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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

The "Jimmy Belchamber Memorial Trophy" Fund has now been closed, and a fitting trophy to perpetuate the memory of Jimmy will shortly be purchased and awarded for an event to be decided by the Committee. At the same time we place on record our gratefulness to Mrs. Smith, daughter of the late Frank Thomson for the presentation of a very beautiful cup, which will keep Frank's name for ever connected with the Club he so ably and unselfishly served, and which will also be awarded for an event to be decided by the Committee.

With the addition of these two trophies our total of Club Cups and Shields will be brought up to the splendid total of some 35, and now cover every event in our curriculum of Athletics.

It should be noted by all members, especially the newer members, that these trophies bear the names of illustrious Belgravians, some of them happily still with us and, we hope, for many years to come.

We ask you, when admiring your trophies, to give a moment of thought to the donors who are still with us, and a reverent thought for those who have passed from us.

These gentlemen and their colleagues of yore are those who pioneered so steadfastly to give you the Belgrave Club, to which you must surely be proud to be a member.

The inscription on The Frank Thomson Cup reads: "Life Member for 60 years.—President, 1940-1942.—Presented as a token of life-long service to Athletics."

It is truly so, and let it be an incentive to you—you for whom he did so much, many of whom he never knew. Let it never be said you knew not of him or his contemporaries or of what they did.

YOUR EDITORS.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON, 1953-54

I think that the main reason for poorish support during the last few seasons has been that members have been a little uncertain of what was expected of them. At the same time I believe that the Section's activities have not been broadcast nearly enough to start off on the right foot.

Before I go any further I would add that my mandate for these remarks is that I am a Vice-Captain of the 1952 vintage, still in office until the A.G.M., and partly responsible for next season's activities.

No matter what is organised, it will not go well if members do not give support, but I am hopeful that the programme and organisation this year will warrant this support. Firstly, the opening run will be Saturday, September 19th, earlier, of course, than usual. It is fully realised that some will not be present owing to track commitments, but there are still a lot available, and although they may not be first team men, they will be wanted for fixtures during the season.

The fixtures this year are much nearer home and there should be no cry about the distance being too far. There are Home and Away fixtures, for example, with Surrey A.C. and Herne Hill Harriers; and just another word about support—these fixtures are intended for all, and not just "A" Team men.

These matters have had to be dealt with, but it will be up to the new Captain and Vice-Captains to put them into practice. Whilst on the subject of these officials, it might be a good plan to outline the responsibilities of the Captain. Firstly, he LEADS the Section, not follows it. He is responsible for implementing the season's training, i.e., he handles the tactics of his teams; he organises the training of the packs and has the final say in their composition. He selects teams with the assistance of his Vice-Captains. He warrants your support if you give him the job.

And now a word on training. I hope that the Captain and Vice-Captains, Senior and Junior, will do what they can to stamp out "Fast and slow" training and in its place can we have "Fast and medium" training. Probably the majority intend their training to be fast and medium, but I have noticed that quite often the fast is so fast that it is almost impossible to continue afterwards. Cross country running is three-dimensional—it brings in the additional element of rough ground and the resultant breaking up of rhythm. Many cross country runners indulge during the winter in track running, but whilst track running is beneficial for speed, which should have been acquired in the main during the track season anyway, it is very necessary to acquire many other manners of movement over different types of ground. Speed running takes its place amongst them and fast runners obviously make the most of good fast going. Cross country is a rugged business and it demands every quality, both physical and mental, and it has yet to be proved that it upsets track runners, particularly if they train like Pirie. Anyway, we have some very good examples in Jack Brown and Bob Taylor. What most young Belgravians seem to lack is pace and judgment, and I should like to see some concentration on them. They are first principles. Those who ran with me last year will understand more easily what I am getting at; they will remember the change of pacemakers and the resultant fluctuations in the pace of the pack. These changes were made to produce concrete examples of lack of judgment and an opportunity to get to grips with the problem.

Another thing I should like to see is all the runners going out in the official packs, and coaches directing their changes in this way. Without any enlargement, the Country is a team game and the Club should learn to run as a team.

Finally, I hope I shall see members running in their proper packs and conforming with the pack leader's instructions and ready to go out sharp at 3 o'clock.

In these few notes on training, I realise that more justice could have been done to them, given time. They are essentially my ideas and can be wrong. Even in the twilight of a fairly athletic life, I am still learning.

DENIS BRICKWOOD.

FIELD EVENTS

Let us begin by saying, most definitely, that the Field Events Section is having a good season and certainly an improved one up to the time of writing this report.

We have done well in the Sward, Brockman, Kinnaird and Heathfield Trophies so far, which gives me considerable encouragement to look to the future.

Two of our new Plaques have been won this season, viz., G. T. Gaworski winning the Discus with a throw of 135ft. 7ins. at Walton, and P. Luxon winning the Javelin with a throw of 178ft. 7ins. at the Kinnaird Meeting.

Porter is doing very well with the Hammer, and we are expecting something very good from him before the end of the season. Van Suka-vachana is Pole Vaulting very well and should encourage more Club members to compete against him, when we hope to see an improvement in this branch of our Field Events.

Here I would like to say that I am very pleased with the Juniors, who are turning out very regularly and getting in plenty of training and making full use of the coaching of F. Stamfl and Frank Simmons.

Finally, we have to thank our Starter, Mr. J. Fell, for presenting us with a Cup in memory of his father, who was Club Starter before him for many years, for our new 120yds. Hurdles Championship, which will be held at Battersea Park on August 22nd. We hope to get a good entry for this new Championship and I want you to send your entries to me early.

Please me and help yourselves and the Club by keeping up the good work.

JACK CHAPPELL.

TROWBRIDGE A.C. 10½ MILES OPEN WALK, MARCH 7th

Owing to a heavy cold and night work respectively, Ron Kemp and Bobbie Burns were non-starters, and we started a bare four but managed to finish in 3rd team position.

Placings:—

10	P. G. Wright	...	90.29	17	B. Eglington	...	93.36
13	N. Guilment	...	91.14	19	W. Ferguson	...	94.15

Team.—1, Trowbridge A.C., 24 pts.; 3, Belgrave H., 40 pts.

CLUB YOUTHS' ROAD RELAY

This was in the nature of a trial race to select our teams for the coming Ilford Youths' Road Relay, and Mick Pyer split our lads up into three teams.

It turned out to be quite a good race, with the "C" team leading at the end of the first stage, then the "B" team went into the lead, which they managed to retain over the final two stages.

Times and placings of our lads were as under:—

"A"	—2, S. G. Boreham, 10.25; 3, M. Buckley, 11.45; 3, F. H. Turner, 11.05;
	2, F. J. Wright, 9.45.
"B"	—3, D. G. Hooper, 10.29; 1, E. Cronk, 10.52; 1, H. L. Boreham, 11.42; 1, A. C. McLean, 10.08.
"C"	—1, J. F. Mitchell, 10.24; 2, R. L. White, 11.42; 2, M. Cunningham, 10.58;
	3, J. B. Edgar, 10.17.

Team result—1, "B" Team, 43.11; 2, "A" Team, 43.14; 3, "C" Team, 43.21.

ILFORD ROAD RELAY

Held on March 14th, and we entered three teams, with 10 men to run each a lap of 3.75 miles.

Our "A" team finished 3rd to Essex Beagles and the Polytechnic H., but our "B" and "C" teams both failed to close in owing to lack of numbers.

On the first lap we had Arthur Bruce putting our "A" side in 7th place, then Peter Bagnall took them up a couple of places on the next leg.

Chas. Walker put in a really fine run to put them in the lead on the 3rd stage, and this was maintained by Wright, Short, Lucas and Bedford down to the end of the 7th relay.

Denis Brickwood dropped a place on the 8th stage to Baverstock of the Beagles, and Len Herbert could only keep this position on the 9th leg.

Bob Taylor ran the 10th and final stage and he was passed by Dunckley of the Poly. to put us in 3rd position.

Placings and times of our runners are given below:—

"A"—7, A. H. Bruce, 18.56; 5, P. R. Bagnall, 18.49; 1, C. W. Walker, 18.38; 1, F. J. Wright, 19.06; 1, E. A. Short, 18.53; 1, W. E. Lucas, 18.54; 1, A. W. Bedford, 18.53; 2, D. A. Brickwood, 19.13; 2, L. W. Herbert, 18.55; 3, R. T. Taylor, 18.43.

"B"—32, A. H. Bishop, 21.07; 28, D. Briggs, 19.49; 21, G. Stace, 19.23; 18, J. Masters, 19.37; 17, L. A. Adams, 19.56; 15, K. Stimpson, 20.15.

"C"—21, S. W. Gawler, 19.52; 16, E. T. Patterson, 19.49; 19, F. J. Gebbett, 20.22; 20, R. F. Budd, 20.13; 19, C. T. Barron, 20.28; 20, E. M. Bishop, 21.16.

Team result—1, Essex Beagles, 3.7.28; 2, Polytechnic H., 3.8.42; 3, Belgrave H., 3.8.50; 4, Blackheath H., 3.11.24; 5, Finchley H., 3.12.24; 6, Herne Hill H., 3.13.43. (29 teams closed in.)

15 MILE MATCH v. LONDON VIDS. AND SURREY A.C., AT MITCHAM, MARCH 21st, 1953

Owing to clashing of fixtures we were minus some of our Police members. Twenty-four started, 12 being Belgrave lads, although two represented London Vidarians for purpose of this match. George Oliver, carrying on his good form, held third place the whole way, and Harry Shields, who came along during the latter half, just managed to hold Fred Rolfe out of 4th place, but Fred's fine walk won him the handicap. Alan Robins finished very well, just in front of Bernard Eglinton, who travelled up from Salisbury and, although suffering from a sprained ankle, completed the course well. We were pleased to have our second claim members, W. Wesson and C. Gittens, with us, and although most of us got rather cold towards the end, we enjoyed the season's first fifteen, and our thanks go to London Vidarians for a good afternoon's sport. Full results below:

1 P. Woods	...	...	2. 4.25	9 B. Eglinton	...	...	2.20.44
3 G. Oliver	...	...	2.12.02	11 J. Wilson	...	...	2.21.44
4 H. Shields	...	...	2.16.25	13 C. Gittens	...	...	2.27.11
5 F. Rolfe	...	...	2.16.55	19 W. True	...	...	2.33.02
6 A. Robins	...	...	2.19.00	21 D. Elliott	...	...	2.37.38
7 W. Wesson	...	...	2.19.00				

Match result—1, Belgrave H., 25 pts.; 2, Surrey A.C., 46 pts.; 3, L. Vids., 67 pts.

CLUB 5 MILES ROAD RUN

Held at Wimbledon on March 21st and is used to help the selectors in picking our team for the Brighton Relay, a few weeks later.

The winner was Ray Tooby in a new record time for our 5 miles road course, and Peter Bagnall and Chas. Walker were also both inside the previous record.

We had the first nine home in 29.30, which is very good going for this course, and the first seven were selected to run in the Brighton race.

Jack Brown, John Bromley, Archie Bedford and Eddie Short were notable absentees, and the first three named were included in our Brighton team, with Eddie as 1st reserve.

The handicap was won by Mike Stearman and he duly thanked the Handicapper for his generous mark, but we hope his prize came in handy as a wedding present.

