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FRONTISPIECE (Ed. Lacey)-----JOHN BICOURT leads Chris Perry of Birchfield Harriers in the final of the A.A.A. 3,000 metres Championship at White City. In his heat he chalked up a new Belgrave record of 8:46.8.

FRONT COVER---Our retiring General Hon. Secretary, ALF HARLEY, who vacates his Chair after a term of office spanning 32 years. See page 8.



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EDITORIAL

This is the last Editorial to flow from the pen of the present Editor, and it is with a feeling of some sadness that he parts company with his charge. Sadness, not only at the separation but at the distinct possibility of the Gazette discontinuing in its present form: for there appears to be a reluctance on the part of members to step forward and fill the breach. If this reluctance is because the interests of members are confined to a particular section of the Club, rather than the whole gamut of our activities then we appeal to them to volunteer their services in respect of that section alone. A sub-Editor for each facet of our journal could well preserve continuity of production, and we ask members to consider this seriously.

This edition should be in members' hands on Annual General Meeting day—September 17th. This is, perhaps, the most important day in the Club year, for on that day the Club's officers are elected or re-elected. It is vital that we get the best men for the fifty or so elections that are made, for on them depends our success in the long term. The right selections can only be made by a well attended A.G.M. A well attended A.G.M. is only forthcoming from an enthusiastic membership; and an enthusiastic membership will be found in a well organised and successful club. This is the circle of effects which can spiral downwards so easily if too many members are unwilling to play an active part in the running of club affairs.

Finally, a thank you to all those helpers who have done so much to assist in the production of this Gazette during the "Sixties". Our contributors have been too numerous to name in full, but particular mention should be made of Gordon Biscoe, Pat Duncan, Alf Harley, Bill Lucas and Charlie Manning for the written word; and Ron Linstead and Ed. Lacey for the visual word. Also to former co-Editors Mal Robinson, Dave Mitchell and Alan Mead—wish you were here. The Ladies have also played their part, and our appreciation is extended to Sally Lucas, Margaret North, Gwenda Couzens and Barbara Mitchell for their typing assistance.

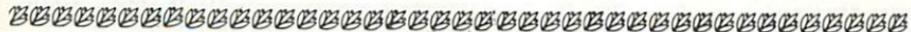
Last, but by no means least, your departing Editor extends his thanks to Elizabeth Shippen who not only typed the majority of the last 1200 odd pages in difficult circumstances but who showed the forbearance which enabled your Editor to continue for so long.

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STOP PRESS!

Our congratulations go out to second claim member ALAN LERWILL who won a long jump gold medal in the World Student Games in Turin. Congratulations also to our Coaching Hon. Secretary DAVE ANSELL, who played no small part in the achievement.

Congratulations also to RAY MIDDLETON on a successful London-Brighton Walk debut. He beat all home contenders in a brilliant 7:50:47, only to see Ladany of Israel finish 4 minutes and 10 seconds ahead of him.



Welcome

The Club extends a hearty welcome to the following members who have joined us during the last three months. If any assistance or advice is required please contact any official who will put you in touch with the person best able to help.

The county, or country, in brackets indicate birth qualification.

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HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

In our last issue our Honorary Editor reminded us all of his intention to lay down the Editorial blue-pencil at the end of the Club year, and asked for anyone with the requisite abilities to consider this important office, and volunteer his name to the Committee. At the moment of writing there has been no such volunteer, and unless between now and the publication of this current issue someone has come forward, we may well have to look upon this issue as the end of the road, and the last of the "Belgravians".

There were Lectographed copies of a Club circular in the very early 1900's, but a printed "Belgravian" did not appear until 1925. It would be a very great pity if, 45 years later, we had to tell ourselves that we no longer have members with the enthusiasm, the ability and the determination to carry on an old tradition!

The foregoing paragraph has the imprint of sadness upon it but we must not allow these thoughts to rob CLIVE SHIPPEN of the sincere Vote of Thanks that is due to him, as well as the individual thanks of us all. Eleven years have been bridged by Clive and his various associates in putting before us a Club gazette which would compare favourably with any in the country; and we have all eagerly awaited the quarterly appearance of the "Belgravian", with the possible exception of the Hon Treasurer!

We do normally rather tend to take these things for granted, but now that Clive has decided he can no longer undertake these duties, we become aware more intensely than at any other time, of his great work on behalf of us all and of the pleasure he has given us (and will continue to give us in retrospect), over a decade.

His standards have been high and earned commendation from many directions, and our gratitude must be equally high and may perhaps be best expressed by the emergence of someone who even at this late hour is prepared to carry on the torch!

Incidentally some additional expert typing volunteers might possibly help to solve our problems on the production side; and allow a member to come forward as Hon Editor who could concentrate on the written material side.

It should perhaps be explained that to save the high costs of professional type-setting; we, in effect, do our own setting by typing the material on to foolscap sheets, which are reduced photographically to our page size by our printing suppliers, and the required quantity run-off.

So further expert typing volunteers might yet help us out of our difficulties; and we would thank all those who have helped in the past.

Our Supporters Football Scheme continues, thanks to the efforts of Leslie and Mary COHEN, and without its aid many of our activities would of necessity disappear, or be considerably reduced.

Our income from this source has tended to fade somewhat in the last ten years, but it still brings in more than our subscription income and without it we should look sick indeed.

Our competition is still one of the best of its kind with generous prizes relative to its membership; and well worthy of the support of every member from one ticket at 1/- a time payable weekly, upwards. Leslie Cohen, Jack Goswell, Adrian Major, John Baker, Norman Dewberry, Dave Shepherd and many others will all give you the details, or they can be had by post.

Some years ago we had a solid nucleus of sellers who disposed of hundreds of tickets each competition (averaging three weeks); but many have retired from business, and they have not been replaced.

We should welcome a number of new agents who could handle regularly twenty tickets or more, and be happy to ensure they are not out of pocket, by paying them a commission.

The need for more money in substantial terms to maintain and improve, or even replace, our Wimbledon Headquarters weighs heavily with us; and on the competitive side our ever-widening range of activities makes more and more demands on us.

Yes-----on us! We are the people to ask ourselves if we are doing all we ought to be doing for the finances of the Club. Our Competition is a very agreeable little affair, easily understood, rewarding weekly a number of members, benefiting our Club and its activities. If you are not a regular supporter right now, we hope you will change your status right away and join the Belgrave Supporters club; introducing your friends and relatives at the same time.

How pleasant to see JOE FLOWER, now retired, at our Track Championships----but a little chastening to be reminded that it was 40 years earlier that he had won the Mile Championship!

In 1951 the Association of London Athletic Clubs came into being. Its principal objects were to promote Inter-City Athletic matches; to give financial assistance to member clubs and the sport generally and so help amateur Athletics in the most effective way. With the sponsorship and the help of the "Evening News" and the labours of a succession of hard-working amateur officials who never spared themselves, great success was achieved. The annual Meetings held at the White City Stadium under floodlit conditions attracted some of the largest crowds ever seen at the White City; and some of the most memorable athletic performances of all times

were recorded at these meetings.

In 1954, the first visit of a team of Russian Athletes to this country saw every seat and place taken; with a financial surplus available of over £7,300 for distribution to member-clubs and to be ploughed back into the Sport. Prague made an impressive visit to London the following year succeeded by BUDAPEST (1956) NEW YORK (1957) WARSAW (1958), and so on! On all occasions the Inter-City match events were supplemented by other top-class athletic presentations and provided marvellous sport and entertainment. Over the seven years 1954-60 interest was at a tremendously high level and the general public enjoyed their athletics, particularly under floodlit conditions.

Clubs who were members from the inaugural meeting (as we were) received over £1000 each over the years; and nearly £40,000 was ploughed back into Athletics as a result of these Meetings.

In 1961 sponsorship was withdrawn and the Association decided to "go it alone" with a June meeting which gave some excellent running, particularly by the New Zealand athletes, but the public did not attend in sufficient numbers and the first financial setback was sustained. Since then the Committee has not embarked on any major promotions. The obvious, almost pathetic, falling away in public attendance at sports meetings generally, lack of suitable sponsorships, the constantly rising costs of travel, hotel and all other expenses, the lack of really suitable opposition, the introduction of a new style television contract, and now the possible loss of the White City (with its tremendous capacity) to athletics, all combine to make the thought of a major promotion not only unwise, but downright foolhardy. The Association has had the pleasure in recent years of fulfilling some engagements abroad in connection with British Fair Weeks etc. which B.A.A.B. have been unable to undertake, and these have served a very useful purpose.

In all the circumstances, and by unanimous vote of the constituent Clubs, the Association has now decided to go out of existence---and it's last act is to distribute the reserve funds among the member-clubs, and we shall benefit to the extent of £68-0-0.

Our General Hon. Secretary was elected to the Committee of the Association at its first meeting in 1951 and had served ever since; for many years past with the double job of Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

He, and many others, will feel a little sad at the passing of the Association with its tremendous store of memories of top-class competition presented under almost ideal conditions; but will derive some satisfaction from the thought that financial benefit went back into the Sport via the Clubs; and that some of the events (e.g. first visit of U.S.S.R. team, Chatsway V KUTS, five men in 4 minutes or under in the Mile, Ibbotson's record Mile for example) will stay in the memory for many years to come!

Most members will receive with this copy of the "Belgravian" some Draw Books issued by the Amateur Athletic Association. Half of all the sales made to Club members and friends will directly benefit our Club funds, the balance will be used by the A.A.A. to assist our Sport. The prize list is very attractive---see for yourself, and give your maximum support!

There are those who say they can never sell draw tickets---would they please try on this occasion and perhaps surprise themselves? Others say "I would rather pay "double subscriptions"---well, it will not be refused! A few suggest "there are far too many of these Draws about"---to which we can only reply that our Club and our Sport should take priority.

So we ask all members to help---please don't leave it to "the others"; don't push your share of our financial responsibilities on to other shoulders.

Our Past-President and Trustee, FRANK WEBB once again generously gives of his time and energies to organise the Draw on our behalf.

Please send counterfoils and cash as soon as sold, and definitely not later than Nov. 10th to: FRANK WEBB,

BELGRAVE HALL, DENMARK ROAD,
WIMLEEDON, S.W.19.

Cheques and P.O.s should be made payable to F.R.WEBB, and crossed. Unsold tickets (counterfoils only) should also be sent to him; and, of course he can supply extra books of tickets to those who are really making a good job of helping the Club in this respect.

-----A.A.H.

Resignations ~

It is with regret that the Club have accepted the resignation of FRANK KEMP. Frank will be remembered for his excellent sprinting as a Junior in the early "fifties". He was Belgrave Junior Champion at both sprints and Surrey County Champion at 220 yards. He also had some success at 440 yards. He has been a Grade I timekeeper for some time now and has been in great demand in the Southern Counties. All this has to end because Frank's business commitments now require that he is available at a moment's notice. We shall be sorry to lose his membership but wish him the best of success in his career.

Another to resign recently is DICK PIOTROWSKI. Dick joined us three years ago when in the Army and stationed at Chelsea Barracks. He had belonged to Bracknell A.C. but switched his allegiance to Belgrave because of the proximity of Battersea track and the competition we could provide. He made his mark very quickly and regularly supported our teams on track, road and country. In 1968 he won the 10 miles cross-country championship and his name will be on the "Macher Shield" for all time. His main event is the steeplechase and he has been half a stride outside the 9 minutes barrier for some time. In 1969 he was 4th in the Southern Track Championships.

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A PRESIDENT'S Adieu

I would like to thank all Belgravians who have made my term of office such a pleasant one. To be President of the Belgrave Harriers is indeed a great honour and the warmth of feeling extended to me added to the pleasure in serving the Club has made 1969/70 a year to remember.

At the time of my election I was a hospital patient (I was on a six weeks' course of antibiotic injections for bacterial endocarditis) and the obvious faith the Club had in my recovery was a great spur to make progress and I was able to return home on the day that the treatment ended. I am grateful to the Past Presidents who acted for me in my absence. If I have one regret it is that I was unable to meet members at meetings---I was invariably at the finishing line timekeeping. Nevertheless I have followed the Bel's ups and downs and I was proud to support our teams when I could. If I have to admit to supreme moments it was surely when I saw Wilf Wesch win two Individual titles backed up by others to give us R.W.A. Team Championships; and when we won the Southern Road Relay Championship. At the other end of the scale I wasn't feeling very happy (nor were the others) when the coach broke down on the way to the National Road Relay Championship. I thought how bad it would be to miss a place (or even a win) by default. Fortunately the team arrived in instalments and put up a great fight to finish fifth after an experience which, to say the least, was very unsettling.

None of our activities, whether our efforts in the big events, or in the promotion of a Club or Open Event would be possible without the help given by the Club officials and that enthusiastic band of helpers who mark courses, act as pointsmen, lap scorers, or measure jumps or throws. These have all been active athletes and having hung up their shoes, devote themselves to the sport so that others can enjoy participation. Their valued service is greatly appreciated.

Our younger members, by their efforts and prominent positions in their categories, give us great hopes for the future of the Club. They show great pride in representing Belgrave and many already show signs that they will bring future honours to the Club. We must give them all the support and encouragement that we can.

