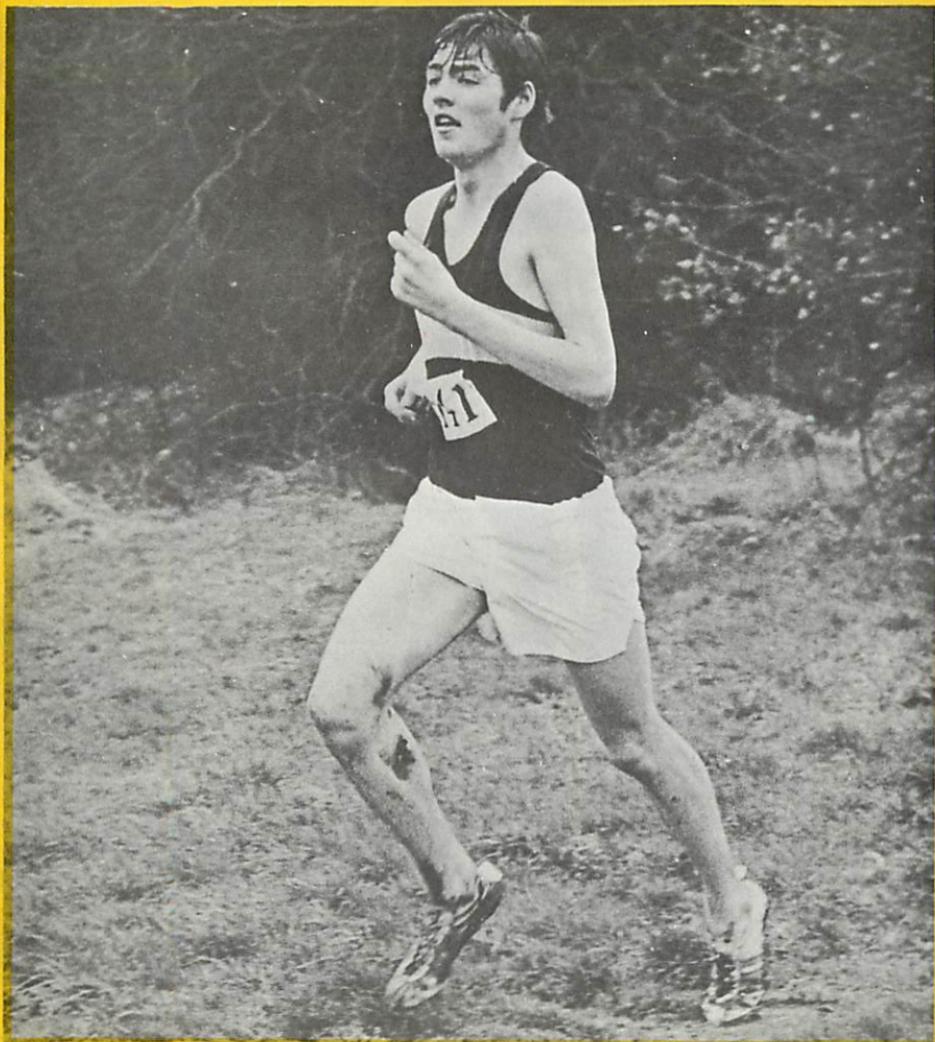


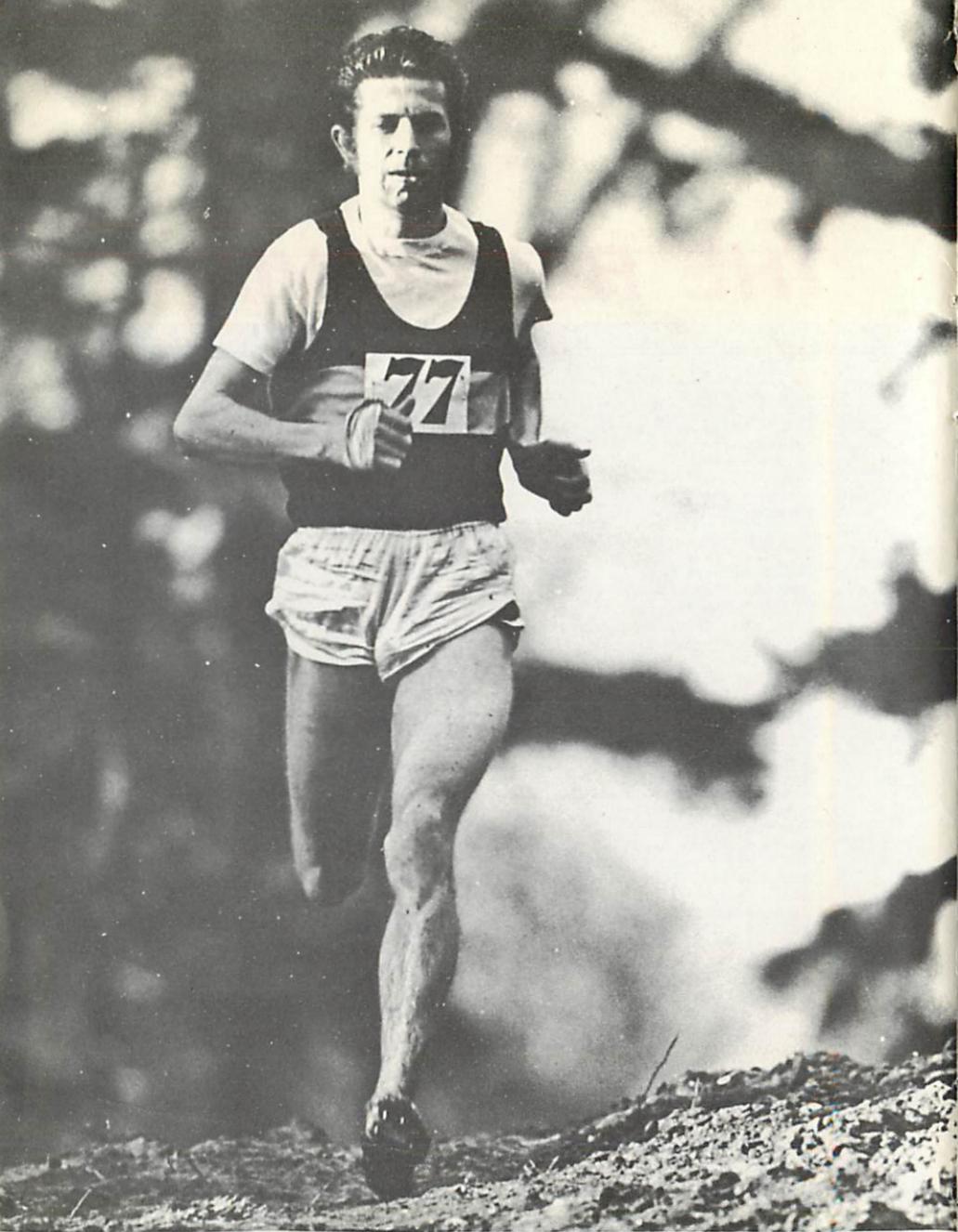


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FRONT COVER--

Mark Clancy, whose performances in the winter won him the title of Belgrave's most improved youth.

- Photo: Ron Linstead

FRONTISPIECE

Gerry North made a bold bid to win the Southern Counties cross-country championship, and might have succeeded had it not been for some trouble with the stitch. Here he is on his way to fourth place.

- Photo: Ed Bacey



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PRESIDENTIAL PARS

It is with sorrow that we advise the death of F.E. "Fred" McKay - brother of J.R. McKay, Past President, who himself died only a few months ago. Both brothers joined the Club in May 1922 and maintained a close interest in all Club happenings throughout the greater part of their lives. Our condolences are extended to Mrs. F.E. McKay.

We congratulate most sincerely our walkers on retaining the R.W.A. 10 miles championship at Redditch. This was a great victory for sound team support in a large and representative field. It was particularly pleasing to see ALAN CALLOW, our new member from the Isle of Man figuring in our winning team.

Our Cross-country runners met with extreme disappointment in the National championships at Norwich. It certainly was not our day, the redeeming feature perhaps was yet another good run by that model of consistency, GERRY NORTH, who just failed to make the international team on a bitterly cold day.

Our plan for a Club photograph was beset by adverse circumstance but nevertheless a large number of members, covering all ages and a true cross section of the club, did face RON LINSTAD and his camera on March 13th, and we trust we shall have a valuable record of faces for posterity.

This Club photograph was originally intended for the last Saturday in January when runners, walkers would be present in good numbers at our headquarters. However it was found that the Belgravian could not appear in sufficient time to advise all members of the intended photograph and it was decided to defer it until March 13th which seemed to be the only possible alternative date. Plans were duly made, special invitations extended to Past Presidents and many others; and then the postal strike intervened and our "Belgravians" and invitations to participate could not be sent out as well in advance as we would have hoped.

However, come the day and we were very pleasantly pleased with the numbers at Belgrave Hall. One wondered how many clubs could show such a muster, and with the circumstances adverse at that.

We'll try again sometime! Meanwhile apologies to those whose invitations reached them after the event - we should have enjoyed their company.

Our oldest members present were V.P. Ernest Neville (88 years) Charlie Speechley (85) and 1932 Olympic champion Tommy GREEN (77) - the youngest were still in single figures! Harry CHURCHER winner of seven A.A.A. titles, looked as though he could do it all over again and in support were a miscellany of internationals, former and present club champions, past presidents, and good honest worthy Belgrave Harriers covering a very wide span of years.

The track and field season proper is now upon us, and we trust we shall have an enjoyable Summer season. A few trophies here and there will remind us of our full potential, and we hope we shall distinguish ourselves in Southern League, and other events.

The prime consideration on which so much depends is, of course, complete support in every possible way of our officers and the arrangements they make on our behalf. A full attendance every time will do much to take us to the top and keep us there.

From the Hon. Treasurer

A.A.A. Draw	OCTOBER 1970	£55. 13. 9.
Jumble sale	OCTOBER 1970	£50. 10. 6.
Jumble sale	MARCH 1971	£36. 46 $\frac{1}{2}$

Without the above, senior athletes would be paying 50p a year more subscriptions.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP CLUB FUNDS AND YOURSELF.

The AAA draw is an ideal way to get other people to pay for our sport and we should do better, at least three times better than we do now. If you did not receive any draw books last year and can sell some let Frank Webb know. Also if anyone can sell more books than he received last year let Frank know.

A lot of work is put in by Frank Webb and Bill Cousins on these two money raising efforts. Club members must support them or dig deeper into their own pockets.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP CLUB FUNDS AND YOURSELF ?

THE HON. TREASURER LIVES AT:-

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Please correct your summer fixture cards accordingly, and also alter

TOM CARTER'S address to 50, Covington Way, S.W. 16



This is the magazine they cannot gag. Boldly, the Belgravian brings you this picture which proves that cross country officials do not officiate only in blizzards of the monsoon season.

Everyone knows what a mountain of work for Belgrave grimacing Gordon Biscoe (left) gets through. Fewer may know what an invaluable asset we have in our assistant hon. secretary, Bill Ashford, seen here with his recorder's board at the Blackstaffe Shield.

- Photo: Ron Linstead

OBITUARY

J.G. (JIMMY) FLATT

We have to advise the death of our old friend, Jimmy Flatt; and extend our sincere sympathy to his daughter.

Jimmy joined the Club in October, 1921, and his quiet, modest, unassuming manner quickly endeared him to our clubmates of 50 years ago.

In 1922, Jimmy was second in the Club 7-miles cross-country championship, but went one better the following year, when he won the "Elackstaffe" Shield. Second to him on that occasion was Micky Pyer, and third Bert Footer. In 1924, he took third medal in this championship.

He figured regularly in our teams during this rather undistinguished span of years, and led our scoring team home in the National cross-country championship at Beaconsfield in 1923. Jimmy's position was 91st, and our six scored 913 points, giving us 23rd place. Incidentally, this appears to have been the first occasion that we finished a team in this championship, which we were to win emphatically some years later in our history.

In Surrey County cross-country championships, Jimmy was a member of our winning team in 1926, and of our placed teams in 1923 and 1924.

His running career was interrupted by some spells of ill-health, but his affection for the Club was unimpaired, and he was truly one of those who laid foundations for those who followed.

In many years past, he had paid us the occasional visit at Wimbledon, and we were always glad to see the modest little man who had helped so much in the building up of our cross-country traditions, and retained his loyalty to the Club over so many years.

R.I.P.

W. (BILL) REDGRAVE

We have to record with regret the death of Bill Redgrave, a Vice-President of the Club, and a member for over fifty years. Bill was born and lived all his life in Westminster, and even after his retirement from the Army and Navy Stores continued to serve as an agent of our Football Scheme until a few weeks ago.

Bill helped the Club in many ways during his long membership, and many will remember his unflinching appearance at our Meetings to take charge of the programme sales in the days when a printed programme was considered a necessity.

Our sympathy is extended to his son Charlie, who figured in our walking teams at one time, and to Bill's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. S.L. King. Syd is, of course, a Life Member, and a former Hon. Treasurer and Walking Hon. Secretary.

- A.A.H.

JUMBLE SALE - 20th MARCH

Total Profit to the Club £34.87½

Unfortunately our jumble sale clashed with about half a dozen others in the Wimbledon area on the same day, but we didn't do so badly. I must say it was the best 'short notice' effort ever, with a fine tally of jumble to sell and excellent help from club members, wives, sons and daughters. My thanks on behalf of the club to them all.

FROM 'The Belgravian'

25 years ago ●●●●●

JUNE 1946 -----

The first post-war Winter season was a memorable one for the Belgrave Harriers. Our cross-country runners won every open championship. In November we had the first two teams home in the South of the Thames "Junior", and the first three individuals. This in itself was a remarkable feat as all of our pre-war "cracks" cannot run in this race owing to the barring clauses. In the New Year we won the Surrey County Title, whilst our Middlesex members, running for Cadogan A.C., took the Middlesex title. This was not regarded as very extraordinary as it had been done on various occasions before the war. The South of the Thames "Senior" Race resulted in another win for us. Here again, a large number of our best men are barred. The Southern Counties Cross-Country Championship, 7½ miles instead of the usual 10, was held from Belgrave Hall. Our Captain, Tom Carter, gained a well earned and popular victory. With David Main third and four others in the first 20 positions, we gained a 99 points margin over the second team. In fact, our team of 12 was home before any other team had finished its six scoring men! Then to the much awaited English Championship of which we were the proud holders. On March 9th our lads travelled to Leamington Spa and had another battle royal with our famous Midland rivals, Birchfield Harriers. Our team finished in the first 24 positions, and after a breath-taking adding up of the scores we were acclaimed winners with a ten-points margin. We are indeed truly the Champion Club.

Of individuals, Tom Carter deserves our thanks and praise for the successful training and nursing of his team, also of course for his own brilliant running. It was a cause for general regret that Tom did not get another International vest. Len Herbert, by finishing seventh, was awarded an England vest and we congratulate Len on adding his name to the distinguished company of Belgravians so honoured in the past. It is of interest to recall them: A. Allum, H.E.Footer (3), A.W.Penny (3), C.T.Carter, J.Ginty and E.S.Stimpson. Pat Parker qualified for an England vest but chose to run for Ireland. David Main has also entered the ranks of the Internationals as he also ran for Ireland.

●●●●● and 40 years ago

MARCH 1931 -----

Arthur Allum merits the congratulations of all upon his splendid running in the Southern Cross-country Championship. He is the first Belgrave man to finish in the first three of this race, and it should not be long before he improves, even upon this.

Since writing the above Arthur has very nearly exhausted our supply of superlatives by finishing fifth in the National Championship, and so earned a place in the English team. The Club's best wishes go with Arthur to Ireland.

In the International Championship decided at Baldoyle Racecourse, Dublin, Arthur Allum finished ninth in the actual race and was the sixth Englishman to score. Thus England scored a very easy win and we are proud to have supplied one of the victorious team.

WITH THE WALKERS:

Our scratch teams have continued in the victorious vein and have brought the number of successive wins to eight - without doubt a unique feat in the history of road walking. The successes are as follows:-

R.W.A.'7', Enfield '7', Highgate '7', Belgrave '7', S.W.C. Godstone & Back, Cambridge '7', L.C.C. Tramways '7', Ashcombe '10'.

Len Fletcher and Frank Elson have assisted the Club in seven of these eight wins; Tommy Green six times; Fred Rickards on three occasions; Harold King, Frank Thorn and Ted Saunders each twice; and Joe King and Jack Field once each.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Winning for three-quarters of the distance

The snag with the soccer match against Buckingham Palace staff was that referee Tom Carter neglected to bring the game to an end while we were still winning.

A beautiful first-half goal gave us a lead that we held into the last quarter of the game, then the Palace - with our own Lionel Mann playing a starring role - struck, and we ended up on the wrong side of a 3-1 scoreline.

A fitting lead-up to the Cup-final all the same.

CROSS-COUNTRY

SECOND PLACE IN SURREY CROSS-COUNTRY - Wimbledon, January 2, 1971

Even with a great breakthrough by Guy Monnet, who finished a magnificent 14th in 41m. 57s., we were still kept out of first place in the Surrey Cross-Country Championship, over 7-miles of fog-bound Wimbledon Common.

Gerry North finished in sixth place in 40m. 12s., just under a minute behind the winner, Bob Holt of Hercules Wimbledon. Trevor Hart was just one place in front of Guy, who was followed by John Thresher, 18th, and a back-to-form Alan Black, 20th, with Tony Fairclough making up the scoring six. John Bicourt was none too fresh after a run in the Nos Galan meeting in Wales the previous night.

1. R. Holt (Hercules Wimbledon)	39m.13s.	54. C. Steer (Belgrave)	45m.11s.
6. Gerry North (BELGRAVE H.)	40 12	55. J. Kelly "	45 13
13. T. Hart "	41 33	58. C. Dabbs "	45 15
14. G. Monnet "	41 57	65. C. Pearson (Bel/ind.)	45 48
18. J. Thresher "	42 26	67. J. Bicourt (Belgrave)	46 00
20. A. Black "	42 33	68. W. Kerr "	46 00
28. A. Fairclough "	43 05	72. C. Walker "	46 18

In the Middlesex championship, at Cockfosters, Laurie O'Hara was 20th in 43m.53s., and Pat O'Connor 21st in 43m. 58s. Lionel Mann was third in the Bedfordshire championship in 32m. 30s., and in the Wiltshire, Tony Brien was second in 39m. 32s., just one second behind the winner, J. Maskell, of Swindon.

INTER-COUNTIES

Leicester, January 16, 1971

Gerry helps Surrey to title

Lancashire went to Leicester as hot favourites for the inter-counties' title, but as at Leicester four years ago, it was Surrey that ran away with the race - and helping them was our own Gerry North.

Once again, Gerry showed his capacity to rise to the occasion, covering the near 7½-mile course in 35m. 42s., against 35m. 04s. by the winner, Trevor Wright, of Hallamshire and Yorkshire.