J. McDonald was second in the handicap, with our member from New Zealand, S. W. Gawler, gaining third award.

Complete placings and times are given hereunder:—

Position	Name	Act.		Hcp.		Position	Name	Act.		Hcp.	
		Time	Start	Time	Start			Time	Start	Time	Start
1	R. C. Tooby	28.50	0.30	28.20		19	E. J. Gebbett	32.50	5. 0	27.50	
2	P. R. Bagnall	28.55	1. 0	27.55		20	C. Shippen	32.53	5.15	27.38	
3	C. W. Walker	29.04	0.45	28.19		21	S. Charlton	32.59	3.30	29.29	
4	R. T. Taylor	29.10	1.15	27.55		22	C. T. Carter	33.45	4.15	29.30	
5	L. W. Herbert	29.12	1.15	27.57		23	P. J. Hall	33.48	5.30	28.18	
6	W. E. Lucas	29.15	1.20	27.55		24	L. F. Rolls	34.05	5.45	28.20	
7	M. J. Stearman	29.20	3. 0	26.20		25	A. W. Saville	34.09	5.45	28.24	
8	A. H. Bruce	29.26	1.40	27.46		26	I. A. Edmonds	34.22	5.30	28.52	
9	E. H. Herbert	29.30	2.15	27.15		27	M. F. Jones	34.31	5.30	29. 1	
10	L. C. Bishop	30.46	3.45	27. 1		28	D. W. Jones	34.37	5.45	28.52	
11	D. Briggs	30.50	3.30	27.20		29	T. F. Morrell	34.53	6.15	28.38	
12	J. McDonald	30.58	4.15	26.43		30	F. R. Webb	35.04	6.45	28.19	
13	S. W. Gawler	31.07	4.15	26.52		31	E. D. Lacey	35.22	7.15	28. 7	
14	D. G. Maclean	31.15	3.15	28. 0		32	J. E. Godfrey	36.20	5.15	31. 5	
15	M. F. Porter	31.23	3. 0	28.23		33	J. A. Lacey	36.32	5.45	30.47	
16	L. A. Adams	31.44	2.45	28.59		34	L. W. Nicholas	36.46	6. 0	30.46	
17	A. H. Bishop	32.07	4.15	27.52		35	W. C. Jones	37.20	8.30	28.50	
18	D. J. Abbott	32.14	4.30	27.44		36	J. Levene	38.17	7. 0	31.17	

MATCH AT CHARLTON PARK

This was the first track fixture of the 1953 season, and although most people may think that March 28th was a bit early to make a start, it did give some of our lads who were in training a chance of a run.

In the 100 metres 1st string our sprinter from British Guiana, Ivan Mayers, showed a clean pair of heels to his rivals to record 11.2 secs. In the 2nd string race Ron Morrell finished third, with P. Cornish in second place.

The 300 yards 1st string event was won by Dicky Bartlett in 35.4 secs., and John Benstead won the second race in 34.5.

Ian Badiali was first home in the 1st string 660 yards in 87.4 secs., and Bob Taylor recorded 86.5, to set up a new track record in the second race over this distance.

In the $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile event Ray Tooby was first, with Frank Wright in second place, and Ray's time of 3 mins. 15.9 secs. was also a new track record.

Jack Brown won the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in another new track record time of 6 mins. 58.2 secs., while in the 3 mile event we had Bob Belmore 4th and Don Maclean 5th.

The medley relay saw Alan Bishop give us the lead over the half-mile stage, but Essex Beagles beat us into 2nd place in 3 mins. 54 secs.

P. C. Luxon scored a good double by winning the Long Jump with 19ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins., with D. B. Ansell third, and Luxon threw 137ft. 6ins. to win the Javelin Throw.

T. J. Gaworski did 40ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to win the Weight, and the final points placings were: 1, Belgrave H., 71; 2, Essex Beagles, 56; 3, W. J. O'Bree's Team, 39; 4, Peckham Police, 23; 5, Deptford Park A.C., 8.

Also included in the programme was a 2 mile Walk, which was won by Eric Hall, with our new member, Demmon, in second place.

It was pleasing to see such a good turn-out by our lads, and we hope that they keep up the good work throughout the season.

T.V.H. ROAD RELAY

This was held at Cranford on March 28th, and we had five teams entered, and they all duly started, but owing to lack of numbers the "C" and "D" failed to close in.

Our "A" team ran well to finish in 3rd place, with our "B" side in 4th place, thus almost repeating our last year's success, when they were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Chas. Walker did our fastest time and only just failed by 1 second to gain an award given for the three fastest laps, which all went to members of the home club.

Len Herbert was passed by Dunckley of the Poly. on the final leg, after we had been second to T.V.H. for the first three stages, and he was followed home by Archie Bedford, who had picked up a place.

Times of all our runners were as under:—

"A"—Walker, 23.33; Bromley, 23.54; Bruce, 24.37; L. Herbert, 24.35.

"B"—E. Herbert, 24.42; Burr, 24.33; Short, 24.31; Bedford, 24.23.

"C"—Stace, 25.14; L. Bishop, 26.05; Stearnan, 24.12.

"D"—Briggs, 25.34; Gawler, 25.34; Davies, 28.04.

"E"—J. Godfrey, 30.16; Abbott, 26.38; Gebbett, 26.55; E. Bishop, 27.03.

Team result—1, Thames Valley H., 93.45; 2, Polytechnic H., 96.03; 3, Belgrave H.

"A," 96.39; 4, Belgrave H. "B," 98.19.

METROPOLITAN W.C. 15 MILES OPEN, APRIL 4th

This race has always had its disappointments for our lads, maybe because of lack of hills, and this year was no exception. Congratulations to George Beecham, who walked a steady race and was first man home for the Club. An innovation of the promoters was 12 individual handicap prizes instead of handicap team prizes, and George was placed 10th, to be the only member of the Club to take a prize. Times and placings as follows:—

1	G. Coleman	...	...	2. 1.23	61	B. Eglinton	...	...	2.21.26
17	G. Beecham	...	...	2.10.23	73	P. Wright	...	...	2.24.09
23	G. Oliver	...	...	2.12.53	80	J. Wilson	...	...	2.26.32
26	G. Checkley	...	...	2.13.55	81	W. True	...	...	2.26.38
43	A. Readman	...	...	2.18.18	86	S. Spencer	...	...	2.29.37
46	H. Shields	...	...	2.18.37	114	W. Elliott	...	...	2.42.47
48	J. Robins	...	...	2.18.44	115	F. Jarvis	...	...	2.42.53
60	F. Rolfe	...	...	2.21.23					

Scratch Team Race—1, Highgate Harriers, 15 pts.; 4, Belgrave Harriers, 26 pts.

BOGNOR REGIS ROAD RACE

This 10 miles road race was revived this year and we sent down a team, together with a coach-load of supporters, to this seaside resort on Easter Monday.

Although there was a strong wind blowing the weather was fine, and Alec Olney beat his old record by 3 seconds, with a time of 49 mins. 40' secs.

Our placings and times were:—

5, J. E. Burr, 51.30; 12, D. Briggs, 53.14; 18, G. J. Stace, 54.54; 20, L. C. Bishop, 55.58; 28, K. A. Cuff, 58.19; 34, A. Smith, 60.02.

Team result—1, Thames Valley H., 11 pts.; 2, Walton A.C., 22 pts.; 3, Belgrave H., 35 pts.

THE "NATIONAL" ROAD RELAY

The third race for this trophy, promoted by the "News of the World," was held on April 11th, and although it was a fine day there was a head-wind against the runners and it looked unlikely that any records would be broken.

On the first stage to Purley we had Jack Brown, and he ran well to hand over in second place behind Frank Sando, of Aylesford, in 28 mins. 22 secs.

We then had Peter Bagnall, who was making his first appearance in this race. He caught the leader, but was himself passed by Don McMillan, the Australian Olympic runner, who was representing the Polytechnic H.

Len Herbert went off on the third stage, which includes the stiff climb through Redhill. Len ran well to maintain our 2nd position, and his time of 22.46 was the third fastest.

At this point the Poly. were leading us by 32 seconds, while we were 56 seconds in front of T.V.H., 1 min. 23 secs. in front of Birchfield, and 2 mins. 28 secs. in front of S.L.H.

When selecting our team we had thought to consolidate our position over the 4th and 5th stages, but it did not work out that way.

Chas. Walker did 27.01 for 5th fastest time on the 4th stage, which was well behind Arthur Bruce's record for this leg, and his time was beaten by Dalton, of Birchfield, to set up a new record.

We then had Ray Tooby, who holds the record for the 5th stage, but Ray did 24.44 for the 4th fastest time, and was also well behind his record run of last October.

Our position was still 2nd, behind the Poly., but the other teams were closing up and although Bob Taylor caught the Poly. runner to give us the lead, it was evident that this was not going to be as big a margin as we had hoped for.

John Bromley went off with the lead over the long 7th stage, but with Pirie and Olney running stride for stride, they soon overhauled him and went well away into the lead. John endeavoured to hold on to Bobbie Reid of Birchfield and Jimmy Wood of the Poly., but was troubled with stomach cramp over the last mile and was forced to give ground so that we were now 5th.

Bill Lucas ran the 8th stage for us. He did the fastest time on this leg and although gaining ground he could not catch any of his rivals.

We then had Archie Bedford on the 9th stage and he ran well to record the 2nd fastest time and almost caught the Poly. runner, who was now in 4th place.

Mike Stearman, also making his first appearance in this event, was doing the 10th and final stage, and as he lives in Brighton he was running over familiar ground. Mike ran well to catch Ward of the Poly. and so took us into 4th place, and his time of 18.15 was the 2nd fastest for this leg. It was interesting to note that Nankeville only did 18.43.

Our total time of 3.53.44 would have won the race on previous occasions, so it was not a question of our chaps failing, but of the other clubs improving.

We congratulate Thames Valley on their win, but here again they only had faster times than our lads on stages 2-5 and 7.

From our point of view it was a similar race to the one in 1950, which was only won by T.V.H., with ourselves in 4th place, and in all the races held since 1932 we have never once been outside the first four places, which is a pretty good record.

Times and placings of our team were:—

2. J. W. Brown, 28.22; 2. P. R. Bagnall, 27.17; 2. L. W. Herbert, 22.46; 2. C. W. Walker, 27.01; 2. R. C. Tooby, 24.44; 1. R. T. Taylor, 10.38; 5. J. Bromley, 31.52; 5. W. E. Lucas, 21.15; 5. A. W. Bedford, 21.34; 4. M. J. Stearman, 18.15.

Team placings—1. Thames Valley H., 3.52.16; 2. Birchfield H., 3.52.42; 3. South London H., 3.52.19; 4. Belgrave H., 3.53.44; 5. Polytechnic H., 3.54.17; 6. Essex Beagles, 3.57.34.

ILFORD YOUTHS' ROAD RELAY

Held at Chigwell Row on April 11th. Our lads ran well to gain 3rd place, behind Surrey A.C., and Ilford A.C., who are the Southern Youths' C.C. champions.

We had two teams competing, and over the 1st stage our "A" and "B" were 9th and 10th, with only 4 seconds between them.

Edgar took the "A" team up to 7th on the second leg, with the "B" side keeping their 10th position.

Then J. F. Mitchell gained two further places for the "A," with Cunningham also improving a place for the "B."

S. G. Boreham, on the 4th stage, took our "A" team into 3rd place and our "B" were once again 10th.

On the 5th and final stage Frank Wright maintained our 3rd position, while F. H. Turner, a new member, also kept the "B" in 10th place.

Times of all our runners are given below:—

"A"—A. C. McLean, 9.54; J. B. Edgar, 9.53; J. F. Mitchell, 9.48; S. G. Boreham, 9.46; F. J. Wright, 9.42.

"B"—D. G. Hooper, 9.58; W. Bird, 10.11; M. Cunningham, 10.11; E. Cronk, 10.19; F. H. Turner, 10.13.

Team result—1. Surrey A.C., 48.15; 2. Ilford A.C., 48.27; 3. Belgrave "A," 49.03; 4. Southgate H., 49.16. (18 teams closed in.)