We look to the future with confidence and anticipation, and I hope to serve under future Presidents to foster the good name of the Belgrave Harriers.

Gordon S. Doubleday.

Postbag:

PETER WHEWELL, who played a large part in many of our team successes a few years ago, writes from South Africa to say that he hopes to be back in England this December for a short period and looks forward to renewing old acquaintances. For those with insatiable appetites for letter writing, his address is: 5, Cardigan Road, PAREWOOD, Johannesburg.

It was nice to receive a letter from Life Member HAROLD KING, whose picture appears on another page. Harold, who lives in Erith, Kent, did some rummaging last month and came across the Club Handbook for 1922/3 which records the leading performances of members during the 1921/2 season, the year following that of the "Men Behind The Trophies" article in this issue. H.F. King's successor to the A.J. Sawyer Cup was A.F.P. Spendlove, but Harold was still our most notable performer. He won the R.W.A. Junior title and the Kent County title and took the "Murphy Shield" for what was then the Club '91.

It was interesting to see that our Boys and Youths coach, Micky Fyer, who is on the 1969/70 Committee was Belgrave mile champion and a Committee member almost 50 years ago! Harold King's address is: 19, Ramsden Road, ERITH, Kent.

TONY WHINCUP found that the flashback photo in the June BELGRAVIAN brought back many memories of fine athletes and administrators. He also recalled that the picture was taken when he was trying to get a boat home from India. Unfortunately he brought home a weird spinal disease which has got progressively worse these last ten years or so, and in June this year he had to retire from work at the early age of 48. "We are not despondent here, however," writes Tony from his Shirley, Croydon home, "and hope that a light local position will come along---and, of course, the chance for a few visits to Belgrave Hall". Tony sends best wishes to all members and in particular to Gordon Doubleday, Tom Morrell, Frank Simmons, Arthur Penny, Joe MacDonald, Alf Harley, Ted Stimpson, and that highly skilled tactician who will never be forgotten, Bert Footer". Tony Whincup's address is:- 98, Tower View, Shirley, Croydon, CRO 7PW.

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We shall miss his valued membership, his presence in our main teams and his friendly company. However, our runners will meet him from time to time in competition for Dick, now married, has bought a house in Reading and will shortly be wearing a blue and white hooped vest. We wish him luck.

J. R. 'Jock' McKay

As we go to press comes the news of the death of our Past President "JOCK" McKAY, and we extend sincere condolences to his widow and son, and to brother FRED, on their sad loss.

Jock joined Belgrave in May 1921 and was active as a sprinter for several years and a great supporter of our relay teams. For four years he was the Club Hon. Treasurer, and later as one of our Auditors and as a Committee man he served us extremely well; and when Jimmy Belchamber proposed JOCK McKAY as his successor in the Presidential Chair in 1933 the suggestion was agreed with acclamation.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1934-----Presentation of Awards

Jock R. McKay (left), President of Belgrave Harriers, assists the Mayor of Battersea during the Presentation. To the right is the bespectacled W.L. Bayliss, Hon. Secretary, and to the far right (applauding) W. Redgrave, a Vice-President for many years and now in his 90's.

He was re-elected the following year and throughout his two years as President he gave the Club inspiration and guidance at a time when Belgrave was really going ahead. Our first Southern Cross-country Championship was won during his term of office; followed later by our first E.C.C.U. triumph; our first London-Brighton Road Relay win was achieved; and on the track, athletes such as TOMMY SCRIMSHAW, JIM TOSH and JOHN CLEMENS were carrying our colours with distinction.

They were great days and our successes owed not a little to the man who held highest office in the Club at that time. We are truly grateful for his personality and services, and glad to have had him in membership for almost fifty years.

A.A.H.

That famous Gilbert and Sullivan trio who have served behind the bar at our Socials for many a year are retiring. TOM PRITCHARD, NORMAN DEWBERRY and FRANK WEBB who have given such fine service on those busy evenings have decided to join the horses from the Brewer's dray and enjoy some gentle running in quiet, green pastures away from that cacophony of sound at Belgrave Hall. To all three we say "Thank You".

SPOTLIGHT ON

ALFRED A. HARLEY



The 14th day of September 1970 marks the end of an era in Belgrave History. On that date ALFRED A. HARLEY relinquishes the Chair of General Honorary Secretary after a period of 32 years---a span of service broken only by the hiatus of World War II. Alf Harley's service during this period to his Club, County, Area and National Associations is well known throughout the athletics, walking and cross-country worlds. His ambassadorial efforts on behalf of Belgrave have done much for the stature of our Club, and it is no small part due to him that we occupy our present position amongst the leading clubs in the land.

But what sort of man is Alf Harley? Past President Frank Jarvis has referred to him on many occasions as "Mr. Belgrave". Surrey County Past President Ron Goodman has gone one better with "Lord Harley" of Belgrave". There is no doubt that for statesmanship and diplomacy he is ideal ambassadorial material. However, none of these titles or qualities portray the extent of his devotion to the Club all these years and the immense amount of hard work he put in.

It all started at the A.G.M. of 1926. Life Member George Powell proposed Alf for membership at the instigation of A. Harley Senior, for whom George worked. George's prowess with the javelin had led the Harleys to an affinity with Belgrave which resulted in Alf's membership while still in his 'teens. He wasted no time and his enthusiasm for any Club activity was soon noticed.

He became a regular member of pack runs led by Albert Macher and Harry Hare, and he soon found his way into the Belgravian (Dec.1926) when he finished 28th in the Club 5 miles cross-country handicap held in conjunction with a match between T.V.N. and Ashcombe A.C. Three months later he ran in the Club 10 miles "Macher Shield" Championship, finished 11th and led the "Belgravian" to remark "----and A. Harley did better than the handicapper anticipated and deservedly gained second place in the sealed handicap". He continued to have moderate success on track and cross-country during his first three years of membership, but his 6'-3" well-built frame was not ideally suited to the rough terrain of the country or the speed of the track, and in 1930 he was persuaded by Oscar Horwood and Jimmy Belchamber to give walking a trial. The switch was successful and to his liking. He finished third in a 5 mile Novices Walk and was soon amongst the handicap prizes in subsequent races. As always, Alf put everything he had into his efforts, and our President, Gordon Doubleday, recalls that his face had a tendency to redden with his exertions; so much so it was said that one knew how many laps had gone by the colour of Alf's face!

It may have seemed to some that Alf, having now found his true sporting vocation, would be totally immersed in a training and competition programme. They could not have been more wrong.

Alf Harley had taken an interest in the legislative side of Club affairs from his earliest days. He was a regular member of the Sunday morning strolls which the Club held during those times, and used those occasions to ask questions and put forward ideas to improve Club activities. It was in 1927 that he made his proposal for the formation of a subsidiary club which would enable our Middlesex-qualified members to compete as a team---a proposal which eventually led to the formation of Cadogan AC which has only just been disbanded due to a rule change(see Belgravian article "Goodbye Cads", June 1970). Incidentally, this illustrates how any member, not only members of Committee, can and should put forward their ideas.

His election to the Committee was inevitable and at the A.G.M. of 1928 he was duly

elected. This was the platform from which he was able to rise to many heights. He was so immersed in Club affairs and had such a prodigious appetite for work that it was simply a question of time before he took on some major responsibilities. In fact, it was 7 months.

In April 1929 he succeeded Ben Knifton as Honorary Editor of "The Belgravian", the third man to hold the position. It was typical of his approach to the job that in his first year he produced a record 10 editions! We have no knowledge of how this was received by the Hon. Treasurers of that period, Albert Macher and Harry Parker, but like most Club officers they would no doubt have been very reluctant to curb their young colleague's enthusiasm. On the other hand it has been rumoured that the financial stability of the Gazette was assured by the number of Club ties sold by the Editor! Alf Harley was Honorary Editor for 9 years during which time he produced no less than 59 editions of "The Belgravian".



Charlie Redgrave, "The Banjulele Boy", passes Alf Harley only feet from the tape to win the 1929 Boxing Day Walk Handicap.

It was only a year after his election as Club "Scribe" that Alf took on the additional responsibility of Walking Hon. Secretary, a position he held for 10 years.

By 1935 he had contributed so much to Club affairs that he was elected a Life-Member, yet he was still only in his twenties. His dedication to Club work did not, however, mean that he stood aside from the activities themselves. Whatever the activity, he always played his part. In the "Thirties" there were numerous Socials (some were multi-club affairs), theatre and concert visits, all-day strolls and Youth Hostelling at long week-ends. None of these would be complete without Alf, and after a full day's activity he would always be ready for a hand of cards, a game of chess or even talk someone into a table-tennis match. His enthusiasm was boundless and he eagerly awaited the next Club function. Even if it was a stroll in the hay-fever season (he was a sufferer) Alf would manfully and tearfully sneeze his way across fields of long grass rather than miss the companionship of his club mates.

Club morale was high during this period. As Editor, he had the privilege of recording Belgrave victories in practically every team championship and race of any importance in both running and walking. As Walking Hon. Secretary he had guided our teams to many fine wins. It was time to move on.

At the A.G.M. of 1938 Alf Harley was elected the General Honorary Secretary of Belgrave Harriers, in succession to W.L. Bayliss. To prove he was an ordinary mortal after all, he relinquished the Editorship to Gordon Doubleday.

Our new Secretary had not been at the helm of Club affairs for long when the disaster of World War II was upon us. The happy band of Belgravians gradually broke up, as one by one they volunteered or were drafted into the various armed forces to serve throughout the World. Some were never to return. Alf found himself commissioned into the R.A.F. who were soon to find out the advantages of having A.A.H. on their strength.

Alf's efforts and flair for organisation soon had athletic meetings established wherever his duties took him; at R.A.F. Yatesbury (where he included a mile walk and won it himself!), Great Yarmouth and Blackpool; and eventually in North Africa and Italy. At the end of the war the Mediterranean Area R.A.F. Games were held in Rome and, as one would expect, Alf Harley was there as Chief Track Judge. As athletics' representative on the Mediterranean Area Committee he frequently crossed the Appenine Mountains by private 'plane to attend committee meetings! He probably wishes he had the same facility now when required in so many places at once.



Alf Harley (12) competing in the Chiswick Annual Sports----August 1933.

Despite all this part-time activity over and above his war-time duties, he never lost contact with Belgrave Harriers. On the contrary. The high volume of correspondence he produced, enabled him to have a better idea of what was going on in the Athletics world than many at home. He was always eager to meet athletes, wherever his duties took him. Imagine Alf Miller's surprise, when he was recovering from wounds on the Italian front to find Alf Harley at his bedside.

By the time the War had ended Alf had reached the rank of Squadron-Leader. If the hostilities had continued for much longer we would probably have had an Air Vice-Marshal on our books!

Alf returned to the fold in 1946 and resumed his General Hon. Secretary duties which had been ably handled by Harry Parker during his absence. He was soon serving, with characteristic energy on the Committee of Middlesex County, Southern Counties A.A.A., Road Walking Association and the General Committee of the A.A.A. itself. It was no surprise, therefore, when he was given the task of organising the 50 Kilometres Walk at the London Olympic Games of 1948. With the help of many Club members the event was carried through with great success.

In 1950 Alf was accorded the highest honour our Club can bestow, that of President. The editorial of "The Belgravian" for December 1950 read, "As for our new President, Alf Harley, it is difficult to find any page in the Club history over the past 20 years that has not some reference to him". Has this not been just as true of the last 20 years?

The following year he was re-elected as President, and it was fitting that his two-year term of office should see almost every major championship come our way — the one important exception being the National Cross Country Championship where we were placed "only" 7th and 5th. Despite this, the roll of honour was impressive, for we were champions of,

R.W.A. 20 Miles
R.W.A. 50 Kilos
Surrey County Walk
National Road Relay
London-Brighton Relay

Southern Counties Cross-Country
South of Thames (Senior) Cross-Country
South of Thames (Junior) Cross-Country
Surrey County (Senior) Cross-Country
Surrey County Youth Cross-Country

In time, life-memberships, vice-presidencies and even presidencies of the various bodies to which we are affiliated fell to Alf Harley. In retrospect, it seems as though the honours fairly rained upon him. Many men would have found themselves drifting away from Club affairs in such a situation, but at no time has Alf's devotion to Belgrave waned, and wherever he goes you can be sure he will enhance the good name of Belgrave.

His work on the various bodies has brought him a wide knowledge of athletics, and whilst some may have a more specialised knowledge of certain branches of our sport, for all-round knowledge of athletics and it's personalities Alf can have few equals. His advice is often sought and his opinions highly respected.

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21st JUNE 1952. Five months after her accession to the throne HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II visits the A.A.A. Championships at the White City. On the left is A.A. Harley and to the right The Marquess of Exeter.

On our own Committee, which has been blessed with his presence for a 42 years span, even long standing members remark on the tact and patience shown by our Secretary, whether the subject of debate is highly controversial or borders on the trivial. Perhaps his desire to see all viewpoints fully aired stems from those early days when he successfully used the Club procedures himself to get ideas implemented.

He has always been a great advocate of strong reasonably-efficient clubs on the principle that strong clubs means a strong A.A.A.; and a great believer in the enthusiasm generated in the clubs to get things done---as in fact Belgrave have done for many years past.

