nd the same runner was again our only competitor finishing 15th in 74:10.

# SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNEY

by Ron Linstead

At 7 p.m. on Saturday 19th May, the R.R.C. team of John Smith, Don Turner, Tom Buckingham and myself, boarded a B.O.A.C. Comet 4 which was to take us to Johannesburg in some 18 hours. We were off to compete in the world's longest, hottest and hilliest road run - the 54 miles Durban to Pietermaritzburg 'Comrades Marathon'.

The flight was really thrilling. We had views of the Eiffel Tower, the Alps, the Nile, Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Victoria Falls and the great forests of Equatorial Africa. We stopped en route at Rome, Khartoum, Nairobi and Salisbury. On the plane we fed and drank well, the meals being superb.

We arrived at Jo'burg at 2 p.m. on Sunday and some two hours later John and myself were out training. We found it tough going in the rarified atmosphere, for Jo'burg is at an elevation of 6,000'.

The next day we did a hard 23 miles over a very hilly course. The sun, of course, was shining brightly and Tom Buckingham became severely sunburnt. On the Tuesday we were taken by car to Pietermaritzburg some 300 miles away; this was to be our pre-race H.Q. Pi'burg is in the beautiful province of Natal, an area rather like the Scottish Highlands except that the sun is always out and there are no lochs - only winding rivers. You can guess what an ideal situation it was for training. In the eight days prior to the race we did one run of 30 miles and six of between ten and 17, with perhaps the occasional stride out. It was sheer joy to run in that hot sun through such lovely scenery. Sometimes we left the roads and went over the dirt and gravel mountain tracks and had superb views. We felt that we were hundreds of miles away from civilization. Occasionally we encountered native kraals and villages where our appearance would cause a sensation. Often barefooted children would run with us for a mile or more, seemingly untroubled by the rocky flinty surfaces. It was all so very peaceful - there was no sound of traffic, no golfers, horseriders, dogs or any of the encumbrances one encounters on Wimbledon Common and in Richmond Park.

In Pi'burg, we stayed with 'Topsy' Fanver a 40 year old Accountant who was also to take part in the race. In common with many other South Africans he was no one-sport man, for golf, cricket, tennis and carpet bowls were among his interests. Thoughtfully, he kept a fridge stacked with lager. It was great to sit in the bath after a run and have a 'nice cool beer'. We ate well, too well in fact, as I was to learn to my cost. Food is so cheap. A sack of oranges, for example, costs only 31/-d. Spirits and cigarettes are other cheap commodities being only 50% of the price they are here. It must be hard for the South African distance man to keep fit.

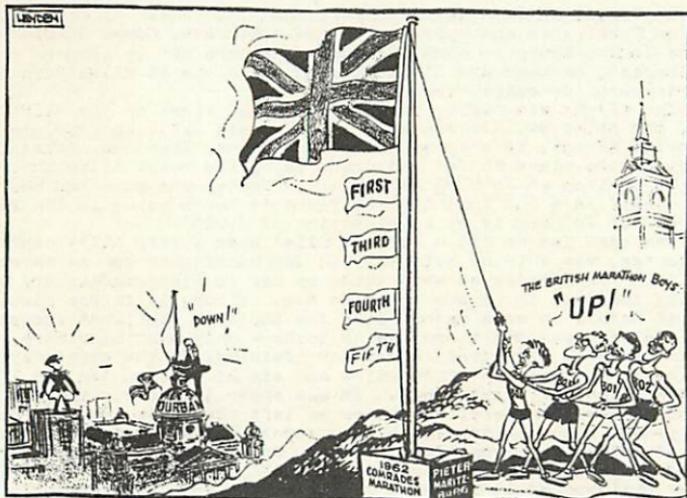
The time passed quickly and at 6 a.m. on Wednesday 30th May, we found ourselves lined up with 150 others for the start of the race outside the Durban Post Office. Many of the entrants were just running to finish the gruelling course and so win a Comrades Silver Medal and the right to wear the distinctive blazer and tie. Some were rugby players, canoeists, etc. who were starting because they had strictly unofficial bets on! Bets made, one suspects, when the lads were concerned were full of beer! The ages ranged from 18 to 60; one runner was the blind 60 year old Ian Jardine, for whom two others had unselfishly agreed to act as guides. All competitors had until 5 p.m. to finish - eleven hours. In those who were just running to finish, the true spirit of the aptly named 'Comrades Marathon' was exemplified for they would be out in the cruel sun longer than any of us, helping and encouraging each other.