CLUB 20 MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP

The race opened with George Oliver going into the lead, followed by George Beecham, who was tackling his first 20. Hugh McGreechan, out to hold his title, and George Checkley, all together. After the first few miles, Mac and George Checkley took over the lead and they walked together until the second time at Roehampton, when Mac had a small lead. George Beecham was showing great form on his first 20 in third position, followed by Harry Shields, Norman Guilmant and Bernard Eglinton, with the others coming along steadily. Back at Lauriston Road for the last time but one, with only the hills to do, one wondered whether Mac would hold his lead, but finding some reserve, he held off George Checkley's challenge and at the same time Harry Shields was challenging George Beecham for third place, but the gap proved too great and George Beecham, in his first Club 20, took third medal.

Placings and times as follows:—

1	H. McGreechan	...	3. 2.47	9	A. Readman	...	3.25.28
2	G. Checkley	...	3. 3.49	10	G. Oliver	...	3.25.28
3	G. Beecham	...	3. 5.53	11	S. Spencer	...	3.31.28
4	H. Shields	...	3. 6.30	12	C. Gittins	...	3.38.48
5	N. Guilmant	...	3. 9.03	13	C. McLennan	...	3.39.06
6	B. Eglinton	...	3.12.59	14	F. Jarvis	...	3.43.12
7	A. Robins	...	3.14.09	15	B. Waghorn	...	3.43.37
8	J. Wilson	...	3.19.10				

Handicap—1, N. Guilmant, 17.30; 2, B. Eglinton, 17.00; 3, H. Shields, 9.00.

5 MILES JUNIOR WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP, APRIL 18th

Preceding the 20 miles, the new 5 miles Championship for the "Olympic" Cup, presented by Tommy Green, was set on its way. Unfortunately, the field was small and a new member, who had travelled all the way from Devizes, arrived just too late to take part in the race, which promised to be a duel between Johnny Haynes and Eric Hall. Eric led round the hills, but, unfortunately, developed foot trouble on the Common and finished minus his shoes, with very badly cut feet. This gave Johnny the chance to go in front and so he holds the magnificent trophy for the first time. Len Denman, who was short of training, finished 3rd, with John Griggs, another new member, 4th.

Times:—

1	J. Haynes	...	39.26	3	L. Denman	...	42.53
2	E. Hall	...	39.56	4	J. Griggs	...	55.20

COLCHESTER TO IPSWICH OPEN WALK, APRIL 25th

This seems an unlucky race for Hugh McGreechan. Last year he had foot trouble, and this year developed stomach trouble. From being in leading position, we lost a number of places and seemed out of the race. There was, however, a ray of sunshine. Geo Beecham Following his splendid performance in the Club 20, he was in 2nd position until about a quarter of a mile from the finish. Mac eventually recovered and made up a number of places and, backed by George Checkley and Harry Shields, we managed to finish 3rd team.

Times and placings:—

1	R. F. Goodall	...	2.35.47	13	H. W. Shields	...	2.45.14
2	J. O. J. Culver	...	2.39.08	24	A. Readman	...	2.52.11
3	G. S. Beecham	...	2.39.24	42	J. H. A. Robins	...	3. 1.33
8	H. McGreechan	...	2.42.17	44	J. Liddle	...	3. 4.27
11	G. S. Checkley	...	2.44.42	51	C. McLennan	...	3.10.24

Team—1, Essex Beagles, 13 pts.; 3, Belgrave, 22 pts.

MATCH v. HERCULES A.C.

This was our second track fixture and took place on April 29th at Tooting Track, as a triangular match between Hercules A.C., Mitcham A.C., and ourselves.

There were events for both Seniors and Juniors, and in the latter we had Adams 4th and Palmer 6th in the 220, Frank Wright 1st, and J. H. Cobden 2nd, in the 880, and Frank's time of 2 mins. 3.9 secs. was only 1/10th slower than the Senior half-mile.

Adams was also 3rd in the Junior 100, and A. C. McLean was first with S. G. Boreham second in the 1 mile in 4 mins. 46.8 secs., while our team was second to Hercules A.C. in the 4 x 110 yds.

In the Senior events, Dickey Barlett was 2nd, with John Benstead 3rd in the 220, with Alan Law 2nd in the Weight, and Len Bishop was 3rd in the 880 yds.

D. Gordon was 3rd, with Ron Morrell 5th in the Senior 100 and John Burr and Archie Bedford were 3rd and 4th in the 1 mile, which was won in 4 mins. 25 secs. by Brian Hewson, of Mitcham.

Our team of Jim Heathfield, D. Butler, Ivan Mayers and Bob Wolton won the 1 mile medley relay, beating Mitcham, with Hercules third.

Final points were:—Junior: Hercules A.C., 47; Belgrave H., 37; Mitcham A.C., 22. Senior: Mitcham A.C., 46; Belgrave H., 39; Hercules A.C., 30.

SOUTH WALES ARGUS 15 MILES, MAY 2nd.

We were pleased to have a team in this event and, ably led by Percy Wright, who finish 4th, we won the team race, with Norman Guilment taking 1st and Bernard Eglington 3rd Handicap prizes, both reaping the reward of their consistent improvement.

Times and placings:—

1	J. Housden	...	...	2.13. 6	6	M. N. Guilment	...	...	2.20.32
2	S. R. Mantor	...	...	2.16.13	8	H. W. Shields	...	...	2.21. 7
3	A. H. Poole	...	...	2.16.45	9	B. Eglington	...	...	2.23. 9
4	P. Wright	...	...	2.18.30	16	A. Robins	...	...	2.28. 6

Team—I, Belgrave H., 19 pts. Thirty-three finished.

CLUB TRACK MEETING

Our first home meeting was held at Battersea Park on Saturday, May 2nd, when we had a Captain's v. Vice-Captain's match for both Seniors and Juniors.

In the Junior match events we saw C. R. Jones win the 100 yards, with Bellenger in second place, and these two were also first home in the 220 yards.

E. Cronk won the 660 yards Junior Race, with R. D. Baines second, and in the 1,320 yards we saw A. C. McLean score a good win from S. G. Boreham and J. F. Mitchell.

In the Senior events we saw Ron Holtum win the first 100 yards, with Ivan Mayers winning the second race, and Mayers also won his 220 yards race, with Dicky Bartlett winning the other 220 yards.

We also had two races in the 440 yards Senior, and Bob Wolton won the first race, with "Jock" Cameron taking the second race. Wolton beat both Bob Taylor and Ian Badiali and is showing great improvement this season.

In the Senior 880 yards we saw John Bromley score rather a surprise win in the good time of 2 mins. 0.8 sec., with Ian Badiali second and Chas. Walker in third place.

The 1½ miles run saw "Lofty" Holden in the field as a "guest" runner, and he won in 6 mins. 54 secs. from Archie Bedford, with John Burr third.

Our 1 mile Novices' run was won by F. H. Turner in 4 mins. 54 secs., and the 1 mile walk for Novices was won by G. Davidson.

Final scores in the match events saw a tie in the Senior match at 24 points each, with the Vice-Captain's team winning the Junior match with 14 pts. to 12.

R.W.A. NATIONAL 20 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP, MAY 9th

One of the best organised championships for years, with excellent dressing accommodation and general facilities calls for congratulations to the organisers. For ourselves, we were defending the title we won last year, and although we lost it, we certainly created a surprise by finishing 2nd. At 12 miles we were second to Woodford by the margin of 2 points. At 15 miles we had dropped to third place behind Poly. Over the last five miles, however, we gained a number of positions and finished with a total of 41 points, 14 points in front of Poly. Hugh McGreechan walked extremely well to finish in 3rd position, and George Beecham, by finishing 8th, qualified for his Club Honours Badge. They were supported by Percy Wright, 13th, and Norman Guilment, still improving, 17th. Our thanks are due to Jack Goswell, who nearly lost his bike, Bill True and C. McLennan for their help around the course.

Times and placings below:—

1	R. Goodall, W.G.	2.50.40	26	H. Shields	3.7.37
3	H. McGreechan	2.55.49	32	B. Eglington	3.10.22
8	G. Beecham	3.1.25	59	F. Rolfe	3.18.13
13	P. Wright	3.3.16	79	G. Checkley	3.25.43
17	N. Guilment	4.5.2			

Team.—1, Woodford Grn. 27 pts.; 2, Belgrave H., 41 pts.

MATCH AT PADDINGTON

This was a triangular match, with Queens Park H., Ealing H., and ourselves, and in the 100 yards Senior we had J. Benstead 1st with D. Gorden 2nd.

D. B. Ansell was 3rd in the Junior 100 yards, and in the High Jump we had S. R. Day 1st with P. C. Luxon 2nd.

Ray Tooby won the 660 yards Senior, with Jim Heathfield in 2nd place, and Bob Wolton won the Senior 300 yards, with Ron Morrell in 4th place.

We also won the 2 mile team race and had the first man home in Don Maclean, and he ran really well to record the good time of 9 mins. 34.7 secs.

P. C. Luxon and K. C. Key did well in the Long Jump, with D. Butler scoring points for us in the Weight.

Ray Tooby turned out again in the Senior $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile race and, although taking things steady, he managed to finish in 3rd place.

The final event was a 8 x 220 yards relay and after a good race, D. Butler and J. Benstead made our victory secure over the last two legs.

When the final points were given out we found they were: Queens Park H., 104; Belgrave H., 91; Ealing H., 31; and this was accounted for by the fact that they added some Junior events, in which we had no competitors in with the Senior ones, and these gave maximum points to the home club.

MATCH AT EALING

This was a Senior and Junior contest, with the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy at stake in the Senior match.

We managed to retain our hold on this trophy with 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts., with Shaftesbury H., 15 $\frac{1}{2}$; Ealing H., 18, and Maidenhead A.C., 8.

Ivan Mayers won the 100 yds., with Dicky Bartlett winning the 220, and Ian Badiali was 1st in the 880, with Ray Tooby in 3rd place.

Bob Taylor was 2nd in the 1 mile, with John Burr 3rd, and George Stace ran well to win the 2 miles run in 9 mins. 58 secs.

We also won the 1 miles medley relay, with Jim Heathfield, Bob Wolton, Ron Morrell and Ivan Mayers.

In the Junior match we again triumphed, with 29 pts., with Shaftesbury H., 22; and Ealing and Maidenhead, 8 each.

John Smith scored a double win in the 100 and 220, with J. H. Cobden winning the 880 yds., and Frank Wright was 2nd in the 1 mile, with J. B. Edgar in 3rd place.

We also won the 1 mile medley relay, with Frank Wright, Cobden, Turner and John Smith.

"BROCKMAN" TROPHY MEETING

This was held at the new Wimbledon Park Track, and we put up our best performance to date, only losing the Trophy by the narrow margin of 1 point.

Basil Walden qualified for the 100 final, but could only finish 6th in a close race, and Denis Merrett was 2nd in the 220 final, being beaten by Clay Gibbs, of Herne Hill H.

Bob Taylor ran a fine race to win the 880 yds. in 1 min. 59.6 secs, with Ian Badiali in 4th place.

V. Suvachana was 4th in the Pole Vault and T. J. Gaworski won the Weight with 40ft. 11 ins., and was 3rd in the Discus with 117ft. 10½ ins.

Alan Law was 6th in the Weight, with D. R. Childs gaining 5th place in the Javelin, and P. C. Luxon was 2nd in the Triple Jump with a leap of 42ft. 6½ ins.

E. M. Bare won the High Jump with 5ft. 10ins. and, as can be seen, our field event men did very well indeed and it was not their fault that we failed to win the Trophy.

Our weakness was in the 1 mile and 3 miles, and it is indeed a feature of our present strength that we have difficulty in turning out teams at these distances.