And now his term of office comes to an end. At last he relinquishes the reins of General Honorary Secretary. He does so because he feels, with great conviction, that our Club needs an infusion of young blood. Furthermore, that he can best serve our interests as a "Roving Ambassador". The standards he has set will be hard to emulate, but one can be sure that he will be available to advise and assist wherever he is needed.

There are many who have had the privilege of working alongside Alf Harley, there are many who treasure his friendship and many who value his wise counsel. But there are even more who are just plain glad to say "I know Alf Harley".

C.S.

MILESTONES IN THE CAREER OF A.A.H.

- 1926---- Joined Belgrave Harriers
- 1928---- Elected to General Committee
- 1929 to 1938---- Honorary Editor "The Belgravian"
- 1930 to 1940---- Walking Honorary Secretary
- 1931---- Elected to R.W.A. Committee
- 1933---- Elected to Middlesex County A.A.A. Committee
- 1935---- Life Member of Belgrave Harriers
- 1938 to 1940, 1946 to 1970---- General Honorary Secretary of Belgrave
- 1939/40---- President of Middlesex County A.A.A.
- 1939---- Elected to Southern Counties A.A.A. Committee
- 1940, 1945/6---- Chairman of Southern Counties R.W.A.
- 1946---- Vice-President of Belgrave Harriers
- 1946 to date---- Honorary Treasurer of R.W.A.
- 1950 to 1952---- President of Belgrave Harriers
- 1951/2---- President of R.W.A.
- 1951 to 1961---- Committee member, Honorary Treasurer then Chairman of Association of London Athletic Clubs
- 1962---- Life Member of R.W.A.
- 1966---- Vice-President of Southern Counties A.A.A.
- 1968---- President of Southern Counties A.A.A.
- 1969---- Life Vice-President of Southern Counties A.A.A.

Member of British Olympic Council. Trustee of Belgrave Harriers.

A Review of ~

PAST GENERAL HON. SECS.

With our present Hon. Secretary vacating the position at this year's A.G.M., one's thoughts dwell on the comparatively small number to have occupied the post in our 83 years of history.

In the beginning A.H.N. EDWARDS had this responsibility, and his period of office extended to twelve years. Alf Edwards was considered a more than useful miler in his day with the ability to break $4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes; and his close co-operation with H. MORTON CARR (PRESIDENT) gave the Club an excellent foundation on which later generations could build.

He was succeeded by FRANK BOOL who held office for five years, and it will be remembered that he died only a year or two ago at his home in Chelsea, aged 93 years.

In 1903/4 H.A. SMITH took over for a year during which period he was placed sixth in a London-Brighton Walk.

W. MATHEWSON, who later emigrated to Queensland, held the position until 1911, when A.E. GRANT took over, to hand on to H. HAWKES after a year.

In 1913 OSCAR HORWOOD became the seventh holder of the office, and, with CLEM ARNOLD, alternated and jointly held the position until 1921. These were, of course, very critical years for the Club, covering as they did the first World War period when activities all but ceased. Oscar's work in re-shaping Belgrave's destiny after difficult years has been recorded in these columns on other occasions; and these were the days when money was short, and the Club only survived by reason of the hard work of the few and the personal sacrifices made.

Nineteen-twenty-one arrived and W.H. HARE became Hon. Secretary within a few months of joining the Club; and combined this with a multiplicity of other jobs, including that of Hon. Editor of our first printed gazette. With all this immensity of Club work which he carried,

Harry yet had time to win a Club Championship and to score in our winning Walking Championship teams.

In 1924 FRANK THOMSON became Hon. Secretary. He had been a member (and a Life member) in the earlier days of the Club but had then followed other interests and came back to the fold in his later years. Frank was to be found at Battersea Park Track every evening and his work for Athletics was tremendous. He was our first President of the R.W.A., and a member of the Southern Committee of AAA for many years on our nomination. He was Hon. Treasurer to the Surrey County AAA, and for many years acted as Hon. Handicapper to the RWA and was Chief Scoring Judge at most of the events in the South.

His efforts helped largely to encourage progress in Field Events by his conduct of the Southern Amateur Athletic League Competitions for which he assumed responsibility.

In 1927, a former Club Captain and one of the most popular figures ever within the Club became Hon. Secretary and continued in office for eleven years, at the end of which he was also President. This was W.L. BAYLISS ("WALLY") and it is a great pity that his health failed during the War years, and has prevented him from playing a part in our affairs in more recent years.

After 11 years in office Wally Bayliss handed over to the subject of our SPOTLIGHT article above-----A.A. HARLEY, of whom no more need be said.

Twelve Hon. Secs. spanning 83 years, and a whole realm of achievements by the Club. Its a long while and it has given us much to enthuse over and much to be grateful for.

FROM 'The Belgravian'

25 years ago ●●●●●

Since the last issue events have moved quickly. The sudden ending of hostilities in the Far East has brought Peace to the World again. A number of our members have already been demobilised and many others hope to return to civilian life soon. We extend a hearty welcome to those who have been away from us and wish them the best of luck in the battles ahead for places in our teams. The Committee has decided that the Club shall return to its full pre-war programme, and a glance at the Fixture List will show that there is a busy season ahead.

At the outbreak of war we occupied a position which had never before been attained by any club. We were National Road Walking Champions (20 miles) and English Cross-Country Champions (10 miles). We also won the R.W.A. National "Junior" (qualification basis) Ten Miles' Championship. Our walkers were runners-up in the 50 Kilos Championship, whilst our runners had been placed in the Southern and the London-Brighton Relay. Of our best Individual Performances, Harry Churcher was our brightest star. A.A.A. Champion at Two and Seven Miles, Inter-Counties Road Walking and Track Champion, unbeaten in Open Road Walks for two seasons. Ted Stimpson and Arthur Penny represented England in the International Cross-Country Race. Tom Carter was Southern Counties' Six Miles Track Champion, he also held the Surrey Title, and was fourth in the A.A.A. Ten Miles' Championship. Eddie Pack was Southern and Inter-Counties 440 yards Champion, and runner-up in the A.A.A. title. Charlie Melchior was second in the Southern and third in the A.A.A. Javelin Throw. Joe Colman was third in the A.A.A. Seven Miles and third in the Southern Two Miles' Walk. Stan Botwright was third in the Southern Furlong. Many other members gained A.A.A. and Southern Standards, and won honours in County Races.

During the war our runners, walkers and field events men have striven hard to uphold the high position held by the Club, and we can say that no other club maintained such a high all-round level of performance. We can feel justly proud of our war-time record. Now we have to set about the task of defending our titles from teams from all parts of England. We have some very good material for team-building, and the only way to reach championship class is by hard work, regular and systematic training, and a carefully graded racing programme.

●●●●● and 40 years ago

SEPTEMBER 1930-----

Every Belgravian (and every athlete, for that matter) will join us in congratulating Tommy Green upon his wonderful record-breaking effort in the London-Brighton Walk (8hrs:2mins:55secs). This momentous feat, accomplished in wretched weather conditions, will live for ever in the history of the Club and of road walking. If Tommy never donned another shoe (and we hope to have his help for many, many years to come) we could, on past performances alone and disregarding the future, which is even brighter, justly claim him as the greatest walker ever seen. We are certain that a better sportsman could not be found anywhere and we are proud to number such a loyal Clubman among our members-----one of many, let it be added.

Congratulations also to Jim Tosh and Tom Scrimshaw upon finishing first and second, with inches between them, in the Inter-Counties 880 yards.

ROAD RUNNING

With the season far from over we have a string of notable successes behind us, both individual and team. Lionel Mann never ceases to amaze, not only by the range of his repertoire (his aim next season is to race in every event from 100 yds to the "Brighton") but also by his relentless progress from year to year. He is now amongst the top flight of road runners and could be on the brink of great things.

Our team wins in the Belgrave '20', Finchley '20' and Feltham '5' were particularly noteworthy in view of the competition. Not far behind were our second places in the Kent '20', Shaftesbury '10' and Reading '10'.

One thing can improve. This is the degree of assistance given to Gordon Biscoe regarding entries. Many entries these days are made direct by individuals. Gordon cannot make the necessary team entries for many events if he is not aware of runners' plans. So please keep Gordon informed of your intentions.

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Results . . .

Shaftesbury H. 10m Road Race---8th August

RESULT

1. D. Bedford	(Shaftesbury H.)	47:55	17. P. O'Connor (BELS)	52:42
4. L. Mann	(BELGRAVE)	49:53	91. V. Butcher	" 59:27
6. Gerry North	"	50:01	124. G. Pearson	" 63:12
15. R. Piotrowski	"	52:09	142. M. Harvey	" 67:03

(152 finished)

<u>Teams:-</u>	1. Cambridge A	15 pts	3. Shaftesbury H.	46 pts
	2. BELGRAVE A	25 pts	(25 teams closed in)	

Friary 15m---8th August

RESULT

1. N. Ryan	(Ranelagh H.)	1:17.29	62. D. Bonsor	(BELS)	1:38.17
28. C. Shippen	(BELGRAVE H.)	1:26.41	66. G. Piddington	"	1:41.15
43. W. Kerr	"	1:31.45	67. C. Henn	"	1:42.43
59. C. Walker	"	1:37.35	(87 finished)		

Teams:-

1. Portsmouth A.C.	16 pts	12. BELGRAVE H 'B'	111 pts
8. BELGRAVE H 'A'	75 pts	(14 teams closed in)	

Reading (Police) 10m---15th August

RESULT

1. J. Julian	(New Zealand)	48:04	72. C. Walker	(BELGRAVE)	57:30
= 4. L. Mann	(BELGRAVE)	48:48	73. P. Pringle	"	57:45
4. Gerry North	"	48:48	100. G. Piddington	"	62:22
8. R. Piotrowski	"	49:55	106. R. Beaumont	"	64:32
41. B. Joines	"	54:53	108. M. Harvey	"	65:31
65. V. Butcher	"	57:09			

<u>Teams:-</u>	1. READING	12 pts	2. BELGRAVE	14 pts
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The South Downs Frolic!

Saturday, the 15th August, was a fine bright day. It was also the day that Worthing A.C. had chosen to stage their, "sporting '10' ". The prefix has certain romantic 18th century connotations and it described delightfully the treat in store.

The course runs East from Sompting towards Shoreham along a rather depressing major road until a left turn takes one out of this age and into a nursery rhyme. Narrow lanes wind up hills through leafy woods---down past cottages and farms---fields of corn slip gently by---sheep graze lazily---cows stare out on Summer. Imperceptibly at first, one starts to climb. Then the way becomes steeper, and steeper; suddenly you are on top of the world. We now follow a ridge of downs with toy villages down below; there's a lot of sky and in the distance the sea is twinkling.

If this sounds like a travel agent's catalogue it's no more than the truth---but if you do it next year, it'll look rather different if its peeing with rain!

C.E.M.

(Continued Opposite)

19 th. ANNUAL

20 MILES OPEN ROAD RACE

INCORPORATING THE SURREY COUNTY TEAM & INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wimbledon-----July 11th

This was one of the closest-ever, as well as one of the fastest-ever, Belgrave '20' races. Blackheath's Richardson won by a mere couple of strides from Watson (Cambridge H.), both having run fast enough to have been over a quarter of a mile clear of the field in any of the previous 18 races, apart from that of 1966 when Graham Taylor set the remarkable course record of 1:39:37.

Under a strong sun, but with the benefit of a cooling breeze, 110 runners were sent on their way by our President. At the 5 miles point (25:24) the leading group of ten were well clear with Lionel Mann and Trevor Hart nicely tucked in. Five miles later the number had reduced to six, and both of our lads were still in contention. This was the half way mark (51:34) and supporting our key men were Clive Shippen (56:18), Brian Joines (60:49), Paul Fringle (60:49) and Jack Baker (62:03).

The leading group split up second time up Copse Hill but Lionel was hanging on tenaciously to third spot as the Richardson-Watson duel hotted up sixteen seconds ahead of him. At 15 miles (1:17:35) Trevor was in splendid isolation in 6th place (1:19:16) with Clive 20th and Belgrave narrowly ahead of Cambridge in the team stakes.

The leaders really hummed going up Copse for the third and last time and it was only in the final sprint that Bob Richardson squeezed ahead.

Lionel ran magnificently to take third place and knocked something like 2 minutes off his previous best '20' time. His time was good enough to have won in any other year, except 1966. Trevor held his sixth place well and had no one near him for the whole of the final circuit.

Meanwhile, back on the by-pass, Haith (Camb.H.) had caught Clive to make the team points level, though this was unknown to either of them. A tremendous tussle developed going into Copse but the hill was kind to the Belgravian and could offer nothing but sickness to the Cambridge man.

So it was medals, medals all the way with Belgrave retaining the "Lauriston Shield". In addition to having the third individual and the winning team in the Open race, we also had first and third individuals and second team in the Surrey Championships held in conjunction (thanks to Jack Baker closing in our "County" team).

Our Race Secretary, Gordon Blscoe, had everything under control as usual, and once again there were no hitches in the organisation---though he had his worried moments no doubt.

