

APRIL, 1947

The BELGRAVIAN

The

Official Gazette

of the

Belgrave Harriers

BELGRAVE HARRIERS

President : H. PARKER.

Hon. Secretary : A. A. HARLEY, "Kingsclere," Slough Road, Iver Heath,
Bucks.

Hon. Treasurer : W. G. WEBB, 28 Avenue Gardens, Teddington, Middx.

Assistant Treasurer : T. MORRELL, 3 Florian Road, S.W.15.

Assistant Hon. Secretaries :

Running : E. A. DUFFETT, 57 Harcourt Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Walking : S. C. ROBERTS, 35 Perrymead Street, S.W.6.

Field Events : T. C. JONES, 6 Broomwood Road, S.W.11.

Social : D. SHEPHERD, 58 Harbut Road, S.W.11.

Supporters' Club : L. J. COHEN, 54 Lower Kenwood Avenue, Enfield,
Middx.

Captains :

Cross-Country : H. E. FOOTER; *Vice* : A. E. TAYLOR, F. R. WEBB.

Walking (Track) : J. G. COLEMAN; *Vice* : H. G. CHURCHER.

Walking (Road) : C. E. CHURCHER; *Vice* : A. READMAN,
J. WILSON.

Running (Track) : H. W. SHIELDS; *Vice* : S. JARLETT.

Field Events : T. C. JONES; *Vice* : A. DUNN.

Juniors : E. A. SHORT.

Hon. Editor : S. F. BRADNUM, 79a Lancaster Road, W.11

Belgrave News Letter : F. H. ELSON, 210 North End Road, W.14.

Starter : A. G. FELL.

Timekeepers : C. COOK, W. INGE, R. J. SAVAGE, J. TURNER.

Handicappers : *Running*, E. A. DUFFETT (address above).
Walking, S. C. ROBERTS (address above).

Hon. Auditors : J. B. BELCHAMBER, T. COTTON.

Trustees : E. GORDON, F. G. THOMSON.

Elected Committee : A. H. BRUCE, C. T. CARTER, T. COTTON, F. H.
ELSON, L. W. HERBERT, S. JARLETT, L. MARCHANT, T. H.
SCRIMSHAW, W. H. J. SUTTON, A. E. TAYLOR.

Headquarters : BELGRAVE HALL, DENMARK ROAD, RIDGWAY,
WIMBLEDON.

Track Training : TOOTING BEC TRACK.

THE BELGRAVIAN

The Official Gazette of the Belgrave Harriers

APRIL, 1947

No. 101

EDITORIAL

We are now at the end of what can be termed the first full post-war winter season. From the afternoon of the season's opening meeting at Belgrave Hall the atmosphere was set: time seemed to have slipped back and the years of the war became, in many minds, non-existent. As one who "arrived back" that afternoon not having been near Belgrave Hall since 1940, it was a startling joy to see again so many well-remembered faces and to be greeted with such a warmth of welcome. Many things have changed these past seven years and this club has lost some of its dearest and best members, but we are still a club with enthusiasm and unity about us. At present most things are opposed, or unhelpful, towards the pursuit of Athletics. This country, unlike many others, gives no official or material support to Amateur Sports Clubs of any kind. Whether this is for better or for worse is a debatable question, but it is our heritage that such clubs as ours should be free to control and run their pursuits without any outside interference or aid, therefore what we achieve can verily be called our own. We have much to achieve, both for the benefit of the Athletic world in general and for the glory of this Club. The task of this Club in the future must be to build a strong, thoroughly ALL-ROUND Club, setting an example of fair sportsmanship that will make our name a byword for such things and influencing all those who have contact with the Club. In 1948 the Olympic Games will be held in London. Between now and then it must be our object to build a Track team as strong as our Walking and Country teams have been for so many years. If we can achieve such eminence in these two spheres there is no good reason why we should not do likewise on the track. We have the talent, some of it already shown, some of it dormant, but to mention only these few names is to comment on a strength which could do much: Broadbent, Botwright, Burfitt, Blowfield, Nankeville, Marchant, Herbert, Read, Lucas, Stimpson. To reach our object on the track our training must be made more rigorous, new methods must be tried, progress must be noted and used to advantage, and above all we must train together and help each other. It is the only way that standards can be compared and raised.

Such must be our objects. They have in turn a more profound aspect, for Athletics is one of the few truly amateur sports left. It requires much selfless endeavour for no material gain and it can only be successfully pursued if loved, and to love it is to love something outside yourself. Thus it helps to form an essentially unneurotic outlook in a world where the selfish and neurotic is ever more shrill and powerful in its beseeching. To help counter this modern disease even in our small way, is to achieve something of a rare sanity these days.

Whilst this Edition is in progress the Southern C.C. Championship has been run. Len Herbert ran a magnificent race to win the Senior race, and Derrick Burfitt found a fine finish to win the Junior race. A weakened team in the Seniors were second to Aylesford Paper Mills and the Junior team ran very well to finish third to S.L.H. and T.V.H.

OBITUARY

It is with the greatest regret that we have to announce the death of TED JACKMAN at the early age of 35 years.

Ted joined us in 1930 and quickly showed that he had walking ability. During the summer of 1931 he was placed frequently in Club Track Handicaps and, improving apace, was successful in Open Track Handicaps, his win in the Ponders End Fete and Gala being particularly memorable. His walking on the road also showed improvement, and although never attaining championship rank he was always a dependable club man. His personality was pleasing. A gentle modest bearing, combined with sterling character and excellent sportsmanship endeared him to all, and he will be sorely missed, for we can ill afford to lose such a splendid club man. Only the day before his death he was talking of his many friends within the Club, of which he has been a proud member for seventeen years. We are the richer for his friendship and loyalty, the poorer for his passing at such an early age. Frank Elson, Charlie Churcher and Charlie Poulter paid the Club's last respects at the funeral, and a wreath in Club colours testified to the esteem in which he was held. Our profound sympathy is extended to Ted's parents and sister in their very great loss.

PRESIDENT'S THANKS

The President wishes to thank all those members who sent him Christmas greetings, including:—

Rodney, Mrs. Stone and Sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harley (Senior), Etienne Gailly, George Durrant, Derrick Burlitt, Norman Graves and the Wirral A.C. (with a Wirral whisper!), Dick Towndrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost, Oscar Horwood, Alan, Eric and Leonard Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shields, Alice and Fred Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Len Herbert, Tom Carter, Peter Harding and Walton A.C., Mr. and Mrs. George Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Savage, Ken O'Kell, Tony Whincup, Bob Boyden, Dr. Woodard, Freddy Bradnum, Len Camin, Bill Merryman, Stan Botwright, Arthur Cook, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harley.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members who have recently joined us:—

W. J. W. Cook, L. Cheesley, E. Calvert, H. V. East, C. Mains, E. N. McKenzie, E. G. Popplewell, B. Eglinton, R. Garwood, A. S. Lewis, J. W. Kennedy, B. C. Potter, G. Atkinson, L. Bush, S. McMullen, H. M. Archer, B. L. L. Chitty, A. C. B. Chancellor, L. E. Grimshaw, P. J. Sexton, F. T. Watts, R. W. Fairman, L. G. Christmas, S. Charton, B. Oliver, M. M. T. Paxton.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED

The last issue of the *Belgravian* has been returned undelivered from:—
J. R. Bird, A. C. Player, A. Grant, J. H. Wood, W. G. True, A. J. Betterton.