Lionel Mann produced a sound run, as usual, to finish 84th in 37m. 06s. for Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire. But ahead of him was our rapidly improving R.A.F. runner, Tony Brien, who carried Wiltshire colours to 67th place in 36m. 48s. Turning his attention to the mud, also, was our road running member Brian Joines, who finished 287th in 42m. 55s. for Oxfordshire.

Apart from winning the Senior race, Surrey took third place in the Youths' event. Three Belgrave runners finished in the Country's scoring four - Bill Curtin coming home tenth in 18m. 58s. - some 32s. behind the winner - while Peter Carton was one place further back in 18m. 59s., and Tony Binda was the third Surrey man, with 26th place in 19m. 32s. John Stow also won his County colours, but was going through a rough patch when this race came round, and finished 99th in 21m. 11s., nothing like the performance we know he can produce.

Monnet wins at Ruislip - January 16, 1971

Guy Monnet again produced some good form to win at Ruislip over a supposed 7-miles in 42m. 08s., but had very little support. This was a very poor turnout.

1. G. Monnet (Bels)	42m.08s.	1. Hillingdon	48 points
20. C. Pearson "	46 26	2. Metropolitan Police	63 "
32. D. McKeown "	48 48	3. Horsham Blue Star	173 "
37. C. Henn "	51 27	4. BELGRAVE H.	175 "
42. R. Beaumont "	55 13		(scoring 6-a-side)
43. R. Hamilton "	56 38		

MACHER SHIELD

Mann makes it five in Macher Shield - Wimbledon, January 23, 1971

Lionel Mann won his fifth official club championship of 1970-71 when he added the 10-mile title to his bag after a hard struggle with surprise packet Guy Monnet. Just for good measure, Lionel is also the club darts champ.

Guy had been showing good form earlier this winter, and had really come to the fore in the Surrey championship three weeks earlier. In his first ten-miler of the winter, he showed that he was good for the distance, pushing Lionel from start to finish, and being squeezed into second place by a mere five seconds.

John Kelly ran himself into a place in the Southern team, and was a deserving winner of the handicap.

	Scratch time	Hand- icap	Hand- icap	Hand- icap	Hand- icap		Scratch time	Hand- icap	Hand- icap	Hand- icap
			time	place					time	place
1. L. Mann	58m.51s.	1.15	57.36	6		13. B. Gorman	69m.35s.	10.00	59.35	11
2. G. Monnet	58 56	2.00	56.56	3		14. L. Morris	70 23	-	-	-
3. T. Hart	59 28	2.00	57.28	5		15. D. Davies	72 59	13.00	59.59	13
4. P. O'Connor	59 35	3.00	56.35	2		16. S. Barrett	73 56	14.00	59.56	12
5. A. Fairclough	61 01	1.30	59.31	10		17. R. Frewlett	74 02	-	-	-
6. J. Kelly	62 22	6.00	56.22	1		18. C. Henn	74 07	14.00	60.07	14
7. A. Major	63 32	3.00	60.32	16		19. D. Bonser	74 33	14.00	60.33	17
8. C. Pearson	64 08	6.00	58.08	7		20. P. Pringle	76 15	11.30	64.45	22
9. C. Steer	66 04	7.00	59.04	9		21. R. Beaumont	76 22	16.00	60.22	15
10. R. James	67 30	6.30	61.00	18		22. C. Manning	76 39	18.00	58.39	8
11. J. Keown	68 15	11.00	57.15	4		23. K. Stimpson	77 20	16.00	61.20	19
12. C. Walker	69 26	8.00	61.26	20		24. J. Baker	83 26	20.00	63.26	21

Lionel Mann rescues the "B" team - Ruislip, January 30, 1971

It was a good thing for our "B" team that first-teamers Lionel Mann and Pat O'Connor wanted a run-out at Ruislip, because of our genuine "B" team men only five made the journey.

Lionel won the race from Pat O'Connor, with our road running member Brian Joines taking fourth place for Oxford City, his first-claim club over the country. Denis McKeown was 10th, Charlie Henn 14th, John Blair-Fish 20th, John V. Baker 24th, and John Johnson - playing hockey from the walking section - 26th. Times, unfortunately are not available.

The team result is available, however, and scoring six-a-side, we were second, with 71 points, to Oxford City's 37, with Hillingdon third, on 84.

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VETS PIPPED BY BLACKHEATH, - Hayes, Kent, February 27, 1971

Jackie Brown must be one of the most formidable veteran runners in the country, and had little difficulty in winning over five miles at Hayes. And with Fred Paget taking second place we were off to a good start. Scoring 6-a-side, Blackheath had just to much depth for us, however, defeating us by 37 points to 41.

|                    |           |                 |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. J. Brown (Bels) | 28m. 44s. | 11. C. Manning  | 33m. 40s. |
| 2. F. Paget "      | 29 43     | 16. J.V. Baker  | 34 59     |
| 7. K. Stimpson "   | 32 40     | 19. E. Stimpson | 36 59     |
| 8. G. Pearson "    | 34 46     |                 |           |

## A SOUTHERN SILVER!

### BELS HIT FORM AT PARLIAMENT HILL

Having slipped out of a place in the Southern Cross-Country in 1970 for the first time in several years, the Bels bounced back into form in the Parliament Hill mud this February, with a highly encouraging second place.

Reading romped away with the title - helped by our old friend Dick Piotrowski in 37th place. Their total of 137 points went quite unchallenged. Our second place was a nail-biting business, however. With 221 points we had a margin of only 4 points to spare over the up-and-coming Hillingdon side, and only 5 to spare over Brighton & Hove.

It was pleasing to be the first Surrey side - ahead of the titleholders, Hercules Wimbledon - and also to take the Oddling Smees Cup, as the first Surrey club to close in a full team of 12 men.

The most heartwarming sight of the afternoon for Belgrave supporters was that of the flying figure of Gerry North, who made a thrilling attempt to recapture his title - and had he not been hit by his old enemy, the stitch, might well have done so. As it was, his fourth place in 46m. 55s. gave us a magnificent start, and with another three men in the first 34, and John Thresher in 42nd, it was a good day for the Bels. John Bicourt made a good recovery from his disappointing show in the Surrey, to finish 34th in 48m. 55s. Lionel Mann was two places ahead of John, with 32nd in 48m. 53s., but both these stalwarts were outpaced by that rising star Tony Brien - 30th in 48m. 48s. A below par Tony Fairclough made up the scoring six - in 79th place.

Pat O'Connor's 82nd place was closer to his real ability than some of his other performances lately, while it was good to see Bill Dance down from Yorkshire to carry the Belgrave colours again. Trevor Hart must have been disappointed with 123rd, but not as disappointed as Guy Monnet - the most sharply improved runner in the club - who could have expected to finish at least 100 places higher than his 151st.

A different Guy might have been seen, however, had it not been for a poisoned tooth. John Kelly was rewarded for his recent improvement with a first run in the Southern.

#### Individual result:-

|                     |                    |           |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. P. Standing      | (Brighton & Hove), | 46m. 35s. |
| 2. A. Ashton        | (Reading),         | 46m. 46s. |
| 3. W. Mullett       | (Brighton & Hove), | 46m. 49s. |
| 4. Gerry North      | (BELGRAVE H.),     | 46m. 55s. |
| 30. Tony Brien      | "                  | 48m. 48s. |
| 32. Lionel Mann     | "                  | 48m. 53s. |
| 34. John Bicourt    | "                  | 48m. 55s. |
| 42. John Thresher   | "                  | 49m. 15s. |
| 79. Tony Fairclough | "                  | 50m. 27s. |
| 82. Pat O'Connor    | "                  | 50m. 30s. |
| 107. Bill Dance     | "                  | 51m. 12s. |
| 123. Trevor Hart    | "                  |           |
| 151. Guy Monnet     | "                  |           |
| 187. Adrian Major   | "                  |           |
| 189. John Kelly     | "                  |           |

#### Team result:-

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Reading A.C. (2,14,19,21,37,44) | - 137, |
| 2. BELGRAVE H. (4,30,32,34,42,79)  | - 221, |
| 3. Hillingdon (9,27,31,43,55,60)   | - 225, |
| 4. Brighton & Hove                 | - 226, |
| 5. Thames Valley H.                | - 347, |
| 6. Hercules Wimbledon              | - 357, |
| 7. Cambridge Harriers              | - 369, |
| 8. Blackheath H.                   | - 387, |
| 9. Portsmouth                      | - 474, |
| 10. Thames H. & H.                 | - 499, |
| 11. South London H.                | - 502, |
| 12. Ealing & Southall              | - 573. |

### BRIEN RUNS FOR R.A.F.

Tony Brien was a prominent member of R.A.F. cross-country teams last winter. At Barry on January 9, he helped his side to beat Wales, when he finished second to England international Roger Clark in 26m. 57s., the same time as the winner's. Tony also showed some useful track form at Motspur Park on May 12, in a match between London University, the R.A.F., Borough Road College, and Middlesex, finishing eighth in the 3,000m. in 8m. 44s., one place behind our own John Bicourt, who clocked 8m. 43.2s., competing as a guest.

### SOUTH OF THAMES SENIOR

In the South of Thames Senior Cross-Country Championship, at Maidstone on January 30, Belgrave finished 20th, with 769 points.

# SURREY C.C. LEAGUE

FIFTH SUCCESSIVE SUCCESS IN SURREY LEAGUE - Coulsdon, February 20, 1971

The Surrey Cross-Country League title was well set up for the Bels to take after the first three of the season's four fixtures. The last race, however, provided the club with yet another sweeping victory - to put the seal on our fifth successive League title.

For many of our men this run was mainly important as a warm-up for the National two weeks later, and it was good to see Tony Fairclough making more like his real self, and Alan Black also showing up well. John Thresher's 5th place was good enough to give him third place in the individual League championship.

| Individuals:              | m. | s. |                     | m. | s.    |
|---------------------------|----|----|---------------------|----|-------|
| 1. J. Roberts (SLH),      | 27 | 22 | 44. C. Steer (B.H.) | 30 | 55    |
| 2. D. Faircloth (Croydon) | 27 | 37 | 47. R. James        | "  | 31 07 |
| 3. Gerry North (S.H.)     | 27 | 49 | 74. F. Paget        | "  | 33 39 |
| 5. J. Thresher            | 28 | 06 | 79. D. Davies       | "  | 34 15 |
| 7. L. Mann                | 28 | 22 | 93. C. Henn         | "  | 35 42 |
| 8. J. Bicourt             | 28 | 29 |                     |    |       |
| 10. A. Fairclough         | 28 | 41 |                     |    |       |
| 17. G. Monnet             | 29 | 08 |                     |    |       |
| 18. P. O'Connor           | 29 | 11 |                     |    |       |
| 22. T. Hart               | 29 | 35 |                     |    |       |
| 28. A. Black              | 29 | 57 |                     |    |       |
| 42. C. Pearson            | 30 | 53 |                     |    |       |

| Teams:                   | 160 points | Final Result:            | 739 points |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1. Belgrave              | 301        | 1. Belgrave              | 1,021      |
| 2. Hercules Wimbledon    | 334        | 2. Hercules Wimbledon    | 1,475      |
| 3. Ranelagh              | 353        | 3. Croydon               | 1,505      |
| 4. Croydon               | 362        | 4. Ranelagh              | 1,523      |
| 5. Mitcham               | 384        | 5. South London Harriers | 1,596      |
| 6. South London Harriers | 591        | 6. Mitcham               | 2,081      |
| 7. Walton                |            | 7. Walton                |            |

## "B" TEAM PIPED BY BLACKHEATH - Hayes, Kent, March 6, 1971

This race was held the same day as the National, and produced a win for Guy Monnet, who ranks with the "A" team these days, but was not eligible for Norwich. Colin Pearson is steadily improving, and showing what a little determination can accomplish, and took second place.

But as in the vets' match the previous week, first two places could not save us from being edged into second place by the home side, Blackheath, who won by 104 points to 106 (scoring 10-a-side).

|               |           |                 |           |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. Guy Monnet | 25m. 52s. | 11. B. Merry    | 30m. 24s. | 16. F. Paget  | 32m. 54s. |
| 2. C. Pearson | 25 54     | 13. A. Stroud   | 32 18     | 17. C. Keavey | 33 07     |
| 6. B. Gorman  | 28 06     | 14. R. Beaumont | 32 25     | 19. D. Jones  | 32 28     |
| 7. C. Walker  | 28 22     |                 |           |               |           |

## THE MUDDY MILES

Only the hardiest athletic types care to tackle the mile after mile of Epping Forest mud that makes up the annual fifteen mile cross-country race promoted by the Orion Harriers.

Two inveterate Belgrave mudlarks took part in this year's wallow. Don Bonser covered the course in 1hr. 59m. 40s. in 73rd place, and Paul Pringle clocked 2hrs. 09m. 05s in 86th.

## WALKER WINS VETS A.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Charlie Walker took time off from Belgrave matters to win the Vets A.C. 5-mile cross-country championship in 27m. 51s. Third place went to our old member Steve Charlton, who runs in Thames Valley colours these days, but obviously knows his way round Wimbledon Common still.

# National Cross-Country Championships

Oh dear, what a calamity!

at the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Showground, Norwich, March 6, 1971

Hopes raised at the Southern took a sharp plunge at Norwich. Twelfth place was our worst in the National for a good few years. But that's the way it goes. Lose a few seconds in the National and you lose a lot of places.

We still have the men to get a high placing next year - six men in a hundred is a fair target to aim at. And it only wants a bit of application - not 200 miles a week.

This year we only managed one in a hundred - Gerry North battling magnificently against a bad cold - and ignoring his doctor's advice to give the race a miss - to finish 18th. Otherwise, our lads were solidly below par. And with only eight finishers, we didn't even challenge for the Charles Otway Cup - awarded to the first team (nine to score) outside the first three in the Championship.

| Individuals:-   | m. s.                 | m. s.                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. D. Bedford   | - Shaftesbury - 47 04 | 18. Gerry North - B.H.- 49 02 |
| 2. M. Thomas    | - Thames Valley-47 44 | 102. L. Mann " "              |
| 3. T. Wright    | - Hallamshire - 47 58 | 129. A. Brien " "             |
| 4. J. Caine     | - Gateshead - 48 03   | 152. J. Thresher " "          |
| 5. P. Standing  | † Brighton&H. - 48 04 | 210. A. Fairclough " "        |
| 6. A. Simmons   | - Luton - 48 05       | 222. G. Dance " "             |
| 7. A. Holden    | - Birmingham U.-48 08 | 232. P. O'Connor " "          |
| 8. F. Briscoe   | - Leigh - 48 15       | 282. T. Hart " "              |
| 9. M. Beevor    | - Hercules W. - 48 22 | - J. Bicourt " "              |
| 10. A. Blinston | - Altrincham - 48 23  |                               |

## Teams:-

|                                      |     |                                         |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Shettleston (11,19,24,32,65,131)  | 282 | 7. Hercules W.(9,13,41,87,177,283)      | 610 |
| 2. Tipton (14,31,42,53,61,88)        | 289 | 8. Coventry G.(20,25,58,59,227,233)     | 622 |
| 3. Reading (37,38,40,54,86,91)       | 346 | 9. CambridgeH.(72,89,90,98,142,157)     | 648 |
| 4. Hillingdon (21,71,78,105,108,134) | 517 | 10. Gateshead (4,22,43,92,238,332)      | 731 |
| 5. Derby (48,49,95,106,109,144)      | 551 | 11. Bolton (12,82,111,140,172,220)      | 737 |
| 6. Thames V. (2,83,119,123,132,143)  | 602 | 12. BELGRAVE H.(18,102,129,152,210,222) | 833 |

AFTER ALL THAT...  
JUST A FNER!

..THEN I DISCOVERED  
MY PLAQUE WAS  
DIFFERENT..

OH YEA! SO WHAT  
DID THEY  
DO?

NOTHING!



## ROAD RELAYS

It cannot be said that 1971 was a vintage year for Belgrave in the road relay field. But the bright aspects are the emergence of our junior stars as forces in the senior ranks, and the continuing enthusiasm to be found in our ranks. Setbacks are inevitable from time to time, but they can also be the springboard for greater things.

It seemed that the disappointment of the National cross-country performance was still hanging over us when he went to Cranford for the annual Thames Valley relay, and fifth was the best we could manage. Colin Pearson's 13th place for the "B" team on the first leg was enough to win him his place in the team for the following week's Southern relay, and there were promising runs from Alan Black and Chris Steer, but otherwise little of note.

Setting aside the two championships, however, from this point our form seemed to be improving.

Fresh, if that is the word, from seventh in the Southern race, we went to Brighton on April 3 for the Seafront race, and this time we managed fourth place. John Stow showed that he was recovering the form that makes him one of our brightest junior stars, with a good clocking on the first stage for the "A" team, and it was nice to see Derek Crooks turning out for us again.

Then, at Hornsey the following week, it was up to fourth place, with our junior runners again making their presence felt, and another good run from Chris Steer. Gerry North, unfortunately, was by this time feeling the full effects of his recent illness - which had possibly cost him his place in the international cross country team.

### Thames Valley Harriers' Relay - 5x3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -miles - Cranford - March 20, 1971

|               |           |                |           |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. Hillingdon | 82m. 09s. | 4. Portsmouth  | 83m. 43s. |
| 2. Reading    | 82 59     | 5. BELGRAVE H. | 84 02     |
| 3. Thames V.  | 83 09     |                |           |

| "A" team       |           | "B" team       |           |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 3. Gerry North | 16m. 27s. | 13. C. Pearson | 17m. 08s. |
| 4. L. Mann     | 16 53     | 16. A. Binda   | 17 32     |
| 4. T. Hart     | 16 53     | 9. A. Black    | 17 04     |
| 5. P. O'Connor | 17 05     | 10. C. Steer   | 17 24     |
| 5. L. O'Hara   | 16 44     | 15. W. Laws    | 19 22     |
|                | 84 02     |                | 88 30     |

| "C" team      |       | "D" team      |       |
|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 12. W. Kerr   | 17 07 | 34. B. Gorman | 18 25 |
| 15. J. Stow   | 17 32 | 41. B. Merry  | 20 34 |
| 14. J. Rimmer | 17 35 | 40. D. Davies | 20 10 |
| 19. J. Davies | 19 34 | 32. C. Henn   | 20 17 |
| 19. M. McNair | 18 41 | 30. R. Ker    | 19 44 |
|               | 90 29 |               | 99 10 |

| "E" team          |       | Veterans        |       |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 55. J. Blair-Fish | 24 54 | (31.) C. Walker | 18 11 |
| 53. D. Crooks     | 20 20 | (38.) F. Pagot  | 19 39 |
| 48. C. Manning    | 21 27 | (37.) D. Jones  | 19 45 |
| 37. R. Beaumont   | 21 56 |                 | 57 35 |
| 34. A. Stroud     | 21 16 |                 |       |

### BITTER NEWS FOR THIRSTY BELS

Our old friend Len Adams has given up the insurance business to become Mine Host at the Malden Manor pub, opposite Malden Manor Station - just a few javelin throws from Motpur Park.