RESULT

1. R. Richardson	(Blackheath H.)	1:43:11	51. P. Fringle	(BELS)	2:10:39
2. B. Watson	(Cambridge H.)	1:43:12	54. J. Hall	"	2:13:44
3. L. Mann	(BELGRAVE H.)	1:44:45	55. G. Pearson	"	2:14:51
4. A. Grant	(Coventry G. H.)	1:45:17	61. D. Bonsor	"	2:15:52
5. N. Ryan	(Ranelagh H.)	1:45:45	68. G. Piddington	"	2:23:06
6. T. Hart	(BELGRAVE H.)	1:48:02	70. H.A. Bishop	"	2:24:58
16. C. Shippen	(" ")	1:55:52	71. C. Henn	"	2:26:56
38. B. Joines	(" ")	2:05:52	72. P. Sutton	"	2:31:17
47. J. Baker	(" ")	2:08:14	77. R. McMullen	"	N.T.

Teams

1. BELGRAVE H.	(3,5,10)	18 pts	4. Hercules-Wimbledon	33 pts
2. Cambridge H.	(2,7,13)	22 pts	5. Epsom & Ewell H.	59 pts
3. Ranelagh H.	(4,12,16)	32 pts	6. V. of Aylesbury	63 pts

SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. T. Hart	(BELGRAVE H.)	1:48:02
2. C. Bricher	(Hercules-Wimb.)	1:54:08
3. C. Shippen	(BELGRAVE H.)	1:55:52
17. J. Baker	(" ")	2:08:14

Teams:

1. Ranelagh H.	18 pts
2. BELGRAVE H.	20 pts
3. Herc-Wimb. AC	28 pts

BELGRAVE CHAMPIONSHIP ("Lady Fell" Shield)

1. L. Mann	2. T. Hart	3. C. Shippen
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RESULT

1. W. Weller	Walton	55:26 *	30. J. Pearson	BELGRAVE	68:46
2. I. Wilson	Blackheath	56:27	35. C. Manning	"	74:30
3. J. Awcock	Horsham	56:35	* Course is 10½ miles		



INTERNATIONAL

maxol marathon

Manchester

INCORPORATING THE R.R.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 23rd August---Don Bonsor reports!-

This year's Maxol Marathon incorporated the Road Runners Club Championship. Additional interest was created by a small but high quality overseas entry. The absence of the leading British performers gave the less well-known good-standard runners an opportunity to demonstrate their ability in good class company.

Lionel Mann's effort in recording 2:24:07 was an outstanding performance. During the early part of the race he challenged the leaders. Later he adjusted to his own steady tempo and finished strongly in a very creditable 9th place, 12½ minutes faster than his previous best. A new club record also resulted; a just reward for such courageous running.

The race was sponsored by W.H. Dean & Son Ltd of Burnley, and it proved to be one of the most well organised I have yet taken part in. Overnight accommodation was at the Owen Park complex of Manchester University. Competitors and officials were provided with single rooms in the 14 storey tower block. The rooms were sound proofed which was just as well when Lionel's left big toe came into involuntary contact with the sharp end of a drawing pin. Otherwise our nocturnal slumbers were undisturbed, apart from the owls hooting in the grounds.

Meals were very sustaining. Even "Chef de Royale" was disposed to favourable comment, especially after his plate of toadstools!

With regard to the race itself, the course was the same as last year, apart from a couple of humps in the 2 lap section produced by road works. Conditions were rather warm with bright sunshiny; humidity seemed high. To introduce us to the mysteries of metrication intermediate times were given at 5km intervals. This seemed to make the miles go quicker and gave us plenty to think about.

Sir Matt. Busby started us from the Albert Square at 10am. Road traffic was light and far less hindrance than last year. There were less spectators (one included Ron Hill) but their encouragement was very welcome especially to the plodders in the back half of the field. At about 26km (work the miles out for yourself---we had to!) a group of scruffy lads asked "ah tha' fun Manchester"? My head jolted forward almost involuntarily and this was greeted with tremendous cheers and shouts.

The last part of the course took us past the finish at the Manchester United F.C. ground for a final 5kms out and back. This seemed endless. The "turn" was at the corborundum works---most appropriate, as I was just about worn down to the knees. At last the stadium and a final circuit of the perimeter track to the finish.

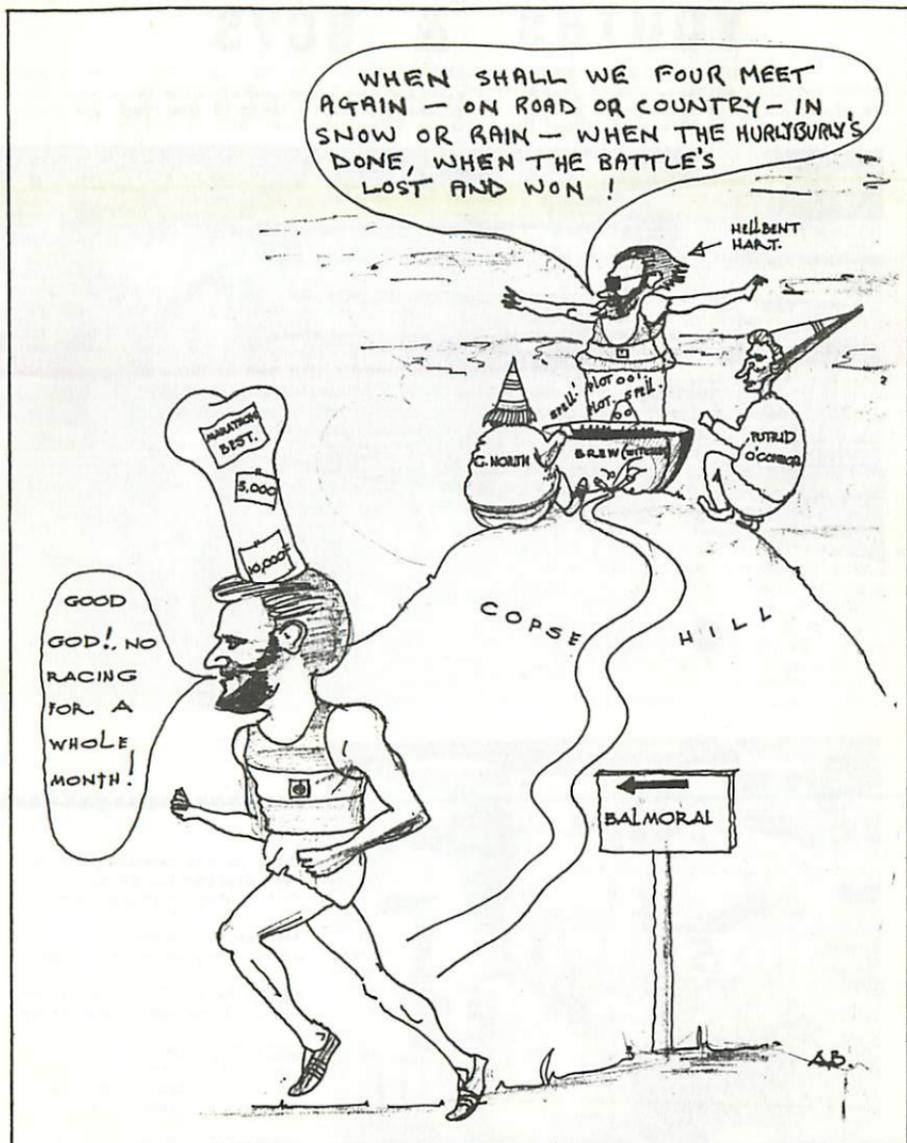
After the race, and regaining a certain composure, it was very pleasant to have a few words with Bill Dance. He appeared to be recovering from injury and had been training for three months. He wishes to be remembered to his many friends. An excellent end to a most satisfying week-end.

RESULT

1. A. Usami	Japan	2:13:45	4. C. Kirkham	Coventry G.	2:18:59
2. Y. Unetani	"	2:16:00	9. L. Mann	BELGRAVE	2:24:07
3. J. Busch	East Germany	2:16:57	69. D. Bonsor	"	3:00:54

(108 started)





JUMBLE

SALE

Our next "Jumble Jungle" will be held at Belgrave Hall on Saturday morning (10.30) October 31st. Will all members please endeavour to obtain jumble from friends and neighbours. This should be delivered to Belgrave Hall on the Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evenings before the Sale. If collection is required please telephone BILL COUZENS at 946-7490. GET THE WORD ABOUT!

YOUTHS & BOYS

We regret that we have no details available of the activities of our younger members since our last edition. However, some of the Junior and Youth members have been competing regularly in our main fixtures and their performances can be found in the Track and Field section.



Three of our members performed with distinction in the Junior/Youth Inter-Counties meeting.

Representing Surrey they scored two wins and a 4th place.

ABOVE: Martin Bloice wins the Youth 400 metres by a whisker.

LEFT: Tony Binda (right) wins his first County vest---for walking! He was 4th in the Junior 'A' string race.

RIGHT: Peter Carton (right) wins the Junior 1500 metres from team-mate Adams.

Photos: Ron Linstead.



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or

INSIGHT

OLD BORE'S HAVERSACK

November (continued)

Charlie McLennan will be discharged from hospital early this month. But for a slight residual fishy smell he will be completely recovered.

Mr. Tom Carter will sound him out.

DECEMBER

The rainfall in Delhi is confidently expected to exceed 7.6 ins. whilst in Battersea Park less than 2.2 ins are predicted. Supplies of red flannel and Ellerman's Rub are parachuted to Ranji Bhatia.

Spectral Visitations to St. John's Hall

That there are mysterious happenings at the headquarters of an athletic club in S. W. London was evasively denied by spokesman Mr. A. Penstone.

Mr. Tom Carter will look into this.

JANUARY

High Tide: Littlehampton 14 ft.

(LITTLEHAMPTON!!)

Weather: Temperature will be lower than annual average.

Belgrave Hall disappears!

Mr. Tom Carter doesn't think so.

Anxious moments for Bernard Merry!

FEBRUARY

Top clubs decimated by phantom illness

Coventry Godiva go down with blackwater fever - Birchfield stars have tennis elbow - Hercules Wimbledon have rampant athletes foot (and no athletes) so the extravagant claims and feeble excuses are rife because of the resounding successes of Belgrave Harriers in the National. First man home in this blanket finish of Claret and Gold was C. Manning, who had rather misled outsiders by saying he was concentrating on 800 metres. Next was John Baker in second place - the work this boy had put in 'round the park' was known only to the astute team manager, G. Biscoe. In third place will be T. Wright, who will run rather above himself. In fourth position we predict A. Penny, who has shown a welcome return to form.

SEPTEMBER

Progress - The London Borough of Merton earnestly continue with their contribution towards Conservation Year. Having completed the chopping down of trees on Wimbledon Common, plans are now well under way to exterminate all live stock within a three mile radius against a possible outbreak of Rabies in the unforeseeable future. The latest "shoot" includes 3 foxes, 4 badgers, 4,563 birds and Arthur Whitehead. Due to the enormous amount of golf balls being lost, it is envisaged that 2,400 acres of grassland will be concreted - Quotes for plastic grass verges are being sought to satisfy local dog owners.

Mr. Tom Carter will investigate this matter in the Club's interest, and report at the next meeting.

OCTOBER

London hit by a spate of robberies

Jewellers, furriers and antique dealers demand more action from Scotland Yard following increased Crime Wave. - Belgrave Jumble Sale reaches a record £4,700 profit. - Club seeks new Field Events Secretary following rapid departure abroad of Bill Couzens.

Tragic consequences to Hallo'ween prank. A man was seriously battered on the head with a bloater, having been mistaken for an illuminated pumpkin.

Mr. Tom Carter has checked and can't give a definite answer.

NOVEMBER

London enters its Winter Social scene. One of the first off the mark is Belgrave Harriers with their traditional Dinner and Dance. Following the customary speeches, the remaining five minutes will be taken up by dancing with the President and his Lady leading the assembled company into Auld Lang Syne.

February (continued)

D. Bedford could rob us of fifth place by pushing past Fred Pagett and Ron Linstead (who is supposed to be taking photographs anyway) in the funnel. To take eighth place, and give a score of 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and eighth will be Howard Satchell, fresh from a season 'on the boards'. With the "National" won - Fairclough 273; Major 302; and Bicourt 392 will complete the first team for the "Nine Cup".

Ted Stimpson comments, "If they only trained from the Hall, they would have had six in six".

Mr. Tom Carter sends apologies for absence.

MARCH

Travel agency collapses. Beware of package tours. Dudley Gordon Holidays offer three weeks in Carribean for £2.18s.0d.

Mr. Tom Carter will report at next meeting.

APRIL

On the 1st - at a Foyle's Literary Lunch, T. K. Hart claims that his new book "I was a Record Holder for 70 Days" is destined to become a new best seller. "My Poly Marathon time", he continued, "although superceded by Lionel (Raspberry) Mann was largely technical, like a short course, slow watch and force nine following wind." The book is "ghested" by J. Macdonald to a modern colequial turn of phrase to retain the author's amateur status.

Mr. Tom Carter absent.

MAY

Mr. Charles Forte's abortive bid for Bernie Inns accelerates his interest in revitalising the declining canteen facilities at Belgrave Hall. He regards this as an attractive proposition with the promise of a subsidy to be met out of the profits made on the sale of club clothing, i.e. vests, ties, etc.