The start was very fast, with the green vested South African Marathon Club runners Jackie Mekler, Fritz Madel and Frickie Steyn opening up an immediate lead. Tom Buckingham was the only R.R.C. man to go with them. The first twenty five miles was a steady climb reaching an elevation of 2,500 feet. Just picture it, Copse Hill lasting for almost the length of a marathon! Here briefly is how the race progressed - the distances and altitudes are approximate.

PINETOWN 12<sup>1</sup> miles (1,400' alt) 1. Mekler 1.21 2. Madel, Steyn, Buckingham 1.23  
 5. Smith 1.24 6. Linstead 1.28 10. Turner 1.30  
HILLCREST 21 miles (2,000' alt) Sun was really hot now.  
 1. Mekler 2.13 2. Smith and Buckingham 2.19 4. Madel and Steyn 2.20  
 6. Linstead 2.24 8. Turner 2.30  
DRUMMOND 28 miles (2,500' alt) 1. Mekler 2.57 2. Smith 3.3 3. Buckingham 3.4  
 4. Madel and Steyn 6. Linstead 7. Turner.

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**BLIMEY! ON REPUBLIC  
DAY, TOO!**



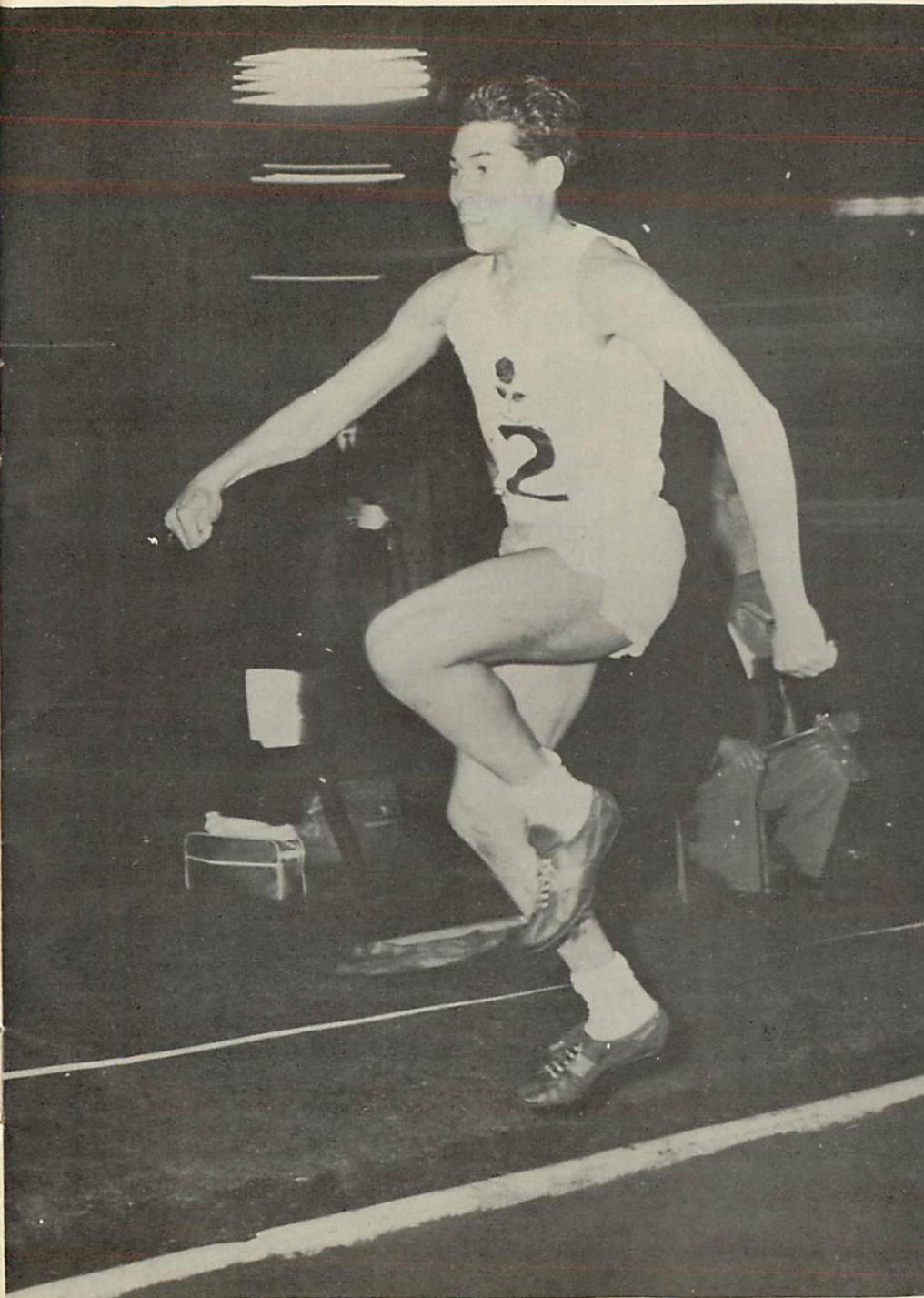
At 31 miles came the gruelling 2 miles long 800 feet high climb up Inchanga. I moved up past Madel and Steyn here. From this point on, Mekler started to tire, and Smith eventually caught him at 44 miles. I took a bashing down this stretch and spent time off the road with stomach trouble (every time the grass rustled I suspected a snake was approaching!) At 45 miles I went by Tom Buckingham and moved into 3rd place and I now felt really hopeful. By 48 miles however, I 'blew up' weakened by stomach pains and cramp around the kidneys. Here Turner went by me, looking for all the world as though he was on a normal Sunday session round the gentle Surrey roads.