You don't have to go back all that many years (only to the early nineteen-fifties) to remember Len as a stylish last leg man in the London to Brighton Relay. Len still looks good for a sub-fifteen minutes 3-miles - or at least for two-miles in drinking-up time.

It may seem a long jump from insurance to licensed victualling, but Len points out that he's always been interested in - er, drinking.

A warm welcome from Len and Eve awaits all Bels at the Malden Manor.

## Brighton Front Relay - April 3, 1971

| "A" team         |           | "B" team       |              |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| 16. J. Stow      | 13m. 17s. | 28. R. James   | 14m. 03s.    |
| 7. T. Hart       | 12 48     | 29. C. Keavey  | 15 00        |
| 5. W. Kerr       | 13 07     | 29. D. Crookes | 15 26        |
| 5. M. Fairclough | 13 19     | 24. J. Rimmer  | 13 40        |
| 4. C. Pearson    | 13 37     | *22. T. Hart   | 13 15        |
| 4. J. Bicourt    | 12 59     | *19. W. Kerr   | <u>14 29</u> |
|                  |           |                | 85 53        |

| "C" team   |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| 35. R. Ker | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 50 |
|            | 16 02              |

\*Unofficial conclusion -  
second time round for Kerr and Hart.

1, Reading, 76m. 17s.; 2, Brighton & H., 76m. 32s.; 3, Hillingdon, 77m. 09s.

## Hornsey A.C. Relay - 5x4-miles - April 10, 1971

|                  |            |                      |            |
|------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Hillingdon    | 103m. 18s. | 4. Ealing & Southall | 104m. 23s. |
| 2. Windsor, S&E. | 103 58     | 5. Shaftesbury       | 106 37     |
| 3. BELGRAVE "A"  | 104 23     | 6. BELGRAVE "B"      | 107 36     |

| "A" team       |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 2. L. O'Hara   | 20m. 26s. |
| 3. T. Hart     | 20 44     |
| 3. W. Curtin   | 21 06     |
| 2. P. O'Connor | 21 12     |
| 3. J. Thresher | 20 55     |
|                | 104 23    |

| "B" team       |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 6. W. Kerr     | 21m. 24s. |
| 7. Gerry North | 21 27     |
| 7. A. Binda    | 21 26     |
| 6. P. Carton   | 21 20     |
| 6. C. Pearson  | 21 57     |
|                | 107 34    |

| "C" team      |        |
|---------------|--------|
| 10. C. Steer  | 21 42  |
| 12. J. Stow   | 22 00  |
| 14. R. James  | 22 37  |
| 13. C. Walker | 23 03  |
| 16. W. Kerr   | 23 42  |
|               | 113 11 |

| "D" team      |       |
|---------------|-------|
| 20. E. Gorman | 22 31 |
| 20 M. Clancy  | 23 03 |

## Road relay trial - Hayes, Kent - April 24, 1971

With a week to go our National Road Relay team was far from picking itself, and we were grateful to Blackheath for putting on a special trial at their Hayes headquarters.

Blackheath and Hercules-Wimbledon each fielded one team of four, and we put out three. The course was a slightly longer version of the one used for the annual open Blackheath relay in September, and measured just over three miles.

Our "A" team led on each lap, with our "B" team second on each, while our "C" finished fifth. Trials sometimes do something to sort out selection problems, but on this occasion the most important performance was put up by Guy Monnet, whose 15m. 06s. - slightly faster than the times returned by Tony Fairclough and Tony Binda - must have caused some headaches. Guy had not been seen in our teams for several weeks, and must have come within an ace of forcing his way into the National Relay team.

| "A" team       |           | "B" team         |       | "C" team      |       |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1. J. Thresher | 14m. 35s. | 2. W. Kerr       | 14.37 | - C. Steer    | 15.22 |
| 1. P. Carton   | 14 43     | 2. T. Hart       | 14.44 | - C. Pearson  | 15.19 |
| 1. G. Monnet   | 15 06     | 2. A. Fairclough | 15.09 | - C. Walker   | 16.09 |
| 1. Gerry North | 14 55     | 2. A. Binda      | 15.12 | 5.R. Beaumont | 19.21 |
|                | 59 19     |                  | 59.42 |               | 66.11 |

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# National Relay

BIRCHFIELD BACK - National Road Relay, Sutton Coldfield, May 1, 1971

If it was like old times to see old pals of the Brighton Road, Thames Valley, win the Southern Road Relay, it was doubly like old times to see our London-to-Brighton rivals of the nineteen-thirties, Birchfield, taking the National Relay title.

But it was bad times for the Bels. With our Birmingham friends first in 4hrs. 10m. 58s., we were 4hrs. 21m. 00s. But just to show how fortunes fluctuate in this type of running, Southern winners Thames Valley were only 56s. ahead of us, in 12th place.

On the same lines as the Southern event, the race consisted of a 5.6 miles leg, and a 3.1 miles leg, covered alternately, to make a total distance over 52 miles.

Hillingdon led at the end of the first lap, of 5.6 miles, and Coventry at the end of the each of the next 7 laps, except the fifth lap, when Tipton briefly took up the pace-making. Birchfield ended each of the last four laps at the front, but only after a great battle with the reigning champions, Godiva.

Laurie O'Hara got us off to a promising start. Though only 14th, his 27m. 11s. was a good time for the distance, and kept us well in touch with the leaders. Only Trevor Hart of our men could get within half-a-minute of his clocking.

At the end of the second stage, the outlook still looked promising. John Bicourt went round the shorter leg in a useful 15m. 23s., and gave us our best position of the day - eleventh.

Bill Kerr was not at his best, however, on the third leg, falling to 16th, with a time of 27m. 58s. Peter Carton, just turned 18, came into the team, and gave a hint of things to come, returning 15m. 43s. to pick up one place.

Pat O'Connor was a shadow of his real self on the next stage, dropping to 18th, with 28m. 27s. Gerry North was still fighting off the effects of his earlier illness, and took a short stage, rather than his customary long. He ran well in the circumstances, however, to cover his lap in 15m. 09s., and pull back two places.

Next, it was Lionel Mann's turn, but not his day - a time of 27m. 55s. losing one place. Young Tony Binda had an unenviable task in his first race of this calibre - but he did well to hold his position and clock 15m. 52s. on the eighth stage.

Bill Bance stayed in 17th place, with 28m. 05s., and about the only bright speck in the sky at this point was that we were at least ahead of that renowned road relay club, Portsmouth A.C. Tony Fairclough was again fit enough only for a shortage stage, but he caught the Cardiff man to put us in 16th place, clocking 15m. 59s.

Trevor Hart remained in 16th place on the 11th lap, but he put in some good work (by the standards of the day), to return 27m. 38s., and provide Bill Curtin with something to go for on the last lap.

Bill showed his senior teammates a thing or two, passing the Medway and Bristol runners on his way to 14th place, with 15m. 40s.

|                  | hrs. m. s. |                     | hrs. m. s. |                | hrs. m. s. |
|------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. Birchfield    | 4 10 58    | 9. Small Heath      | 4 18 06    | 17. Portsmouth | 4 22 29    |
| 2. Coventry G.   | 4 11 31    | 10. Cambridge H.    | 4 18 23    | 18. Notts A.C. | 4 23 10    |
| 3. Tipton        | 4 13 17    | 11. Hercules Wim.   | 4 18 24    | 19. Cardiff    | 4 24 08    |
| 4. Reading       | 4 13 53    | 12. Thames Valley   | 4 20 04    | 20. Salford    | 4 24 18    |
| 5. Derby         | 4 15 22    | 13. Manchester & D. | 4 20 09    | 21. Wirral     | 4 24 33    |
| 6. Hillingdon    | 4 16 12    | 14. BELGRAVE H.     | 4 21 00    | 22. Blackburn  | 4 27 41    |
| 7. City of Stoke | 4 16 45    | 15. Medway          | 4 21 31    |                |            |
| 8. Bolton Utd.   | 4 17 27    | 16. Bristol         | 4 22 07    |                |            |

**Fastest laps:** short (3.1 miles) - D. Moorcroft (Coventry Godiva), 14m. 27s.  
long (5.6 miles) - M. Freary (Bolton United H.), 25m. 47s.

# Southern Road-Relay

BEDFORD STAGGERS THE CROWD - BELGRAVE STAGGER  
Wimbledon, March 27, 1971

We are used to success in our own Southern Counties 51-miles Road Relay at Wimbledon - with four wins and one second in the five races held up to this year. We had expected to be pressed to win a place this year - with clubs like Reading and Hillingdon beginning to hit the high spots. But seventh was a bit below our hopes.

Sometimes in a relay of this kind it is a blow-out on one or two legs that does the damage. But this was not case here. None of our men ran outstandingly badly, but most were half a minute or so slower than they would be on top form. And that adds up to quite a lot of minutes altogether.

Our old pals of the Brighton Road, Thames Valley pulled one out of the bag to win the race in 4hrs. 01m. 01s., after pre-race favourites Reading had made most of the running, while particular congratulations, perhaps, should go to Cambridge Harriers, third, and Medway, sixth.

As usual, the race consisted of a 5½-mile lap and a 3½-mile, covered alternately.

First leg: John Bicourt took the first stage (5½-miles) for us, and set the tone for most of our men, with a modest 13th place in 24m. 55s. - our local rivals, Hercules Wimbledon heading the field in 23m. 51s.

Second leg: Colin Pearson made a sound, if unspectacular debut in this class of competition, and was unlucky in having to run on his own for most of his stage - holding 13th place with 16m. 49s., while Reading moved into the lead.

Third leg: On a better day, Lionel Mann might have done much to strengthen our position, but as it was he fell back a place in clocking 25m. 07s. Portsmouth took a turn in the lead.

Fourth leg: Bill Kerr pulled us back up to 13th, but can't have been very pleased with his time of 16m. 16s. Reading went back to the front.

Fifth leg: Gerry North was still suffering from the illness which hit him ahead of the National cross-country, but showed his usual determination in covering his lap in 24m. 18s., our best of the day for the long stage, and can count himself unlucky to pick up only one place on balance. Gerry actually passed two men, but was himself passed by a shatteringly on-form Dave Bedford, who took Shaftesbury from 16th to 10th with a time of 22m. 20s - cutting no less than 54s. of the lap record previously held by Bob Holt of Hercules Wimbledon (if the 23.12 by Medway's Dick Newble, who finished Bedford's stage in second place is left out of account).

Sixth leg: Bill Curtin made an impressive entry at this level of senior competition, and from this point our fortunes can be said to have been on the mend. Bill clocked our second fastest short-stage time of 15m. 55s, and moved us up to tenth.

Seventh leg: Pat O'Connor - teetering on the brink of a return to top form - picked up another place, with 24m. 45s.

Eighth leg: Tony Fairclough made our position look even more respectable, taking us up to eighth. A time of 16m. 02s is not the vintage Fairclough, but Tony clearly ran up to the limits of his fitness.

Ninth leg: Trevor Hart's 24m. 30s. was our second-fastest long-leg time - but Trevor still fell back to tenth. Such are the fortunes of war. Thames Valley took the lead.

Tenth leg: Bill Dance gave us a boost by pulling us up to seventh, with 15m. 57s., while Reading recovered the lead.

Eleventh leg: Laurie O'Hara held our seventh position, though he might have hoped for better than 24m. 58s. Thames Valley took a 12s lead over Reading.

Twelfth leg: John Thresher went off with some formidable gaps in front of him, and made a bold attempt to close some of them, and at the end was only 23s. behind Medway, and 35s. behind Hercules Wimbledon, and was closing up strongly.

|                     |                 |                    |         |                                                                                  |         |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Thames Valley H. | 4hrs. 01m. 01s. | 10. Shaftesbury H. | 4-07-20 | 19. Southampton & Eastleigh                                                      | 4-22-43 |
| 2. Reading A.C.     | 4 01 30         | 11. Aldershot F&D  | 4-09-26 | 20. Epsom & Sw.                                                                  | 4-24-40 |
| 3. Cambridge H.     | 4 03 17         | 12. Thurrock H.    | 4-10-27 | 21. Invicta                                                                      | 4-27-23 |
| 4. Hillingdon A.C.  | 4 03 44         | 13. Brighton & H.  | 4-11-09 | 22. Walton                                                                       | 4-27-39 |
| 5. Hercules Wim'don | 4 04 45         | 14. Ealing & S'all | 4-12-20 | 23. Mitcham                                                                      | 4-28-38 |
| 6. Medway A.C.      | 4 04 57         | 15. Ranelagh H.    | 4-17-25 | 24. Wycombe Ph.                                                                  | 4-33-34 |
| 7. BELGRAVE H.      | 4 05 20         | 16. Windsor S & E  | 4-18-19 | * Off course, unofficial placings. Official placings should be adjusted in line. |         |
| 8. Portsmouth A.C.  | 4 06 18         | 17. South London H | 4-20-20 |                                                                                  |         |
| 9. Blackheath H.    | 4 06 27         | 18. Croydon H.     | 4-22-09 |                                                                                  |         |

Fastest laps: long (5½-miles) - D. Bedford (Shaftesbury), 22m. 20s.  
short (3-miles) - G. Stevens (Reading), 15m. 12s.

## ROAD RUNNING

After the usual spring warm-up, the road running season is now getting into full stride (the full stride, of course, comes on July 17, when we hold the annual Belgrave "20").

Our boys have not been setting the world on fire, but with the National Road Relay championship not being held until the first of May, they have not been firing on all cylinders in the straight road races. Back in January, however, we showed our potential, by winning the Jim Peters Trophy in the Mitcham "15".

Lionel Mann, as usual, has been prominent, and Trevor Hart has been showing handy form, as has Pat O'Connor. At the same time, Bill Weller has done enough to indicate what a tower of strength he is going to be in our teams when he has qualified to run first-claim for us in the autumn. Bill, in fact, has been our only winner so far - with first place over five miles at Hastings.

### Results:

Mitcham "15", Mitcham, January 9, 1971 (run over 25 kilometres - 15m. 940 yds.)

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. D. Faircloth (Croydon) 76m. 30s. | 62. M. Joines (BELGRAVE) 92m. 07s. |
| 8. L. Mann (BELGRAVE) 80m. 06s.     | 64. C. Walker " 93m. 37s.          |
| 9. W. Weller (Bel - ind.) 80m. 09s. | 79. D. Bonser " 97m. 52s.          |
| 10. T. Hart (BELGRAVE) 80m. 17s.    | 84. R. Plummer " 99m. 15s.         |
| 17. P. O'Connor " 81m. 35s.         | 86. P. Pringle " 102m. 10s.        |
| 39. C. Shippen " 86m. 59s.          | 99. G. Piddington " 108m. 12s.     |

### Jim Peters Trophy (3-to-score)

1. BELGRAVE (6-7-14) - 27
2. Thames Valley H. - 31
3. Hillingdon - 34

### Fry Trophy (6-to-score)

1. Hillingdon - 149
2. Thames Valley - 190
3. Belgrave - 200



# WIMBLEDON CUP for Mann

Double hat-trick for Lionel - Wimbledon Cup, Wimbledon, March 13, 1971

If Lionel Mann wants to go on adding to his list of Belgrave championships, he may before long have to start learning the pole-vault. (There is no club pole vault championship, of course, but it may be necessary to invent one).

Lionel started off the spring road season the way he finished the way he has been going for the best part of a year - with his sixth current club championship in the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile road run.

Just for the record, Lionel's sideboard now boasts the Lady Fell Shield (20-miles road), the Griffen Cup (5,000m. track), the Tom Carter Trophy (10,000m. track), the Blackstaffe Shield (7 miles c.c.), the Macher Shield (10 miles c.c.), and the Wimbledon Cup, not to mention the Denmark Pot (darts championship).

As in the 10-mile c.c., Lionel only just got home, however, and this time he had a margin of only 1s. to spare over Laurie O'Hara. Trevor Hart showed some improved form, in third place, while youths Bill Curtin, Peter Carton, Tony Binda and John Stow added to their growing reputations with fourth, sixth, seventh and twelfth, respectively.

The race provided a nostalgic moment for youths' coach Ron Linstead, and some others with longer memories. Ron set a record for the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  course in March, 1954, when he clocked up 28m. 24s., at the age of 18. Now after 17 years comes the Linstead coached Bill Curtin to clock 28m. 00s. - also at the age of 18.

By and large, the results of the race were encouraging, after the disappointment of the National Cross-Country. Among a number of good performances was Colin Pearson's 8th place - which put him squarely in the running for the Southern Relay team. Colin only managed second place in the handicap, however - first place going to Bert Stroud, who obviously knows his way around a 10m. handicap. Good to see Pat Newell turning out again - and breaking 30m. yet once more.

|                  | Scratch<br>time | Hand-<br>icap | Hand-<br>icap | Hand-<br>icap<br>time | place |                   | Scratch<br>time | Hand-<br>icap | Hand-<br>icap | Hand-<br>icap<br>time | place |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. L. Mann       | 27m.41s.        | 0.45          | 26.56         | 13                    |       | 23. J. Dooley     | 32m.38s.        | 5.30          | 27.08         | 19                    |       |
| 2. L. O'Hara     | 27 42           | 1.00          | 26.42         | 10                    |       | 24. D. Davies     | 32 50           | 6.30          | 26.20         | 3                     |       |
| 3. T. Hart       | 27 54           | 1.15          | 26.39         | 7                     |       | 25. J. Milton     | 33 07           | 5.30          | 27.37         | 30                    |       |
| 4. W. Curtin     | 28 00           | 1.30          | 26.30         | 4                     |       | 26. D. Jones      | 33 18           | 6.15          | 27.03         | 17                    |       |
| 5. P. O'Connor   | 28 01           | 1.15          | 26.46         | 11                    |       | 27. C. Keavey     | 33 30           | 6.00          | 27.30         | 25                    |       |
| 6. P. Carton     | 28 32           | 1.30          | 27.02         | 16                    |       | 28. J. Davies     | 33 38           | 5.30          | 28.08         | 38                    |       |
| 7. A. Binda      | 28 40           | 2.00          | 26.40         | 8                     |       | 29. R. Ker        | 33 46           | 6.00          | 27.46         | 32                    |       |
| 8. C. Pearson    | 28 45           | 2.30          | 26.15         | 2                     |       | 30. B. Merry      | 33 51           | 6.30          | 27.21         | 22                    |       |
| 9. A. Fairclough | 28 48           | 1.15          | 27.33         | 28                    |       | 31. D. Bonser     | 33 52           | 6.30          | 27.22         | 23                    |       |
| 10. D. Fernee    | 29 01           | 1.30          | 27.31         | 26                    |       | 32. S. Barrett    | 34 32           | 7.00          | 27.32         | 27                    |       |
| 11. C. Steer     | 29 48           | 2.45          | 27.03         | 17                    |       | 33. G. Fiddington | 35 03           | 7.00          | 28.03         | 37                    |       |
| 12. J. Stow      | 29 50           | 2.00          | 27.50         | 34                    |       | 34. C. Henn       | 35 06           | 7.30          | 27.36         | 29                    |       |
| 13. P. Newell    | 29 57           | 3.00          | 26.57         | 14                    |       | 35. K. Stimpson   | 35 24           | 8.00          | 27.24         | 24                    |       |
| 14. J. Rimmer    | 30. 13          | 2.30          | 27.43         | 31                    |       | 36. A. Stroud     | 35 26           | 10.00         | 25.26         | 1                     |       |
| 15. C. Walker    | 30 17           | 3.00          | 27.17         | 21                    |       | 37. C. Manning    | 35 35           | 9.00          | 26.35         | 6                     |       |
| 16. C. Shippen   | 30 30           | 3.30          | 27.00         | 15                    |       | 38. J. Heathfield | 35 46           | 9.00          | 26.46         | 11                    |       |
| 17. W. Kerr      | 31 02           | 1.15          | 29.47         | 40                    |       | 39. D. Maughan    | 35 47           | 6.00          | 29.47         | 40                    |       |
| 18. B. Gorman    | 31 04           | 4.30          | 26.34         | 5                     |       | 40. J. McDonald   | 37 09           | 10.00         | 27.09         | 20                    |       |
| 19. D. Jardine   | 31 10           | 4.30          | 26.40         | 8                     |       | 41. D. McMillan   | 37 48           | 10.00         | 27.48         | 33                    |       |
| 20. R. Foultney  | 31 48           | -             | -             | -                     |       | 42. P. Wrench     | 37 51           | 9.30          | 28.21         | 39                    |       |
| 21. W. Laws      | 32 23           | 4.30          | 27.53         | 35                    |       | 43. J. Baker      | 40.26           | 10.00         | 30.26         | 42                    |       |
| 22. P. Paget     | 32 27           | 4.30          | 27.57         | 36                    |       |                   |                 |               |               |                       |       |

The 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -miles championship field, still hunched after one mile. Front row: Pat O'Connor (12), Tony Fairclough (21), Peter Carton (19), Trevor Hart (23), and Lionel Mann (9). The three framed heads look like those of Chris Steer, John Thresher and Dereck Fernee.