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Mr. Tom Carter has nothing positive yet but hopes to for the next meeting.

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Barry Sawyer requests Training Schedule from Trevor Hart.

JUNETriple Coach Disaster

M. F. Jones, C.N.Collis and J.C.Smart ruin Dick Taylor's preparation for Munich Games.

"But they don't coach Dick Taylor"

"Aren't they Three A's coaches...?"

"Yes, but ..."

"Well they don't coach Belgravians so who"

Mr. Tom Carter will make enquiries.

JULYINFLATION - THE COST OF LIVING CONTINUES TO RISE

Athletics Weekly announce price of their magazine to be 5/- per week (not including postage). This increase will be offset by more pages, allowing Editor, Melvyn Watman to extend his coverage of Athletic data. For the first time, Junior Mixed wheelbarrow, egg and spoon, three-legged and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races will be recorded in depth. - Thus satisfying the ever increasing demand of athletes thirsting for this type of fatuous waffle.

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Mr. Tom Carter has nothing to report.

AUGUST

In planning your holiday the weather will most likely be of importance. Consider then that heavy falls of snow are expected from Balleny Island to Magnet Bay. This naturally includes the Shackleton Ice Shelf and Mertz Glacier.

Mr. Carter wants notice of the question.

A.A.A. announce intention of introducing National 3 x 1½ miles Road Relay (to be held in Newcastle on Tyne) in response to popular demand!!!

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We thank all our readers for their avid interest. As a measure of the enthusiasm, we received how many replies to our Competition in the last issue of the Belgravian? - That's right, None! - Still, there will obviously be nobody complaining at the price of the Dinner Tickets this year.

THAT'S YER LOT!

TRACK AND FIELD

MANN WINS GRIFFEN CUP

Club 5000 metres Championship---Pattersea Park---15th July

With Peter Morris (the holder) back home in Blackpool, and last year's silver medallist Fairclough still on the way to fitness, this year's event was certain to produce a different result if nothing else. In fact, 3rd and 4th last year simply moved up into the vacant positions, giving Lionel Mann the trophy and Laurie O'Hara the runners-up medal. But it was not quite as simple as that.

Twenty five starters toed the line, the same number as last year, and there was much speculation as to how newcomers like Peter Carton and Tony Binda would fare, and as to how much fitness was tucked away in that old campaigner Pat Newell.

After 1600 metres the leading group consisted of Mann, O'Hara, Major, Carton, Kerr and North; but Gerry was finding the pace too sharp for his moderate state of fitness and began to tail off. Bill Kerr, for some unknown reason, stopped at half way and resumed some way down the field. Peter lost contact during the second half of the race but held his position very well.

At about 3 laps from home Lionel realised he would have to draw Laurie's "sting" and he piled on the pressure splitting the leading trio. Although Laurie closed a little at the end, Lionel is no mean finisher himself and the three second margin was plenty enough to have in hand. Carton and North finished strongly and Peter is certain to be among the medals very soon. The bronze went to Adrian Major, who is getting back to form after injury.

It was good to see John Woodcock back again after a period of studying, and Jack Hampshire having a go once again. But the bouquet of the day goes to the man who won gold, Lionel Mann, for it was only 4 days earlier that he had placed third in the Belgrave 20 miles road race with a Club record time of 1:44:45!

RESULT

1. L. Mann	14:49	13. A. Binda	16:18
2. L. O'Hara	14:52	14. J. Woodcock	16:47
3. A. Major	14:58	15. D. Jardine	16:56
4. P. Carton	15:04	16. J. Canning	16:57
5. Gerry North	15:08	17. B. Gorman	17:00
6. A. Fairclough	15:09	18. C. Walker	17:20
7. H. Satchell	15:50	19. R. Glover	17:24
8. J. Rimmer	15:52	20. D. Jones	17:30
9. P. Newall	16:04	21. J. Hampshire	17:36
10. R. James	16:05	22. D. Davies	18:02
11. C. Pearson	16:07	23. J. Hilton	18:21
12. W. Kerr	16:08	24. D. Rees	20:30

OTHER EVENTS

110m Hurdles Championship

1. C. Brooks	17.5
2. R. Couillault	17.7
3. D. Mills	19.4

Schools Relay

(880,200,200,400)
1. Tulse Hill 4:00.1
2. Spencer Park 4:3.9
3. Beverley P. 4:4.8
4. Hinchley Wood 4:17.4

300m Handicap

1. C. Brooks	5yds	37
2. M. Eaton	5yds	38.1
3. D. Rees	2yds	38.3
4. P. Gee	Scr	38.4
5. R. Moody	7yds	38.6
6. M. Marshall	2yds	
7. L. Hobbs	15yds	
8. M. England	12yds	
9. R. Hamilton	7yds	

Battersea park-----Wednesday 5th August

Senior

100m	1. D. Cole 11.4	2. C. Brooks 11.8	3. D. Glendinning 11.9
200m	1. D. Cole 23.2	3. C. Brooks 24.1	200m (Non Scoring) 1. D. Glendinning 24.4
800m	1. C. Pearson 2:02.0	1500m 1. W. Kerr 4:05.1	2. L. Mann 4:06.6
		4. J. Rimmer 4:07.7	
3000m	1. L. O'Hara 8:43.8	3. Gerry North 8:49.6	4. W. Kerr 8:51.8
	9. R. James 9:26.0	10. J. Kelly 9:37.0	11. C. Pearson 9:44.0
	12. B. Gorman 9:45.0	13. D. Hurd 10:52.0	14. L. Coy 11:05.0
Discus	2. J. Martin 106'-4"	3. W. Couzens 63'-7"	
Long Jump	1. C. Brooks 20'-0"	2. D. Glendinning 18'-8"	
Shot	3. J. Martin 38'-5½"	4. C. Brooks 35'-9"	

RESULT 1. BELGRAVE H. 81pts, 2. London A.C. 46 pts, 3. Hercules/Wimbledon 38pts

Junior

100m	2. M. Marshall 11.6	200m	1. M. Marshall 25.4	400m	1. M. Elliott 33.3
800m	1. J. Stow 2:00	2. M. Clancy 2:22.5	1500m	1. J. Stow 4:07.2	2. A. Birdie
Long Jump	1. M. Marshall 19'-9"	Shot	2. M. Marshall 27'-7"		

RESULT 1. BELGRAVE H. 55pts 2. London A.C. 35pts 3. Hercules/Wimbledon 10pts



Photo: Ron Linstead

ADRIAN MAJOR (right) on his way to second place in the 'B' string 5,000 metres at the final league match on Aug. 22nd.

'Brockman'

Brockman Trophy at Wimbledon Park on 1st August

The "Brockman" saw us field one of our weaker teams - we have sometimes been stronger at mid-week Battersea fixtures. As a result, we did not live up to our record of the last three years, in which we finished first or second; and ended up in 6th place. One athlete who excelled himself was Peter Carten, who beat his personal best 800 metres time by a considerable margin. Peter has emerged this season as our most promising half-miler since Dave Cocks won the Surrey title in 1964, and his future looks very bright. The meeting also saw the pole vault debut in club colours of Henry Pfenninger. He cleared 12 feet at the first attempt, despite admitting to being off-colour, although he failed 12 feet 6 inches. His remark was: "My coach in Zurich would kill me for this performance". Shades of Frank Simmon's at his most fearsome!

Apart from these two performances, Arnold Bentt, who finished second in the high jump and our relay team should be specially mentioned.

P.H.

100m	(Final) 5. E. Hafner 11.4	200m	(Final) 3. J. Vivian 22.7
400m	(Heat) 4. D. Rees 52.2	800m	(Final) 4. P. Carton 1:54.1
1500m	(Final) 4. J. Thresher 3:56.7	5000m	(Final) 5. W. Kerr 14:45.8
10,000m	(Final) 5. T. Hart 31:38	3000m S/C.	(Final) 5. A. Black 9:45
Hammer	(Final) 5. W. Couzens 113'-3"	Pole Vault	(Final) 2. H. Pfenninger 12'-0"
Javelin	8. W. Couzens 157'-11½"	110m Hurdles	(Heat) 4. A. Bentt 17.8
High Jump	(Final) 2. A. Bentt 5'-11"	Triple Jump	7. M. Marshall 12.21m
Shot	8. W. Couzens 10.16m		
Relay	3. Belgrave H. (110yds M. Marshall, 220yds E. Hafner 330yds D. Rees 440yds M. Elliott 2:3		

RESULT

1. T.V.H. 61pts 2. Hillington 55pts 3. H.H.H. 49pts 4. Blackheath 46pts 5. Herc/Wimb. 38pt
6. BELGRAVE H. 34pts 7. Cambridge 31pts 8. London & Surrey AC 26pts 10. S.L.H. 17pts
11. Poly H. 14pts.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIV. 1

FINAL TABLE

1. Reading AC	18 pts	4. Herne Hill H.	10½ pts
2. BELGRAVE H.	12 pts	5. Ilford AC	8½ pts
3. Windsor E & S	11 pts	6. Aldershot F & D	3 pts

2nd Match at Reading on 4th July

A dull morning at Clapham saw most of our team board the coach outside the Granada Cinema for the second Southern League match at Reading. We had a considerably stronger team than at Ilford but we were still weak on the throwing events, the Pole Vault and High Hurdles. Nevertheless, we got men out in every event and managed to finish second to Reading whose all-round strength was too great for us. Our winners were Bruno Hafner ('B' 100 metres), Lionel Mann ('B' 5000 metres), Alan Black ('B' steeplechase), Charlie Gillett ('B' 400 metres hurdles), Arnold Bentt ('A' High Jump), Bob Coullault ('B' Triple Jump) and the 4 x 100 metres relay team of Lee Sullivan, Bruno Hafner, Charlie Gillett and Steve White. Other useful performances came from Steve White, Peter Carton, John Boardman, Adrian Major, Bill Kerr, Lee Sullivan and Glyn Ratcliffe. One can say that it was a good team effort, but just wait and see what we can do at Wimbledon Park!

P.H.

100 metres	(A)	4. S. White	10.9	(B)	1. B. Hafner	11.2
200 metres	(A)	2. S. White	22.1	(B)	2. B. Hafner	22.8
400 metres	(A)	5. P. Gee	53.4	(B)	5. D. Rees	53.0
800 metres	(A)	3. P. Carton	1:57.9	(B)	2. J. Boardman	2:01.2
1500 metres	(A)	3. A. Major	3:59.4	(B)	3. J. Thresher	4:01.8
5000 metres	(A)	2. W. Kerr	14:48.4	(B)	1. L. Mann	14:59.6
3000m S/C.	(A)	2. J. Bicourt	9:6.8	(B)	1. A. Elack	9:29.6
400m Hurdles	(A)	2. M. Ford	54.8	(B)	1. C. Gillett	55.5
110m Hurdles	(A)	5. R. Coullault	17.0	(B)	C. Brooks disq. two false starts	
4x100metres	1. BELGRAVE H. (L. Sullivan, B. Hafner, C. Gillett, S. White) 42.7.					
4x40 yards	3. BELGRAVE H. (P. Gee, C. Gillett, S. White, M. Ford) 3:27.4.					
Pole Vault	(A)	6. A. Brooks	7'-9"	(B)	4. C. Brooks	7'-9"
High Jump	(A)	1. A. Bentt	5'-10"	(B)	4. R. Coullault	5'-4"
Discus	(A)	3. T. Ratcliffe	145'-0"	(B)	6. W. Couzens	95'-3"
Long Jump	(A)	2. L. Sullivan	22'-5"	(B)	2. C. Brooks	20'-2"
Javelin	(A)	5. W. Couzens	153'-11"	(B)	4. J. Martin	143'-3"
Shot	(A)	3. T. Ratcliffe	43'-1"	(B)	3. J. Martin	38'-2"
Triple Jump	(A)	2. D. Glendinning	44'-3½"	(B)	1. R. Coullault	41'-4"
Hammer	(A)	4. W. Couzens	111'-5½"	(B)	4. T. Ratcliffe	87'-6½"

RESULT

1. Reading 170 pts.	2. BELGRAVE H. 143 pts.	3. Windsor/Eton 125 pts.	4. H.H.H. 117 pts
5. Ilford A.C. 116 pts	6. Aldershot 80 pts.		

League Position

1. Reading A.C. 12 pts (305)	4. H.H.H. 6½ pts (235)
2. Windsor/Eton 9 pts (252)	5. Ilford A.C. 5½ pts (234)
3. BELGRAVE H. 7 pts (255)	6. Aldershot 2 pts (177)

Southern League - 3rd match at Wimbledon Park on 22nd August

After one of the most exciting matches seen for some time we edged out Herne Hill by one point to take second place in this match and the league. In addition, we had to suffer two miscounts on the way, which stretched our already taut nerves.