Any news of these members would be appreciated.

COMMENTARY

On page 6 will be found a short note from the Hon. Treasurer, Bill Webb. It is hoped that any guilty members will take note of the paragraph on subscription.

Dave Martin Shepard and the Social Committee are doing great work now and are putting the Belgrave social side on its feet again. The

repairs to Belgrave Hall have been completed and its use for frolics in the future will be as deplorable as ever was!

The Belgrave News Letter, edited and printed by Frank Elson, is at its 69th Edition. It is a very well edited Letter and the idea behind it a sound one, for it does keep all members of the Walking Section in the closest touch with the doings (or would you prefer the word "victories," Frank!), of this illustrious Section.

The Club Annual Dinner was most successful. The attendance was a record, the speeches complementary to all and not too long, the food good and the party spirit most excellent.

We won the Surrey C.C. Championship again and Cadogan A.C. (our friends) were third in the Middlesex. Surrey Colours were won by Tom Carter, Len Herbert, Bill Lucas and Leslie Stokell. Middlesex Colours by Vic Blowfield and Geoffry Pearson. In the Kent Championships George Lucas was 5th and in the Herts. Championship Albert Frost was 4th. Both these Belgravians won their County Colours.

War-time members Jimmy Green and Peter Moughan won their County Colours for Kent and Herts. respectively.

Congratulations to our Junior Captain, Eddy Short, who was 4th in the London University C.C. Championships: George Lucas, 3rd in the North Kent District Race; Geoffry Pearson, 2nd in the Banks Championship.

The Walking Section is winning everything at present in a most glorious fashion. All the big Southern "Opens" have fallen to us and Harry Churcher, closely followed by Jack Rutland, has once again proved himself unbeatable over his distances. The National races are yet to come, but we can own a measure of confidence in our ability to do well in these.

In the Britannia Shield race last November, Len Herbert, running for the R.A.F., was 5th and 2nd Englishman home. Our Belgian friend and member, Etienne Gailly, was 7th, running for the Belgian Army, and our Poly member, Dick Towndrow, 15th, running for the British Army team.

This Club extends its most sincere congratulations to Mr. E. J. Holt, of S.L.H., on his being made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for his services to Athletics, which have indeed been great.

We won the South of Thames "Junior." Bill Lucas and Len Marchant ran fine races to finish 1st and 2nd.

In the South of the Thames "Senior" we were 2nd. Our score of 87 points, the lowest ever recorded for 2nd place, would normally have won us the race. Our congratulations go to the Aylesford Club, who turned out such a good performance to beat us. We won the Coleman Cup for the lowest score for 12 men home.

Michael Broadbent and Derrick Burfitt have been mentioned in the press as being British Olympic hopes. We believe they can do it given the chances, and we hope others will join them by 1948.

In view of the above it is interesting to note that Derrick, and Arthur Bruce, are awaiting their call up any moment now.

Your Hon. Editor is receiving copies of *The Scots Athlete*. This is a first-class journal dealing very fully with events over the border. It makes extremely good reading. It is published by W. J. Ross at 69 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2. Annual subscription 6/6.

It is good to see Arthur Penny running again and running as well as ever. Such veterans as Arthur are the salt of this club and the fact that they can come back, when not far short of 40 years, tells that past training has been good. All younger running members can learn a thing or two from such as Arthur.

Ted Stimpson has recovered from his operation and is training again. We give Ted our best wishes for the future Track season—and what about the 1948 Olympic 10,000 metres, Ted?

We were pleased to see Dick Murphy starting the Ten Mile Walk and presenting his shield to the winner, Harry Churcher.

No mention was made in the Handbook of the winning by P. J. Briggs of the Surrey Junior Hurdles Championship last season. This was a most regrettable omission and we give our apologies to Briggs, who is now serving in the Army, and is stationed at Larkhill.

Victor Blowfield is showing international form over the country. His winning of the Club Ten was magnificent. With good training Vic is going to be a menace to the best in the country during the next Track season.

Also congratulations to a new member, Leslie Stokell, on his fine and ever-improving running this season. There are also big things in store for Les in the future. This column would like to see him try the 2 miles Steeplechase next summer.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

J. Willson is completing his training as a steward in the Merchant Navy. He finished 2nd in the M.N. Training Schools 5 mile C.C. race recently.

G. J. Barker is now an Officer Cadet in Northern Ireland.

Harry Thaxter sends his best wishes to all his old friends, and will be pleased to see them at the Sun Hotel, Diss, at any time they are in the neighbourhood.

Tony Whincup writes to say he is now demobilised and will be seen at Belgrave Hall in future.

Basil Walden is now in Malaya with the Queen's Regiment on guard duty.

Bill Merryman is living in Leeds. Hopes to be able to come to town and see us now and again. He sends his regards to all his friends.

Bob Boyden has moved to Horley, in Surrey.

R. F. Boyce is demobilised, and is living at Portsmouth.

Victor Wynyard has been demobilised, and is training again.

HON. TREASURER'S NOTES

SUBSCRIPTIONS. Some misunderstanding appears to exist as to the date on which the club Annual Subscription becomes due. A number of members have assumed that the club Financial Year runs concurrently with the calendar year and that January 1st is the date on which subscriptions are due; others have regarded the date of their election to Membership as the governing date for payment. The clarification of this point is best served by a reference to rules 7 and 9 on pages 18 and 19 of the handbook, where it clearly states that the club financial year ends on September 15th and that subscriptions become due and payable on the date of the Annual General Meeting. It is important that outstanding subscriptions should be paid immediately. The normal running expenses of the club have to be met and a reference to the last balance sheet will show that they are no mean liability. Subscriptions should be forwarded or handed to the Hon. Treasurer. Alternatively they may be handed to the Assistant Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. F. Morrell, or, in the case of walking members, to the Hon. Walking Secretary, Mr. S. Roberts. The official receipt will be issued by the Hon. Treasurer in all cases.

Whilst it is good to reflect on the growing strength of the Junior Section, we cannot overlook that their lot is not particularly happy, having regard to the inevitable operation of the National Service (Armed Forces) Acts at a very critical stage in their athletic careers. It behoves us to keep them fully informed of club activities and events, and ensure them of an easy resettlement into club affairs on their return to civil life. The com-

mittee do not enforce the payment of club subscriptions during the period a junior member is called to service under these Acts. It is hoped, however, that junior members will notify the Hon. Secretary immediately they are called to service and keep him posted with subsequent movements.