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West Ham "8", Woodford, February 24, 1971

5. E. Mann (Bels) 38m. 18s.  
25. C. Shippen (Bels) 40m. 02s.

Hastings "5", March 27, 1971

1. W. Weller (Bels) 29m. 38s.

Romford Half-Marathon, April 3, 1971

1. B. Watson (Cambridge H.) 65m. 07s. (rec.)    82. F. Pringle (Belgrave) 83m. 32s.  
6. L. Mann (Belgrave H.) 68m. 43s.            85. D. Bonser " 83m. 59s.  
7. W. Weller (Bel - ind.) 65m. 50s.

Team placing: 14th Belgrave (125 points).

Feltham "5", April 12, 1971

1. J. Lane (Feltham) 23m. 38s.  
14. W. Kerr (Belgrave A.) 25m. 23s.  
30. A. Fairclough " 26m. 01s.  
33. J. Stow (Belgrave B) 26m. 07s.  
36. C. Steer (Belgrave A) 26m. 16s.  
40. C. Pearson " " 26m. 26s.  
43. B. Gorman (Belgrave B) 26m. 41s.  
47. C. Walker " " 26m. 55s.  
68. F. Paget " " 27m. 20s.  
72. R. Ker (Belgrave C) 27m. 34s.

Finchley "20", Ruislip, April 24, 1971

1. D. Holt (Hercules Wimbledon) 1hr. 41m. 02s.  
11. L. Mann (Belgrave H.) 1 45 44  
\*17. P. O'Connor " 1 47 56  
70. B. Joines " 1 58 26  
106. P. Pringle " 2 06 36  
132. D. Bonser " 2 13 34  
141. Geoff Pearson " 2 18 36  
149. G. Piddington " 2 26 36.

Open teams: \*2nd in Middlesex Championship

1. Hercules Wim. 50  
7. Belgrave 134

Southern Championship: 1. Hercules Wim. 12  
2. Hillingdon 30  
3. Belgrave 45

Hull "20", May 1, 1971

1. K. Angus (Sheffield/ex-Bel) 1hr. 43m. 16s.  
40. G. Piddington (Belgrave) 2 29 13  
(winner of prize for runner  
travelling over 200 miles)

Kent "20", May 8, 1971

1. F. Maillardet (Cambridge H.) 1hr. 46m. 57s.  
4. T. Hart (Belgrave H.) 1hr. 48m. 55s.  
5. W. Weller (BEL - ind.) 1hr. 49m. 34s.  
6. L. Mann (Belgrave H.) 1hr. 53m. 10s.  
25. P. Pringle " 2hrs. 16m. 49s.  
27. D. Bonser " 2hrs. 19m. 39s.

Teams: 1. Cambridge H. - 6  
2. Blackheath H. - 29  
3. Belgrave H. - 35

Longwood "10", May 8, 1971

9. Bill Dance (Belgrave) 51m. 49s.

Isle of Wight Marathon, May 15, 1971

44. G. Piddington (Bels) 3hrs. 37m. 59s.  
(fourth in Hampshire Championship)

Midland Marathon, Rugby, May 8, 1971

15. B. Joines (Belgrave) 2hrs. 49m. 09s.

Hallamshire Ernest Harper "10" - May 23, 1971

4. G. Dance (Belgrave) 53m. 16s.

Inter-Counties 20-miles Championship, Leicester, May 30:  
16th L. Mann (Beds and Hunt.) 1hr. 47m. 17s.

HART RECOVERS MARATHON RECORD

Trevor Hart first captured the Belgrave Harriers' marathon record when he clocked 2hrs. 25m. 58s. in last year's Polytechnic race from Windsor to Chiswick - lowering Barry Sawyer's 1963 time of 2hrs. 28m. 08s. But he held it only a few weeks, because Lionel Mann went up to Manchester for the Maxol marathon, and turned in 2hrs. 24m. 07s. Trevor, it seems, took a tip from Lionel, and had a crack at the Maxol himself this year - and recorded 2hrs. 22m. 50s.

# TRACK AND FIELD

## TRACK REPORT

We come yet again to another Track Season. This year the Track Committee decided it would benefit the Club and the athletes concerned to withdraw from a couple of last years trophy meetings which were too long winded or we considered ourselves hopelessly out-classed. So compared with 1970's fixtures of seven Trophy meetings and three Southern League meetings, we have in 1971, four Trophy meetings and the three Southern League meetings. These we thought, were well within our capabilities of winning. That is providing we all get stuck in, as I'am sure you all will.

It is fortunate that, at Belgrave, we have at our disposal a reasonable quantity of middle-distance and long-distance runners. Sprints it seems we have only a handful of representatives, but what we have are very useful indeed. The steeplechase seems to be our only setback.

100m - 200m. As we have not heard how fit JIM VIVIAN is, I can only say that STEVE WHITE who is the most promising sprinter we have, will be our main runner this year - when he is not competing for Oxford. He will have fine backing from LEE SULLIVAN, MICK MARSHALL, CLIFF BROOKS and CHARLIE GILLETT.

400m One of the weak spots, although I hope I'am proved wrong. MEL FORD will be our main runner but he will have good backing from CHARLIE GILLETT and from a very promising MARTIN BLOICE who will I'am sure surprise us all. I must not forget our vice-captain PHILLIP GEE, his usual help and eagerness is a good backing for any of these runners. On the sidelines will be DAVE BEES and CLIFF BROOKS while I cannot be certain of PHILLIP SMITH'S fitness at the moment, if he knuckles down to hard training he will also be a useful substitute.

800m Again it seems MEL FORD will be our main contender here, with PETER CARTON. They have numerous runners to back them up notably JOHN BOARDMAN BILL CURTIN, DOUGLAS JARDINE, JOHN KELLY, and LIONEL MANN - training for a fast finishing marathon. Also very capable substitutes will be COLIN FEARSON and JIM RIMMER (saying "wait till the track season I'll show you") another useful youngster is RICHARD LANGLEY.

1500m It seems we have no problem here with JOHN THRESHER and evergreen BILL KERR (a Vet next year by the way) our main contenders. Others aiming to get into the team will be PETER CARTON, BILL CURTIN, JOHN STOW, JOHN BICOURT, LAURIE O'HARA and JIM RIMMER, who says he's fitter than ever ("I'am doing my own training this year") and also ADRIAN MAJOR.

5000m Probably the strongest event we have. With great runners such as GERRY NORTH, JOHN THRESHER and BILL KERR to pick from. Good substitutes will be TONY FAIRCLOUGH, the galloping gourmets LIONEL MANN and GUY MONNET as well as TREVOR HART, JOHN BICOURT, LAURIE O'HARA, TONY BRIEN and ADRIAN MAJOR. I think we had better watch out for BRIAN GORMAN I believe he wants to be on the same level as Bill Kerr (both are Vets next year) and is doing 100 miles a week. I hope he can prove to us he is doing the right thing.

300m Steeplechase This year I'am afraid it looks as though this will be our weakest event, with JOHN BICOURT our only sub 9-minute man. ALAN BLACK will back him up and our "Ed" might also have to be called upon. JIM RIMMER and GERRY NORTH also had a go at this event last year to help the Club out and might also consider helping us out again.

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## BELGRAVE TENTH IN NATIONAL TRACK RANKINGS

Belgrave were again in the top ten in the National track rankings prepared by the National Union of Track Statisticians for last year, though only just, finishing tenth, against ninth in 1969.

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## Field Event Report

A cold day greeted our first track meeting at Battersea Park on 24th April, but what a fine start by Cliff Brooks and field events captain John Martin in the Shot Putt, both producing personal bests, over 40 feet and there is little doubt that even better performances are in store. Lee Sullivan also had a good start to the season in the Long Jump winning with 21' 7" and showing fine consistency by clearing this exact distance on three of his attempts.

It is always difficult to keep in contact with everyone during the winter with regard to training and it is hoped that after a solid winter's training, technique work is now in progress, if not for goodness sake start NOW, as we must win the Southern League and get back to the National League. We ought to be able to do it as we were ranked tenth in the N.U.T.S. rankings for 1970 season. Just remember these dates for the League fixtures.

22nd MAY at Ilford  
3rd JULY at Enfield  
21st AUGUST at Wimbledon Park  
18th SEPTEMBER at Crystal Palace (QUALIFYING MEETING)

These fixtures for Belgrave are the most important of the year so lets have the supreme effort and give the track and field sections the uplift it needs

Bob Coullsult, now a "married" man, is back in the ranks this year and is at present suffering from the effects of a broken nose, although I am assured this happened during a football match and not a domestic match! Anyway, congratulations to Bob and to his wife.

Mel Ford is in top form already judging by recent results and he has been invited to represent the Southern Counties in two forthcoming meetings in the 400m hurdles and in the 800m. Mel is now stationed at Caterham Barracks and I know he is finding duties clashing heavily with training sessions but I am convinced that Mel will produce some very fine performances in the 400m hurdles, 400m flat and 800m during the coming season. Also stationed at Caterham with Mel are Glyn Ratcliffe, Steve Inman and Keith Schofield. I hope that guard duties will not eliminate them from the League meetings.

Bill Couzens

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### Boxing Day Track Meeting - Battersea Park - December 26, 1970

Sixteen hardy souls gave their Christmas pud a miss (maybe) before turning out in traditional Boxing Day 2-miles handicap. Young Dave Harvey made good use of his 680 yards allowance to win fairly comfortably in 9m. 12s., a highly promising performance.

Chris Keavey took second place, off 560 yards, while Guy Monnet raced through to third place, off 220. There was a good run from Alan Black, but the fastest moving man in the field was 17-year old Peter Carton, who clocked 9m. 31s. off 120. Our old friend George Flanagan made a re-appearance in 14th place - but his allowance of only 400 yards seems to indicate a long memory on the part of the handicapper.

Philip Smith's seven yards enabled him to hold off Cliff Brooks in the 120 yards.

#### 2-miles handicap

|                        |          |                     |                     |
|------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. D. Harvey (680yds)  | 9m. 12s. | 9. J. Kelly         | (250yds) 9m. 57s.   |
| 2. C. Keavey (500 " )  | 9 15     | 10. A. Binda        | (150 " ) 10m. 07s.  |
| 3. G. Monnet (220 " )  | 9 17     | 11. L. Mann         | (scratch) 10m. 14s. |
| 4. P. Gee (560 " )     | 9 30     | 12. D. Hurd         | (500yds) 10m. 19s.  |
| 5. P. Carton (120 " )  | 9 31     | 13. S. Holmes       | (500 " ) 10m. 25s.  |
| 6. A. Black (200 " )   | 9 38     | 14. G. Flanagan     | (400 " ) 10m. 33s.  |
| 7. B. Gorman (420 " )  | 9 50     | 15. R. Hopkins (Jr) | (700 " ) 10m. 37s.  |
| 8. C. Pearson (380 " ) | 9 54     | 16. L. Coy          | (600 " ) 10m. 41s.  |

#### 120 yards handicap

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| 1. P. Smith (7yds)  | 13.1 |
| 2. C. Brooks (2 " ) |      |
| 3. P. Gee (4 " )    |      |
| 4. M. Elliott       |      |

SOUTHERN COUNTIES A.A.A. OPEN MEETINGS - CRYSTAL PALACE

Mel Ford was a regular competitor in the monthly Southern Counties A.A.A. meetings at the Crystal Palace in the winter and early summer, and obviously got in some good training.

DECEMBER 16, 1970  
1200m. B 1. M. Ford 3m. 07s.

MARCH 17, 1971  
800m. 1. M. Ford 1m. 54.7s.

JANUARY 16, 1971  
5000m. 1. L. Mann 14m. 53s.

APRIL 14, 1971  
100m. 3. S. White 11.2s.  
4. L. Sullivan 11.4s.

FEBRUARY 17, 1971  
1000m. 2. M. Ford 2m. 29.7s.  
10000m. 4. L. Mann 31m. 28.8s.

MAY 19, 1971  
800m. B 2. M. Ford 1m. 55.4s.

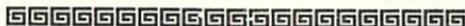
Blackheath Harriers' Winter Meeting, Crystal Palace, March 21, 1971

Apart from a good junior representation, we had a trio of sprinter/jumpers warming up for the summer at this meeting.

100m. C 1. C. Brooks 11.4s.  
D - D. Glendinning 11.5s

300m. A. 4. S. White 37.6s.  
C - C. Brooks 38.5s.  
D - D. Glendinning 38.0s.

Long-jump 5. S. White 21' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
- C. Brooks 18' 10"

Taking off the covers - Buttersea Park, April 24, 1971

The wraps came off all that winter training, or some of it anyway, when we held our opening Track meeting at Buttersea Park on the last Saturday in April.

The meeting failed to give us a win - the Police, aided and abetted by our very own Frank Glass - made a fair cop.

But there were some highly encouraging performances. These included some good sprinting from Cliff Brooks and Lee Sullivan, and some good long-jumping from the same pair. But pride of place undoubtedly went to the shot-putt, where Cliff showed the benefit of technique training with a distance of 41' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and John Martin was also over 40'. What a difference shot-putting like this could make to our chances in the big meetings.

Back on the track, there signs of life returning to Track Captain Adrian Major, while in the 1,500m. Jim Rimmer and young Mark Clancy caught the eye.

## Senior.

100m 1.C.Brooks 12.1s 2.L.Sullivan 12.1s  
200m 5.H.Hamilton 26.6s  
400m 2.P.Gee 53.1s 6.R.Hamilton -  
800m 7.J.Stow 2mins 7.4s  
1500m 2.J.Rimmer 4mins 13s 5.M.Clancy 4mins 36.5s 6.J.Hamilton 4mins 44.2s  
8.C.Manning 5mins 19.6s  
3000m 2.A.Major 9mins 15s 7.B.Gorman 9mins 39.6s  
Shot 2.C.Brooks 41' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3.J.Martin 40' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
High Jump 2.R.Hopkins 5' -  
Long Jump 1.L.Sullivan 21' 7" 2.C.Brooks 20' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Javelin 3.J.Martin 139' 8" 4.W.Couzens 135' 7"  
Result 1.Met Police 96 pts 2.Belgrave H 70 pts 3.Sutton/Cheam 42 pts  
4.Walton A.C. 10 pts

NonScoring 100m 2.P.Smith 12.7s 3.R.Hamilton 13.1s

## Junior.

800m 2.R.Langley 2mins 18.4s 3.D.Harvey 2mins 19.3s  
1500m 1.S.Holmes 4mins 54.9s 2.R.Hopkins 5mins 8.9s  
High Jump 1.S.Holmes 5' - 2.D.Harvey 4' -

BANSTEAD COACHES TROPHY MEETING - Norbiton, May 1, 1971

This meeting covers senior, youths and junior events, and we achieved a fair spread of success, if not enough to challenge for the Trophy. Although we were well behind the first two teams, we were within a short shot-put of taking third place of the six clubs, which is another way of saying were were fifth.

Our assorted successes can be seen below, but it is worth pointing out that success cannot always be measured by position. Lee Sullivan was probably our outstanding senior competitor, but came up against some exceptionally hot competition in the 100m. and long-jump.

It was good to see Paddy Breslin back in action in the junior events, and to see John Stow back in winning form, while there was a promising junior steeplechase from Ark Clancy. In the youths' events, Dave Harvey and Simon Holmes had good middle-distance wins, and weren't afraid to try their hand at field events either. Reg Hopkins cleared 5' 6" in the youths' high jump, but that is commonplace for him these days.

Jimmy Rimmer is running with much more fire lately, and won the senior 1,500m. The senior track race providing the most excitement, however, was the 5,000m. team race.

With the National Road Relay on at Sutton Coldfield, it looked for a long time as though we were not going to find a team, but a last minute entry by Charlie Walker saved the day. With a lap to go, we were in the hunt, but couldn't quite make it, in spite of good running by Guy Monnet, Charlie, and new member Bob Ker, who looks highly promising.

Senior.

100m 4.L.Sullivan 11.7s  
 200m 5.M.Elliott 25.2s  
 400m 2.P.Gee 51.6s  
 800m 4.J.Hamilton 2mins 10.5s  
 1500m 1.J.Rimmer 4mins 7.2s  
 5000m 1.G.Monnet 15m 11.8s  
     8.C.Walker 16mins 26s  
     9.R.Ker 16mins 28s  
 Team Race 2.Belgrave H. 18 pts  
 400m Hurdles 5.R.Hamilton 73.3s  
 3000m Steeplechase.  
     3.R.Hamilton 12mins 24s  
 Hammer. 2.W.Couzens 32.78m  
 Long Jump. 4.L.Sullivan 6.22m  
 Triple Jump. 5.L.Sullivan 11.98m  
 Javelin 4.W.Couzens 46.80m  
 Shot. 2.W.Couzens 10.63m  
 Discus 5.W.Couzens 91m

Junior

800m 2.P.Breslin 2mins 12s  
 1500m 1.J.Stow 4mins 16.9s  
 2000m Steeplechase 2.M.Clancy 6mins 42.8s  
 Javelin 2.R.Hopkins 24.12m  
 Shot S.Holmes 7.27m  
 Youths  
 200m 4.R.Hopkins 26.9s  
 400m 3.D.Harvey 57.8s  
 800m 1.D.Harvey 2mins 7.7s  
 1500m 1.S.Holmes 4mins 26.8s  
 Javelin 3.S.Holmes 20.22m  
 Shot 3.D.Harvey 7.95m  
 High Jump 2.R.Hopkins 5' 6"

Result 1.Queen Park H. 221 pts 2.Surrey A.C. 189 pts 3.Ealing/Southall 130 pts  
 4.Wycombe PH. 126 pts 5.Belgrave H. 121 pts 6.Highgate H. 86 pts

Cliff Brooks breaks Club Decathlon Record

Cliff Brooks looked good at the opening Track meeting, and at Leicester on May 1/2 he proved he was good, when he finished eighth in a decathlon competition with the new Club record score of 6,016 points. This gained Cliff an A.A.A. Grade-One standard, and a Club Honours Badge.