Where can one begin to look for highlights when our team, weakened by holidays and injuries, acquitted itself nobly throughout? First of all, let us praise Snowy Brooks who competed in the first event and was involved in the last. On the way, he did 3 personal bests (400 metre hurdles, pole vault and hammer) and covered 7 events, including the long relay. Then, Bill Kerr who is running better than ever this season did a personal best 1500 to pip John Thresher. Mick Marshall, still a youth, recorded 3 very useful second places in the sprints and triple jump and also did a storming anchor leg in the relay. Mel Ford ran two fine races in the 400 metre hurdles and 400 metres and also did a 50.5s. relay split. Last, but by no means least, Gerry North won the 5000 with some ease and then placed 2nd in the B steeplechase, although his hurdling technique didn't please the purists!

However, it is invidious to pick out individual performances when the essence of the day was that we performed as a team. This can be taken as a tribute to our hard-working track secretary, Bob Taylor, who seemed to be everywhere, encouraging, exhorting and entreating.

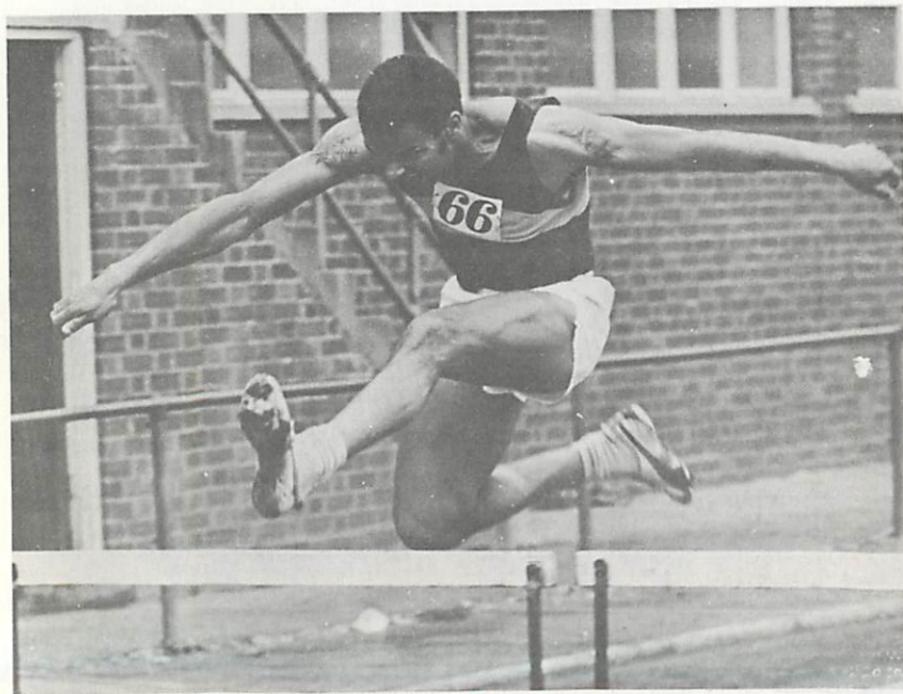
Now, we go into the melting pot to see whether we will be asked to go to Leicester for the eliminating contest for the National League. If so, the other clubs had better beware of the new Belgrave!

P.H.

100m	(A)	6. P. Gee	12.3	(B)	2. M. Marshall	11.6
200m	(A)	4. P. Gee	24.3	(B)	2. M. Marshall	23.2
400m	(A)	3. M. Ford	49.7	(B)	4. M. Eloice	51.8
800m	(A)	4. P. Carton	1:56.3	(B)	3. J. Stow	1:59.0
1500m	(A)	3. W. Kerr	3:53.4	(B)	1. J. Thresher	3:53.6
5000m	(A)	1. Gerry North	14:45.2	(B)	2. A. Major	15:28.6
3000m S/C	(A)	2. J. Bicourt	9:17.0	(B)	2. Gerry North	10:01.2
110m H.	(A)	4. D. Mills	17.5	(B)	3. A. Bentt	17.5
400m H.	(A)	2. M. Ford	54.5	(B)	1. C. Brooks	58.1
Shot	(A)	3. T. Ratcliffe	13.64m	(B)	5. C. Brooks	10.98m
Discus	(A)	3. T. Ratcliffe	43.64m	(B)	5. A. Bentt	29.58m
Javelin	(A)	6. A. Bentt	38.94m	(B)	5. A. Brooks	33.24m
Hammer	(A)	4. T. Ratcliffe	37.04m	(B)	5. C. Brooks	14.46m
High Jump	(A)	4. A. Bentt	1.72m	(B)	5. D. Mills	1.52m
Long Jump	(A)	2. C. Brooks	6.44m	(B)	1. D. Glendinning	6.31m
Triple Jump	(A)	2. D. Glendinning	13.80m	(B)	2. M. Marshall	12.50m
Pole Vault	(A)	5. C. Brooks	9'-0"	(B)	3. A. Brooks	7'-0"
4 X110m Relay:	4. BELGRAVE (Rees, Glendinning, Eloice, Marshall)	45.5				
4 X 440m Relay:	5. BELGRAVE (Gee, C. Brooks, Ford, Rees)	3:30.7				

MATCH RESULT

1. Reading A.C.	177½ pts	4. Ilford A.C.	105 pts
2. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	134 pts	5. Windsor E & S	103 pts
3. Herne Hill Harriers	133 pts	6. Aldershot F & D.	91½ pts



MANN WINS TOM CARTER CUP

Club 10,000metres Championship---Eattersea Park---July 27th

Just twelve days and three races after winning the 5,000 metres title, Lionel Mann rubbed home his superiority even more convincingly in adding the "Tom Carter" Cup to his collection. Once again Laurie O'Hara led the challengers, but it was a lonely chase for he was the only one in the field that Lionel failed to lap.

The defending champion, Bob Smith, was down with injury but brought the Cup along and stayed to see who would next be polishing it.

Nineteen runners fought for the privilege, but after 1200metres only six were in contention. Kerr and Mann were pushing the early pace with O'Hara, Piotrowski, Fairclough and Major tagging along. The last two named lost contact at about 3,000 metres but the situation ahead of them took a dramatic turn at 5,000 metres when Piotrowski retired with a blistered foot. And again at 6,000 metres when Kerr, who had been pushing the pace with Mann, also called it a day. This left Mann high and dry, and big gaps were the order of the day.

Of the chasing procession Laurie was his usual reliable self, and Colin Pearson a praiseworthy 5th---nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes faster than last year.

RESULT

1. L. Mann	31:7.4	8. J. Dooley	35:55
2. L. O'Hara	31:33	9. P. Pringle	36:41
3. A. Fairclough	32:32	10. R. Glover	37:-
4. A. Major	33:13	11. C. Henn	37:40
5. C. Pearson	34:34	12. P. Sutton	37:53
6. B. Gorman	35:32	13. R. Beaumont	39:59
7. C. Walker	35:47	14. E. McNally	41:25

(19 started)

---Four Event Handicap

RESULT	100m	800m	shot	long Jump	Total Pts
1. D. Glendinning	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	10	7	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. M. Elliott	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	5	5	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. J. Rimmer	1	8	8	10	27
4. J. Hamilton	5	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. C. Brooks	7	5	9	2	25
5. D. Rees	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	23
7. R. Hamilton	5	2	3	9	19
8. P. Smith	5	4	1	8	18
9. R. Couillault	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	4	3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. J. Martin	8	1	2	1	12

Inter-club Meeting at Hurlingham Park, Sunday 9th August

100 metres	(A) 3. D. Glendinning	11.4	(B) 5. D. Rees	12.2
200 metres	(A) 3. D. Glendinning	23.3	(B) 5. C. Pearson	25.2
400 metres	(A) 4. D. Rees	52.4	(B) 4. C. Pearson	53.4
800 metres	(A) 4. C. Pearson	2:03.5	(B) 1. R. Moody	2:04.2
1500 metres	(A) 1. W. Kerr	3:53.0	(B)	
3000 metres	(A) 1. L. O'Hara	8:42.6	(B) 1. W. Kerr	9:07.0
3000m S/C	(A) 2. J. Rimmer	11:01.0	(B) 1. R. Hamilton	12:26.0
4 X 100m	3. BELGRAVE H. (D. Rees, P. Gee, K. Elandin, D. Glendinning)	46.5		
Hammer	(A) 2. W. Couzens	108'-6"	(B) 4. R. Hamilton	9'-
Long Jump	(A) 3. D. Glendinning	19'-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(B) 3. J. Hamilton	16'-
Discus	(A) 5. W. Couzens	80'-11"	(B) 4. D. McMillan	63'-1"
Shot	(A) 3. W. Couzens	34'-7"	(B) 5. J. Hamilton	18'-5"
Javelin	(A) 4. W. Couzens	131'-8"		

RESULT 1. Met. Police 254 pts. 2. H.H.H. 201 pts. 3. Walton A.C. 171 pts
4. BELGRAVE H. 167 pts. 5. Eton Manor 114 pts. 6. Wycombe Phoenix 64 pts.

MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE TO SUPPORT THESE STAR FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER 26TH-----Club 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles road handicap NOVEMBER 21ST-----Club DINNER & DANCE.

OCTOBER 10TH-----Club Yacht 3 miles road run NOVEMBER 28TH-----Belgrave Open 7 miles Walk

OCTOBER 17TH-----Belgrave Open Youths Road Relay.

A.A.A.'s : Club Records for Ford, Bicourt

AAA Championships at White City on 8th August

Our two regular finalists, Derek Boosey and John Bicourt appeared once again on finals day this year. Both performed well and John did a personal best in his heat. But, I would like to draw the attention of readers to a new name, M. Ford (Army A.A.). This was none other than our own Mel Ford, who finished a close-up 5th in the 400 metres hurdles in a personal best time of 53.1s., having come desperately close to getting a place medal.

Mel's progress has been rapid since he joined us early last year, when the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards came back from Germany to Chelsea Barracks. He then had personal bests for the quarter mile and quarter mile hurdles of about 51.0s. and 57.5s. respectively. He improved rapidly and really broke through in last year's "Brockman", when he recorded 49.3s. for 400 metres. He sliced a large portion off the hurdles time and also ran the odd 800 metres, achieving an unofficial split of 1-56 on a relay leg.

Last year's progress has been consolidated this year and he annexed the club 400 and 800 metre titles. In addition, he has won army titles at 400 metre hurdles and 800 metres and is the Middlesex 400 metre hurdles champion.

His versatility has led to him being much in demand; on one week this season he ran for 4 organisations - club, unit, army and county. He is still uncertain whether to concentrate on the hurdles or 800 metres, in both of which he could achieve high honours. I have a sneaking suspicion that his best event will prove to be the 800 metres.

P.H.

400m Hurdles (Final) 5. M. Ford 53.1 (Club Record)

3000m S/C (Final) 7. J. Bicourt 8:52.4 In Heats 8:46.8 (Club Record)

1500m (Heats) 8. J. Thresher 3:56.7 Triple Jump (Final) 3. D. Boosey 49'-11"



BILL KERR (66) on his way to a personal best 3:53.4
1500 metres at the age of 38.
JOHN THRESHER (6), a youngster of 30(!), was one fifth
of a second behind, in this Southern League Meeting at
Wimbledon Park.

Photo: Ron Linstead

Best Track Marks AS AT AUG. 22

100 metres

10.9	S. White
11.0	J. Vivian
11.0	C. Brooks
11.0	M. Marshall (Y)
11.2	B. Hafner
11.3	L. Sullivan (J)
11.3	P. Gee

200 metres

21.7	S. White
22.4	B. Hafner
22.6	J. Vivian
23.2	M. Eloice (Y)
23.2	P. Gee
23.2	M. Marshall (Y)
23.3	D. Glendinning

400 metres

49.5	M. Ford
50.7	C. Gillett
51.3	M. Eloice (Y)
51.6	S. White
52.1	C. Brooks
52.1	D. Rees
52.6	P. Gee

800 metres

1:54.0	M. Ford
1:54.1	P. Carton (J)
1:58.2	J. Stow (J)
1:58.5	J. Boardman
1:59.8	J. Kelly
2:00.6	W. Kerr
2:00.7	C. Pearson

1500 metres

3:49.5	J. Thresher
3:53.4	W. Kerr
3:54.7	J. Bicourt
3:57.8	A. Major
3:57.8	J. Stow (J)
3:59.7	P. Carton (J)

3000 metres

8:16.6	Geoff North
8:28.2	J. Bicourt
8:31.0	W. Kerr
8:33.6	R. Smith
8:34.8	J. Thresher
8:36.8	J. Stow (J)

5000 metres

14:22.0	R. Smith
14:28.2	Gerry North
14:39.8	J. Bicourt
14:45.8	W. Kerr
14:48.0	L. Mann
14:52.0	L. O'Hara
14:55.8	T. Hart
14:58.0	A. Major

10,000 metres

29:33.0	Gerry North
30:31.0	R. Smith
30:47.0	T. Hart
30:47.6	L. Mann
30:51.0	L. O'Hara

3000m Steeplechase

8:46.8	J. Bicourt
9:29.6	A. Elack
9:30.6	R. Piotrowski
9:51.0	M. McNair
10:01.2	Gerry North

110 m. Hurdles

16.8	J. MacAskill
17.0	R. Couillault
17.4	A. Bent

400 m. Hurdles

53.1	M. Ford
55.5	C. Gillett
58.1	C. Brooks

Shot

44'-9"	G. Ratcliffe
43'-1"	E. Barker
39'-5"	J. Martin
39'-3"	N. Head

" " " & Field

Long Jump

26'-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	A. Lerwill 2cl
22'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	L. Sullivan (J)
21'-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	B. Hafner
21'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	C. Brooks
20'-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	D. Glendinning