Final points were:—

Herne Hill H., 50; Belgrave H., 49; South London H. and Birchfield H., 38; Cambridge H. and Thames Valley H., 29; Woodford Green A.C., 21.

SURREY YOUTHS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Battersea Park Track on May 9th, and our only placing was E. Cronk, who ran well to get 3rd in the 880 yards.

Also at this meeting was the County Senior 6 miles track championship, which was won by Archie Bedford in 31 mins. 27.4 secs.

In second place was our second-claim member, Bob Belmore, who did 31 mins. 33.4 secs.

The County Pentathlon Championship was another event to be decided and in this Alan Law was the winner with a total of 1,302 pts

As the events include 100 metres, 110 metres Hurdles, 1,500 metres, Pole Vault and Discus Throw, it will be seen that Alan did very well to win, and it looks as if we have a promising Decathlon performer in our ranks.

INTER-COUNTIES MEETING

The highlight of this meeting from the Club point of view was Alan Sexton's fine running in the 440 yards.

He was second in the final and "clocked" 48.2 secs., which is fast running indeed, and brings back memories of George Dunckley.

Jack Brown ran for Kent in the 1 mile, but was unplaced, and Bob Taylor also ran for Middlesex in the 880 yards, but without success.

In the so-called "International" events at this meeting, Denis Merrett was second in the 220 yds., and was also a member of the winning team in the mile medley relay.

SOUTHERN SENIOR RELAY

For the first time in the Club's history we managed to win the Southern Senior 4 x 110 yds. relay championship, which was held at the "Brockman" Trophy meeting on May 16th.

Our team was Ron Holtum, Denis Merrett, Dicky Bartlett and Ivan Mayers, and although the latter was troubled by a foot injury, the whole team ran extremely well to beat Thames Valley H., with Cambridge H. third.

The success of our sprinters speaks well for the good work that Frank Simmons and Cecil Brodie, an old Club sprint champion, are putting in at Battersea Park on training nights, also on Sunday mornings.

MATCH v. POLY. H. AND S.L.H.

This was held at Tooting on May 18th and consisted of Senior and Junior events.

There was also an open Schools 4 x 110 yds. relay, which was won by the Drayton Manor School in 48.2 secs.

In the Junior match we had John Smith 1st in the 100, with Ian Forrester winning the 220 yds., Frank Wright won the 440, with J. H. Cobden 2nd, and these two were also first home in the 880 yds.

Ron Linstead was 2nd in the Junior 1 mile, with A. C. McLean in 3rd place, and S. R. Day was 2nd in the High Jump, with C. N. Woods winning the Long Jump, with R. Edmunds second.

Our lads also won the 4 x 110 yds. relay, and final match points were: Belgrave H., 33; South London H., 10.

In the Senior events D. Butler won the 100, with D. Gordon 2nd, and John Benstead won the 220, with Dicky Bartlett in 3rd place.

Dicky also won the 440 yds., beating Ian Badiali, and Jim Heathfield was 3rd in the 880, with Don Maclean 2nd in the 1 mile in 4 mins. 26.9 secs.

Chas. Walker was first home in the 2 mile run in 9 mins. 42.6 secs., with Archie Bedford in second place, and T. J. Gaworski won the Discus and was 2nd in the Weight.

Dennis Fleming was 1st in the Javelin, with 151ft. 2ins., and D. R. Childs was 3rd, and also gained 2nd place in the Discus Throw.

Day and Luxon were second and third in the High Jump, and Luxon was also third in the Long Jump.

Final points in the senior match were: Belgrave H., 59; South London H., 34; Polytechnic H., 16.

MEETING AT AYLESBURY

This was a special "Coronation" meeting, put on by the local Mayor, who was none other than our old friend, Pat Sage, organiser of the well-known Aylesbury meeting on August Bank Holiday.

The six competing clubs were: Polytechnic H., Aylesford Paper Mills, Thames Valley H., Achilles, Wycombe Phoenix H., and ourselves.

In the 1 mile, John Burr ran well to finish 2nd to Eddie Ellis, of T.V.H., while in the 880 yds. Bob Taylor was also 2nd to Don McMillan, the Australian Olympic runner.

Dicky Bartlett ran 3rd in the 220 yds., which was won by Brian Shenton, and then came the sensation of the meeting, McDonald Bailey could only finish 3rd in the 100 yds. and was beaten by Ruddy of A.P.M., and our own Ron Holtum in 10.1 secs.

He had travelled down with the other Poly. runners by car from the White City, where they had been competing in the Caledonian Games meeting and we were hoping that Jack Brown would come down with them in order to run for us in the 2 miles event.

Jack did not put in an appearance, however, and we were forced to run John Burr again, and he did well to gain 3rd place, behind Sando of A.P.M., and Norris of T.V.H.

The 440 yds. saw Arthur Wint "strolling" round the track to record 50.4 secs and "Jock" Cameron ran well to gain 2nd place for us.

In the final event, the 1 mile medley relay, our team of Bob Taylor, Bartlett, Holtum and Bob Wolton finished 3rd behind the Poly. and Achilles in 3 mins. 35 secs.

The final match points were:—Belgrave H., 39; Polytechnic H., 36; Thames Valley H., 32; Aylesford P.M., 29; Wycombe P.H., 25; Achilles, 19.

NEWPORT CORONATION 25 MILES WALK, MAY 30th.

Four of our walkers travelled down from London and met our Southampton contingent of three at Newport. Hugh McGreechan walked a grand race, leading all the way, at one time by a clear ten minutes, which also resulted in him winning the handicap by one second. Backed up by Norman, Percy and Bernard, we won the team race from Poly. by 5 points. Harry Shields and Alan Robins were also there, but Harry had a spot of leg trouble.

Times and placings :—

1	H. McGreechan	...	...	3.56.42	9	B. Eglington	...	...	4.11.49
6	N. Guilmant	...	...	4. 8.40	15	H. Shields	...	...	4.22. 8
7	P. Wright	...	...	4.10.22	21	A. Robins	...	...	4.38.55

Team.—1, Belgrave H., 23 points.

Handicap.—1, H. McGreechan (18 mins.).

SURREY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Motspur Park on Saturday, May 30th, and we had several successes, the highlights being Alan Sexton's win in the 440 yds. in 49.1 secs., and John Bromley's win in the 2 miles steeplechase in a new record time of 10 mins. 24.8 secs.

T. J. Gaworski also did well with 2nd place in the Weight, 3rd in the Discus, and 2nd place in the Hammer Throw, which made for a busy afternoon's work.

Denis Merrett was 2nd in the 220 yds. final, and Ian Badiali was 3rd in the 880 yds.

R. McMullen was 3rd in the 2 mile walk and Dennis Fleming was placed 3rd in the Javelin Throw.

Basil Walden, Pete Cornish and Alan Law all qualified for the 100 yds. final, but could not get placed in the first three, and Jim Heathfield also reached the 440 final.

Also on the programme were the County Youths' 4 x 110 yds. relay championship, and our team of R. E. Bale, M. Booker, P. Bellenger, and R. B. Tobin took 3rd place in the final of this event.

We could not field a team in the Junior 4 x 110 yds. owing to some of our lads being unable to obtain leave from their Service Units, but in the Junior Medley Relay our team of Frank Wright, J. H. Cobden, C. R. Jones and Ian Forrester, scored a good win in 2 mins. 6 secs.

CORONATION MEETINGS

On June 3rd we sent a team to Morden for a 4 x 176 yds. relay, and on a rough track our team of Ron Holtum, John Benstead, Ron Morrell and Dudley Gordon ran out winners of a close race.

The following evening, at Motspur Park, we fielded a team in a 1 mile medley relay and Ian Badiali gave us the lead over the half-mile stage, then Ian Forrester and Dicky Bartlett did the two 220's with "Jock" Cameron running the quarter, and we eventually finished 3rd.

We also turned out a team for the 2 mile team race at the same meeting and were again placed 3rd, our team being Jack Brown, Chas. Walker, Bill Lucas and John Burr.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

As we have several members with Middlesex qualifications, we were glad to see that John Smith secured 3rd place in the County 220 yds. Junior race, while in the Senior events we had the following successes :—

Bob Taylor, 2nd in the 880 yds.; K. C. Key, 2nd in the Long Jump; P. C. Luxon, 3rd in the Hop, Step and Jump, while Ron Holtum got into the final of the 100 yds., and G. T. Olding, a second-claim member, was 2nd in the 1 mile.

MEETING AT CARSHALTON

This was another "Coronation" meeting, and was held at the newly-opened track at Carshalton, opposite St. Helier Hospital.

There was a 5-sided match on the programme, together with other events, also a local 100 yds. handicap, which Basil Walden won from the scratch mark in 10.4 secs.

John Powell-Jones won the Weight with 40ft. 7ins., and as he was competing against Seniors, this was a very good performance and heralds well for the future.

In the 100 yds. Inter-Club, Basil Walden and John Benstead both qualified for the final, in which Basil was 1st and John 3rd, which put us well ahead on points.

B. F. Windley competed for us in the Long Jump, but could only finish 4th with a leap of 17ft. 10ins.

J. S. Tranter ran in the 440 yds. match and was 3rd in a close run race.

Ian Badiali won an Invitation 600 yds. scratch race, and he beat A. A. Martin, who beat him in the Surrey half-mile.

Ian was too tired to compete again in the 880 yds., and so our runner was Len Bishop, who could only finish 4th in a slow run race.

Also in the 1 mile team race we only had the Bishop brothers, plus Eddie Short, and although Eddie was 5th, our other runners brought up the rear and so we were placed 5th.

In the final event, the 4 x 110 yds. relay, our team of Benstead, Gordon, Robinson and Walden, were 3rd to S.L.H. and Mitcham, and the final points in the match were:—1, Belgrave H. and S.L.H., 25 each; Mitcham A.C., 24; Sutton and Cheam H., 16. and Polytechnic H., 15.

MATCH AT WALTON

This was held on the same day as the Carshalton meeting, which meant the splitting of our forces and we could only finish second to the local club in a triangular match which included the Herne Hill H.

Unfortunately, owing to other commitments, we had no sprinters present and so had to let the 100 and 220 go by default.

In the 440 yds. "Jock" Cameron was 2nd in 51.2 secs., and Jack Brown won the 880, with Frank Wright in 2nd place in 1 min. 59.4 secs.

Peter Bagnall was 2nd to Nankeville in a 4 mins. 15 secs 1 mile. and Chas. Walker won the 3 miles in 14 mins. 46.4 secs.

We also had no runners in the 2 miles steeplechase, which is hardly the event for an inter-club match, but did very well in the field events.

T. J. Gaworski was 1st in both the Weight and Discus, and is improving each time out, while Dennis Fleming won the Javelin Throw with 166ft., with D. R. Childs in second place.

E. M. Bare was placed 3rd in the High Jump with a leap of 6ft., and this was the winning height, but Bare took 3rd place on the number of failures.

Our Pole Vaulter, Van Sukavachana, was 3rd, with 10ft. 6ins., with C. N. Woods 4th in the Long Jump, and S. R. Day also 4th in the High Jump.

Final points were: Walton A.C., 57; Belgrave H., 38; Herne Hill H., 25.

CLUB TRACK MEETING

Held at Battersea Park on Wednesday, June 10th, and, in addition to the Hop, Step and Jump Championship for the "Charlie Cook" Memorial Cup, we held some Club handicap events.

P. C. Luxon retained his hold on the Triple Jump title with 42ft. 11ins., which is a new championship best performance. D. B. Ansell was 2nd, with R. B. Tobin 3rd, and the latter is a promising newcomer to our ranks.