Our one man trophy team showed particularly good form on the first day in the 100m. (11.2s.), long-jump (22' 1"), and high-jump (1.74m./5' 8½"). The shot-put (12.10m./39' 8½") and 400m. (52.3s.) also produced good marks.

The second day's events in the decathlon are the ones in which Cliff perhaps has the most room for improvement - and with his basic ability, a bit of technique training in the pole-vault, discus and javelin is capable of making a radical difference to his score, - as his recent improvement in the shot has indicated. His best on the Sunday was the 110m. hurdles in which he clocked 16.3s. In the discus Cliff accomplished 32.28m./105' 10½", the pole vault 2.80m./9' 2", the javelin 34.40m./112' 10½", and the 1,500m. 4m. 53.8s.

# Surrey Championships

## SURREY STEEPLCHASE TITLE FOR ALAN BLACK

This year's Surrey championships produced some good Belgrave performances, both from established stars like Steve White and up-and-coming men like Philip Gee.

One of the most pleasing performances, however, came from Alan Black, who has won a whole collection of second and third place medals in past 3,000m. steeplechase championships, and now ran off with the title. Well done, Alan.

Cliff Brooks looked by breaking the Club Decathlon record for the second time this season, but faded a little on the second day of the competition. He still romped away with the championship though. A third senior title came through Steve White's win in the long-jump. University studies prevented Steve defending his 200m. championship, but in the long-jump he edged out the holder, Roy Gilfrin, of Camberley, by just 3".

Wil Wesch surrendered his 3,000m. walk title to in-form Paul Nihill, but in doing so helped his rival to a new world best performance. Bob Coates showed good form after a spell away from competition to take third place, and with Carl Lawton fourth and Dave DeBondi sixth, it was a pity there was no team race.

Trevor Hart was second in the 10,000m. in a fair time, while Philip Gee was third in the 400m., and lost second place to former champion Nick Lovatt (Mitcham) only by inches. John Bicourt had a close battle for second place in the 5,000m. with Mike Fuller (Hercules Wimbledon), and although squeezed into third position, can be said to have run well, since he had been sixth in the 1,500m. less than an hour-and-a-half before.

Mick Marshall, Philip Gee, Chris Martin and Lee Sullivan were third in the sprint relay, and it was particularly good to see Chris sporting a Belgrave vest again.

In the junior 1,500m., there was a nerve-tingling late challenge from John Stow - shaking some of his old fire - before Bill Curtin added this title to the 3,000m. he had won earlier. Mick Marshall took the junior 100m., and was third in the 200m., while Peter Carton won a strongly contested 800m. in good time.

Reg Hopkins was a double winner in the youths' events, taking the pentathlon and the high-jump, while in this section, we also won the long-jump, through Stephen Crosbie, the shot-putt, through Dave Raffell, and the 800m., through fast-improving Dave Harvey. Stephen also finished third in the triple-jump, and Jim McAfee was third in the 1,500m.

The Club had only a few representatives in the boys' events, but they look a promising bunch. R. Jenkins was fourth in the 80m. hurdles, and P. Crosbie fourth in the javelin, while Ian Gillings can look forward next year to showing a sharp improvement on this year's sixth place in his 1,500m. heat, a performance which does not reflect his full talent.

The most disappointed man at the championships must have been Colin Pearson, who qualified for the 800m. final as the second of the two fastest losers - and didn't realise it. Colin turned up for the final, as a spectator.

Laurie O'Hara was again among the medals in the Middlesex championships, taking third place in the 5,000m.

### Results:

Wimbledon Park, May 8/9, 1971

Senior 3,000m. Steeplechase 1. A. Black 9m. 43.4s.  
10,000m. 2. T. Hart 30m. 55.6s.

4x100m. relay 3. Belgrave H. (M. Marshall, P. Gee, C. Martin, L. Sullivan) 44s

Decathlon 1. C. Brooks (H.J. 5' 7"; 100m. 11.3s.; L.J. 6.78m./22'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
S.P. 12.59m./41'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 400m. 51.9s.; P.V. 2.67m./8'9"; 110m.H. 16.5s.;  
D. 30.92m./102' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; J. 36.92m./117'10"; 1500m. 5m. 3.7s.) - 5,913

Junior 3,000m. 1. W. Curtin 8m. 39s.  
3. J. Stow 8m. 58.8s.  
5. A. Binda 9m. 7.6s.

Youths 3,000m. 7. S. Holmes  
13. D. Harvey

Pentathlon 1. R. Hopkins - 2,560  
(L.J. 5.22m./17'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 200m. 25.3s;  
H.J. 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; S.P. 9.55m./31'4"  
1,000m. 2m. 53.6s.

ANOTHER FAIR COP

The Met Police can always be relied on to put out a solid team, and at Hurlingham Park on May 8 they gave us a second hammering in a fortnight. But at least we were well clear of the other five teams.

Jim Rimmer had a good win in the 800m. in 1m. 58.9s., and Guy Monnet took the 3,000m. in 8m. 50.4s., while Philip Gee gave our quarter-miling strength a boost when he won the 400m. in a personal best time of 51.0s. But the star of the meeting was junior member Mick Marshall, who took second place in the 100m. in 11.3s., second in the 200m. in 23.7s., second in the long-jump with a clearance of 20' 10", and second in the triple-jump with 39' 5".

Philip also showed some useful 800m. form, while the "B" 3,000m. went to promising new member Tom McCormack - a man to watch.

Inter-Club Meeting at Hurlingham Park Saturday 8th May 1971

|                                     |                                                            |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 100m (A) 2.M.Marshall 11.3s         | (B) 3.P.Smith 12.1s                                        |
| 200m (A) 2.M.Marshall 23.7s         | (B) 4.P.Smith 24.9s                                        |
| 400m (A) 1.P.Gee 51s                | (B) -                                                      |
| 800m (A) 1.J.Rimmer 1m 58.9s        | (B) 2.P.Gee 2mins 3.3s                                     |
| 1500m (A) 2.W.Kerr 4mins 5.8s       | (B) 2.W.Curtin 4mins 13.8s                                 |
| 3000m (A) 1.G.Monnet 8mins 50.4s    | (B) 1.J.McCormack 9mins -                                  |
| Triple Jump (A) 2.M.Marshall 39' 5" | (B) -                                                      |
| Shot (A) 2.J.Martin 38' 3"          | (B) -                                                      |
| Long Jump (A) 2.M.Marshall 20' 10"  | (B) -                                                      |
| Result                              | 4x100m. 2. Belgrave, 47.9 (Smith, Hamilton, Gee, Marshall) |
| 1.Met Police 180 pts                | 2.Belgrave H. 97 pts                                       |
| 4.Eton Manor 61 pts                 | 5.Crawley 39 pts                                           |
|                                     | London Irish 31 pts                                        |
|                                     | 7.Highgate H 27 pts                                        |

ONE-SIDED TRIANGLE

Battersea Park, May 19, 1971

If its possible to have a one-sided triangle, this was a fair example, as, with three clubs in the field, we took the first two places in each event except the 100m. Derek Glendinning gave us a sprint double, and our promising quarter-miler Martin Elliott won the 400m., while Philip Gee took 2m. 4.8s. off to show his half-miling potential. Colin got the better of Lionel in the 1,500m., and Adrian Major again made more like Adrian Major in the 3,000m.

Tom McCormack's second place in the 3,000m. in 9m. 9.4s. deserves praise, as does a 2m. 5.4s. second place in the 800m. by another new member M. Hodge.

John Martin was just under 40' in the shot-putt, while the question on everyone's lips after the long-jump was: Has Belgrave at last produced its answer to Bob Beamon?

The junior match produced a more level (two-sided) contest, but a treble from Mick Marshall saw us comfortably home.

Senior

|                                               |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 100m 1.D.Glendinning 12s                      | 3.D.McMillan              |
| 200m 1.D.Glendinning 24s                      | 2.P.Gee 24.3s             |
|                                               | 3.D.McMillan              |
| 400m 1.M.Elliott 54.5s                        | 2.R.Hamilton 56s          |
| 800m 1.P.Gee 2mins 4.8s                       | 2.M.Hodge 2mins 5.4s      |
| 1500m 1.C.Pearson 4mins 11.4s                 | 2.L.Mann 4mins 15.4s      |
| 3000m 1.A.Major 8mins 58s                     | 2.T.McCormack 9mins 9.4s  |
|                                               | 3.L.Mann 9mins 29s        |
|                                               | 4.D.Jardine 9mins 35s     |
|                                               | 8.L.Coy 10mins 58s        |
|                                               | 10.G.Piddington 11mins 4s |
| Shot 1.J.Martin 39' 7"                        | 2.W.Couzens 34' 10"       |
| Long Jump 1.D.McMillan 16' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 2.J.Martin 16' 8"         |
| Javelin 1.W.Couzens 158' 9"                   | 2.J.Martin 126' 5"        |
|                                               | 3.J.Kelly 121' 10"        |
| Result 1.Belgrave H. 107 pts                  | 2.Queens Park H. 23 pts   |
|                                               | 3.Epsom/Ewell 3 pts       |

Junior.

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 100m 1.M.Marshall 11s        | 4.D.Pearce 12.5s       |
| 200m 1.M.Marshall 23.2s      |                        |
| 800m 1.N.Worley 2mins 17.9s  |                        |
| 1500m 1.S.Jackson 5mins 6s   |                        |
| Javelin 1.E.McNally 112' 10" |                        |
| Long Jump 1.M.Marshall 20' - |                        |
| Result 1.Belgrave H. 51 pts  | 2.Queen Park H. 38 pts |

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Steve White played a major part in Oxford University's victory over Cambridge at the Crystal Palace on May 1. Although only fourth in the 100m. in 11.1s., Steve won the 200m. in 22.3s., and the long-jump, with a clearance of 23' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

## Southern League

GOOD PERFORMANCES IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE - Ilford, May 22, 1971

Our opening fixture in this season's Southern League (Division-One) competition, was a lot brighter than the National League qualifying competition last September.

Our second place, behind the newly promoted Enfield team, put us well in the running for a place in this season's National League qualifying contest. But that apart, our lads put up a number of very good performances.

Top of the list were Steve White and Glyn Ratcliffe. Steve fairly set the cinders flying in the 200m., in which he equalled his personal best of 21.7s. to score a clear win; and he also took the long-jump. Glyn was only just under 150' in winning the discus, and gave a dramatic performance in the shot, snatching a narrow victory with his last putt.

For promising performances, however, the plum went to Peter Carton, who lowered his personal best to 1m. 53.5s. in finishing third in the 800m. Mick Marshall, with some good sprinting, and Reg Hopkins, top of the "B" high-jumpers at 5' 8".

Busiest man of the afternoon, as is often the case, was Navy man Cliff Brooks, who figured in four events, as well as the sprint relay. Together with Army man Mel Ford, Cliff gave us a double in the 400m. hurdles.

Arnold Bentt was only 1" away from first place in the high-jump, and clocked 17.1s. in the "B" high hurdles. Philip Gee showed what a force he is becoming over 400m., with a 51.5s. second place in the "B" 400m. In the "B" 800m., Jim Rimmer confirmed that he, too, is now a power to be reckoned with, clocking the same time as the winner.

Paddy Breslin made a good job of deputising for our star steeplechasers. Paddy did not have a good winter, but with a run free of injury, he could soon be under 10m. in this event. Paddy is still in the junior ranks. Lee Sullivan is just out of them, and another up and coming athlete. In the "B" long-jump, he was edged into second place by just 1½".

Derek Glendinning led the triple-jumpers, with 46' 3½" - over 18" ahead of the second man - and we hope to see him getting even closer to 50' before long.

100m. A 3. S. White 11.3s. 200m. A 1. S. White 21.7s. 400m. A 4. M. Ford 51s.  
B 3. M. Marshall 11.3s. B 2. M. Marshall 22.7s. B 2. P. Gee 51.5s.

800m. A 3. P. Carton 1m.53.5s. 1,500m. A 3. J. Bicourt 3m.57.6s. 5000m. A 4. G. Monnet 15m.04.6s.  
B 2. J. Rimmer 1m.59.0s. B 4. W. Curtin 4m.15.9s. B 3. W. Kerr 15m.10.6s

400m.H. A 1. M. Ford 56.0s. 110m.H. A 2. C. Brooks 16.1s. 3,000m. s'ch.  
A 5. P. Breslin 10m.23s.  
B - - -

4x100m. relay (Marshall, G. Brooks, Sullivan, White) - 2nd. 43.6s.  
4x440 yards relay (Gee, Carton, White, Ford) - 2nd. 3m. 27s.

Discus A 1. G. Ratcliffe 148' 5" Shot A 1. G. Ratcliffe 42' 8½" Javelin A 5s. W. Couzens 142' 0½"  
B 5. C. Brooks 95' 10" B 142' 0½"  
B 5. J. Martin

High-jump A 3. A. Bentt 5' 10" Long-jump A 1. S. White 22' 2½" 141' 1"  
B 1. R. Hopkins 5' 8" B 2. L. Sullivan 21' 1½"

Triple-jump A 1. D. Glendinning 46' 3½" Pole Vault A 6. A. Brooks 8' 0"  
B 4. A. Brooks 38' 0" B 5. C. Brooks 7' 0"

1. Enfield 154 points 3. Windsor, S. & E. 118 points 5. Herne Hill 98 points  
2. BELGRAVE 138 points 4. Hercules Wimb. 107 points 6. Ilford 94 points

### STEVE WHITE CLEARS 24'

Steve White has been going great guns in the long-jump this season, and it was no surprise when he cleared 24' 0½" to win the event for a combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities team against Harvard and Yale at the Crystal Palace. This brought Steve to within 5" of John Mitchell's Club record of 24' 5½", and can be measured, additionally, against the fact that only ten U.K. long-jumpers managed to clear 24' last season. In the 200m., in the same match, he was fourth in 22.5s.

BELS HELP LAMBETH TO VICTORY IN FRANCE

Belgravians made a strong contribution to a comfortable victory for Lambeth in France on May 1, when, with 174 points, they finished comfortably ahead of French opposition in the form of Vincennes (106), and German in the form of Gastrop Rauxel.

Steve White was Lambeth's star of the day, winning the 100m. in 10.8s. (wind assisted), and then took the long-jump, with a personal best (since improved) of 23' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". To round off the day, Steve contributed a 50.3s. 400m. leg to help his side to victory in the 4x400m. relay in 3m. 25.5s.

Adrian Major was third in the 3,000m. in 9m. 13.2s. Also selected for the senior events was John Martin - a fitting reward for his recent improvement.

In the under-18 events, the Belts came out with two winners, Mick Marshall being timed at a wind-assisted 10.9s. in the 100m., and Martin Bloice at 29.7s. in the 250m.

**INTER - COUNTIES**Victory for Surrey in Inter-Counties Championship - Leicester, May 28/30

Surrey scored a surprise win in the Inter-Counties' Championship at Leicester over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend - by a clear 20 points, with 70 points to Yorkshire's and Middlesex's 50.

Contributing to Surrey's victory was Wil Wesch, who took fourth place in the 10,000m. walk on the Saturday in 45m. 02.2s., and third in the 3,000m. walk on the Monday in 12m. 33.4s.

John Bicourt was selected to run for Surrey in the steeplechase, but missed his train at the race. John was, however, brought into the 5,000m. as deputy for Bob Holt, of Hercules Wimbledon - only to finish an off-key 21st in 15m. 03s.

Lionel Mann carried Beds and Hunts colours into 16th place in the 20-mile road race in 1hr. 47m. 17s.

ALAN BLACK NEARS BEST

Alan Black wasted little time in improving on his Surrey championship winning performance. At Motspur Park on May 26, Alan took third place in the 3,000m. steeplechase in 9m. 21.8s. in helping Surrey to defeat Loughborough Colleges and London University. On this sort of form, Alan is threatening to lose his personal best of 9m. 13.2s., set up in 1967. An attack of 'flu, unfortunately, kept him out of the Southern championships. But there is still a good part of the season left for an attack on the 9-minute barrier - something which has long been within Alan's capability.

Also representing Surrey in the Motspur Park fixture was Steve White, who clocked 22.5s. for second in the 200m., and cleared 21' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for second in the long-jump. John Bicourt ran as a guest in the 1,500m., and returned 3m. 55.7s. as an unofficial third.

STEVE WHITE ROUND UP

Steve White has put up some good performances in university competitions, as can be seen from the results below, in which Mel Ford and John Bicourt also figure.

Oxford University trials  
April 21/22

100m. 3. S. White 10.9s.  
200m. 1. S. White 21.9s.  
Long-jump 1. S. White 23' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Oxford, April 28: Oxford vs Borough Road  
College vs Southern Counties

100m. 3. S. White (Ox. U.) 10.9s.  
200m. 3. S. White (Ox. U.) 22.3s.  
Long-jump 3. S. White (Ox. U.) 23' 0"  
400m.H. 5. M. Ford (S/C) 56.6s.

Isleworth, May 5: Borough Road  
College vs Southern Counties  
vs Surrey A.A.A.

200m. 5. S. White (SC) 22.5s. 800m. 3. M. Ford (A) 1-56.2  
3000m s'ch 2. J. Bicourt (Sy) 9-9.4

Motspur Park, June 5, 1971

## Senior

400m. 3. P. Gee 51.2s.  
 800m. (Heat 5th) C. Pearson 2m.4.7s.  
 1500m. 6. J. Bicourt 3m. 56.9s.  
 5000m. 3. J. Bicourt 14m. 34.8s.  
 19. R. Ker 16m. 49s.  
 Shot 7. J. Martin 11.20m.

Long Jump 1. S. White 22' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.87m.  
 5. L. Sullivan 21' 10"/6.65m.  
 3,000m. Walk 1. P. Nihill (Surrey W.C.)  
 11m. 51.2s. (world b.p.)  
 2. W. Wesch 12m. 47.8s.  
 3. R. Coates 13m. 36.8s.  
 4. C. Lawton 13m. 50s.  
 6. D. DeBondi 14m. 49s.