High Jump

5'-11"	A. Bent
5'-8"	R. Couillault

Pole Vault

12'-0"	H. Pfenninger
10'-6"	S. Irman

Discus

145'-11"	G. Ratcliffe
138'-8"	E. Barker
122'-5"	F. Glass
122'-0"	N. Head

Triple Jump

51'-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	D. Boosey
51'-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	A. Lerwill 2cl
45'-3"	D. Glendinning
43'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	R. Couillault

Hammer

155'-6"	E. Barker
121'-6"	G. Ratcliffe
120'-9"	W. Couzens

Javelin

194'-9"	N. Head
181'-4"	S. Irman
165'-4"	K. Schofield
161'-4"	F. Glass

Inter-Club Meeting at Crystal Palace---Wednesday 12th August

100m	(A) 3. D. Coles 11.3	(B) 2. L. Sullivan 11.5
200m	(A) 3. D. Coles 23.0	4. D. Glendinning 23.6 (B) 2. M. Marshall 23.4
400m	(A) 3. C. Brooks 52.1	5. C. Pearson 55.0 6. R. Hamilton 55.4
400m	(B) 2. J. Hamilton 53.4	3. P. Gee 53.6
800m	1. P. Carton 1:58.6	5. C. Pearson 2:00.9 6. R. Moody 2:2
1500m	2. J. Bicourt 3:54.7	4. J. Rimmer 4:04.7
5000m	1. Gerry North 14:28.2	2. L. Mann 14:48 5. W. Kerr 15:35
Discus	5. J. Martin 99'-4"	
Long Jump	4. L. Sullivan 6.52m (21'-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	M. Marshall 5.44m (17'-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	2. M. Marshall 12.86m (42'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
Shot	5. J. Martin 35'-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	

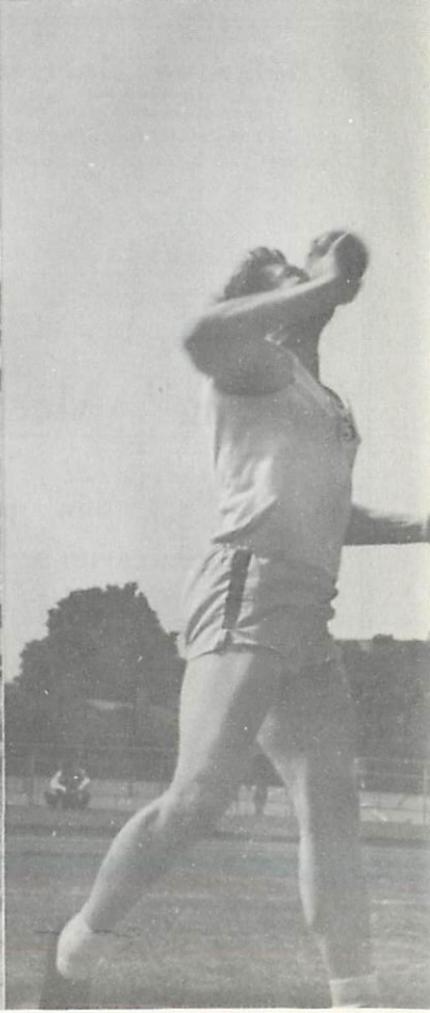
Result 1. Royal Navy 122pts, 2. BELGRAVE H. 70 pts, 3. London AC 38pts, 4. Hayes/Harl. 31pts

PHOTOGRAPHS OPPOSITE

TOP: CHARLIE GILLET on his way to a Surrey Co. 400m H. title.

BOTTOM LEFT: JIM RIMMER (14) is all set to win the Ryder Trophy 1500 metres

BOTTOM RIGHT: GLYN RATCLIFFE, Belgrave shot putt champion.



THE MEN BEHIND THE TROPHIES

J. SAWYER

During the 1920's and later, a rather sad faced man could be seen at all our Battersea Park Track meetings, firmly grasping the rails which separated the public footpath from the finishing straight of the track in those days, intent upon every stride of every race. We had a very considerable following at all our track meetings at that time and it may be that the close proximity of the track helped the athletes of the past to identify themselves with those of the then present. These supporters have now passed on and the present generation of spectators is practically non-existent, in the face of the many competing interests for their leisure time—more's the pity!

To come back to our sad-faced man—his name was J. SAWYER, and he was a Vice-President of the Club. A nod of recognition was the most one could expect of him—he rarely spoke to anyone. Perhaps his thoughts were for his two sons, killed in the 1914-1918 War, and commemorated by the two Cups given by Mr. J. SAWYER in 1921—“THE J.G. SAWYER MEMORIAL CUP” for the 440 yards (now 400 metres) Championship and “THE A.J. SAWYER MEMORIAL CUP” for the 2 miles (now 3000 metres) Walk Championship. These were two events of the original Club Championships Programme on the Track, held at Prices Athletic Club ground, Earlsfield on Thursday, July 28th 1921.

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Evening : Meeting

(Under A.A.A. Rules),

Thursday, July 28th, 1921,

At EARLSFIELD,

Commencing 6.30 p.m.

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For "J. G. Sawyer Memorial Challenge Cup."

1st claim Members only. Cup cannot be won outright.

1st Prize, Club's Gold Medal.
2nd " " Silver "
3rd " " Bronze "

First two in each heat run in Final.

HEAT I.

- 1 F. W. Rickards
- 2 W. G. Paul
- 3 E. Gordon
- 4 F. H. Sawyer
- 5 C. C. Arnold
- 6 E. Pezzer
- 7 A. E. Crichton
- 8 H. Crossley

HEAT II.

- 9 E. B. Abbey
- 10 J. R. McKay
- 11 A. Gordon
- 12 A. J. Burchell
- 13 S. V. Ellis
- 14 G. Webb
- 15 J. N. Catten

1st— Time -- 1st— Time
2nd— 2nd—

HEAT III.

- 16 T. A. Needs
- 17 Len Smith
- 18 S. R. Sawyer
- 19 R. W. Best
- 20 P. Corcoran
- 21 A. E. Payne
- 22 G. Pammerton

1st— Time
2nd—

No. 13. 2 Mile Club Walking Championship.

For "A. J. Sawyer Memorial Challenge Cup."

1st claim Members only. Cup cannot be won outright.

1st Prize Club's Gold Medal.
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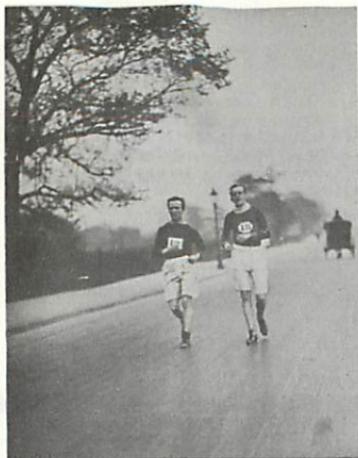
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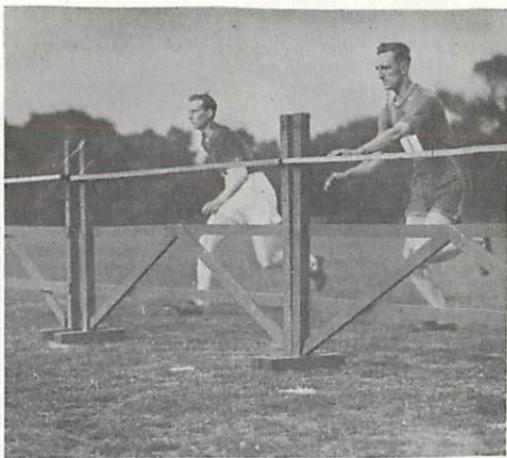
The cover of the programme for that inaugural Club Championships meeting is reproduced above. Alongside, are shown the entries for events Nos. 9 and 13—the two challenge cups put up by Mr. J. Sawyer. As can be seen, there was no shortage of competitors.

The first winners were: 440 yards Championship, L.C. SMITH; 2 Miles Walk Championship, HAROLD KING, who we are glad to report is fit and well, and a frequent visitor to Wimbledon during the Winter season.

A.A.H.



LEFT: Harold King (left), first winner of the "A.J. SAWYER" Cup, in action with E.L. Reeve during a road race.



RIGHT: Len Smith (right), first winner of the "J.G. SAWYER" Cup, in action with C.T. Pollard during a 220 yards hurdles event.

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THE STORY THAT WASN'T...

All journalists, even the amateur ones, like to get hold of a good story---and your Editor is no exception. It was while scanning the sports pages of THE SUNDAY TIMES last month that his eye caught the words "Belgrave Harriers". Not just once, but twice. Now our name is not entirely foreign to that esteemed newspaper and shouldn't, therefore, attract overdue attention except that in this instance the headline of the article, in question read "All Those Sky British Sports Writers". As our readers know, the Editor is shy. He is certainly British (his upper lip is a giveaway) and he writes about sport as well. Was this then fame at last? Had it only taken 11 years for THE SUNDAY TIMES to recognise the quality of our gazette? Was there actually an offer in the post?

Such fly-away thoughts took but a split second: just long enough to notice that the photograph in the article bore no resemblance to your resident scribe, and the caption beneath it, however much he screwed up his eyes, still read GWILL BROWN. Further perusal showed that this character was quite unknown to your Editor and in view of the let-down seconds earlier he felt disinclined to become acquainted. But then, thinking of his loyal readers, he felt duty-bound to read the offending column. The following is a brief extract:-

BRITISH SPORT loses a friend and a critic next week when Gwill Brown, a likeable American, is recalled to the New York offices of Sports Illustrated, the quality sports magazine with a circulation of two million and, reputedly, a readership of 14 million. Brown, an associate editor of the magazine, has been its resident London correspondent for three years.

Brown's language is flecked, in the American style, with italics: astonishing, outrageous, preposterous.

"As far as cost and availability are concerned, both public and private, Britain is an absolute paradise for the club-level sportsman. When I first came over I was amazed to see people running through the streets in their running kit. You'd never see that in New York. Unthinkable. Even in Central Park, people get hostile, they elbow you and try to trip you up."

He grinned. "What I like here is the casual nature of sport. Practically everybody does something, and they don't talk about it, they just do it."

At 42, Brown is thought by his American friends to be a bit of a fitness nut. He belongs to the Cumberland Lawn Tennis Club, Hendon Golf Club, (me and Harold Wilson"), Belgrave Harriers, and has running rights at the Duke of York's Barracks in Chelsea. All his club costs total about £63 10s. a year.



Gwill Brown

"You're a nation of soccer players and long distance runners."

The Press facilities in almost any sport, with the notable exception of golf, Brown feels, are hopeless compared to the States.

The sportsmen, too, are shackled by the amateurish administrations, Brown thinks, and certainly by the lack of money. "You're a nation of soccer players, where you only need a ball, and long-distance runners. People like Lynn Davies are really remarkable for having got going without special facilities."

Among sportsmen themselves, Brown sees an odd will to lose. "Maybe it's the English reserve," he said, "or the Baron de Coubertin spirit of participating. That and nerves. Ann Jones, not defending her Wimbledon title because of nerves. That's outrageous. And Virginia Wade. Nerves again. There's something wrong somewhere."

"You even see it among the sports writers, with their shyness. But some aren't like that, and produce really literate and informative stuff."

Brown grinned. "Is that enough?" he asked, as though we might like another 100cc of criticism. It was noon, and he had some running to do at the Duke of York's. He might even have a go at the Bridges Run, over both the Chelsea and Albert Bridges and round Battersea Park. "The course record is held by Gerry North at 12:02, although you'd better check that," Brown advised, then he added, wistfully, "North's a Belgrave Harrier. That was my club."

Your Editor read it once, twice and then a third time, his eyes finally resting on that opening paragraph. Going back to New York eh? Why now? Perhaps there is a connection with "The Belgravian" after all. He's frightened of getting roped in as the next editor and is skipping the country before the A.G.M. That's it! Wants to hang on to his cushy number with "Sports Illustrated"!

These were a few of the thoughts that raced through his mind as he continued to smart from the initial disappointment. He may have lost the first story but this second one was probably even better. How could a true Belgravian behave in such a way; hiding his light under a bushel these last three years? Yes, the new story would pursue the line of how a member of Belgrave Harriers defected to the West rather than assist his Club. An excellent idea.

And so the story was written. It took many hours of the midnight oil and ran to two full pages, and your Editor felt pretty pleased with himself. It would be controversial for sure, and no doubt Gwill Brown's mates at the "Dukes" wouldn't be too happy, but it would be worth it, just to get a good story.

The "i's" were dotted and the "t's" crossed and only one more item of information was needed from our Assistant Honorary Secretary. "Hello! Is that you Bill?----Don. Editor here----could you give me the date Gwill Brown joined us?" There was a pause, a rustle of paper, the click of a pencil on the receiver, "Hallo! Clive----there is no such name as Gwill Brown on our books".