DAMAGE TO CLUB TROPHIES. In the event of a club trophy becoming damaged whilst in the safe keeping of the holder, no action should be taken regarding the repair of the trophy without prior authority of the committee. Any such action is likely to prejudice a possible claim through the club Insurance Policy. Damage to trophies, however small, and also any loss of trophy should be reported to the Hon. Treasurer immediately and a detailed statement of the casualty given.

ENGRAVING OF CLUB TROPHIES. Although most holders of trophies have had my circular letter, I would here repeat as a reminder and as a guidance for future holders, that it is desirable that all trophies should be engraved up to date before the date of the next competition. Where practicable it would be appreciated if holders would arrange for the delivery of the trophy to the club engravers, The Alexander Clark Co. Ltd., 38 Leadenhall Street, E.C.3, together with the particulars of the records to be engraved; any outstanding particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Running Secretary, Mr. E. Duffett. In those cases where the records are engraved on small silver shields affixed to the trophy or to the plinth of the trophy, it will suffice if the blank small shields to be engraved are removed and posted to the engravers together with the necessary particulars to be engraved. In these cases, however, it is important that the last engraved shield should also be sent to serve as a specimen for the engraver. Where holders find this arrangement impracticable perhaps they would be good enough to arrange to let me have the trophy at a convenient date so that I can make alternative arrangements.

ENGRAVING OF MEDALS. On the question of engraving of medals won by members, the last ruling given by the committee on this subject, which is still extant, is as follows: That the club undertake to engrave (1) All club medals; (2) All team race medals awarded by Athletic bodies and Associations to which the club is affiliated.

BADGES, ETC. Vest badges 2/6, and Coat metal badges 2/-, are in stock. As these are sold at cost price it is requested that applications by post should be accompanied by return postage. It is regretted that there is no immediate prospect of obtaining supplies of vests and ties or other clothing. Any helpful suggestions from members on this vexed subject will be appreciated.

FINALLY do not forget those subscriptions. A small item, but a very important item. You may win an award in the next club event and it would be very disappointing to find at the last moment that it was withheld because you had forgotten to pay your subscription. Be on the safe side and post it to me at once.

W. G. W.

THE RUNNING SECTION

The results so far this season have shown our members to be carrying on the good work of last season, and although new teams have had to be found owing to the many barring clauses in some of the races, we again won the South of Thames "Junior" Race, and also supplied the first two men home. We also retained possession of the "Pickett" Cup for the Surrey County Senior Championship, although our nearest rivals, Herne Hill Harriers, put up a good show, but the forward packing of our runners turned the scales in our favour. The London to Brighton Relay is being held on April 19th, and intending supporters will be well advised to book a seat

in our club coaches, which is in the hands of our Social Hon. Secretary, Dave Shepard.

Track fixtures are now being made and we are hoping to hold several meetings at Tooting Common L.C.C. track, our first being on Saturday, May 17th. The previous week we have a match at the Drayton Green track with Ealing Harriers and Reading A.C. for the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy. On May 24th we have an Inter-Club match at Banstead Hospital, and members who went there last year will remember the good time, apart from the weather, that was had by all.

Other fixtures, both home and away, are being arranged and it is hoped that members will do their best to support these matches, both Senior and Junior.

All enquiries to the Running Hon. Secretary: E. A. Duffett, 57 Harcourt Road, Thornton Heath.

FIELD EVENTS GOSSIP

The winter field events activities have been confined to the Coaching School, which has been functioning since the beginning of November, 1946, at Belgrave Hall. Unfortunately it has not been as well supported as was anticipated, but it is hoped all who have been regularly attending will put to good use the things they have learnt when they start their summer training. With the completion of the programme the course will close, and Charlie Jones, Bill Sutton and Sid Jones will be at the Tooting Bec Track on Saturday afternoons when it is hoped the Juniors will appear and be put through their paces.

The S.A.A. League (Fields Events Section) programme has just come to hand. It will be run on the same lines as last year with the exception that all events will take place on Monday evenings at the Tooting Bec Track during the months of May and June. A Junior League will also function in which Field Events will be included. In addition a Decathlon competition has been added this year for individual competitors.

An interesting new competition is announced by The Polytechnic Harriers to take place at their Stadium on May 10th. The programme includes all the usual field events, three hurdle races and a steeplechase, comprising 11 events in all. The competition is both for individuals and teams. In the team competition four men score, and in this and the individual competition each competitor will be allowed to compete in not more than five selected events. Scoring will be by points from 20 points for first place to one point for 20th place. The "Sward Trophy" will be awarded to the winning team. It is hoped we can put up a very good show.

T. C. J.

WITH THE WALKERS

Our walkers started the winter season on the road in no uncertain manner, twenty-eight members turning out for the opening Club 5 Miles Handicap.

The first open, Highgate Harriers promotion, made it clear that we were making a rapid return to our pre-war predominance, at least over the shorter distances. Four in the first nine with the majority of clubs at full strength was certainly very promising. As time went on we won many other opens, Harry Churcher taking most of the individual honours with Jack Rutland a close second. As yet unbeaten, our lowest score was in the Cambridge Harriers open, when our placings were 1, 2, 3 and 5.

So far there has been little opposition from the Midlands and North and presumably we shall have to wait for the new 10 miles championship to find out their present strength. One thing is certain, all the leading clubs in the country will do their utmost to become the first 10 miles champions

and our succession of wins in open races will no doubt make our opponents all the more determined to prevent us from crowning our successes with National Honours. We therefore look to all concerned to see that the next few months re-establish us as the premier walking club in the country.

As the National Junior Race will be over before this issue is out, little need be said, but young Mac's present form is good enough to annex the individual title and that he will receive good support from Bert East, Harry Rouse, Joe Wilson and others. The team race on paper looks a very open affair, but once again there is not much indication of the opposition likely from the North and Midlands.

With the two longer distances being held in the South, we shall not this year have the disadvantage of travelling. Although we were placed in both these races last year, with the combined efforts of all concerned, we should not be content with less than first place and a return to our pre-war position as National Champions at all distances. We have plenty of good material; all that is required is plenty of regular training, and especially for the longer distances, lots of strolling. Regarding the latter, your Road Captain, Charlie Churcher, is anxious to get a good muster for Sunday Morning strolls. With the approaching spring the weather should be more suitable for this, and it is hoped that this side of training will receive full support. The venue is Putney High Street at 9 a.m., but if you want to join in somewhere en route, get in touch with your Road Captain and he will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

As a result of a Novices Race promoted by the M.P.A.A., two more Police members were enrolled. P. Sapcote and M. Archer, both of whom show every prospect of becoming useful walkers. George Bently, Fred's brother, back from the Forces, is with us again, and George Atkinson, also of the Police and a son of ex-Chief Inspector Atkinson, a former Barking to Southend winner, has joined us. Also Mac's young brother Sid, and Fred Herring, now first claim, will soon be available for teams.

To our new members we extend a very hearty welcome and wish them many happy years with the club. Our aim is 100 active walkers, so it's up to everyone to do their bit to increase our numbers still further and thus provide some champions for the future.

The Olympic Games are gradually creeping nearer. We already have men of Olympic class; these can quite easily be added to, and there is no reason why we should not produce another Olympic Champion, or perhaps even two—track and road. So good walking to you all and may our successes continue.