## Junior

100m. 1. M. Marshall 11.5s.  
 200m. 3. M. Marshall 23.6s (ht. 23.1s.)  
 800m. 1. P. Carton 1m. 54.8s.

1500m. 1. W. Curtin 4m. 2.9s.  
 2. J. Stow 4m. 3.9s.  
 400H. 5. A. England 67.3s.

## Youths

200m. (Ht. 6th) S. Crosbie 26.6s.  
 800m. 1. D. Harvey 2m. 6.1s.  
 1500m. 3. J. McAfee 4m. 19.0s.  
 High-jump 1. R. Hopkins 5' 8"  
 Long-jump 1. S. Crosbie 19' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Triple-jump 3. S. Crosbie 38' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 Shot 1. D. Raffell 37' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

## Boys

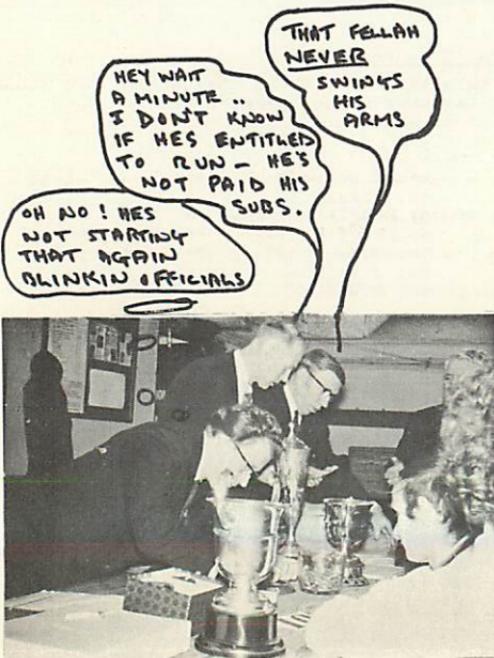
800m. H. 4. R. Jenkins 14.4s.  
 Javelin 4. P. Crosbie 26.26m./36'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

1500m. (Ht. 6th) I. Gillings 5m. 8.4s.

Middlesex 5,000m. 3. L. O'Hara 14m. 55.8s. Shropshire 1,500m. 2. J. Rimmer 3-59.1s

One of the highlights of the season has been the breakthrough of Jim Rimmer in the 1,500m. and 800m.

Jim took second place in the Shropshire 1,500m. in a personal best 3m. 59.1s., a performance which won him County representative honours. And running for Shropshire, Jim lowered his best a shade further, to 3m. 59.0s. Since then, the news is that our new star clocked his best-ever 800m. time of 1m. 57.5s. for second place in the Malkin Trophy.



BUT MY DEAR BOY! I CANT POSSIBLY FOLLOW THE VENTRILOQUIST - I POSITIVELY MUST HAVE THE STAR SPOT.. YOU DO AGREE DONT YOU DEARIE?



# WALKING

## BELGRAVE OPEN '7'

November 28th - Wimbledon

Our correspondent has seen some impressive performances on this severe 7 Mile course which is generally reckoned to be at least one minute long. 1970's race, the 51st in the history, was to provide a brilliant win for the young Metropolitan Walking Club Phil Embleton. The way he streaked away from our own Wilf Wesch was a wonderful sight for those who appreciate fast walking at its best. For the first lap Wilf was in close attendance and with the hills to come Belgrave supporters could be forgiven for thinking that Wilf's extra strength would prove conclusive over the second lap. But Phil had other ideas and moving down Copse Hill he unleashed a magnificent burst of speed walking which carried him nearly 200 yards clear of Wilf who was himself nearly 2 minutes ahead of Lightman. Embleton came home to win in a new record time with Wilf some 43 seconds adrift but also very impressive. Recent team performances had been disappointing for our boys but on their own course there was no mistake, Carl Lawton had a steady race but John Moullin and a much improved Barry Ingarfield were well to the fore to give Belgrave victory by 9 points from the Basildon Squad. Once again Jack and Joan Goswell worked miracles with the results, thanks to Bill Ashford whose kitchen is much preferred to the public bar of the Swan was the Open '7' Administrative HQ.

### Result:

|                  |        |       |                    |      |       |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|------|-------|
| 1. P.Embleton    | Met WC | 50:21 | 64. J.Bromley      | Bels | 62:24 |
| 2. W.Wesch       | Bels   | 51:04 | 65. D.King         | "    | 62:27 |
| 3. S.Lightman    | Met WC | 52:58 | 67. D.Fotheringham | "    | 62:44 |
| 10. C.Lawton     | Bels   | 55:03 | 68. R.Coates       | "    | 63:04 |
| 11. J.Moullin    | Bels   | 55:05 | 73. J.Dunsford     | "    | 63:54 |
| 20. B.Ingarfield | Bels   | 57:07 | 84. J.Wilkinson    | "    | 64:51 |
| 44. D.McMullen   | Bels   | 59:38 | 90. J.Keown        | "    | 65:32 |
| 48. B.Ward       | Bels   | 60:08 | 105. J.Morris      | "    | 67:34 |
| 56. R.Hall       | Bels   | 61:43 | 114. T.Cook        | "    | 68:04 |

### Team

|                      |    |               |   |       |
|----------------------|----|---------------|---|-------|
| 1. Belgrave Harriers | 35 | 141. M.Scott  | " | 72:43 |
| 2. Basildon AC       | 44 | 148. J.Wilson | " | 74:44 |
| 3. Metropolitan WC   | 47 |               |   |       |

## CAMBRIDGE '7'

December 12th - Cambridge Harriers '7' - Bexley

Most of the team were resting at this time of year so that a depleted squad finished out of the honours. Carl Lawton finished prominently and John Bromley was unlucky to miss the '7' in the hour.

### Result

|                  |      |       |                    |      |       |
|------------------|------|-------|--------------------|------|-------|
| 4. C.Lawton      | Bels | 53:36 | 45. J.Dunsford     | Bels | 61:11 |
| 14. B.Ingarfield | "    | 57:41 | 50. B.King         | "    | 61:45 |
| 11. D.McMullen   | "    | 58:47 | 51. D.Fotheringham | "    | 61:50 |
| 12. J.Bromley    | "    | 60:12 | 60. J.Wilkinson    | "    | 64:05 |
| 44. P.Duncan     | "    | 60:49 | 90. J.Johnson      | "    | 70:58 |
|                  |      |       | 94. J.Wilson       | "    | 73:13 |
|                  |      |       | 96. P.Wilson       | "    | 76:33 |

Andy LeHeron, now a member of Belgrave finished in a good 58:57 to take second handicap award

## HORWOOD CUP

December 19th - Wimbledon - Horwood Cup 7 Miles Junior.

Barry Ingarfield was expected to take the Horwood Cup without much trouble but he pushed away from the start to win by some three minutes from John Bromley with Manx man John Wilkin in third place.

|         |                 |          |                |       |
|---------|-----------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| Result: | 1. B.Ingarfield | 57:31    | 7. J.Wilkinson | 63:37 |
|         | 2. A.LeHeron    | S 59:30  | 8. J.Keown     | 67:40 |
|         | 3. D.McMullen   | ne 60:02 | 9. J.Johnson   | 72:04 |
|         | 4. D.King       | ne 60:14 | 10. A.East     | 73:31 |
|         | 5. J.Bromley    | 60:33    | 11. J.Wilson   | 73:37 |
|         | 6. R.Hall       | ne 61:52 | 12. C.Gittens  | 74:52 |
|         |                 |          | 13. P.Wilson   | 75:59 |





Dave King (13), Ray Hall (34), Pat Duncan (54) & John Bromley (45) look as though they've spotted the cameraman. No. 50 looks as though he doesn't know quite what to make of it. Taken in the club 10-mile walk. Photo: Ron Linstead

#### February 6th - Basingstoke - Southern Garnet Cup 10 Miles

Some safe walking from Barry Ingarfield and strong backing in the shape of John Bromley Doug Potheringham and Bob Picton gave Belgrave an unexpected 2nd place in this 'Junior' championship. Andy LeHeron also walked strongly but was not cleared in time to represent Belgrave. It was good to see so many Belgrave supporters out - a sure sign of club strength!

##### Result

|                 |      |       |                                 |      |       |
|-----------------|------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. K.Carter     | SWC  | 76:56 | 17. D.Potheringham              | Bels | 87:40 |
| 2. I.Richards   | MWC  | 78:23 | 20. R.Picton                    | "    | 89:39 |
| 3. A.Seddon     | Enf  | 79:04 | Team: 1. Surrey Walking Club 27 |      |       |
| 4. B.Ingarfield | Bels | 81:02 | 2. Belgrave Harriers 40         |      |       |
| 9. A.LeHeron    | Ind  | 84:37 | 3. Enfield 43                   |      |       |
| 11. J.Bromley   | Bels | 85:59 |                                 |      |       |

#### February 13th - Battersea Park - GLC '10'

This race is becoming one of the major races of the south with all those either living or working in the Greater London Area eligible to take part. Belgrave suffered when Wilf Wesch was pulled while disputing the lead with Shuan Lightman but this gave Carl Lawton the chance to excel as he pulled back Lightman from over a minute to just 30 seconds at the finish. Dave King was another to come out but Ray Hall, scenting medals, was off like a rocket to make up the loss anchoring Belgrave to a second team position 6 points behind old rivals Surrey.

##### Result

|                                 |      |       |                    |      |        |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|------|--------|
| 1. S.Lightman                   | MWC  | 74:50 | 24. B.Ward         | Bels | 86:22  |
| 2. C.Lawton                     | Bels | 75:20 | 35. D.Potheringham | "    | 90:13  |
| 8. B.Ingarfield                 | "    | 80:22 | 36. S.James        | "    | 90:58  |
| 12. R.Middleton                 | "    | 81:45 | 40. J.Keown        | "    | 92:59  |
| 20. R.Hall                      | "    | 84:25 | 50. J.Morris       | "    | 94:58  |
| 23. P.Duncan                    | "    | 86:03 | 76. J.Wilson       | "    | 103:17 |
|                                 |      |       | 80. P.Wilson       | "    | 106:36 |
| Team: 1. Surrey Walking Club 24 |      |       |                    |      |        |
| 2. Belgrave Harriers 30         |      |       |                    |      |        |
| 3. Enfield 68                   |      |       |                    |      |        |

#### February 20th - Basingstoke - Open '10'

The old Belgrave one/two with only Smallwood splitting our scoring four as Carl Lawton held off Alan Callow to win this popular Hampshire promotion. Barry Ingarfield walked strongly for fourth place with John Moullin closing the team in. A word of praise for Whitehead who, after a personal best for five miles struggled on gamely to finish.

##### Result

|                     |      |       |                 |      |        |
|---------------------|------|-------|-----------------|------|--------|
| 1. C.Lawton         | Bels | 76:23 | 13. A.LeHeron   | Bels | 83:01  |
| 2. A.Callow         | "    | 76:30 | 20. J.Bromley   | "    | 86:21  |
| 4. B.Ingarfield     | "    | 78:12 | 21. R.Hall      | "    | 86:57  |
| 5. J.Moullin        | "    | 81:03 | 22. P.Duncan    | "    | 87:24  |
| 9. R.Middleton      | "    | 82:18 | 30. D.DeBondi   | "    | 91:12  |
|                     |      |       | 42. B.Whitehead | "    | 97:40  |
|                     |      |       | 51. J.Johnson   | "    | 108:59 |
| Team: Belgrave A 10 |      |       |                 |      |        |
| Bristol 43          |      |       |                 |      |        |
| Steyning 51         |      |       |                 |      |        |
| Belgrave B 58       |      |       |                 |      |        |

February 27th - County '10' Mile Championships

Tragedy struck in the Surrey when Wilf Wesch, last year's winner missed his train leaving Ray Hall to close the Belgrave four in behind Surrey Walking Club. Carl Lawton confirmed his recent strong form with a fine win of just 3 seconds over the tenacious Ken Carter of Surrey.

|                     |    |       |               |    |        |
|---------------------|----|-------|---------------|----|--------|
| Result: 1. C.Lawton | BH | 76:39 | 18. J.Morris  | BH | 94:46  |
| 4. R.Middleton      | "  | 80:47 | 19. J.Keown   | "  | 94:46  |
| 9. D.McMullen       | "  | 85:40 | 27. G.Beecham | "  | 103:15 |
| 10. R.Hall          | "  | 86:00 | 29. P.Wilson  | "  | 107:39 |
| 17. D.DeBondi       | "  | 91:43 |               |    |        |

Team: 1. Surrey Walking Club 16 Points  
2. Belgrave Harriers 24 " "

In the Middlesex Championship Barry Ingarfield recorded a sharp 77:43 in 4th Pos while in the Sussex race Pat Duncan was 9th in 85:59 "It's fatal to walk when the Brighton running squad are out" said our man after the race!

A notable absentee from the Surrey race was Paul Nihill who was returning a World best 69:00 for 10 miles in the Isle of Man. Second place was taken by Belgrave's Alan Callow in 74:50.

In the Metropolitan Police '10' Mile championship Brian Ward finished 4th in 86:54 and Doug Fotheringham 8th in 89:29. It appears that Charles MacLennan did not finish, the question is DID HE START ?

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March 6th - Battersea Park Southern Area 6 Miles.

A touch of the old one two as Carl and Alan fought out the premier placings with Carl getting the edge - just. Andy LeHeron showed excellent form to be the first Junior home - what a prospect this tall Channel Islander could be.

Result: 1. C.Lawton	BH	44:02	33. S.James	BH	52:55
2. A.Callow	"	44:26	36. J.Dunsford	"	53:02
9. B.Ingarfield	"	46:07	39. J.Morris	"	53:34
10. R.Middleton	"	46:08	54. D.DeBondi	"	55:08
14. A.LeHeron	"	47:53	65. B.Eglinton	"	56:30
22. R.Hall	"	49:46	89. J.Wilson	"	61:18
24. D.Fotheringham	"	49:54	94. P.Wilson	"	65:24

It was great to see Bernard Eglinton back in the bunch again, his 56:30 gave him a pleasant surprise and showed that it can't all be lost in Wales.

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March 13th - Sellers Plate '5' at Wimbledon

A specially arranged sharpener before the National '10' gave Tommy Cook the opportunity to romp away with the prize closely pursued by Johnny Morris and John Keown. Wilf Wesch was the fastest man of the day although Ray Middleton, John Moullin and Andy LeHeron were also impressive.

|                |       |             |       |                    |             |
|----------------|-------|-------------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| Result:        |       |             |       |                    |             |
| 1. T.Cook      | 48:07 | Actual Time | 46:07 | 10. A.LeHeron      | 51:54 38:54 |
| 2. J.Morris    | 48:18 | "           | 43:18 | 11. P.Duncan       | 52:03 41:03 |
| 3. J.Keown     | 48:19 | "           | 43:19 | 12. J.Moullin      | 52:09 36:39 |
| 4. R.Barnes    | 49:34 | "           | 44:34 | 13. R.Middleton    | 52:32 36:47 |
| 5. J.Wilson    | 49:39 | "           | 48:39 | 14. C.Lawton       | 52:50 36:20 |
| 6. P.Wilson    | 50:00 | "           | 50:00 | 15. D.Fotheringham | 52:52 40:52 |
| 7. C.MacLennan | 50:19 | "           | 48:19 | 16. W.Wesch        | 53:03 35:03 |
| 8. B.Eglinton  | 50:24 | "           | 45:24 | 17. J.Duckett      | 53:16 42:16 |
| 9. D.DeBondi   | 51:29 | "           | 43:29 | 18. B.Ingarfield   | 53:27 37:27 |

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In the last Belgravian, it was suggested that the return to competition of Ken Matthews might lure Eric Hall into action again. Some time prior to the Lambeth "5" (see report elsewhere in this issue), we heard from Eric. Who, he asks, is this Ken Matthews?

# National 10m

## March 20th - Redditch - RWA National 10 Miles Championship

In one of the closest races yet Belgrave only clinched the team race in the closing stages when Ian Brooks of Surrey Walking Club retired with just over a mile to go. Before that there was never more than a few points in it as our boys battled for the vital points. From the start it was Nihill and Embleton with the young Essex boy really pulling out all the stops to bring the European Champion to his first defeat in an incredible run of nearly four years. Wilf Wesch, the reigning champion, was concentrating on staying safely in the race and avoiding any possible trouble he finished a comfortable fifth. Behind him Carl Lawton and Alan Callow were not quite their best but the reliable Ray Middleton kept going steadily to ensure that Belgrave retained the title. Barry Ingarfield and Dave McMullen both walked good races, prepared to shoulder the burden if necessary. Belgrave men were also prominent in the county race with Wilf and Carl featuring in Surrey's 2nd position and Alan Callow scoring for Lancashire who finished 3rd. President Alf Harley was well pleased with his first national win!

### Result

|                 |       |       |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. P.Embleton   | MWC   | 69:29 | 54. J.Moullin   | 81:58 |
| 2. P.Nihill     | SWC   | 71:42 | 56. D.McMullen  | 81:59 |
| 3. R.Wallwork   | Lancs | 72:49 | 94. D.DeBondi   | 86:14 |
| 5. W.Wesch      | B.H.  | 74:04 | 95. P.Duncan    | 86:15 |
| 13.C.Lawton     | "     | 76:16 | 118. J.Dunsford | 88:54 |
| 16.A.Callow     | "     | 76:50 | 140. J.Morris   | 92:07 |
| 29.R.Middleton  | "     | 78:47 | 158. J.Keown    | 94:07 |
| 34.B.Ingarfield | "     | 79:27 |                 |       |

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|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Team: 1. Belgrave Harriers | ( 5.10.13.25. ) | 53 Points |
| 2. Lancashire WC           | ( 3.11.23.28. ) | 65 " "    |
| 3. Southend                | ( 6. 9.26.27. ) | 68 " "    |

## March 27th - London Vidarians '15'

|               |      |         |                    |      |         |
|---------------|------|---------|--------------------|------|---------|
| 1. C.Lawton   | B.H. | 2:00:37 | 16. D.Fotheringham | B.H. | 2:25:47 |
| 6. D.McMullen | "    | 2:13:27 | 32. J.Wilson       | "    | 2:46:49 |
| 7. B.DeBondi  | "    | 2:13:48 |                    |      |         |

## April 3rd - Metropolitan Walking Club 20 Kilometres

Phil Embleton won his own promotion in a new record and another world class time. Wilf Wesch thrashed his German team mates for an impressive third place while Ray Middleton, Barry Ingarfield and John Moullin made up for the absence of some of our other stars to ensure that Belgrave won the team event.

### Result:

|                 |      |        |                    |      |        |
|-----------------|------|--------|--------------------|------|--------|
| 1. P.Embleton   | MWC  | 87:59  | 24. D.McMullen     | B.H. | 105:23 |
| 2. S.Lightman   | "    | 91:25  | 31. D.DeBondi      | "    | 109:07 |
| 3. W.Wesch      | B.H. | 91:33  | 35. D.King         | "    | 110:34 |
| 9. R.Middleton  | "    | 99:02  | 40. D.Fotheringham | "    | 111:56 |
| 11.B.Ingarfield | "    | 100:15 | 48. J.Keown        | "    | 117:59 |
| 19.J.Moullin    | "    | 103:35 | 55. J.Morris       | "    | 122:10 |

Team: 1. Belgrave Harriers 28. 2. Met WC 30. 3. Southend 34.