At 49 miles came the nastiest hill it has ever been my misfortune to run up. 1½ miles long and 500 feet high, it was the notorious Polly Shorts Cutting, named after the man in charge of the road construction gang. Just picture yourself going up a hill four times as long and twice as steep as Wimbledon Hill, with legs battered by some 49 miles of hard going (about 50,000 strides) and on top of it all a midday sun beating down, the temperature being about 90°F. Macdonald and Footer couldn't have supplied enough Superlatives to sum up my feelings. Each stride felt as though it would be my last, I resolved this would be my final road race, wished I had never been a runner and cursed myself for ever getting into the team. How thankful I was to reach the top! I was now feeling half-dead and Buckingham went by me. However, with the nearest South African four miles behind, I now had just to concentrate on finishing. Ahead lay four miles of gentle down gradient, where I was able to recover somewhat. Over this part the crowds lined the roads two or three deep. They were delighted at our success - those of British origin having little love for the Boer descendents. Natal is very pro-British. As I ran, came remarks like "Come on Limey, you've b-----ed up Republic Day!" One woman was heard to say "He looks nice and fresh". Miraculously, I didn't stop to belt her one! Eventually I got there, and did the final 300 yards over the soft grass of the Collegians A.C. ground.

It was a great relief to stop. Someone, whom I would remember in my Will if I had anything to leave, thrust an opened bottle of beer into my hand. It was just great and the contents disappeared in a few seconds. I recovered quickly after that and after a bath and more beer, I felt quite O.K., although some photos I have seen since, show that I looked tremendously gaunt.

John Smith finished first in 5 hours 57 minutes and 5 seconds. Mekler did 6 h. 4 mins 4 secs. Turner, Buckingham and myself recorded 6:7.8; 6:8.26; and 6:10.39 respectively. These times placed us 2nd 4th 5th and 6th on the all-time list, ahead of anything Hayward, Walsh, Newton and Allan had ever done. The sixth man, Charley Chase of J'burg did 6:30.42 - he hadn't been nominated for the S.A. team and spent four days before the race drinking in Durban bars!

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**BACKPIECE: DEREK BOOSEY** triple jumps 50'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for England in the International v. Finland at the White City. Although 4th, Derek was only 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " behind the winner K. Rahkamo.