S. R.

WITH THE JUNIORS

On October 19th, at Wimbledon, we had a match with the junior members of Surrey A.C. and Dartford Harriers.

We had the first three men home in Derrick Burfitt, Eddie Short and Arthur Bruce, who came in together, and they were followed by Len Bishop.

Scoring three aside, the points were—Belgrave H. 6, Dartford H. 19, Surrey A.C. 25.

In a further match of five aside between Dartford and ourselves, we won with the lower score of 25 to our visitors' 41.

On November 23rd our lads made the journey to the Guards Depot, Caterham, where they were entertained to a match with the India Cadet Company. Eddie Short and Arthur Bruce came home together in first place, followed by a couple of Cadets, and then came the two Bishops brothers, Eric and Len. Next followed a whole crowd of Cadets, and eventually our other three runners, who were R. Garwood, K. E. Aspinall and B. C.

Potter. The latter had lost their way and therefore their positions could not be counted in the team race. In view of the fact that we had four lads in the first six home, the Cadets very sportingly called the match a draw. Our lads then sat down to a real "Naafi" tea, and a good time was had by all!

We had a team entered in the Surrey County Youths' Championship, which was held at Coulsdon on December 7th, but only managed to field four runners. Their finishing positions were—15 L. C. Bishop, 25.1; 17 E. T. Gilbert, 25.50; 39 K. E. Aspinall, 27.48; 55 L. Cheesley, 32.52.

We finished sixth out of an entry of twelve teams, so our lads can be said to have done well, for with the exception of Len Bishop, this was their initial effort in an open event.

The club also entered a team for the Surrey County Junior Championship, held at Earlswood on January 4th. Owing to Service calls, the age for this race being 18 to 21, we only fielded four runners, but they can be said to have done well in being beaten in the team race by the narrow margin of 2 points. Arthur Bruce ran well to finish third, with Eddie Short fourth, then Len Adams scored fifth, and Eric Bishop seventh.

The course was very heavy and most of the runners had trouble in keeping their shoes on, a point to be borne in mind for future races.

Finishing times of our runners were—5 A. H. Bruce, 30.24; 4 E. A. Short, 30.52; 6 L. A. Adams, 32.27; 8 E. M. Bishop, 32.50. Team scores were—S. L. H. 17 pts., Belgrave H. 19 pts.

On January 18th our lads visited the Surrey A.C. at their quarters at Kingston. The match was over about 2½ miles and once again our trio of Derrick Burfitt, Eddie Short and Arthur Bruce, came home together in first place.

Len Bishop duly followed in fourth place, and with the match scoring four aside, we won with the lowest possible score of 10 points to Surrey A.C.'s 26.

Positions and times of our runners were—D. R. Burfitt, E. A. Short, A. H. Bruce, equal to 1st, 14 mins. 54 secs. 4 L. C. Bishop, 15.5; 6 R. Garwood, 15.21; 8 E. T. Gilbert, 15.22.

The Club Junior Cross-Country Championship for the "Savage" Shield, had been postponed from December 21st owing to the frost-bound conditions, and it was now held over our usual 5 miles course on February 1st. Conditions were still far from ideal, the course being snow-covered, but a field of 8 juniors braved the conditions and are to be complimented on their fortitude.

Derrick Burfitt retained his title, although Arthur Bruce ran very well to finish so close behind in second place. Eddie Short finished third, although below his usual form, and Len Bishop occupied his usual fourth place in junior events.

The handicap, held in conjunction, was deservedly won by Arthur Bruce with R. Garwood taking second award and Eddie Short the third prize.

Positions and times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	postn. in Hcp.
1	D. R. Burfitt	32. 2	Scr.	32. 2	5
2	A. H. Bruce	32.25	2.50	29.55	1
3	E. A. Short	34.13	2.40	31.55	3
4	L. C. Bishop	35.25	3.15	32. 8	6
5	E. M. Bishop	36. 1	4. 0	32. 1	4
6	R. Garwood	36. 2	5.15	50.47	2
7	L. A. Adams	37.19	5.45	35.54	8
8	E. T. Gilbert	37.29	4.50	32.59	7

E. A. D.

RUNNING RESULTS

CLUB 5 MILES ROAD HANDICAP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1946, WIMBLEDON

Position	Name	Hcp. Time	Start	Act. Time
1	E. A. Short	14.28	2.10	16.38
2	R. R. Minahan	14.32	2.30	17. 2
3	J. W. Chamberlain	14.40	2.30	17.10
4	H. W. Shields	14.47	2. 5	16.52
5	R. E. Stride, Jr.	14.51	1.50	16.41
6	T. G. Clinton	14.52	1. 0	15.52
7	E. H. Herbert	14.53	2. 0	16.53
8	L. M. Marchant	15. 0	1.15	16.15
9	J. C. Smart	15. 1	0.15	15.16
10	S. Jarlett	15. 4	1.45	16.49
11	H. E. Footer	15. 5	1.30	16.35
12	C. N. Collis	15. 8	3. 0	18. 8
13	N. P. Walker	15.12	2.10	17.22
14	L. W. Herbert	15.17	Scr.	15.17
15	L. C. Bishop	15.19	2.20	17.39
16	W. E. Lucas	15.20	0.30	15.50
17	F. J. Abberton	15.21	1.35	16.56
18	A. E. Taylor	15.24	2.35	17.59
19	G. S. Doubleday	15.28	2. 0	17.28
20	T. F. Morrell	15.29	1.50	16.59
21	G. Still	15.30	6. 0	21.30
22	R. W. Howell	15.31	0.45	16.16
23	E. M. Bishop	15.36	2.10	17.46
24	J. E. M. Shields	15.37	2.20	17.57
25	K. G. Stimpson	15.37	2. 5	17.42
26	G. R. Chantler	15.43	2.35	18.20
27	S. R. J. Eales	15.48	1.25	17.15
28	A. F. Mitchell	15.48	1.25	17.15
29	W. Nankeville	15.49	1.15	17. 4
30	A. H. Bishop	16. 0	2. 0	18. 0

Also finished—31 E. Mackenzie, 16.10; 32 C. Mains, 16.10; 33 F. G. White, 16.10; 34 A. Smith, 16.11; 35 V. Ley, 16.13; 36 A. Patience, 16.15; 37 L. E. Daniels, 16.16; 38 C. Abberton, 16.20; 39 R. J. Patience, 16.21; 40 W. C. Jones, 16.25; 41 L. Woodhead, 16.27; 42 H. G. Verney, 16.32; 43 F. A. Walker, 16.35; 44 R. P. Woodhead, 16.38; 45 A. S. Lindsay, 16.45; 46 C. T. Pateman, 17.15; 47 M. A. Parker, 17.19; 48 T. H. Scrimshaw, 17.30; 49 K. Aspinall, 17.31; 50 J. McDonald, 17.37; 51 K. B. O'Kell, 17.53; 52 D. Jacobs, 18.6; 53 A. T. A. Jordan, 18.32; 54 L. Dally, 19.40; 55 T. J. Flower (retired).