In the Surrey 10,000 Metres Wilf Wesch had no trouble retaining his title with Carl Lawton also showing strong form.

### Result:

|                |       |               |       |                         |       |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. W.Wesch     | 45:53 | 9. R.Hall     | 52:23 | Middlesex 10,000 Metres |       |
| 2. C.Lawton    | 47:38 | 11. D.DeBondi | 53:45 | 4. B.Ingarfield         | 48:11 |
| 4. R.Middleton | 48:28 |               |       |                         |       |

Ray Middleton has yet again been asked to represent Britain - this time over 50 Kilometres in East Berlin on Mayday.

Walking in the West Germany Indoor 10,000 Metre Championships Wilf Wesch recorded an impressive victory for his German Club Eintracht Frankfurt. His time of 44 Minutes 34 seconds was 22 secs ahead of the second man Kannenberg. Wilf also won his heat in 47:33 "slowing down".

# National 20 m

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD National 20-miles, Sheffield, June 12, 1971

As was to be expected, we made a much better showing in the national 20-mile than we did in the 20-kilometres, but it still looked as though team manager Pat Duncan and captain Carl Lawton could do with a bit more brake horse power.

It is true that we were without Ray Middleton and Len Duquemin, who were on the Continent for the European Postmen's Championship, while Carl Lawton was not fully recovered from the stomach upset acquired on his Bucharest trip, and Alan Callow had the sort of day that everyone has from time-to-time but nobody wants in National championship. But even so, Surrey, with a score of 23, looked very strong, with four in the first 11 (individual scoring).

The race was a triumph for Paul Nihill, as well as his club? Surrey W.C. Paul clocked a world best time of 2hrs. 30m. 35s., which gives our up-and-coming youngsters something to aim at, and left him almost five minutes ahead of the second man, former Commonwealth champion Ron Wallwork (Lancs. W.C.).

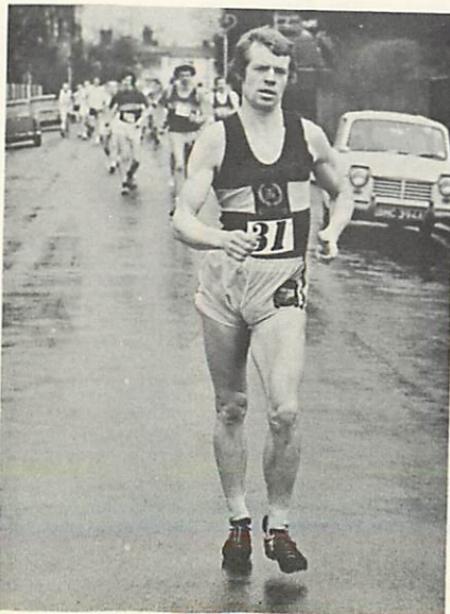
Last year's winner, our very own Wil Wesch, was sixth. This may seem pretty small beer for Wil, but it represents a good performance. Our man has just taken over the management of an hotel in Bloomsbury, and he'd spent the previous night dealing with a series of crises which had left him short on sleep, which is not a good preparation for 20-miles.

Bob Coates, in a welcome return to the championship team, was only just behind Carl, while Dave DeBondi took another step forward.

#### Individuals:

|                                | h. | m. | s. |                             | h. | m. | s. |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
| 1. P. Nihill (Surrey W.C.)     | 2  | 30 | 35 | 17. C. Lawton (BELGRAVE H.) | 2  | 50 | 03 |
| 2. R. Wallwork (Lancs. W.C.)   | 2  | 35 | 18 | 19. R. Coates "             | 2  | 51 | 37 |
| 3. I. Brooks (Surrey W.C.)     | 2  | 35 | 54 | 27. D. DeBondi "            | 2  | 55 | 07 |
| 4. W. Sutherland (Highgate H.) | 2  | 37 | 11 | 35. J. Moullin "            | 2  | 58 | 11 |
| 5. R. Dobson (Basildon)        | 2  | 40 | 13 | 39. D. King "               | 3  | 00 | 02 |
| 6. W. Wesch (BELGRAVE H.)      | 2  | 41 | 08 | 75. R. Hall "               | 3  | 09 | 58 |
|                                |    |    |    | 76. A. Callow "             | 3  | 10 | 51 |

| Teams:                    | 1. | 23                | 4.  | 68 |
|---------------------------|----|-------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Surrey W.C.            | 23 | 4. Sheffield U.H. | 68  |    |
| 2. Royal Sutton Coldfield | 49 | 5. Southend       | 122 |    |
| 3. BELGRAVE HARRIERS      | 60 | 6. Leicester W.C. | 126 |    |



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Wil Wesch, West German international, triple British champion in 1970, and holder of Belgrave's Tommy Green Cup, leads the Club 10-mile walking championship field up Lauriston Road.

- Photo: Ron Linstead

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## Lambeth '5'

Oil Once a year when your down Lambeth Way, you'll see some pretty good walking. We might have won this year's Lambeth "5" - with a bit better team selection. As it was, we had to settle for our "A" team finishing third. And the "B" team didn't win, either, they were second.

All in all, in was a good day for the Bels if the prize list is anything to go by, with two teams in the first three, and second third and fourth places in the handicap. Fifteen of the 81 finishers were Bels.

A boys' race over 2½-miles seemed to indicate that we have another star on the way up. M. Bennett was a highly impressive second.

### Senior results:

1. O. Caviglioli (Basildon) 35m. 05
2. S. Gower (Essex Beagles) 35m. 36s.
3. W. Wesch (Belgrave)

(June 8)

### Results:

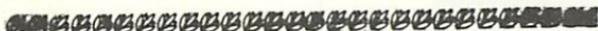
| Senior 5-miles              |           |       | handi-<br>cap | b/cap<br>time |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|---------------|---------------|--|
| 1. O. Caviglioli (Basildon) | 35m. 05s  | 2.40  | 32.25         |               |  |
| 2. S. Gower (Essex Beagles) | 35m. 36s. | 2.00  | 33.36         |               |  |
| 3. W. Wesch (BELGRAVE A.)   | 35m. 38s. | 0.40  | 34.58         |               |  |
| 6. L. Duquemin " B          | 37m. 13s. | 2.00  | 35.13         |               |  |
| 7. A. Callow " B            | 37m. 17s. | 4.10  | 33.07         | (second)      |  |
| 9. R. Middleton " A         | 37m. 42s. | 2.20  | 35.22         |               |  |
| 10. C. Lawton " B           | 37m. 44s. | 2.20  | 35.24         |               |  |
| 20. A. LeHeron " A          | 39m. 56s. | 6.40  | 33.16         | (fourth)      |  |
| 26. R. Hall " A             | 40m. 59s. | 7.30  | 33.29         |               |  |
| 28. D. DeBondi " "          | 41m. 25s. | 6.40  | 34.45         |               |  |
| 32. E. Hall " "             | 41m. 39s. | 4.00  | 37.39         |               |  |
| 34. J. Dunsford " "         | 41m. 45s. | 8.30  | 33.15         | (third)       |  |
| 36. J. Bromley " "          | 42m. 22s. | 7.20  | 35.02         |               |  |
| 37. D. Fotheringham " "     | 42m. 27s. | 6.50  | 35.37         |               |  |
| 51. J. Morris " "           | 46m. 04s. | 10.00 | 36.04         |               |  |
| 76. J. Wilson " "           | 50m. 36s. | 15.00 | 35.36         |               |  |
| 78. P. Wilson " "           | 52m. 18s. | 15.00 | 37.18         |               |  |

Teams: 1. Basildon 14; 2. Belgrave B 17; Belgrave A 21.

- Boys 2½-miles
1. J. Hills (Basildon) 20m. 45s.
  2. M. Bennett (BELGRAVE) 21m. 14s.
  3. G. Cheshire (Surrey W.C.) 22m. 05s.

### Puzzle Corner

Who can he be, who finished 29th in 4In. 20s. (handicap 3m.) for the City of London Police, under the name of D. Davies? Non. cross-country sec., please enquire.



### International honour for Lawton

Carl Lawton walked brilliantly in the National 20-kilometres, and clearly deserved his first selection to represent Britain in a race abroad - competing over 20-kilos in Bucharest on May 16.

But for poor Carl, it was an unhappy start on his international career. Like many a likely lad before him, he was plagued on a trip to this part of Europe by stomach trouble, and obviously it was only his guts that enabled him to finish at all. He is reported to have covered his last 5-kilometres in a nifty 44m. Although his first ten kilos took only about 51m., his time for the full distance, in 36th place, was 124m. Never mind, Carl, you may rue the trip, but don't get a mania about it.

Another Bel to have an unhappy time on a long journey was Ray Hall, who - as the reigning Stock Exchange 25 miles champion - turned out in the Stock Exchange London to Brighton, and was then forced to retire. But we still reckon Ray is good for a good 'un in the 50 kilos.

Come the Barking-Southend, our first man home was John Morris, tenth in 5hrs. 42m. 35s., with Doug Fotheringham not far behind in 12th place (5hrs. 48m. 35s.).

April 17th - Wimbledon - Belgrave 20 Miles Walking Championship

In trying conditions Wilf Wesch dominated this race from start to finish and never looked even tired by the effort of recording an excellent 2:39:07. Carl and Ray Middleton were never far apart with Ray just failing to catch a weary Lawton up Lauriston Road. Barry Ingarfield started fast but faded over the second half while Dave DeBondi celebrated his return to fitness by walking the last 10 miles nearly five minutes faster than his first 10. Great to see Len Duquemin out again if only for 10 Miles. The 1971 Stock Exchange 25 mile champ Ray Hall called it a day at the end of the second lap while our latest father Bob Coates was content to stroll round - obviously missing the comforting handle of the pram.

Result:

|                       |         |                 |         |                  |         |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 1. W.Wesch            | 2:39:07 | 8. D.King       | 3:11:05 | 16. J.Keown      | 3:26:50 |
| 2. C.Lawton           | 2:48:20 | 9. P.Duncan     | 3:11:23 | 17. D.Davies MP  | 3:27:09 |
| 3. R.Middleton        | 2:48:23 | 10. J.Morris    | 3:19:07 | 18. Fotheringham | 3:27:56 |
| 4. B.Ingarfield       | 2:53:36 | 11. K.Turner MP | 3:19:34 | 19. A.Eddlestone | 3:30:35 |
| 5. D.Watts MP         | 3:00:24 | 12. R.Coates    | 3:20:07 | 20. A.Parsons P  | 3:36:51 |
| 6. D.DeBondi          | 3:02:30 | 13. A.Haith MP  | 3:20:31 | 21. D.Warrilow P | 3:38:50 |
| 7. D.McMullen         | 3:06:01 | 14. D.Holmes MP | 3:21:34 | 22. P.Willis P   | 3:38:56 |
| Team: Belgrave 40 Pts |         | 15. L.Taylor MP | 3:25:11 | 23. C.Gittens    | 3:46:48 |
| Met Police 56 Pts     |         |                 |         |                  |         |

April 24th - County 20 Mile Championships

Surrey saw Carl Lawton recording a personal best on a fair course and still finishing second as Paul Nihill blasted off one of the fastest 20s ever. Ray Middleton showed a welcome return to form in third position.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Result:</u> 1. P.Nihill | 2:32:24               | Team: 1. Surrey WC |
| 2. C.Lawton                | 2:40:53 Personal Best | 2. Belgrave        |
| 3. R.Middleton             | 2:43:09               |                    |
| 6. D.DeBondi               | 2:54:10               | " "                |

Sussex and Pat Duncan back in business with 3:00:04 for this tough course.

Middlesex and the suprise of the day as Barry Ingarfield shot through 5 Miles in 36 Minutes, 10 in 74 for a final time of 2:41:43. It is a pity that one of Barry's finest performances, to date should be marred by an obviously short first 10. Still a great effort by this hard training draughtsman.

BACK IN FORM FOR THE LEICESTER MERCURY "20" - May 22, 1971

The Leicester Mercury 20-miles gave us the chance to show that our National 20-kilos result had not left us downhearted. With Wilf Wesch back in the side, and Ray Middleton back with the leaders, we scored a clear win. And contributing to our victory was a particularly bright performance by young Alan Callow. John Moullin made up our scoring four, while Dave DeBondi looked like a man who'd been doing a bit of training, and long-distance specialist Dave King was only just outside three hours.

| Individuals:               | hrs.m.s.                              |                          | hrs.m.s. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. S. Lightman (Met. W.C.) | 2 38 16                               | 38. P. Duncan (Belgrave) | 3 08 55  |
| 2. R. Dobson (Basildon)    | 2 38 19                               | 47. R. Farley "          | 3 13 53  |
| 3. W. Sutherland (H'gate)  | 2 40 51                               | 48. C. Capener "         | 3 13 58  |
| 4. W. Wesch (Belgrave)     | 2 42 27                               | 77. J. Keown "           | 3 25 09  |
| 6. R. Middleton "          | 2 45 30                               | 78. R. Picton "          | 3 25 40  |
| 9. A. Callow "             | 2 53 41                               |                          |          |
| 16. J. Moullin "           | 2 57 30                               |                          |          |
| 19. D. DeBondi "           | 2 59 41 (fifth in handicap, off 30m.) |                          |          |
| 26. D. King "              | 3 04 20                               |                          |          |
| Teams:                     | 1. Belgrave 29                        | 4. Surrey W.C.           | 99       |
|                            | 2. Leicester 61                       | 5. Brighton & H.100      |          |
|                            | 3. Sheffield 88                       | 6. Bromsgrove 102        |          |

Memory Corner

Eric Hall's annual outing used to be in the Inter-county Championships at the White City, when he sported the colours of Cheshire. Now, with the White City lost to the sport, he seems to be looking for new pastures. We hope to see more of you, Eric.

We usually get up a Spring Bank Holiday team for a trip to Bradford, for 50 kilometres round the Yorkshire dales. This year, we got third place, behind Sheffield and Royal Sutton Coldfield, who seem to be making quite a habit of getting home a place ahead of us these days.

John Moullin led our men home, but was only just in front of Bob Coates, while Dave DeBondi was just a fraction outside 5hrs. Pat Duncan was there.

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|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. R. Wallwork (Lancs. W.C.) | 4hrs. 29m. 20s. | 1. Sheffield U.H.      |
| 7. J. Moullin (BELGRAVE H.)  | 4hrs. 57m. 25s. | 2. R. Sutton Coldfield |
| 8. R. Coates                 | 4hrs. 58m. 16s. | 3. Belgrave            |
| 13. D. DeBondi               | 5hrs. 01m. 23s. |                        |
| 18. P. Duncan                | 5hrs. 08m. 20s. |                        |

The Editor writes on walking:

The Editor's inability to co-ordinate his contributors' contributions, so that they arrive for the same deadline, means that he is able to relieve our hard working Walking Hon. Sec. of the embarrassment of breaking the news of our performances in the National 20-kilometres and 20-miles championships.

To show our hon. sec.'s perspicacity, however, we reproduce below the following Comment, written before those two championships were held:-

#### COMMENT

If British walking has been through a bad patch its certainly equal to the best in the world at the present time. Each week brings a fresh crop of times which, only a year ago would have been considered impossible. Phil Embleton has broken 70 for 10 miles, 88 for 20 Kilometres and best of all the Track 10,000 Metres UK Record with a staggering sub 42 clocking. Over 20 Miles Belgrave look strong enough and our distance men can usually be relied upon but the 20 Kilometres at Luton looks to be the risk if we are to achieve an unbeaten national record this year. Fortunately some of the boys have been playing it a bit carefully and we can only hope that they have timed it right. Wilf Wesch is obviously as fit as ever, so is Carl Lawton. Alan Gallow is struggling to right a back injury but Ray Middleton is on the rising fitness trail once more. Barry Ingarfield we hope can show consistently the form he has produced on occasions and with Len Duquemin back in training and eligible for the Post Office John Moullin may also reappear. Dave DeBondi and Pat Duncan are both training hard - so is Dave King. Nonetheless although we have the greatest depth and strength of any club in the world - witness those packs at Wimbledon in the present competitive climate it is impossible to relax. If the team can just pull together on the day then all will be well but there can be no margin of error as Surrey, Met, Lancashire and Southend hover menacingly for the first chink in the claret and gold.

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Now for it. In the 20-kilometres at Luton on May 8, we finished an unaccustomedly low fifth. And our "B" team didn't win, either. They were 16th. The bright spot in this race was Carl Lawton's sixth place in 97m. 21s. Ray Middleton had raced over 50 kilometres in Berlin the week before, and this may help to explain his lowly 56th position, while we obviously missed Wil Wesch, the reigning champion, who was out through injury.

We have to congratulate our old friends and rivals Surrey Walking Club on taking the title. Surrey gave us a fright in the 10-miles event, and this time just edged out Basildon

|                                         |           |                        |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----|
| Individuals: 1. P. Nihill (Surrey W.C.) | 92m. 06s. | TWAMS: 1. Surrey W.C.  | 46  |
| 2. S. Lightman (Metropolitan)           | 94m. 14s. | 2. Basildon            | 48  |
| 3. R. Wallwork (Lancashire W.C.)        | 94m. 27s. | 3. Lancashire W.C.     | 74  |
| 4. W. Sutherland (Highgate H.)          | 95m. 36s. | 4. R. Sutton Coldfield | 97  |
| 5. I. Brooks (Surrey W.C.)              | 95m. 45s. | 5. BELGRAVE "A"        | 97  |
|                                         |           | 6. Sheffield U.H.      | 112 |
|                                         |           | 16. BELGRAVE "B"       | 283 |

Belgrave placings -

|                   |            |                 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 6. C. Lawton      | 97m. 21s.  | 92. J. Dunsford | 116m. 50s. |
| 30. A. Callow     | 106m. 01s. | 93. R. Coates   | 116m. 53s. |
| 33. J. Moullin    | 106m. 31s. | 110. J. Morris  | 121m. 52s. |
| 34. B. Ingarfield | 106m. 41s. |                 |            |
| 42. D. DeBondi    | 108m. 42s. |                 |            |
| 56. R. Middleton  | 110m. 42s. |                 |            |
| 62. A. LeHeron    | 112m. 18s. |                 |            |
| 69. P. Duncan     | 113m. 42s. |                 |            |





**LEFT** David Harvey, seen here showing his paces in a Surrey League fixture, went on to win the Surrey youths' 800m. in June, and took third place in the London Schools' intermediate 800m.

**RIGHT** Jim McAfee, showing the sort of stride that won him third place in the Surrey youths' 1,500m. - Photo: Ron Linstead

**SURREY LEAGUE Youths and Boys COULSDON 20. 2. 71.**

Continuing their habit of swapping the first three places to deliberately thwart the judges and produce a tie for the trophy awarded to the best individual of the series, Tony Binda, Peter Carton, and Bill Curtin trotted home in that order to lead the field in.