WALKING

Pat Duncan writes:

In October 1967, when Belgrave fortunes were at a low ebb, two Channel Island walkers joined the club. Although members of the winning Sarnia team in the Garnet Cup John Moullin and Len Duquemin were as yet unknown to the British Walking world although we'd heard that Moullin was a bit of a scrubber and Duquemin too old to do anything useful. These two soon adapted to our ways and were soon putting Belgrave back on the map. Prepared to try any distance, whether on the road or in the pub afterwards, Len proved to be the faster but over the longer distances it was John who generally triumphed. In the 1970 Commonwealth Games both were selected to represent their native Guernsey and for Len Duquemin this was to be his final race. What a race he had! "Took a packet at 10 had had enough by 15" and came back to record a personal best 2.42.48 to beat Shuan Lightman by two minutes and 14 years. Len's performance must rank as one of the fastest ever for an "oi not so much of the old" 40 year old but what a way to retire. Freeman may have walked a blinder but for me Len's was the finest performance of all. Although Len's contribution to Belgrave is clear in the record book, he has winning team medals for all the national championships, his sportsmanship and humour must also feature highly. Always ready with a cheerful word of encouragement for novice or champion alike Len has been one of the elder statesmen of the game. His style was superb and he will be remembered as a good athlete and a great team man. He reckons to retire and take up running, "I fancy clay-pidgeon shboting as well". We will miss him but hope that after a couple of months he'll get his shoes out again and, as usual, put his clubmates to shame with some more faultless races. John Moullin finished 10th in the Commonwealth Games 20 Miles, Len was sixth, in 2.48.07 but then he always was the scrubber.

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In his first international appearance for West Germany Wilf Wesch flattened the opposition, from France, Sweden as well as his own team to record a fastest 91.21 for 20 Kilometres. Although Wilf's form in the German selection races has been disappointing this certainly showed the German selectors who was boss when it mattered.

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After the disappointment of losing the National 20 Kilometres by just one point the boys have really got down to the hard work of winning races. The ever consistent Ray Middleton, although slightly shaded by some great races from Wilf Wesch, has once again provided a fantastic example for the club. Although 35 Ray is still turning in personal bests at nearly every distance and on his present form must trouble every walker in Britain either at 20 or 50 Kilos. His first attempt at the Brighton could really provide some interest and should ensure yet further honours for Belgrave in this classic. Wilf has also been impressive and although disappointed by his 4.13. clocking in the German 50 Kilos (he finished 5th although the styles of those ahead * ! ?) his latest win put him back at the top again. John Moullin has also shaken off his earlier lack of lustre ready for a good Brighton. Pat Duncan is at last coming through a bit although both Brian Ward and Dave King look like catching him (some hope !) and its good to see Dave Deboni back in the thick of it once more. Gerry Cameron is back training although his recent move to Scotland is something of a problem. Another much improved walker is Bernard Capener who should feature in the international postman's walk in September. Those Belgrave landmarks John Keown, John Morris and George Beecham are still very much alive and will, one hopes shortly be joined by John Johnson. Over the short ones Barry Ingarfield should also feature after a hard summer.

On May 30th the Cambridge section scored a one/two for Belgrave with Bobby Barnes winning the 3,000 Metres in 16.42 18 seconds clear of Barry Wallman. Meanwhile Ray Middleton took the London Postal Region '6' in a snappy 45.38.

August 9th - London Postal Region Invitation '6'.

Carl Lawton burnt off the opposition to record 45.52 over this tough Blackheath course with Pat Duncan 5 minutes behind in 5th position. Tommy Cook made the best of a generous mark to win the handicap. In the afternoon John Johnson held off the best of them to win the London Transport handicap at Wembley Park and once again Tommy Cook scored to take his second pot of the day.

June 9th - Brookwell Park - Lambeth '5'.

Held just before the National, Belgrave could only muster a reserve squad and had to let Ilford in for the first place honours. Nevertheless Wilf Wesch was right up with the leaders and Barry Ingarfield also pulled out a good one.

RESULT

1. S.Lightman	MWC	35.36	12. R.Coates	Bels	39.07
2. R.Mills	Ilf	35.43	24. R.Hall	"	41.25
3. W.Wesch	Bels	35.53	26. B.Ward	"	41.58
7. C.Lawton	"	37.13	27. P.Duncan	"	42.16
11. B.Ingarfield	"	39.06	34. J.Bromley	"	44.04
			43. J.Morris	"	47.13

<u>TEAM</u>	1. Ilford AC	14
	2. Belgrave	19
	3. Met WC	29



Photo: Ron Linstead

Photo: C. MacLennan

CARL LAWTON (left) was a well placed 7th in the Lambeth '5', while RAY HALL (right) produced one of his "retirement" outings to finish 24th.

July 4th - Birmingham Outer Circle '25'.

Even though some of our regular distance men were otherwise involved we still could have won the race but for an unfortunate navigational error which landed Bob Coates and John Keown far from the scene of hostilities just when they were most needed. Ray Middleton held on to a slender lead to win from a much improved Harding of Royal Sutton. Further back Bob Farley and Gerry Cameron both chose this race for their return to active competition although they will need some hard training spins if they are to get back amongst our leading men once again.

RESULT

1. R.Middleton	Bels	3.39.59	24. R.Farley	Bels	4.27.43
2. K.Harding	RSC	3.40.50	33. G.Cameron	"	4.36.01
3. A.Banyard	S/end	3.43.43			

BELGRAVE OPEN YOUTHS ROAD RELAY

This year's promotion will be held from Belgrave Hall on October 17th. Members are invited to support this important Club promotion by offering assistance on the day, by donations or providing vocal support to our finest ever Youth team.

Bels Retain National 50k

August 15th - RWA National 50 Kilometres Championship - East Ewell.

After his superb recent form Ray Middleton looked a strong contender for the title and selection, once more, for the British Team. As it turned out Ray had to contend with Bob Dobson who walked an inspired race to win by just 60 seconds from Ray who was fast catching him over the last lap. The race, held over a fairly stiff 8 lap course, was generally fast but the weather contributed to the fairly tough conditions so that Ray's 4.21.22 was a very good clocking indeed. John Moullin was also well to the fore over the early stages but suffered for this although still returning a useful time. Bob Coates fell foul of the judges but Brian Ward and Pat Duncan were close at hand to ensure a comfortable victory for the team. Brian's 4.54.23 was an encouraging sign for the future even if the ever crafty Pat sneaked past in the last lap. Dave King was another to impress with a very rapid return to form. Dave DeBondi had a disappointing race, mainly due to an unfortunate fall in training, (Lawton still denies tripping him!) but George Beecham's defeat of John Keown should certainly strengthen our chances in the Brighton where both will be fighting for a team place. Johns Morris and Johnson found conditions a bit trying and were both forced to retire.

RESULT

1. R.Dobson	Basildon	4.20.22	16. B.Ward	Belgrave	4.54.23
2. R.Middleton	Belgrave	4.21.22	26. D.King	" "	5.06.28
3. R.Wallwork	Lancashire	4.25.16	42. D.DeBondi	" "	5.18.16
10. J.Moullin	Belgrave	4.42.29	49. G.Beecham	" "	5.34.43
15. P.Duncan	" "	4.53.19	52. J.Keown	" "	5.38.04

<u>TEAM</u>	1. Belgrave Harriers	26 Points
	2. Surrey Walking Club	48 " "
	3. Lancashire W.C.	58 " "

HASTINGS-BRIGHTON WINNERS

August 1st - Hastings to Brighton 38 Miles.

Ray Middleton and Wolly Wortley were our sole representatives on the grid at one minute to go when to their relief John Moullin, Dave DeBondi, Dave King and Pat Duncan all sped into view and after frantic scenes of nudity in the middle of the road the Belgrave team were on their way. John Moullin took the front but after 20 Kilos in 106 minutes he'd had enough of the heat and by 20 miles we were one short. Ray Middleton was soon forcing the pace and despite the very tough conditions he powered through to a very impressive win in just over 5hrs 40 Minutes. Don Thompson's return to walking resulted in a second place with Colin Young fresh from his Strasbourg to Paris 300 Mile epic closing in third. Behind him our man Duncan recovered from a slow start to overhaul all but Weston of Highgate finishing fifth and once again taking the Sussex distance title. The extreme heat troubled DeBondi, who, coming as he does from the temperate Australian climate is not used to such extremes of temperature. He suffered but hung on gamely to give Belgrave victory by a slender three points from arch rivals Surrey. Dave King marked his return to competition with his slowest time ever, nearly 75 minutes behind his previous best, a performance which said a lot for his courage but little for his fitness,

RESULT

1. R.Middleton	Bels	5.41.57	5. P.Duncan	Bels	6.13.45
2. D.Thompson	MWC	5.57.59	17. D.DeBondi	" "	6.51.50
3. C.Young	EBeagles	6.07.12	20. D.King	" "	7.06.06

Team:	1. Belgrave Harriers (1,3,13)	17 Points
	2. Surrey Walking Club (5,6,9,)	20 " "
	3. Brighton & Hove (4, 11,12,)	27 " "

Handicap: R.Middleton 1st Sussex P.Duncan

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Autumn Relay Prospects

Clive Shippen reviews the forthcoming road season

Once again a popular point to point relay bites the dust. First it was the classic London to Brighton, then the well established Leyton to Southend, then the Southampton to Bournemouth and now the Johnstone event. This latest casualty was in our fixture list last year and vied with the Dudley to Bridgenorth relay for the high spot of the seven week season. As holders of the trophy we are naturally disappointed at not having the opportunity to defend it but are even more concerned at this steady erosion of quality events from our fixture list.

To suggest that the introduction of A.A.A. Championship events over 12 stages and 6 stages are suitable compensations would raise cries of derision from those who have witnessed these events. Whilst one would not quarrel with the organisation of these races between starting gun and tape there is a great deal more that requires attention in a National Championship than the race itself. Someone should be appointed to deal solely with pre-race publicity, public relations generally and the presentation ceremony itself. It is just not good enough to search around on the day for a place to "hand over" the medals or to ask the teams to shake hands with the Mayor's sixth reserve when the medals do not turn up. It has always been difficult to get a big attendance at after-race presentations but, if the present trend continues, even the successful teams won't bother to go.

It is rumoured that the National 6-stage Relay will be held on October 10th at Southport. It is ironical that of all the events in the Autumn calendar this is the only one for which we had not received details at time of press. As it happens, Belgrave will not be sending a team in any case; and we are unlikely to be the only absentees. Unless National Championships are put on with all the publicity, presentation and trappings of a truly National occasion then the longer standing events are in danger of going the same way as the 6 stage relay.

Back to the local scene, this year's fixture list covers one of the briefest periods ever---5 weeks. The programme is as follows:-

September	12th	-----Surrey Co. Road Relays (S & Y), Woking Lido.
"	19th	-----Blackheath H. Road Relay, Hayes
"	26th	-----Belgrave 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles handicap (non-championship).
October	3rd	-----Walton A.C. Road Relay.
"	10th	-----Belgrave 3 miles Yacht Handicap.
"	17th	-----Dudley to Bridgenorth and Back Road Relay.

The opening event could see us off to the best start we have had since 1951. In that year we won the Surrey Co. Road Relay for the 4th consecutive time, yet after eighteen further attempts we have failed to record another win. This year there is much determination in the camp to put the record right---an approach which has sadly been lacking in recent years. It coincides with the running into form, just at the right time, of Kerr, Thresher, North, Major and Fairclough. With Blcourt and Hart already in fine fettle we could well be having a celebration dip in the Lido on September 12th.

With our Surrey men nicely tuned up after Woking they will be joined by our other big guns, Mann, O'Hara and O'Connor for the Blackheath Relay seven days later. This year's race had been switched to a Sunday with an 11a.m start but just before going to press we hear that the event has reverted to the normal Saturday spot. There are many arguments against a Sunday morning road relay but it would have been interesting to see how well the athletes supported it.

The following Saturday (Sept.26th) is the day on which many of our dark horses have been training to reach peak. Secret sessions and time trials ("I've only been out once a week Bill") culminate in that blue riband of the road, the "5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". All the nervous tension and needle of an international meeting is on show, with the battles becoming more gruelling the further down the field one goes. If you can't run in this one you must at least watch it!

October opens with the Walton Relay. This is a popular event over a nice course and we usually manage to enter about five teams. For those who are striving to make our team for the main event of the Autumn season and have had no real luck so far, their final chance comes with the Yacht '3' on October 10th. This popular handicap attracts as many as sixty members and Bill Lucas's handicapping has proved so good in the past that a funnel is required at the finish to produce a correct finishing order. Don't miss this one for, whatever your standard, you could be a winner; and there are prizes for the first three.

The short season reaches it's climax on October 17th with Tipton's Dudley to Bridgenorth Relay. This event attracts a top class field and we have done very well the last two years in finishing second both times-----to Derby in 1968 and to City of Stoke in 1969. The programme laid on for the preceding 5 weeks should be ample for our runners to tune up nicely for this race. Gold would be nice compensation for the loss of the "Johnstone".

All members, whatever their event or standard, are asked to study the above fixtures, decide in which events they would like to run (everyone runs in the Yacht!) and notify Gordon Biscoe at 34, Pam's Way, Ewell, Surrey. Tele: 393 4433

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