5 MILES C.C. HANDICAP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1946, WIMBLEDON

Held at Wimbledon on October 26th, and once again a very large field was seen out. We had a match with Surrey A.C. in conjunction with this race, and were pleased to welcome many old friends. Dick Towndrow, making one of his rare appearances in our colours, was a good winner of the scratch race, followed by Vic Blowfield, who in his first attempt at cross-country racing, certainly surprised many by his forward running.

Stan Belton, of Surrey A.C., came along with Len Herbert, and they appeared to be taking things fairly steady, as is wise so early in the season.

The Club Handicap was won by Vic Blowfield, who made good use of the Handicapper's generosity. Len Bishop, one of our promising junior

members, came second, with Les Stokell, another newcomer to our ranks, taking third award.

We were pleased to see Bert Footer and Arthur Penny, the famous Belgrave "twins," making a return to active racing again, and look forward to their help throughout the season.

Scoring six aside in the match with Surrey A.C., we won the team contest by scoring 29 points to Surrey's 49.

Result of 5 Miles Handicap

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	R. F. Towndrow	29.29	1.15	28.14	10
2	V. S. Blowfield	29.32	2.45	26.47	1
3	S. C. Belton (S.A.C.)	30. 0	—	—	—
4	L. W. Herbert	30. 0	Scr.	30. 0	54*
5	T. G. Clinton	30. 7	1.50	28.37	14
6	C. S. Bailey (S.A.C.)	30. 9	—	—	—
7	C. G. Scott (S.A.C.)	30.20	—	—	—
8	W. E. Lucas	30.25	1.45	28.40	16
9	S. R. J. Eales	30.34	2.50	28. 4	5
10	P. W. Green (S.A.C.)	30.39	—	—	—
11	C. T. Carter	30.57	0.15	30.42	37
12	R. W. Howell	31. 2	1.50	29.32	27
13	L. M. Marchant	31. 6	2.15	28.51	19
14	D. R. Burfitt	31. 6	1. 0	30. 6	36
15	H. E. Footer	31.12	2.15	28.57	21
16	A. F. Mitchell	31.14	2.15	28.59	22
17	L. C. Bishop	31.25	4.15	27.10	2
18	H. W. Shields	31.44	3. 0	28.44	17
19	T. F. Morrell	31.50	2.20	29.50	26
20	L. Dally	31.55	3.45	28.10	8
21	S. A. Jarlett	31.58	2.50	29. 8	25
22	C. L. Stokell	31.58	4.45	27.15	5
23	J. W. Chamberlain	32. 5	4. 0	28. 5	6*
24	F. J. Abberton	32. 8	2.15	29.55	31
25	E. H. Herbert	32.15	2.30	29.45	50
26	A. W. Penny	32.15	2.15	30. 0	54*
27	C. Abberton	32.16	4.15	28. 1	4
28	G. S. Doubleday	32.19	4. 0	28.19	11
29	K. G. Stimpson	32.41	4.30	28.11	9
30	A. E. Taylor	32.50	4.45	28. 5	6*
32	C. Mains	33.11	4. 0	29.11	24
33	E. M. Bishop	33.15	4.30	28.45	18
34	G. R. Chantler	33.24	4.45	28.39	15
35	A. Smith	33.27	5. 0	28.27	12
36	A. E. Frost	33.34	2.25	31. 9	40
37	W. Spencer	33.43	5.15	28.28	15
38	V. Barrow	33.50	4.15	29.35	28*
39	L. A. Adams	33.54	5. 0	28.54	20
41	F. A. Walker	34. 7	5.15	30.52	39
42	A. H. Orton	34.18	5.30	30.48	38
43	F. R. Webb	34.20	4.45	29.35	28*
45	A. T. A. Jordan	35. 8	5.45	29.23	25
46	V. Ley	35.24	5.30	29.54	52
47	A. D. Pyer	36.28	6.30	29.58	33
50	J. W. Cook	39.24	7. 0	32.24	41
51	A. H. Machell	40.50	7.30	35.20	42
52	D. M. Shepherd	40.50	5. 0	35.50	43

* Dead heat

MATCH v. METROPOLITAN POLICE

We visited the Metropolitan Police quarters at Hayes (Kent), on November 16th for a match, and found Aylesford Paper Mills were also included. Aylesford had the first two men home, followed by Frank Abberton and Len Marchant.

Scoring ten aside, the match points were—Belgrave Harriers 118, Aylesford Paper Mills 119, Metropolitan Police 210.

Actual placings of our runners were as follows—F. J. Abberton 5, L. Marchant 4, G. M. Pearson 5, C. T. Carter 9, H. E. Footer 10, A. W. Penny 11, H. W. Shields 15, T. F. Morrell 19, A. E. Taylor 20, S. R. J. Eales 22.

5 MILES NOVICES' RACE

Held at Wimbledon on November 2nd, there were only six starters in the road run for novices, which was won by an unattached competitor in R. Garwood, who is a friend of Gordon Doubleday. L. Bush, another unattached runner, was second, with E. T. Gilbert third. All these three runners have now joined us and we wish them every success in our ranks.

1	R. Garwood (Unattached)	17 mins. 55 secs.
2	L. Bush (Unattached)	17 mins. 56 secs.
3	E. T. Gilbert (Unattached)	18 mins. 5 secs.
4	A. J. Beaumont (Bels.)	19 mins. 35 secs.
5	J. W. Cook (Bels.)	19 mins. 45 secs.
6	C. Mason (Unattached)	20 mins. 15 secs.

MATCH v. FINCHLEY HARRIERS

On November 23rd we visited Ruislip for a match with the Finchley Harriers. The course was in a very bad state, being almost water-logged throughout, and for some of our members it was a most gruelling race.

Finchley had the first two men home and then came Derrick Burfitt, who made light of the conditions, although losing a shoe, and having to catch up on his field again.

Scoring 15 aside, we won the match with 224½ points to Finchley's 240½, but all the runners are to be complimented on finishing such a sticky course.

Placings of our runners were—D. R. Burfitt 5, T. G. Clinton 4, L. W. Herbert equal 5, W. E. Lucas 7, V. S. Blowfield 8, R. W. Tobin 10, A. F. Mitchell 14, R. R. Minahan 15, E. H. Herbert 18, S. Jarlett 19, C. L. Stokell 20, N. P. Walker 25, F. G. White 25, A. H. Bishop 26, C. Mains 27, G. R. Chantler 30. Also finished—A. Smith, A. E. Taylor, V. Barrow, A. T. Jordan, A. E. Frost.

SOUTH OF THAMES "JUNIOR" RACE

Held at Non-Such Park, Cheam, on November 9th, a field of 209 runners, representing 29 teams, fought out a closely-contested race over a two-lap course.

As winners of the race last season, we thus had to find a new scoring team, and our hopes received a set-back when Vic Blowfield failed to arrive in time.