Mark Clancy maintained his recent improvement to finish 5th and in 8th place was Pat Breslin free for once from the heartbreaking series of injuries which have made his winter season so miserable.

Further down the field were many of our boys and colts who all ran extremely well. These lads turn out in great numbers regularly whenever and wherever a race is on and are certainly teaching a lesson to certain other sections of the club.

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|---------|----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Result: | 1. A. Binda    | 14.32. | 20. S. Holmes   | 16.41. |
|         | 2. P. Carton   | 14.33. | 25. A. Martell  | 17.43. |
|         | 3. W. Curtin   | 14.34. | 26. M. Murphy   | 17.49  |
|         | 5. M. Clancy   | 15.13. | 29. A. Cook     | 18.07. |
|         | 7. P. Breslin  | 15.40. | 31. S. Wilson   | 18.26. |
|         | 12. J. MacAfee | 16.17  | 35. H. Breslin  | 18.47. |
|         | 17. J. Stow    | 16.23. | 39. I. Beaumont | 20.59. |
|         | 19. D. Harvey  | 16.35. |                 |        |

|             |            |             |            |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. Belgrave | 18 points. | 5. Ranelagh | 103 points |
| 2. Mitcham  | 68 points. | 6. S.L.H.   | 148 points |
| 3. Walton   | 78 points. | 7. Hercules | 165 points |
| 4. Croydon  | 88 points  |             |            |

**OVERALL LEAGUE RESULT**

1. Belgrave 106pts    2. Mitcham 250 pts    3 Walton 262pts

**Individuals**    1st equal - T. Binda P. Carton W. Curtin - 7 points each  
4th.    T. Marsden (Mitcham A.C.) 33 points

## Mitcham Young Athletes Relay

Mitcham A.C. Young Athletes' Cross - country Relay 4 x 2 miles  
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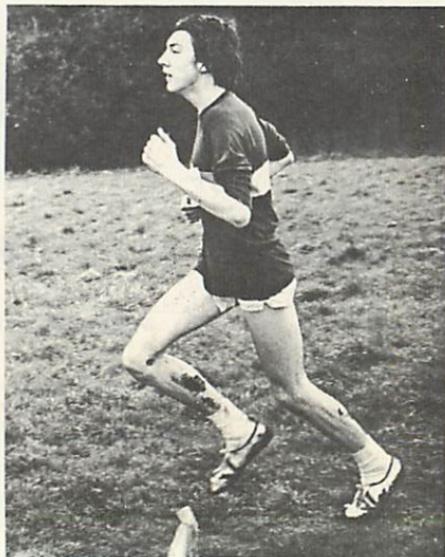
Although this event was open to runners up to the age of 20, we scored a fine win with an all youth quartet. John Stow took the first stage and handed over to Tony Binda in 4th place recording 9m 2s. Tony clocked 8m 44s to move into 2nd position. A fine effort by Peter Carton (8m 25s) took us into the lead on stage three.

On the final leg Bill Curtin took over only yards ahead of Cambridge & Coleridge A.C. Junior international Grenville Tuck. As this runner had finished in the low twenties in the Inter-Counties Senior C.C. only two weeks before, Bill's task appeared to be a formidable one. Tuck caught Bill with half a mile to go and approaching the finish our lad appeared to be absolutely exhausted. Urged on by our supporters, Bill found hidden reserves and pulled out a desperate sprint over the last 200 yards to bring us home first. His effort was a courageous one and will be long remembered by those present.

Running for an incomplete 'B' team Mark Clancey and Pat. Breslin did 9.16 and 9.19. respectively. Mark's effort was a fine one for it put him half way up the days overall time list, whereas just a few months previously one could confidently have expected to find him languishing in the bottom few places.

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|---------|--------------------------|-------|
| RESULT: | 1. Belgrave Harriers     | 34.36 |
|         | 2. Cambridge & Coleridge | 34.41 |
|         | 3. Aldershot             | 34.59 |

Fastest Youth award - BILL CURTIN.



**LEFT** Paddy Breslin running with Surrey Boys c.c. champion Trevor Marsden (Mitcham) in a Surrey League fixture. Paddy pulled out a very promising 3,000m. steeplechase in the Southern League at Ilford.

**RIGHT** Simon Holmes is one of the Club's promising band of junior members. In the London Schools' intermediate 1,500m. he was a noteworthy fourth.

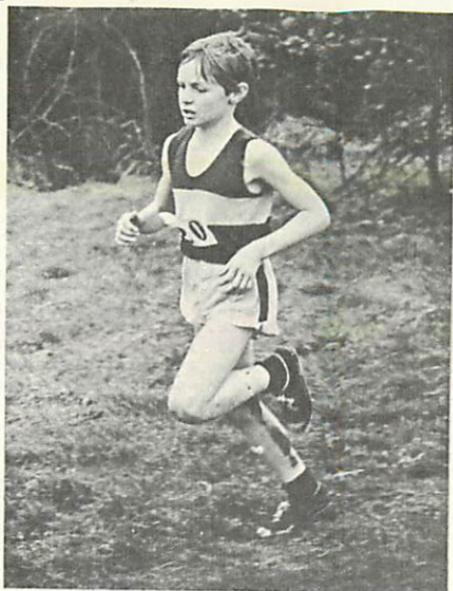
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**LEFT** Mick Murphy, one of our youngest members, running in the Surrey Cross-Country League.

- Photo: Ron Linstead



**RIGHT** Following in father's footsteps. The runner in the Surrey Cross-Country League is Ivan Beaumont, son of Ray.

- Photo: Ron Linstead

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SURREY YOUTH'S C.C. - Wimbledon

An easy win for PETER CARTON over the snow covered mist bound common. Recording 18m.53secs., Peter had 29 secs in hand over Tony Binda, who in turn was 17 secs up on Bill Curtin. John Stow, rapidly coming back to form was sixth.

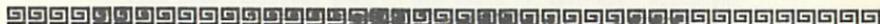
With a low total of 11 points we were easy winners of the team event.

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| Result: | 1. P. Carton (Belgrave) | 18.53. |
|         | 2. A. Binda (Belgrave)  | 19.22. |
|         | 3. W. Curtin (Belgrave) | 19.39. |
|         | 6. J. Stow (Belgrave)   | 19.49. |

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| Team: | Belgrave Harriers  | 11 points |
|       | Aldershot          | 47 points |
|       | John Fisher School | 53 points |

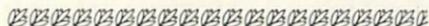
SURREY JUNIOR C.C. - Wimbledon.

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| Result: | 1. B. Ford (Aldershot)     | 26.58. |
|         | 19. J. Hamilton (Belgrave) | 32.54. |
|         | 23. R. Hamilton (Belgrave) | 34.39. |

Junior 5 miles C.C. Championship 23rd January 1971

This race was held in conjunction with the senior 10 miles event. Peter Carton respectfully ran in Lionel Mann's footsteps for two of the four laps to complete five miles. So fresh was Peter that one was left to conjecture what would have happened had he carried on for the full 10 miles. Tony Binda was second, half a minute in arrears, and third was John Stow. Mark Clancy filled fourth spot with injury plagued Pat Breslin in fifth position.

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| RESULT: | 1. Peter Carton | 29.07. |
|         | 2. Tony Binda   | 29.37. |
|         | 3. John Stow    | 31.23. |
|         | 4. Mark Clancy  | 32.06. |
|         | 5. Pat Breslin  | 32.44. |

SOUTHERN C.C. - Parliament Hill Fields - February 13th

Due to injury, illness and other reasons we failed to start a complete team. Peter Carton ran a hard race to finish seventh, a good performance but not really indicative of his true potential. Mark Clancy was 60th out of 160 odd finishers and he was probably the only Belgrave runner of the day senior junior or youth to really rise to the big occasion and pull out a best ever effort.

The less said about the Juniors the better. We started an incomplete team, the members of which decided to run an incomplete race, pulling out at the half distance.

Altogether a poor day for us with just the faint consolation that it would be difficult to do as badly again.



BLACKHEATH HARRIER'S WINTER TRACK MEETING, CRYSTAL PALACE, SUN. 21.3.71

We went to this meeting with just eight club members - and recorded four wins.

This is, I would think, the biggest of the winter meetings, with Clubs from all over the South of England (and indeed a few from the North represented). Most of those who enter are just out to get the feel of things again after the winter recess, and so the competition is none too serious. Nevertheless, some worthwhile performances were recorded, in spite of the fact it was a miserable, cold, windy day.

Our lads performed equally well, Our first win was in of all things the Youth's Shot putt, Dave Raffell reaching 11 metres with the 10lb ball. Dave is a big lad for his age, and a keen sportsman, he is now taking this event very seriously, training most nights with the use of weights. We expect him to do great things this summer, indeed I would prophesy that other things allowing - education etc., we now have at last a future international field events man in the Club.

Our second win of the day was with Reg Hopkins doing his thing (Fosbury) high jump. Like Dave, Reg is now taking this field event seriously, working to a schedule with weights and exercises and trying to perfect a technique. He managed to equal his personal best of 1.73 (5 ft. 8 ins) in spite of the winter conditions already mentioned. This height would have won him the junior event and placed him 5th in the senior. His ambition is to clear 6 ft. this summer, while still aged 16 years.

You would think we had done well enough with two field event wins but we had forgotten Stephen Crosbie. Although he failed in the sprints, finishing last in his race, he came back with a vengeance in the long jump and recorded 5-67m to win the Youths event.

Our interest in the track was equally rewarding, Jimmy McAffee showing tremendous form in coming through the field and taking a commanding lead to win the Youths 1000m in 2m49.2s. Simon Holmes made it a Belgrave one-two finishing second in 2m55.7s. We are so used to seeing Martin Bloice first past the post that we were a little disappointed to see him finish 4th in the Junior 300m in 38.0s. Martin was the first to agree on leaving the track that he sadly needed training having done virtually nothing for weeks. This run shook him up and he has since got down to work and is determined to recapture his old form.

David Harvey ran in the 600m and although not in the first four, his was a very worthwhile effort. His ambition is to break 2.00 for the 800mts this season, I have every reason to believe he will manage it if he continues the way he is going. His time in this race of 1m31.9s seems to point the way.

Our only other competitor was Tony Holmes. Although Tony is not yet in the same class as the other members he is very keen and trains hard in a business like manner. This I am sure will bring him sooner or later up with the others. He managed, however, 3m17.5. in the Youths 1000m although still only a boy.

(Ed.'s note: Since Reg wrote this, Martin Bloice has been out of action with a broken arm. Before his accident, however, Martin showed promising form for Lambeth in Paris. The latest news is that he is on the mend, so that there is still time for some good performances this summer. As will be seen from reports elsewhere in the magazine, there have been a number of excellent results from our youths since the Blackheath meeting.)

BROOKS JUMPS FOR NAVY

Cliff Brooks cleared 21' 7" for second place in the long-jump in a match between the Royal Navy and Kent.

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RATCLIFFS THROWS FOR ARMY

Glyn Ratcliffe was in good form at Woodford on May 1, when representing the Army against Woodford Green and Luton, taking third place in the discus with 147' 6". In the 400m. hurdles, Mel Ford carried the Army colours to second place in 57.8s.

## News from the schools ~

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MARTIN GILLINGS | 1st Kingston & Dist. Schools C.C. Champs.<br>53rd Surrey Schools<br>Numerous wins in Inter-house and Inter-schools races.                                               |
| STEVEN WILSON   | 1st inter house race<br>2nd inter school                                                                                                                                |
| MICK MURPHY     | 5th Kingston & Dist Championships<br>51st Surrey Schools Champs<br>Numerous wins in Inter-house and Inter-schools races<br>School C.C. Captain                          |
| STEVEN JAY      | Regular member of scoring team in School C.C. matches.<br>4th in Inter-house race.                                                                                      |
| IAN GILLINGS    | 1st Kingston & Dist. Schools C.C. Champs.<br>28th Surrey Schools Champs.<br>Numerous Inter-house and Inter-school races wins in all age groups.<br>School C.C. Captain. |

### English Schools' Cross-Country

Peter Carton finished 23rd in the English Schools' senior cross-country championship on March 27 in 23m. 56s.

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### Sunday 7th March 1971

### Sutton & Cheam 4 x 1 mile relay.

Boys under 12 on the day of the race.

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| Belgrave 3rd. | Martin Gillings | 6.18  |
|               | Ivan Beaumont   | 7.19  |
|               | Stephen Walker  | 8.18  |
|               | Gordon Elson    | 7.54. |

Boys under 15 on the day of the race.

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| Belgrave 'A' | Ian Gillings    | 6.04. |
|              | Michael Murphy  | 6.27. |
|              | Steven Wilson   | 6.29. |
|              | Andrew Martell  | 6.19. |
| 'B'          | Howard Breslin  | 6.34. |
|              | Stephen Jay     | 7.24. |
|              | Richard Gratton | 8.13. |
|              | Stacy Braidwood | 7.16. |

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| Result: | 1st South London H    | 24. 47. |
|         | 2nd Belgrave Harriers | 25. 19. |

This was the first of a series of races held on the first Sunday of each month. The venue will change each month and so will the type of event, which will include cross-country, track, road races and relays. Two age groups will be arranged for under-12 and under-14 years.

We hope you will support Belgrave in this competition. Other Clubs taking part include, Herne Hill, Mitcham, Epsom and Ewell, South London Harriers and others.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - NORWICH 6th March 1971YOUTHS

The big day our lads had spent months building up for saw us finish a disappointing eighth. Once again only Mark Clancy (153rd) ran to form. Bill Curtin (28th) led the team home with Peter Carton four places behind. Tony Binda came 50th, John Stow 175th and Pat Breslin 197th

The whole team except Mark appeared jaded - Bill although physically below par lacked nothing in determination - to beat Peter. A pity Peter wasn't on form, if he had come 5th or 6th one imagines Bill would still have run "eyeballs out" to beat him and perhaps have come 3rd or 4th. Lets hope in years to come Bill can channel his energies into trying to carve up the rest of the field, and not just his clubmates.

Of course afterwards we had the usual 'What went wrong'? questions. The truth is that the team got fit far too early in the season and did not ease right off for the odd week or so now and again. The team manager accepts responsibility for having got the runners to their peak so early but feels that two of the runners in particular ignored advice to ease down at certain periods. The blame for our lack of success must be shared therefore.

On the basis, however that "a man who never made a mistake never made anything" the individuals concerned having learned vital lessons, and are not in the least perturbed now the event is over. There are many seasons ahead to make amands, and this will surely happen.

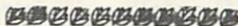
JUNIORS.

Twenty fourth place out of twenty five teams inspires one to write just "what else can one expect if runners train irregularly"

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| Positions: | J. Hamilton | 173 | J. Blair-Fish | 202 |
|            | R. Hamilton | 220 | V. Butcher    | 223 |

227 finished

1st team 64 points      Belgrave Harriers 850 points  
(one detects room for improvement)



Some of the colts, captured by the camera of Ron Linstead.

20th March San Sebastian - International Junior C.C.

Bill Curtin, representing the Republic of Ireland, excelled himself to finish twenty-seventh in this event coming just below halfway up the field. The bulk of the field in this event were in the true junior category whilst Bill is still a youth. This makes his fine position even more praiseworthy. A run of this calibre in the National Youths two weeks earlier would surely have placed Bill in the first six of this event at least.

Now that Bill has been recognised by the Irish selectors, one must hope that regular international appearances over the next dozen or more years will provide the stimulus to keep him going for many seasons to come. Even if Bill does have to miss the occasional club appearance (as in the Southern this year because of selection for an invitation event in Spain) the eventual outcome will be very much for the good of the Club, as these international events will raise his standard even higher.

LONDON FEDERATION OF BOYS CLUBS C.C. CHAMPS. GRANGE FARM CHIGWELL

| Under 13 yrs. Race 1½ miles: |                |       | Junior 3 miles: |              |        | Senior 4 miles: |               |        |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| 4th                          | Steven Wilson  | 8.30. | 1st             | Jim McArree  | 15.34. | 1st             | Paddy Breslin | 15.11. |
| 5th                          | Howard Breslin | 8.35. | 2nd             | Simon Holmes | 15.45. | 3rd             | Vic Butcher   | 16.45. |
| 12th                         | Steven Jay     | 9.14. | 4th             | Dave Harvey  |        | 6th             | Mick Harvey   |        |
| 18th                         | Iwan Beaumont  | 9.48. | 7th             | Reg Hopkins  |        | 8th             | Tony Holmes   |        |

NATIONAL ASSN. BOYS CLUBS INTER-HOME COUNTIES C.C. - Stanmer Park, Brighton.

| Juniors 3 miles: |           |               | Seniors 4 miles: |            |               |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| 1st              | C. McTear | Sussex 14.39. | 8th              | V. Butcher | London 21.51. |
| 2nd              | J. McAfee | London 14.45. | 12th             | R. Hopkins | London        |
| 6th              | S. Holmes | London 15.15. |                  |            |               |

Sunday April 4th 1971 Carshalton Track

Colts 4 x 880 yards relay.

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|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| 'A' team: | M. Gillings | 2.35. | 'B' team: | J. McAfee          | 2.06. |
|           | S. Wilson   | 2.47. |           | P. Albut (guest)   |       |
|           | M. Murphy   | 2.49. |           | D. Diddino (guest) |       |
|           | I. Gillings | 2.40. |           | S. Jay             | 2.55. |

Our A team were 4th in this race behind Mitcham, Epsom & Ewell and Mitcham.

South London Schools' Championships

The South London Schools' Championships are divided into two regions these days. Peter Carton won the senior 800m. title in his section in 1m. 58.9s., while Reg Hopkins cleared 5' 9" for a high-jump victory, and Dave Raffell accomplished 11.99m. for a first in the shot-putt.

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LONDON SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - Crystal Palace, June 12, 1971

Three Belgravians will represent London in the All-England schools' championships, following some fine performances in the London championships.

Pride of place must go to Reg Hopkins, who set a record in winning the intermediate high-jump at 5' 11½" - and must now have high hopes of clearing 6' this summer, at the age of sixteen.

Peter Carton was our other winner at this meeting, taking the senior 800m. in 1m. 55.7s., while Mick Marshall scorched his way up the 100m. track, for second place in the senior race in 11.0s., the same time at the winner's.

The above three have been selected for the All-England meeting, but Dave Harvey is still in with a chance of selection, following his third place in the intermediate 800m. in 2m. 3.2s. He only needs to record a somewhat faster time.

Fourth place in the intermediate 1,500m. went to Simon Holmes in 4m. 19s., while Dave Raffell was fourth in the intermediate shot.



Tony Binda (25) and Colin Pearson locked in battle in the Wimbledon Cup. For the winner, see the sparkling report elsewhere in this issue. - Photo: Ron Linstead

BACK COVER

Peter Carton finishing fourth in the Southern youths' cross-country. At Ilford in May, Peter set a new club junior record of 1m. 53.5s. in the Southern League 800m.

- Photo: Ed Lacey