The 100 yds. handicap saw three heats, and the final was won by C. R. Jones off 7 yds., with J. Benstead (4) second and Ron Morrell (8) in third place.

In the 1 mile handicap we saw a new member, K. T. Rowland, who is in the Royal Navy, produce a Bannister-like finish to win off 150 yds. in the fast time of 4 mins. 9.6 secs.

A. C. McLean was second off 140, with J. W. Kennedy (130) in third place, and although the scratch man, Jack Brown, started in the race, he retired after a couple of laps.

We also had three heats in the 440 yds. handicap and the final saw Bob Wolton just beat C. W. Coxon by inches in 50.5 secs., with Chas. Walker in third place.

In the 2 miles walk we saw R. McMullen lead the field home from Gerry Warr and Ted Smith, and in the match against Surrey W.C. we won with 89 to 126 pts.

We also held an 8 x 110 yds. relay, and with several non-sprinters competing we saw a close race with Bob Wolton once again beating Coxon over the final sprint.

"KINNIARD" TROPHY MEETING

Held at Chiswick on the 13th June and we had hoped to improve on our last year's placing of 4th, but it was not to be, and we were actually 5th, with one point less than last year.

Basil Walden qualified for the final of the 100 yds., and was 5th, with Holtum unplaced in his heat.

Walden and Banstead both failed to get through their heats in the 220 yds., and we missed Denis Merrett in this event.

A. H. Cameron ran a fine race to get 2nd in the 440 yds. final with Dicky Bartlett running unplaced in his heat.

Bob Taylor was our "highlight" of the meeting, when he did 1 min. 55.8 secs. to finish 2nd in the 880 yds., and Ian Badiali was unlucky not to qualify in his heat.

Peter Bagnall also ran well to be 5th in the 1 mile, and he clocked 4 mins. 17 secs., with John Bromley an also-ran.

In the 3 miles we had Chas. Walker and John Burr, and although Chas. took the lead early on, once Gordon Pirie had gone by him he dropped back to finish outside the first six.

T. J. Gaworski gained his first "big" success by winning the Weight with 43ft. 8½ins., a Club best performance, and Percy Luxon threw the Javelin 178ft. 7ins., to be placed 5th.

Final points were: 1, Polytechnic H., 71; Herne Hill H., 31; South London H., 27½; London A.C., 23; Belgrave H., 22, and Thames Valley H., 21.

Also on the programme was an Inter-Club Junior match, and we fared better in this and came out on top of the six competing clubs.

John Smith was 3rd in both the 100 and 220 yds., with J. H. Cobden being second in the 440, while Frank Wright won the 880 in 1 min. 59.5 secs.

A. C. McLean was second in the 1 mile in 4 mins. 32.6 secs., and the final match points were: 1, Belgrave H., 24; Poly. H., 21; S.L.H. and Essex Beagles, 17; H.H.H. and T.V.H., 13.

THE POLY. MARATHON, JUNE 13th

As an eye-witness to the Poly. Marathon from start to finish I am able to give a short account of the performance of our lads.

Owing to the State Drive to Windsor by H.M. The Queen, we, the non-runners, were unable to witness the actual start. However, in ideal Marathon weather a good field got away sharp on time.

At 4½ miles Denis Brickwood was nicely placed 29th and running strongly but steadily. Arthur Whitehead, Jock McDonald and Bill Wortley were close behind, while the rest of our lads were among the 100s.

At 10 miles Denis' time was 61 minutes. On to 15 miles, when the race was beginning to sort itself out, Denis was having leg trouble. His time at this stage was 1 hr. 31 mins. 30 secs. Arthur Whitehead was running very strongly and seemed to be catching him, but Mac was obviously feeling the pace. The rest of the Belgrave boys were doing well. At 20 miles Whitehead was running very strongly to clock 2 hrs. 2 mins., and had passed Brickwood. Mac and Denis were very tired indeed, and at 21½ miles Denis was forced to walk. Arthur Whitehead kept going well until about 23½ miles when he began to tire and then Geoff Pearson, who had run a good steady race, came through very strongly to catch Arthur on the track and to beat him into 2nd place in the Club Championship. Mac ran in with his usual strong finish, although a very tired man, to secure 3rd place.

To the rest of our lads who finished let me say most heartily "Well done."

There were 142 starters and our boys finished as follows:—

38	Pearson	...	...	2.49.12	68	Brickwood	...	...	2.59.37
40	Whitehead	...	...	2.49.27	75	Mitchell	...	...	3. 3.10
54	MacDonald	...	...	2.55.25	79	Chantler	...	...	3. 6.03
61	Abberton	...	...	2.57.05					

The actual race was won by Jim Peters in the amazing time of 2hrs. 40.2secs., and in the Southern Team Race we were 6th, and also 6th in the "Sam Ferris Cup."

BERT (CHAMP.) SMITH.

MATCHES AT SUTTON

We had one fixed for June 16th and at the last minute another one was arranged for June 13th.

At the Saturday fixture we were pleased to see Dave Marshall, our old Junior sprint champion, make a welcome reappearance, and he won the 100 yds., with T. Moxon in 4th place.

Marshall was also 3rd in the 220 yds., and Bob Wolton won the 440 in 53 secs., and was also 3rd in the 880 yds.

J. W. Kennedy was 3rd, with Archie Bedford 4th in the 1 mile, and B. F. Windley won the Long Jump with 19ft. 5½ins.

Windley was also 2nd in the Weight, with R. S. Glenn 3rd, and Dave Marshall was 3rd in the Discus, with Glenn 4th.

We were beaten in the 4 x 110 yds. relay, and the final match points were: Sutton and Cheam H., 61; Belgrave H., 43.

In the match on Tuesday, Mitcham A.C. were also present and, owing to shortage of numbers, we scored no points in both sprint races.

A new member, G. E. Daniels, was 2nd in the 440 yds. and Jim Heathfield ran well to win the 880 in 2 mins. 4 secs.

In the 2 miles team race we had Bill Lucas, Stan Davies, and I. S. Edmonds, and although Bill managed to get 3rd we were behind both Mitcham and Sutton in the team result.

D. R. Childs was 2nd in both the Weight and Discus events, and the final points were: Mitcham A.C., 56; Sutton and Cheam H., 39; Belgrave H., 18.

Although we were short of numbers for both these matches, the home club thanked us for an enjoyable match, and we hope that for any future fixtures on this ground that we have a few more put in an appearance.

COMBINED MEETING WITH L.O.A.C.

This was held at Battersea Park on June 15th, and although it had rained hard during the afternoon, with the result that the track was almost flooded in places, it was decided to carry on with the meeting.

In our Club 880 yds. handicap we saw our young member, E. Cronk, off 70 yds., score a good win in the fast time of 1 min. 54.7 secs.

J. W. Kennedy (65) was second, with K. T. Rowland (50) a very close third, and the latter looks a very promising addition to our ranks.

The Club 300 yds. handicap saw three heats, and Basil Walden (5) won the final, with C. W. Coxon (17) just beating P. Cornish (14) for second place.

In the 2 miles run handicap the long markers had matters all their own way, and the winner was J. B. Edgar (320), with E. J. Gebbett (380) second and P. M. Childs (420) third.

We had three walking events on the programme, the first being a 1 mile walk open to Schools, which was won by the lads from Stanley Technical.

The next was the L.O.A.C. 1 Mile Championship, and this was won by S. Jennings, who is a daughter of one of our old Club members, and the form (?) shown by the first three in this race was certainly an eye-opener to our lads.

In the Club 2 mile walk handicap we saw a new young member, R. Middleton, make good use of his long start to come home an easy winner from Eric Hall, with George Oliver third.

L.A.C INTER-CLUB RELAYS

Held at the White City on June 17th. All the events are in relay form, with the field events being taken on the aggregate of two members from each club.

In the High Jump we had E. M. Bare, who cleared 5ft. 8ins., and S. R. Day, 5ft. 4ins., and this placed us 4th in the team result.

We were also 4th in the Javelin Throw, with Dennis Fleming and D. Maddicks, but with K. C. Key straining his leg we had to call on a reserve for the Long Jump and so were not placed in this event.

The Weight Put saw T. J. Gaworski doing the 2nd best putt of the evening with 42ft. 1½ins., and Percy Loxon came in to do 30ft., which gave us 5th placing.

We could not field a team for the 4 x 120 yds. Hurdles event, but managed to get into the final of the 4 x 110 yds. relay.

Our team of Holtum, Marshall, Walden and Mayers were drawn on the outside and with Marshall being short of training we could only finish in 6th place.

The 4 x 440 yds. saw Badiali, Wolton, Taylor and Cameron all run well to finish 3rd in their heat and so qualify for the final.

In this we were again 3rd to Poly. and Woodford Green, and our time of 3 mins. 25.6 secs. would have won this event in previous years.

The race of the evening was the 4 x 1 mile event for the "Victory Trophy," and on the first leg we saw Jack Brown give us the lead. Chas. Walker ran well to retain this after dropping back at one stage and we then had John Burr doing the third leg. John made the pace for the first two laps, but once the leaders had gone by him he dropped back to hand over in 4th place to Peter Bagnall. Peter soon passed Walton A.C., but could not catch the Poly. and Blackheath runners, and so we finished 3rd, and it was interesting to note that the winner's time of 17 mins. 31.2 secs. was 5 seconds slower than our time of last year.

In the 4 x 2 laps steeplechase we had no recognised performers in this event, and our team of Len Bishop, Don Maclean, A. C. McLean and Joe Tranter could not get placed. We hope that Joe did not suffer too much when he crashed into, or should it be through, one of the hurdles.

The final points scoring was: Polytechnic H., 44½; Thames Valley H., 23; Woodford Green A.C., 18; Belgrave H., 17.

R.W.A. 50 KILOS CHAMPIONSHIP, JUNE 20th.

Our old friends, Surrey W.C., who had the job of promoting the race, certainly did a good job of work. At the start Hugh McGreechan was well up with the leaders. After the first two small laps, Mac was still well within reach of the leaders, but he later lost a little ground. At the same time Norman Guilmant was coming through in grand style, and eventually finished one behind Mac in 7th position, thus gaining his Club Honours Badge in his first 50 kilos for the Club. Harry Shields and Percy Wright walked extremely well to back up the other two and thus secure for us the third position in the Championship, Poly. running out easy winners with 29 points.

Times and places:—

1	F. Bailey	...	...	4.46.10	35	P. Wilson	...	...	5.28.52
6	H. McGreechan	.....	...	4.58.22	37	B. Eglinton	...	...	5.30.39
7	N. Guilmant	.....	...	5. 0. 0	44	A. Robins	...	...	5.37.29
20	H. Shields	.....	...	5.12.40	45	F. Rolfe	.....	...	5.37.29
24	P. Wright	.....	...	5.14.42	50	G. Doubleday	.....	...	5.44.38
26	J. Wilson	.....	...	5.20.30					

Team.—Poly. H., 29 pts.; 3, Belgrave, 53 pts.

SOUTHERN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at the White City before a rather poor attendance and our members who competed did quite well and worthily upheld the Club name.

P. L. Porter was placed 5th in the Hammer Throw and gained Southern standard with a throw of 142ft. 3ins.

T. J. Gaworski was 2nd in the Weight with 43ft. 1½ins., and so gained his Club Honours Badge, and was also 4th in the Discus with a throw of 130ft. 11ins.

In the 880 yds. both Jack Brown and Bob Taylor qualified for the final, and we were the only Club with two runners in this. Although Bob ran well he could only get 4th in 1 min. 55.7 secs., while Jack Brown did 1 min. 59 secs.

Ian Badiali did 1 min. 58.6 secs. in his heat, but did not qualify, and it may well be that a better method would be to take times rather than placings.