## BEST PERFORMANCES 1962

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| <b>100 yds.</b><br>G. Leroy 9.7 (W)<br>P. Leroy 10.1<br>R. Hudson 10.5 (Y)<br>A. Sexton 10.6<br>B. Blumberg 10.6                                                                                  | <b>220 yds</b><br>B. Morris 22.0<br>G. Leroy 22.3<br>G. Worrell 23.2<br>P. Cornelius 23.3<br>M. Smithers 23.4<br>P. Leroy 23.6<br>D. Cocks 23.7 (J)<br>R. Hudson 23.7 (Y)<br>A. Sexton 23.7 | <b>440 yds</b><br>B. Morris 48.1<br>G. Leroy 48.8<br>D. Cocks 49.7 (J)<br>G. Worrell 50.7<br>D. Wiseman 51.2 (J)<br>P. Pepe 51.8<br>P. Leroy 52.0<br>R. Hudson 52.2 (Y)<br>J. Thresher 52.9<br>A. Mead 53.1 (J)               |
| <b>440 yds. Hurdles</b><br>P. Pepe 55.0<br>R. Glenn 59.7                                                                                                                                          | <b>1 Mile</b><br>K. Robinson 4:08.3<br>J. Thresher 4:09.4<br>W. Kerr 4:11.8<br>D. Maclean 4:21.8<br>J. Davies 4:22.8<br>L.O'Hara 4:24.8<br>C. Steer 4:28.8 (J)<br>J. Bicourt 4:29.6 (Y)     | <b>2 Miles</b><br>W. Kerr 9:01.4<br>G. North 9:01.8 (I)<br>M. Robinson 9:04.2<br>J. Thresher 9:04.2<br>R. Linstead 9:18.6<br>J. Davies 9:20.6<br>D. Maclean 9:25.0<br>A. Black 9:27.5<br>L.O'Hara 9:28.0<br>C. Shippen 9:32.0 |
| <b>880 yds.</b><br>R. Norton 1:53.4<br>J. Thresher 1:53.9<br>D. Cocks 1:56.4 (J)<br>D. Baines 1:57.1<br>W. Kerr 1:58.3<br>J. Davies 1:59.0<br>P. Duncan 1:59.0                                    | <b>6 Miles</b><br>G. North 28:11.6<br>W. Kerr 29:19.4<br>R. Linstead 30:38.0<br>P. Newell 30:55.0<br>B. Sawyer 31:08.0<br>C. Walker 31:33.0                                                 | <b>3,000 M. Steeplechase</b><br>A. Black 9:20.0<br>D. Maclean 9:53.2<br>C. Shippen 9:54.0                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>3 Miles</b><br>G. North 13:37.6<br>W. Kerr 14:24.4<br>J. Davies 14:42.2<br>D. Maclean 14:48.0<br>L. O'Hara 14:53.0<br>B. Sawyer 15:00.0<br>A. Fairclough 15:17.0 (J)<br>J. Bicourt 15:18.0 (Y) | (Y) Youth (J) Junior (W) Wind-assisted (I) Indoors.                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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There was a great social after the race. Having spent 6 hours in the hot sun chasing my team mates and Mekler it was a welcome change to chase the local talent round a dance floor!

Lack of space, I feel, must forgive me to curtail detail of the last ten days of the trip. The day after the race we went back to Jo'burg and thence to the Krugu National Park Game Reserve for a long weekend. Here we saw the wild animals in their natural surroundings, from the safety of a car. During this trip we covered hundreds of miles over crude roads, passing through breath-taking mountain scenery. We saw tobacco, oranges and sugar cane being grown.

Back in Jo'burg for the last few days we were entertained at many parties and dinners. Usually on such occasions I had to get up and make a speech - indeed, I became fairly proficient for the last one.

Inevitable we were shown down a gold mine, which proved most interesting. Friendly as our miner guides were though, we weren't given any free samples. On Friday 8th June, our stay in South Africa ended and we left Jan Smuts Airport for the long journey home. We were by then very tired but quite contented. Our stay had been a happy one, for the people we met had been friendly, generous and hospitable. It had been a great experience made possible only by the generosity of those who had contributed to the R.R.C. appeal, and here I must thank all those in Belgrave for their donations.

### RESULT:

|                                 |         |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 1. John Smith (R.R.C.)          | 5:57.5  | 7 - 11 inside 7 hours     |
| 2. Jackie Mekler (S.A.M.R.C.)   | 6. 4.4  | 12 - 25 inside 8 hours    |
| 3. Don Turner (R.R.C.)          | 6. 7.8  | 26 - 39 inside 9 hours    |
| 4. Tom Buckingham (.R.R.C.)     | 6. 8.26 | 40 - 74 inside 10 hours   |
| 5. Ron Linstead (R.R.C.)        | 6.10.39 | 75 - 106 inside 11 hours. |
| 6. Charley Chase (Germiston H.) | 6.30.42 |                           |

Youngest finisher: 18 yrs old Roy Palfreman 62nd in 9:49.55.

National Cross Country Champion, GERRY NORTH, finished 2nd in the "Criterion of the Aces" 6 mile race in Brussels on November 18th. Winner, by a mere 5 yds. was European steeplechase champion Gaston Roelants.