However, at the half-way stage in the race, Bill Lucas and Len Marchant

were in the leading bunch of four runners, which was a good start-off to our team's chances.

When they came in sight of the finish Bill Lucas was clear away in front and in second position came Len Marchant, a fine performance by both runners.

Herne Hill had three runners finish in a bunch and the team result was in doubt until the discs had been checked over. It was then found that we totalled 41 points to Herne Hill's 48, and we had thus repeated our victory of last year in this event.

Finishing positions and times of our runners were:—

1 W. E. Lucas, 26.55; 2 L. M. Marchant, 27.5; 15 S. A. Jarlett, 27.55; 23 L. C. Bishop, 28.16; 27 R. R. Minahan, 28.26; 33 R. E. Stride, 28.45; 39 J. W. Chamberlain, 28.54; 47 C. L. Stokell, 29.14; 55 K. G. Stimpson, 29.22; 58 E. M. Bishop, 29.31; 61 G. R. Chantler, 29.34; 68 N. P. Walker, 29.40; 73 A. Smith, 29.48; 83 C. Abberton, 30.5; 87 L. A. Adams, 30.12; 97 G. S. Doubleday, 30.52; 112 F. G. White, 30.55; 122 V. Barrow, 31.5; 154 A. H. Orton, 31.50.

Team result—1 Belgrave "A" 41; 2 Herne Hill H. 48; 3 Aylesford Paper Mills 66; 4 Brighton & County 100; 5 Westbury H. 106; 6 Portsmouth "A" 154; 12 Belgrave "B" 211; 20 Belgrave "C" 540; (29 teams closed in).

MATCH v. THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS

Held at Cranford on December 7th, and a good crowd of our members were present. Other clubs competing in a four-cornered match were Surrey A.C. and Metropolitan Police A.C.

Once again the course was very muddy but Stan Belton of Surrey, revelled in the conditions to come home a good winner. Vic Blowfield ran excellently to finish second, and continues to show great promise in his first season over the country.

Scoring six aside in the four-club match, resulted thus—Thames Valley H. 45 points, Belgrave H. 59, Surrey A.C. 114, Metropolitan Police 256.

There was also a 16 aside match between Thames Valley and ourselves, and the home club won with 526 points to our 529.

Placings of our runners were:—

V. S. Blowfield 2, G. M. Pearson 7, T. G. Clinton 10, R. W. Tobin 11, H. W. Shields 14, H. E. Footer 15, S. R. J. Eales 17, E. H. Herbert 18, A. W. Penny 20, C. T. Carter 24, L. M. Marchant 26, A. E. Frost 29, A. E. Taylor 30, C. L. Stokell 31, K. G. Stimpson 35, G. R. Chantler 40, V. Barrow 42, A. Smith 45, C. Mains 46, T. F. Morrell 49, C. Abberton 50, A. J. Beaumont 58.

CLUB SEVEN MILES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1946, WIMBLEDON

The day was mild, but the fog which had hung over London for two previous days was still covering the common. The President started a field of 50 runners, a total nearly up to pre-war standards. Dick Tobin lead the field out at a fair pace, then bunched together were Carter, Bill Lucas, Clinton, Abberton, Eales, Blowfield, Penny, with Footer and Morrell a little behind, and Len Herbert at the rear. The race was next seen at the Windmill on the first lap. Here the field was beginning to shake itself out, Tom Carter was leading a group consisting of Clinton, Abberton, Penny, Blowfield and Herbert, but it was still anybody's race. This order was kept at the turn on to the second lap, albeit Footer was coming up to the leaders and was obviously running his usual "snaky" race. By now the Common was turning

dark and very foggy, and it was obvious the race would finish in darkness. Over the last two miles or so Herbert went away in fine style to win from Vic Blowfield with Frank Abberton a strong third. These three were followed closely by Tom Carter and Bert Footer, Bert managing to beat Tom in a sprint down the finishing straight. Congratulations must go to Len Herbert on his first C.C. Club Championship and to Vic Blowfield and Frank Abberton on their improved running. Also to Bert Footer and Arthur Penny on their "comebacks."

Result of 7 Miles C.C. Championship

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	L. W. Herbert	39.55	0.15	39.40	20
2	V. S. Blowfield	40.11	1.15	38.56	10
3	†F. J. Abberton	40.21	2.45	37.56	5
4	H. E. Footer	40.22	3. 0	37.22	2
5	C. T. Carter	40.22	Scr.	40.22	25
6	T. G. Clinton	40.33	1.45	38.48	9
7	W. E. Lucas	40.40	1.30	39.10	14*
8	A. W. Penny	40.52	2.45	38. 7	7
9	C. L. Stokell	41.57	5. 0	36.57	1
10	H. W. Shields	41.59	4. 0	37.59	6
11	R. W. Tobin	42. 1	2.15	39.46	21
12	T. F. Morrell	42.25	3.20	39. 5	13
13	A. F. Mitchell	42.35	3.15	39.20	17*
14	G. F. Lucas	42.46	2. 0	40.46	27
15	S. A. Jarlett	42.55	3.45	39.10	14*
16	A. E. Taylor	43. 1	5.15	37.46	5
17	K. G. Stimpson	43.12	5.30	37.42	4
18	S. R. J. Eales	43.45	5.30	40.15	24
19	E. H. Herbert	44.26	4.15	40.11	23
20	V. Barrow	44.39	6.30	38. 9	8
26	C. Mains	45.35	6.15	39.20	17*
21	G. S. Doubleday	44.42	5.45	38.57	11
22	A. E. Frost	44.51	5.30	41.21	28
23	C. Abberton	44.55	5.45	39.10	14*
24	A. Smith	45. 0	6. 0	39. 0	12
25	A. H. Bishop	45. 8	5.30	39.58	19
27	L. Bush	46.24	6.15	40. 9	22
28	F. G. White	46.24	6. 0	40.24	26

† Not eligible for championship.

* Dead heat.

CLUB BOXING DAY MEETING

Our annual track meeting was held on Boxing Day morning at Tooting Common track, and a large crowd was present to witness some good racing.

In the 100 Yards Sprint Handicap there were six heats, although owing to absentees, some were sparsely filled.

Heat winners were—D. Cook (8 yds.), A. C. Allen (8½ yds.), A. D. Sexton (5 yds.), R. C. Negus (5 yds.), J. Heathfield (7½ yds.) and E. M. Bishop (8½ yds.).

The final was a closely-contested race between three of our junior members, and Alan Sexton just beat Dick Negus, with D. Cook third.

In the 2 Miles Run, Derrick Burfitt, the A.A.A. junior mile champion, was on the virtual scratch mark of 20 yards. He ran an excellent race to work his way through the field, and although Vic Blowfield hung closely on his heels, Derrick finished a good second to Len Marchant, the winner, with a yard or two to spare from Vic Blowfield, who was third.