Basil Walden, who was the holder of the 100 yds. title, got into the 2nd round of this event, but could not progress further, and he does not seem to be running with the same dash as he displayed last season.

E. M. Bare was unlucky in the High Jump, as although he cleared 5ft. 9ins., which was the height which gained 2nd place, owing to the larger number of failures, he was eventually placed 6th.

Dennis Fleming was 5th in the Javelin with a throw of 164ft. 6ins., and G. T. Olding, who is a second-claim member, ran well to finish 3rd in the 1 mile final.

It was a sad reflection on our present distance strength to note that we had no entries in either the 1 or 3 mile events.

In the 2 miles steeplechase, John Bromley set a fast pace and with D. G. Ross, of S.L.H., they soon dropped the rest of the field. At the bell Ross jumped away from John, who seemed suddenly to "crack," with the result that he was passed for 2nd place, and Eddie Short almost caught him down the straight for 3rd position.

We had three runners pass on to the 2nd round of the 220 yds. in Denis Merrett, Ivan Mayers and Basil Walden, but only Merrett progressed further and he was eventually 4th in the final of this event.

Gerry Warr was our sole entry in the 2 miles walk and he finished 7th in 15 mins. 27.6 secs.

CLUB 20 MILES ROAD RUN

The second annual race was held at Wimbledon on June 27th, and we had received a good entry, which comprised most of the leading road men, with the exception of Jim Peters and Stan Cox.

The Mayor of Wimbledon very kindly started the race, with our own President giving him support, and the field of about 80 runners set off on their long journey.

At the end of the first of the three laps, Dave Fotheringham, of T.V.H., was leading from Geoff Iden, of Victoria Park H., with Tom Richards, of S.L.H., in third place.

Next time round Iden had taken the lead and Harry Dennis, of T.V.H., was fast overtaking Richards.

At the finish, at the top of Lauriston Road, which was marked by a banner in Belgrave colours stretched right across the road, above the heads of the runners, we saw Geoff Iden run in a good winner in the fast time of 1 hr. 53 mins. 27 secs., which was about 3 minutes better than last year's time.

Fotheringham, who was the winner last year, ran in 2nd, with Dennis close behind, then came Goodsell, of Walton A.C., Hefford, of Woodford Green, and Tom Richards in 6th place.

First man home in our colours was actually R. G. Plummer, who finished 13th, but he is not yet qualified to represent us in open team races.

This made J. McDonald, who was 26th, winning the award for first Club man home, and he was closely followed by Lou Bush and Frank Mitchell.

All the competitors expressed their appreciation of the way the race was organised and their comfort attended to, a thing that is overlooked in some promotions, and we can be sure of good support for next year's race.

We must thank all those who gave a hand at the sponging points, also for working out the result, etc., and a Roneod sheet was available to all competitors a short time after the finish of the race.

Placings and times of our runners were:—

13. R. G. Plummer, 2.06.14; 26. J. McDonald, 2.18.14; 27. L. Bush, 2.19.26; 28. F. Mitchell, 2.20.08; 34. G. R. Chantler, 2.25.41; 37. A. T. Jordan, 2.26.15 The following also started, but retired: W. Wortley, G. Durrant, A. Penstone, A. R. Wood and J. V. Baker.

CLUB MEETING AT TOOTING

Held on June 24th as a Senior and Junior match with Herne Hill H. and Mitcham A.C. as our opponents.

In the Junior events we saw Frank Wright win the 880 yds. in 2 mins. 0.9 secs., with A. C. McLean in second place, while J. B. Edgar was 2nd in the 1 mile.

Alan Law won the Weight, and H. Powell, the son of our old champion, George Powell, followed in his father's footsteps by winning the Javelin Throw.

S. R. Day won the High Jump with a leap of 5ft. 6ins., and the final match points were: Herne Hill H., 50; Belgrave H., 40; Mitcham A.C., 7.

In the Senior events Ron Holtum won the 100 yds. and was 2nd in the 220, while Bob Wolton was 2nd in the 440 yds.

Ian Badiali won the 880 yds. in 1 min. 59.1 secs., but nearly lost the race by easing at the tape, and Chas. Walker ran well to win the 1 mile in the good time of 4 mins. 22 secs.

Bob Belmore turned out for us in the 2 mile run and was 3rd, with Maynard, of H.H.H., doing 9 mins. 23.5 secs.

T. J. Gaworski won the Weight and was 2nd in the Discus, and P. C. Luxon was 3rd in the Long Jump.

We were 3rd in the 4 x 110 yds. relay and it looked as if some baton-changing practice would not come amiss to our lads. What about it, Frank?

The final points in the Senior match were: Belgrave H., 39; Mitcham A.C., 37; Herne Hill H., 35. A very close result, with plenty of Club rivalry in evidence, which takes some of us back to the days of the old Inter-Club Relays.

SURREY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Wimbledon Park on June 27th, and also on the programme were the Surrey Senior Relays.

In the Junior events we saw C. R. Jones score a good win in the 100 yds. final and his time of 10.4 secs. was a tribute to Frank Simmon's coaching.

Frank has now had three Surrey Junior champions through his hands, the other two being Alan Sexton and Dave Marshall.

Ron Linstead was 4th in the 1 mile and C. R. Jones also finished 3rd in the Hop, Step and Jump.

Owing to Basil Walden and Denis Merrett being picked to run for the A.A.A. in Wales on this day, we were left short of sprinters and so could not field a team in the Senior 4 x 110 yds. relay championship.

Ian Badiali and Pete Cornish were also the only two present for the 1 mile medley relay, and so we also had to scratch from this.

A poor showing, some might say, but not one entirely of our own making, as Jim Heathfield was also away on holiday, and it must be remembered that quite a number of our lads have Middlesex qualifications and so cannot run for us in Surrey County events.

MATCH AT MITCHAM

Held at the "News of the World" Ground on June 29th, and was supposed to be a triangular match between Mitcham A.C., Polytechnic H., and ourselves.

Only two Poly. runners put in an appearance, one being Brian Shenton, who won both the 100 and 220 yds.

Basil Walden was 2nd in the 100 yds., and Dicky Bartlett was 3rd in the 220.

John Bromley won the 880 yds., and also finished 2nd in the 2 miles and so had a busy evening, and Bill Lucas was 4th in the latter event, with Len Bishop 2nd in the 880.

Bob Wolton won the 440 yds., with "Jock" Cameron in 2nd place, and Percy Luxon won both the High and Long Jumps.

T. J. Gaworski won the Weight and was 2nd in the Discus Throw, while D. R. Childs was 3rd in the Weight, 3rd in the Discus and 2nd in the Javelin.

In the Junior events, which were combined with the Senior for the purposes of scoring in the match, we had D. B. Ansell and T. Moxon in the 100 yds., while J. B. Edgar won the 880 yds., with Steve Boreham in second place.

Ansell won the Junior Long Jump and was also fourth in the Senior event, with young H. Powell winning the Javelin Throw, and he is showing steady improvement.

Final match points were:— Belgrave H., 78; Mitcham A.C., 59; Polytechnic H., 13,

HEATHFIELD TROPHY CONTEST

Held at Walton-on-Thames on July 4th. There were six clubs competing for the Shield, of which we were the joint-holders.

Ron Holtum was 4th in the 100 yds. final, and won a Lamp and Shade, while "Jock" Cameron won the 440 yds. final, and so got himself a fine canvass Holdall, and we are asking the promoters to put up a Track Suit for next year's race!

Bob Taylor ran a fine race to win the 880 yds. in 1 min. 55.8 secs., with Ian Badiali in 3rd place, and Bob was given a Striking Clock, with Ian taking an Easipower Toaster.

In the 1 mile event we saw Willie Nankeville out to do a fast time, which, with the aid of a couple of pace-makers, he duly accomplished—4 mins. 9.4 secs.—and Chas. Walker was 3rd in a fast run race and so got a nice Companion Set.

We had no runners in the 2 mile steeplechase, as John Bromley elected to run in the 2 miles flat and Eddie Short could not get away from Camp in time.

John ran a good race to gain 2nd place in the 2 miles and won himself (and wife) a 22-piece Dinner Service, and so our lads were well satisfied with the result of their efforts.

Final points for the Trophy were:—Belgrave H., 18; Walton A.C., 13; Poly. H., 12; Portsmouth A.C., 11; Surrey A.C., 8; Woodford Green A.C., 4.

BELGRAVE HARRIERS INTER-CLUB WALKING CONTEST, BATTERSEA TRACK, JULY 8th

This year we really deserved our placing in this contest. After last year's poor effort, we redeemed ourselves and were within an ace of winning until the last 20 yards of the last race, when Johnny Haynes unfortunately came under the judges' disapproval and was disqualified. This meeting continues to be as popular as ever and is obviously looked forward to by London Clubs, judging by the way they give it their full support. For close on 90 walkers to turn out on a mid-week evening shows there is no lack of enthusiasm in the walking world, particularly for a meeting where there are no prizes at stake. Disqualifications were very few and 84 walkers were timed in over the four races. Lack of space prevents us from publishing a full result, but the contest resulted in a win for Metropolitan W.C. with 156 points, Woodford Green 2nd with 144 points, and Belgrave 3rd with 143 points.

BIRMINGHAM OUTER CIRCLE WALK, JULY 11th

We again entered a team in this event and eight members of the Club, with some Poly. friends, travelled up by train from Paddington. Hugh McGreechan held 4th to 6th place throughout the race, eventually finishing 4th. Norman Guilment maintained his form to finish 9th and, backed up by Harry Shields and Fred Rolfe, we again finished 2nd to the strong Poly. team.

Placings:—

1	F. Bailey	3.45.58	18	H. Shields	4.6.21
4	H. McGreechan	3.55.20	19	F. Rolfe	4.6.53
9	N. Guilment	3.59.36	24	B. Eglinton	4.10.12

Team.—1, Poly., 13 pts.; 2, Belgrave, 39 pts.

A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at the White City on July 10th-11th, and on the Friday we saw the heats of the 100 yards, and we had Holtum, Mayers and Walden competing, but without success.

E. M. Bare cleared 5ft. 10ins. in the High Jump, but the qualifying height was 6ft., and it is interesting to note that there were seven competitors who cleared this.

In the 880 yds. we had Ian Badiali and Bob Taylor, but with the slowest of the four heats being 1 min. 55.4 secs., neither of our runners could qualify for the final.

Our only competitor in the 440 was A. H. Cameron, and he retired owing to a damaged leg in his heat and it was a great pity that Alan Sexton was not available for this event.

In the 220 yds. we saw Denis Merritt doing 22.3 secs. in his heat, which was won by McDonald Bailey in 21.3 secs., and he thus qualified for the semi-finals.

With the first three in each going through to the final we saw Denis just pipped for third place.

T. J. Gaworski did 43ft. 8ins. in the Weight to gain 5th place and so gain a standard medal.

In the 1 mile we had our big thrill of the evening when Jack Brown won his heat, beating Bill Nankeville in the fast time of 4 mins. 12 secs., a personal best performance.

Peter Bagnall and Chas. Walker also competed, but here again, with the slowest heat showing 4 mins. 17.8 secs., neither of them could gain a place in the final.

We had no runner in the 6 miles race, which was won by Gordon Pirie in the new world record time of 28 mins. 19.4 secs.

On the Saturday we saw our Junior 4 x 110 yds. relay team of Moxon, J. Smith, C. R. Jones and Ansell score a good win in their heat to qualify for the final.

In this the Poly. lads were the winners in the good time of 43.9 secs., which was much too fast for our boys.

The 1 mile final was won by Roger Bannister in 4 mins. 5.2 secs., a new championship record, and Jack Brown was 6th.

We saw Charlie Smart, home from Germany, running in the 3 miles event, but he found the pace too fast for him and this was another win for Gordon Pirie in 13 mins. 43.4 secs.

We had two runners in the 2 mile steeplechase in John Bromley and Eddie Short, and in the early stages John was running well in 4th place.

He came a cropper at the water-jump and was carried off with a damaged ankle, which was certainly very bad luck, and we trust he will soon recover from his injury.

Eddie Short had now moved up and eventually finished 5th in 10 mins. 28.4 secs., which is quite good going.

From the Club point of view we did not have any successes, but think our lads performed creditably in view of the ever-increasing standard in both the running and field events.

GUILDFORD MEETING

This was a "Coronation" Cup affair, with six clubs taking part, and there were five track events, with one field event.

We only had four men turn up and D. Gordon was 3rd in the 100 yds. and 4th in the 220.

G. E. Daniels was 4th in the 880, with Len Bishop being 3rd in the 440 and he also won the 1 mile in 4 mins. 32 secs.

D. E. Childs was third in the Javelin and the final points were: Dorking St. Pauls A.C., 21; Polytechnic H., 14; Belgrave H., 13; South London H., 8; Walton A.C., 7; Herne Hill H., 3.

It was a pity that we did not have more members present to run on this fine grass track, but as they intend to make this trophy an annual affair, we hope for a better turn-out next time.

DOVER TO CANTERBURY AND BACK WALK, JULY 18th

We managed to enter a team in this event, in which Norman Guilment showed that he is still improving, when he finished 2nd to Vic Stone. Backed up by Harry Shields, Bernard Eglington and Alan Robins, we managed to finish 2nd to Poly., being only 3 points behind.

Times and placings :—

1	V. Stone	...	...	4.18.56	13	B. Eglington	...	...	4.40.57
2	N. Guilment	...	...	4.20.40	19	R. Robins	...	...	4.54.59
8	H. Shields	...	...	4.32. 5					

Team.—1, Poly., 10 pts.; 2, Belgrave, 13 pts.

"WADDILOVE" TROPHY MEETING

Held at Birmingham on July 18th and, owing to holidays and injuries, our team was much depleted.

Denis Merratt won the 100 yds. in 10.3 secs., but we had no finalist in the 440, and although Peter Bagnall qualified for the final of the 880 yds., he found the effort too much for him and failed to finish.

Owing to Len Herbert crying off with a leg injury, plus the fact that the Civil Service meeting took away Jack Brown, Bob Taylor and Chas. Walker, and Ray Tooby was competing at the Inter-Banks, we were unable to field a team in the 2 miles team race.

In the 1 mile medley relay our team of Jim Heathfield, Bob Wolton, Merrett and Key finished 4th, and so scored three points.

It was in the field events that we scored best and our men are to be congratulated on their fine showing.

T. J. Gaworski won the Discus with 132ft., while Dennis Fleming was third in the Javelin with 157ft. 5ins., and Percy Luxon was 4th in the Hop, Step and Jump, and K. C. Key was 5th in the Long Jump.

Our Siamese member, V. Suvakachana, went to compete in the Pole Vault, but was unlucky to fall heavily when making his initial effort and so had to retire.

Final match points were : 1, London A.C., 50 ; 2, Belgrave H., 24 ; 3, Birchfield H., 22 ; 4, Herne Hill H., 18 ; 5, Walton A.C. and Polytechnic H., 17 each.

Also at this meeting was a Junior match for the "Grenville" Cup, of which we were the joint-holders, but owing to National Service calls our team was also short of numbers.

C. R. Jones, the Surrey Junior champion, won his heat in the 80 yds., but was unlucky to be disqualified in the final for two false starts.

J. H. Cobden ran well to gain 3rd place in the 880 yds., and we missed Frank Wright, who had to report at Kingston for service with the East Surrey Regt.

Our team in the 4 x 110 yds. relay could only finish 4th in their heat, while we only had two runners in the 1 mile team race, but J. B. Edgar ran well to finish in 4th place.

D. Maddicks competed in the Javelin event but his effort was ruled "no throw."

CLUB MEETING AT TOOTING, JULY 22nd

A heavy downpour of rain just before the meeting started kept down the spectators and also accounted for our shortage of numbers present.

It was intended to make this another Captain's v. Vice-Captain's match, but we could not hold a full list of events, and the points total on those held was 18 each.

In the 100 yds. Basil Walden just beat Ron Holtum, with Pete Cornish in third place.

The 880 yds. Junior was a good race, with Steve Boreham just pipping D. Pettican, with J. Palmer third.

In the 880 yds. Senior race we saw Len Bishop score a good win, with Joe Tranter second and a new member, Shackleford, in third position.

The 2 miles walk handicap was won by Eric Hall, with George Oliver second and L. Demmon third, and the back-markers did not seem to have much chance of catching their field.

Alan Picton, making a reappearance, won the 220 yds. with Cornish second and Bob Wolton third.

In the 440 yds. we saw Dicky Bartlett beat Bob Taylor, with Jim Heathfield in third place.

The "big" event of the meeting was the Club 3 mile track championship, and the holder, Jack Brown, retained his title in 14 mins. 31.4 secs.

Chas. Walker, who had made the pace in the early stages of the race, was second, with Bill Lucas, still retired, in third place.

Then came Ray Tooby, John Bromley, Bob Belmore, Ron Linstead, G. Davidson, George Stace, S. Gawler, John Burr, Peter Courtney, Eric Gebbett, and "Spud" Abbott, and all these were inside the 1st-class standard time of 15 mins. 45secs.

We also held a couple of field event handicaps, and with Jack Chappell and Bert Ellsey away on holiday, these were looked after by Mr. O'Hara, who made a very good job of it.

In the Hop, Step and Jump we saw K. C. Key win the handicap, with Percy Luxon second and Dennis Fleming third.

The Discus Throw handicap was won by Dave Ansell, with D. R. Childs second and Dennis Fleming again third.

A.A.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Cardiff on July 25th, and included in the programme were the two Senior relays and the Marathon championship.

In the latter we had R. G. Plummer, who finished 8th in the good time of 2 hrs. 39 mins. 12 secs., and he will be a great help to our road teams when he is qualified.

Our only success in the Junior events was the 2nd place in the Weight by John Powell-Jones, who did 49ft. 0½ins., which was only beaten by the winner with his final effort.

S. R. Day did well to gain a standard medal in the High Jump by clearing 5ft. 7ins.

C. R. Jones in the 100 and J. Smith in the 220 yds. both failed to get through their heats, as did J. H. Cobden in the 440 yds.

R. D. Baines also failed in his heat of the 880 yds., but Frank Wright qualified for the final of this event by being placed 2nd in his heat.

Whether it was due to his Army training, the fact remains that Frank could not get a place in the final and so vanished our last hope of a winner's medal.

In the senior 4 x 110 yds., our team of Basil Walden, Ron Holtum, Denis Merrett and Ivan Mayers won their heat in 44.1 secs., the same time as the Polytechnic H., who were the eventual winners.

On the heat form we should have been a good second to them, but in the final Ivan Mayers pulled a leg muscle when running the last 110 yds. and so we were out of the race.

The 4 x 440 yds. saw only six teams competing and so this event was run as a final and we finished 5th, and at least our team of Bob Wolton, Jim Heathfield, Bob Taylor and "Jock" Cameron had the satisfaction of beating the Midland champions, Coventry Godiva H.

We sadly missed Alan Sexton, still out in Canada, while Ian Badiali was away on holiday and "Jock" was just getting over his leg trouble, so we hope for better luck next year.

CLUB TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Club Championship Meeting, held at Battersea Park on Saturday, August 1st, was witnessed by a good crowd of spectators, who saw several new championship records set up.

In the 100 yds., Basil Walden just beat Denis Merrett in 10.2 secs., which equalled the previous best time, with Ron Holtum in third place.

The 100 yds. Junior saw C. R. Jones beat J. Smith in 10.7 secs., with T. Moxon third.

Dennis Trower, the third brother of this family to join the Club, won the 100 yds. Boys' race in 11.5 secs., with P. Heywood second and B. Pritchard third.

In the 220 yds. Denis Merrett reversed the short sprint result by beating Basil Walden, with J. D. Benstead third, and the time of 22.7 secs. also equalled the previous best time.

A similar reversal of placings was seen in the 220 yds. Junior, with J. Smith beating C. R. Jones, with T. Moxon again third.

The 440 yds. saw A. H. Cameron score a good win from Bob Wolton in 51.6 secs., with Ian Badiali in third place.

In the 440 yds. Junior J. H. Cobden won easily in 54.4 secs., with E. Cronk second and G. Flower third.

Bob Taylor won the 880 yds. in 1 min. 58.3 secs., which is a new championship record, and Len Bishop was second, with Jim Heathfield in third place. K. Rowland ran well to finish 4th, and should do well with further racing experience.

The 880 yds. Junior was won by the holder, Frank Wright, in 1 min. 59.6 secs., with J. H. Cobden second a few yards behind, and a new member in H. B. Foster in third place.

Jack Brown came over from the White City where he had been running for the Great Britain "B" team in the attack on the 4 x 1 mile world's record, and he successfully defended his 1 mile title, beating Chas. Walker in 4 mins., 25.6 secs., and Len Bishop again ran well to gain third place.

The 1 mile Junior saw a surprise win with R. D. Baines beating J. B. Edgar in 4 mins. 39.8 secs., with Frank Wright third, and quite a number of the competitors gained a standard award in this event, which is a good sign for the future.

R. McMullen won the 2 miles Walk, after a long string of second places, and his time of 15 mins. 5.4 secs. was quite good after his lay-off during the winter season. G. Oliver was second, with Syd James in third place.

In the Field Events we saw some good performances, pride of place going to T. J. Gaworski, who set up new best figures in both the Weight and Discus.

In the former he did 42ft. 10ins., with Alan Law second and P. C. Luxon third, beating D. R. Childs by a quarter of an inch.

The Discus Throw saw Gaworski do 129ft. 2½ins., with D. R. Childs second and a new member in T. H. Strang in third place.

Dennis Fleming won the Javelin Throw with 161ft. 10ins., another new championship best, and P. C. Luxon was second with D. Maddicks third, and the latter is actually a junior but seems to do better with the senior implement.

E. M. Bare won the High Jump with a leap of 6ft. 1in., to set up a new championship best, and S. R. Day was second, with P. C. Luxon in third place.

S. R. Day also set up new figures for the Junior High Jump with 5ft. 8ins., and C. R. Jones was second with, a new member, T. Upperdine, in third position.

In the Long Jump we saw P. C. Luxon retain his title with a jump of 21ft. 10½ ins., and D. B. Ansell was second with 21ft. 2ins., and K. C. Key in third place with 20ft. 7ins., all very good performances.

Standard medals were gained by the following:—

- 220 yds., Senior.—D. Gordon, P. Cornish, R. Holtum.
- 440 yds., Senior.—R. Bartlett, J. Heathfield.
- 880 yds., Senior.—K. Rowland, A. Bishop, J. Masters.
- 1 Mile, Senior.—J. Bromley, J. E. Burr, S. Gawlor, P. Courtney.
- 1 Mile, Junior.—R. Linstead, S. Borgham, W. Bird, P. Childs, M. Courtney, H. Powell.
- 2 Mile Walk, 2nd class.—E. Hall, H. McGreechan, J. Haynes, G. Beecham.
- Javelin.—C. Melchior, D. Childs, G. Powell, H. Powell.
- High Jump.—K. C. Key, R. Holtum, T. H. Strang.
- Discus.—D. Fleming, A. G. Law, P. C. Luxon, C. Melchior, P. Porter.
- Weight.—D. Childs, C. Melchior.