100 Yards Handicap—1 A. D. Sexton (5), 2 R. C. Negus (5), 3 D. Cook (8). Time 10.4 secs.

2 Miles Run—1 L. M. Marchant (90), 2 D. R. Burfitt (20), 3 V. S. Blowfield (70). Time 9 mins. 55.8 secs.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

SURREY. The Surrey County Senior Cross-Country Championship was held over 7 miles of heavy country at Earlswood, on January 4th. Stan Belton, of Surrey A.C., soon went into the lead, and although Len Herbert, making his usual slow start, gradually overhauled his field, he could not catch Belton, who won in good style. Frank Abberton displayed fine form in gaining third place, and as he has now joined us first-claim, he should prove an asset to our teams. Bill Lucas ran in his usual excellent style to finish 4th, and Les Stokell, in his first season over the country, put up a fine performance to gain sixth place, and so gain his County colours. Tom Carter, although below his usual form, nevertheless ran a plucky race to gain twelfth position and split a couple of Herne Hill runners up the finishing straight to do so. Bert Mitchell was the sixth scoring member of our team in nineteenth place, and our thanks go to Jimmy Wood, our second-claim member, for helping Bert along. Other members of our team finished—21 Eric Herbert, 23 Tom Morrell, 25 Stan Eales, 32 Syd Jarlett, 39 Con Abberton, 42 Gordon Doubleday.

The team championship resulted—1 Belgrave Harriers 45 points; 2 Herne Hill H. 74 points; 3 Surrey A.C. 101 points.

MIDDLESEX. Our members in this race were representing Cadogan A.C., the holders of the title, but they sadly missed Dave Main, Dan Patience and Charlie Smart, and had to take third place in the team championship. Our members' positions and times were—8 G. M. Pearson, 53.5; 11 R. W. Tobin, 53.45; 23 K. G. Stimpson, 55.16; 32 H. W. Shields, 56.12; 37 A. E. Taylor, 57.4; 41 T. G. Clinton, 57.36; 46 A. Smith, 58.17; 59 C. Mains, 59.56.

Derrick Burfitt retained his hold on the Junior title, which he won in 34 mins. 18 secs., and this makes his fourth successive win, which must be a record which will last for all time.

KENT. George Lucas ran as an individual in his County Championship, and did well to finish in sixth place, thus gaining his County Colours.

HERTS. A. E. Frost, our Civil Service member, ran in this race and finished fourth, and is now displaying a return to his pre-war form.

INTER-COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

This race was held at Nottingham on January 18th, and there were quite a number of Belgrave members representing their Counties. Tom Carter had made the journey as captain of the Surrey team, which also included Frank Abberton, Len Herbert, Bill Lucas and Les Stokell. Running for Middlesex were Vic Blowfield, who had dropped out of the County race owing to shoe trouble, and Geoff Pearson, while George Lucas was in Kent colours, and A. E. Frost was running for Hertfordshire. Our congratulations go to all these runners for the honour conferred upon them in representing their County, and Vic Blowfield is to be complimented on his fine showing in such company. To finish sixth only six seconds behind the winner was a fine performance and further honours should certainly come his way. George Lucas also did well in finishing thirteenth and helping his County to win the team championship. Frank Abberton was sixteenth, Len Herbert thirty-sixth, Bill Lucas forty-third, Les Stokell forty-fifth, Geoff Pearson sixtieth, and A. E. Frost ninety-fifth.

CLUB TEN MILES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1947

A very cold day greeted the small field for this race. Owing to sickness there were many notable absentees including both the Herbert's, both the Lucas's and Frank Abberton. The field was led out by Tom Carter but was well together when at 2 miles Carter went into the lead. Tom's lead, however, was doomed as his injured leg gave way immediately and he had to retire from the race. At the halfway stage Arthur Penny and Vic Blowfield were running together with the rest of the field strung out in this order—Pearson, Frost, Eales, Tobin, Stokell. Here Tommy Morrell, looking beat, retired, and Tom Clinton, well off form, was seen running well to the rear.

Over the last three miles Blowfield moved away from Penny to win well and strongly. Thus at his first attempt Vic won the Macher Shield. His running this season being consistently good and improving, he certainly deserved the honour. Arthur Penny also showed some of his old form in giving Vic such a stiff race, his comeback is a magnificent one. Albert Frost and Stan Eales showed welcome returns to form and took the first and second handicap prizes.

Position	Name	Act.		Hcp.	Postn.
		Time	Start	Time	in Hcp.
1	V. S. Blowfield	59.58	1.15	58.45	8
2	A. W. Penny	60.45	3.15	57.30	5
3	G. M. Pearson	60.57	2. 0	58.57	11
4	C. L. Stokell	61. 5	3. 0	58. 5	6
5	A. E. Frost	61. 8	4.45	56.25	1
6	S. R. J. Eales	62. 2	5.15	56.47	2
7	R. W. Tobin	62.19	2.40	59.39	14
8	H. W. Shields	63.12	5.30	57.42	4
9	A. F. Mitchell	63.29	4.30	58.59	12
10	H. E. Footer	64.22	1.45	62.57	16
11	S. A. Jarlett	64.40	5.45	58.55	10
12	G. S. Doubleday	64.55	7. 0	57.55	5
13	A. E. Taylor	65.39	7.30	58. 9	7
14	A. H. Bishop	66.15	7.30	58.45	9
15	A. Smith	67.11	7.45	59.26	13
16	T. G. Clinton	67.45	2.15	65.50	18
17	C. Abberton	67.58	6.45	61.15	15
18	G. M. Murray	72. 3	8.50	65.55	17
19	B. Oliver	74.45	5.30	70.15	19

WALKING RESULTS

5 MILES HANDICAP, OCTOBER 5th, 1946

The winter road season opened with our usual 5 miles handicap and the field of 28 gave a promising start to a full programme. Harry Churcher, showing considerable improvement since last winter, soon went into the lead and completed the course in the fast time of 34.58. It soon became apparent that A. East would be well placed in the handicap. Walking in splendid style he finished fifth in the scratch race, winning the handicap by nearly two minutes. First three placings in the handicap were as follows:—

1	A. East	38.29	5.25	32.54
2	W. Brunning	44.56	10.20	44.36
3	A. Robins	41.55	7.15	44.40

HIGHGATE HARRIERS' OPEN 7 MILES

OCTOBER 26th, 1946

The first open event of the winter gave an indication of the possible opposition we were likely to encounter during the first real post war season. Our entry of four teams (29 individuals) was second only to that of the promoting club. Harry Churcher, going over the course for the first time, found it necessary to keep with Jack Rutland the greater part of the way. After a slow start up a very trying hill, these two soon got to the front of the field and thereafter maintained their lead throughout until the last few yards, when Harry just managed to finish 1 second in front of Jack. Backed up by McMullen (4th) and Joe Coleman (9th), we scored a fairly easy win with 16 points, the promoting club being 2nd with 24 points. A. East, who had been showing such good form, offended the judges about half-a-mile from home and was ruled out. Of 20 teams our "B" team was 8th and "C" team 9th.