Also on the programme were some members' children's races, and in these we had the names of several well-known Club personalities, with Diana and Frances Cohen, Elizabeth and Valerie Cook, Jean Chantler, David Bradnum, Michael Stimpson, Peter Marchant and Clifford Redgrave.

The awards were presented by our President's wife, and all present agreed that it had been a very successful meeting, for which we wish to thank those competitors who turned out, also the many officials who gave a hand.

CLUB RECORDS

Here are some more additions and amendments to previously published lists of Club records. I should like to thank all those who have helped me with the information about their own and others' performances.

Track, Senior—Amendments—

- 440 yards—A. D. Sexton, May, 1953, 48.2 secs.
- 6 miles—J. C. Smart, April, 1953, 30 mins. 16 secs.
- 1 mile—J. Brown, July, 1953, 4 mins. 12 secs.

Track, Junior—

- 1 mile walk—J. Rutland, May, 1936, 7 mins. 31 secs.

Field Events, Junior—

- 120 yds. hurdles—P. J. Briggs, July, 1946, 16.6 secs

Field Events, Senior—Amendment—

- 2 miles Steplechase—J. Bromley, May, 1953, 10 mins. 19 secs.
- Shot Put—T. Gaworski, June, 1953, 43ft. 8½ins.

N.B.—I am awaiting definite news of Alan Sexton's recent brilliant quarter miling in America.

COLIN COLLIS.

In addition to the above, we have just received the following from Gordon Doubleday:—

“Glancing through the Club records has recalled the A.A.A. 6 miles Championship of 1936, the year of the Berlin Olympic Games. In this race Arthur Penny finished 5th. The winner Noji (Poland) set up a new British record of 29 mins. 43.4 secs., whilst runner-up A. Burns, Elswick Harriers, set new figures for the native British record. Arthur's time was 29 mins. 57 secs., and he still has his lap times carefully recorded. Looking back at the Belgravian covering this event, no time was given, but it was recorded that Penny had beaten the previous Championship record (30.23.2) by 27 secs.”

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

As announced in our Editorial, the "Jimmy Belchamber Memorial Trophy Fund" has now been closed. Our Secretary, Alf Harley, who has been responsible for the receipt of donations for the Fund, is prepared, however, to receive any late donations prior to the purchase of a suitable trophy to commemorate the memory of Jimmy Belchamber.

FLOODLIT INTER-CITY MATCH

It is brought to your notice that tickets for the Floodlit Meeting, London v. Stockholm, at the White City on Wednesday, September 23rd, 1953, may be obtained from Frank Webb. Your wholehearted support should be given to this meeting, and it is interesting to know that the Club will have some part of the proceeds. Apart from this, a really fine evening's sport is assured and it is advisable to book your tickets, preferably with cash, with Frank at an early date.

The Southern Garnet Cup (10 miles Walking Championship) has now been awarded to Belgrave Harriers. The actual winning team included an ineligible man in their team and as a result Belgrave Harriers (originally second) now become holders of this title and trophy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Be sure to book in your diaries—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th—which is the date of the Belgrave Annual General Meeting at Belgrave Hall. Your attendance is particularly requested, and apart from the fact that you should be interested in the general management of your Club, and the election of those who will officiate in various capacities, you will find our A.G.M. most interesting, informative and possibly entertaining.

The Club financial year ends on September 15th. Syd Roberts, our Treasurer, is most anxious to close his books with all subscriptions paid up. You elected Syd to be your Treasurer last October. It is only fair to help him to present his first Balance Sheet with a record paid up subscription item. If your subscription is still unpaid, will you please make a special note of sending it **before September 15th** to S. C. Roberts, 35, Perrymead Street, Fulham, S.W.6 (Please note next paragraph.)

SPECIAL NOTICE—CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From August 29th, 1953, our Hon. Treasurer's address will be :—
4, DERWENT AVENUE, EDMONTON, N.18.

Please make a note of this in your diaries, etc. (*just in case you wish to send him something.*)

THE DINNER

Tickets for the highlight of the social side of the Club are now obtainable from Dave Martin-Sheppard.

A really good night is assured.

Book the date—Saturday, November 21st, and your ticket, price 17s. 6d.

HERE AND THERE

Near the end of the winter season, Eddie Short was in hospital suffering from a kick in the back, sustained while playing for the camp Rugby team, and who should be in the same R.A.F. ward but E. G. Read, our old sprint champion.

Ted was very badly knocked about in a plane crash, but is progressing after several operations, with the prospect of more to come and we wish him a full recovery from his serious injuries.

At the London v. Paris Schools meeting at the Wimbledon Park Track, Alan Law won the weight with a put of 44ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins., and at the same meeting our Junior team won the 1 mile medley relay open to clubs. Our team was: Frank Wright 880, T. Adams 220, J. Smith 220, J. H. Cobden 440.

Charlie Smart ran well in the Southern 6 miles track championship and in finishing 4th he recorded 30.16, which is very good running.

At the Leyton Floodlit meeting we fielded a team in the "A" section of the medley relay race and were placed 3rd to the Polytechnic H. and Achilles.

We could not field a team in the 3 miles team race, but Alan Sexton was 3rd in the 440 yds., John Bromley was 2nd to Disley in the 3,000 metres steeplechase and Frank Wright won the 1 mile Junior race in 4 mins. 29.4 secs.

Our members did well at the Charlotteville "open" meeting on Whit-Monday, and Ivan Mayers and Ian Forrester were 1st and 2nd in both the 100 and 220 yds. handicaps. We also had first two in the 880 yds., and Jim Heathfield just "pipped" Bob Wolton for 1st place. Our team of Ian Badiali, Ron Morrell, Bob Wolton and "Jock" Cameron also won the 1 mile scratch relay in the good time of 3 mins. 36.8 secs.

At the "Sward" Trophy meeting at Chiswick we had entered a team for the 2 miles team race, but only Chas. Walker put in an appearance, and he ran as an individual and was second to P. B. Driver in 9 mins. 28.8 secs.

In the Croydon v. Arnheim sports meeting we had several Club members competing, and Bill Lucas was 3rd in the 3 miles event, while Dick Savage was present as a Timekeeper.

Alan Sexton has gone to America with the Combined Universities team and won the 440 yds. in 49.9 secs., and was 3rd in the 100 yds. against the American team.

He is then going on to Canada to compete in their championships and does not expect to be back in this country until the end of August.

This means that he will miss our Club Championships and will be unable to assist us in the A.A.A. 4 x 440 yds. relay, but we wish him the best of luck in his travels.

More of our Junior members continue to go into the Services, and D. G. Hooper and T. Adams are both stationed at Hednesford in the R.A.F.

Frank Kemp is now out in the Middle East with the R.A.F., and sends best wishes to all his Club-mates. He has a brother of Basil Walden stationed with him and says he has done 10.1 for the 100 and 22.5 for the 220, so keep up the good work, Frank!

We sent a team over to the W. H. Smith & Son sports for an open 2 mile team race, and Chas. Walker was first home in 9 mins. 38 secs., with John Burr 3rd and Bill Lucas 5th, and they won the team event, beating Finchley and the Poly. H.

At the Vickers' meeting at Weybridge we again won the "Viking" Trophy, presented to the winning team in the 2 mile team race. John Bromley ran well to finish 3rd, with Jack Brown 5th, Chas. Walker 7th and Bill Lucas was our non-scoring runner.

Another success at this meeting was Ron Holtum's win in the 100 yds. open handicap event.

We are pleased to welcome R. G. Plummer, late of Oxford City A.C., to our ranks. He is a well-known long-distance runner and should strengthen our road teams once he is qualified to represent us in open competition.

Alan Sexton is now being quoted as Britain's fastest-ever runner over 440 yards. He was beaten by a yard in the Canadian National quarter-mile race by Jack Carroll, the Canadian Olympic runner, in the fast time of 47 secs.

His time was given as 47.2 secs., which is $\frac{2}{5}$ ths faster than Godfrey Brown's best-ever British performance at the White City in 1938.

The Press state that Alan only took up quarter-miling last autumn at Cambridge, apparently overlooking the fact that Alan won our 440 yds. Club championship last season.

At the Insurance A.A. championships, Percy Luxon won the High Jump with a leap of 5ft. 9ins., thus beating the best championship performance, which was put up in 1934.

Charlie Smart writes from Germany to say that he has had ten races over 5,000 metres so far this season (four of them at International meetings), and has won nine and been second to Mimoun, the French Olympic runner, in the other.

His last two races were in the B.A.O.R. Championship, which he won in 14.55 (a new record), and at an International meeting near Saarbrucken also in 14.55, which is a new Saarland record.

These times for 5,000 metres are equivalent to 14.23 for 3 miles, and Charlie says that the standard of German distance running cannot compare with present U.K. times.

We offer our sincere congratulations to Eric Bishop on his recent marriage. Eric does a very good job of work in getting the prizes and medals for the various Club races.

Our Pole Vaulters, Van Sukavachana, competed in an invitation event at the Heathfield meeting, and although he cleared the same height as the winner, he was placed 3rd on the number of failures.

Congratulations to Hugh McGreechan on winning the Surrey W.C. 14 miles Keston race on March 21st, and also winning the Police League Distance Championship—Barking to Southend—for the third time.

Harry Shields won the London Transport 10 miles Championship, with Bill Wesson 2nd, on April 7th.

Gerry Warr was 2nd in the University one mile at Motspur Park on May 7th.

Charlie Speechley—like Johnny Walker—still going strong, won the handicap in the Veterans' match at Parliament Hill on May 20th.

Percy Wright was 2nd and Gerry Warr 3rd in the Hampshire County 2 miles Championship.

Ted Smith took second place in the Business Houses 2 miles Track Walk on July 15th in 15 mins. 24 secs.

George Oliver won the Civil Service 2 miles Track Championship on July 18th.

Gerry Warr has now gone into the R.A.F. for his National Service.

At the National Schools Championships at Uxbridge, John Powell-Jones was competing for Surrey in the Senior Weight, and he won with a putt of 45ft. 1½ins.

P. L. Porter won the Essex Hammer Throw and is improving each time out.

We have heard that Don Maclean and Geoff Goode are now both out in Korea, while Ian Forrester is also serving in the Far East, and we hope that these lads will still retain their interest in running once their enforced absence is at an end.

At the Civil Service championships, Jack Brown won the 1 mile, beating Len Eyre, while Bob Taylor won the 880 yds. in 1 min. 56.9 secs.

At the newly-opened Croydon Track was held an Inter-County match and we had four winners at this meeting, as follows: Bob Taylor (Middx.), 880; Jack Brown (Kent), 1 mile; T. J. Gaworski (Surrey), Weight; K. C. Key (Middx.), Long Jump.

John Bromley won the Army steeplechase title in a new record time, and was 3rd in the Inter-Services event, with Eddie Short (R.A.F.) in second place.

Peter Casselton, our Junior 440 yds. champion, is now in Germany with the B.A.O.R., and ran in the championships out there, but found that Army life is not good training for running.

The Wandsworth Council promoted a 14 miles road run in connection with their Coronation celebrations, and Geoff Pearson finished 3rd, with Len Rolls 8th and Bert Smith 15th.

E. M. Bare, our high jumper, competed for an A.A.A. team at Eastbourne in a match against a combined Sussex and Kent side, and was second in the high jump with a leap of 6ft.

R. J. Harris, our former Discus champion, is now in Singapore with the R.A.F., and at a recent Inter-Services meeting he did 40ft. 9ins. with the Shot, and over 125ft. in the Discus, and he should be an asset to the growing strength of our field event section on his return to civvy street.

and finally . . .

3 SPECIAL REMINDERS

THE CLUB FINANCIAL YEAR

ends on September 15th, 1953.
Syd Roberts is hoping for a fully
paid up membership.

(also note his new address after August 29th)

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