Belgrave placings:—

1	H. Churcher	54.47
2	J. Rutland	54.48
4	D. McMullen	55.45
9	J. Coleman	56.58
16	A. Readman	58.25
23	C. Churcher	59. 5
24	C. Sutton	59.10
37	H. Clayton	60.46
49	H. Rouse ..	61.54
53	J. Wilson	62. 6
55	S. King	62.14
56	J. H. Scamell	62.30
57	J. G. Scamell	62.30
60	R. Frazer	62.41
61	S. Roberts	62.47
66	W. True	63. 5
71	S. Spencer	63.22
86	J. Robins	64.29
113	P. Wilson	66.54
121	B. Knifton	67.17
126	C. Speechley	67.39
131	G. Becke	68.15
138	R. Taylor	69.17
140	W. Brunning	69.25
141	W. Snell	69.25
146	B. Clarke	69.53

ENFIELD OPEN 7 MILES

NOVEMBER 9th, 1946

Considering this was the day of our Re-union Dinner and Dance the entry of 26 was exceptionally good. Once again our leading pair, Harry Churcher and Jack Rutland, soon made it clear that they intended showing the rest of the field a pair of clean heels, and although Harry maintained the lead for the best part of the way, Jack succeeded in catching him and they finished together in the fastest time recorded for a number of years. Once again they were supported by young Mac and Joe Coleman, this time taking scratch team honours with 21 points. Our "A" and "B" teams finished 4th and 5th respectively in the handicap, and showed that they were soon to take some handicap awards. A. East continuing his good form finished 42nd and won the individual handicap.

Belgrave placings:—

1	H. Churcher	54.34	Dead-heat
2	J. Rutland	54.34	
6	D. McMullen	55.50	
12	J. Coleman	56.49	
17	A. Readman	57.33	
20	H. Clayton	58.10	
21	C. Sutton	58.22	
42	A. East	60.40	
40	J. H. Scamell	60.40	
45	C. Redgrave	60.42	
51	J. G. Scamell	61.21	
55	J. Wilson	61.57	
56	W. True	62.12	
59	S. King	62.15	
61	S. Roberts	62.22	
78	S. Spencer	63.27	
83	A. Stirling-Wakeley	63.53	
91	A. Robins	64.30	
95	D. Heath	65. 4	
111	C. Speechley	66.26	
121	P. Wilson	68. 5	
134	W. Snell	69.39	
141	R. Elson	71.51	

MATCH v. HIGHGATE HARRIERS
NOVEMBER 11th, 1946, AT WIMBLEDON

Unfortunately for our first match neither club were able to turn out in full strength and our opponents arrived with only nine walkers. What at first seemed might be a good match soon developed into a procession of our walkers, four of our team finishing before the first Highgate man. Scoring nine a side we had a comfortable win by 57 points to 116.

Belgrave placings:—

1	J. Rutland	55.58
2	J. Coleman	57.26
3	C. Sutton	57.48
4	L. Fletcher	58.25
7	A. East	60.40
8	H. Rouse	61.00
10	C. Redgrave	61.35
12	S. King	62. 8
13	J. Wilson	63. 1
15	G. Doubleday	63.15
17	C. Speechley	63.56
18	B. Knifton	65. 6
19	D. Heath	65.37
22	R. Taylor	68.31
23	G. Becke	69.14
24	W. Brunning	69.36
25	R. Elson	69.57
26	A. Harley	70.49

BELGRAVE OPEN WALK
NOVEMBER 30th, 1946

Our own open did not attract quite as large an entry as had been anticipated, but of the 176 entries 158 started on a signal from the Club

President. Harry Churcher contented himself with accompanying C. Morris of the Surrey A.C. for the first lap, after which he began to make a lead. Jack Rutland, on returning to the common, then went up into second place, and with McMullen, Joe Coleman, Len Fletcher and Bob Readman not far behind it soon became apparent that, barring a number of accidents, we should add one more to our list of successes. Harry continued to walk in excellent style until about half-a-mile from home when, to the surprise of everyone, he was ruled out, leaving Jack Rutland in the lead. This unfortunate occurrence gave Len Fletcher, competing in his first open for a considerable time, an opportunity of sharing in the team honours. Despite Harry's misfortune we won easily from Woodford Green by 21 points to 55 points, with Leicester Walking Club third with 57 points. From the result of the Enfield Open it was evident that competition between the "A" and "B" teams for handicap awards would be very keen. This proved even closer than was anticipated and resulted in the "A" team taking first place with the "B" team 1 second behind. Colin Sutton, starting from a longer mark than Len Fletcher found his way into the winning handicap team at Len's expense. Joe Scamell took the Veterans' prize, and Bob Readman the special prize for the first club member not gaining any other award.

The account would be incomplete without recording our most sincere thanks to the following for their donations to the prize fund:—Messrs. H. Evans, J. Bellchamber, A. A. Harley, A. Harley (Senr.), A. Beales, P. Wright, C. Sutton, F. Elson, C. Churcher, H. Churcher, J. Crump and F. Thompson.

Also to Mrs. Churcher for presenting a special prize. Lastly we are indebted to the R.W.A. Officials and Hon. Handicappers, to the many club members who assisted as stewards and pointsmen, and to those clubs and individuals who supported the event and helped to make it the success which it has always been.

Belgrave placings:—

1	J. Rutland	54.40
4	J. Coleman	56.22
5	D. McMullen	56.41
11	L. Fletcher	57.50
13	C. Sutton	58. 4
15	A. Readman	58.29
23	C. Churcher	59.59
26	A. East	59.57
27	H. Clayton	60.14
40	S. King	61.33
43	H. Rouse	61.50
44	G. Doubleday	61.51
47	W. True	62. 8
48	J. G. Scamell	62. 9
49	J. H. Scamell	62.10
50	J. Wilson	62.22
58	R. Frazer	63.18
60	A. Robins	63.29
67	S. Spencer	63.53
68	D. Heath	64. 4
76	B. Knifton	65. 2
86	R. Taylor	65.50
90	C. Speechley	66.18
105	G. Becke	67.31
112	R. Elson	68.22
114	W. Brunning	68.56
118	A. Harley	69.45

MATCH v. M.P.A.A.
DECEMBER 7th, 1946, AT HENDON

This so-called 7 miles' race actually proved to be about 8½ miles, and the day being foggy most of the walkers finished in the dark. Only nine of our walkers turned up and with our Police friends adopting their famous pre-war tactics of packing in the centre we suffered our first defeat of the season.

1	H. Churcher	65.40
2	J. Coleman	66.15
3	A. Readman	68.15 P & B
5	C. Churcher	70.40
6	A. East	70.55
10	H. Rouse	72.20 P & B
11	J. Wilson	72.30
12	S. King	73.00
13	S. Spencer	74.15 P & B
18	B. Clark	78.30 P & B
21	R. Taylor	81.34
23	G. Becke	82.32
24	W. Brunning	82.38
Police 87 points		Belgrave 91 points

HORWOOD CUP
DECEMBER 14th, 1946, AT WIMBLEDON

Fifteen Juniors lined up for the start of this race, sickness keeping a few members away. Young McMullen, walking comfortably throughout, finished nearly a minute in front of Bert East, with Joe Wilson third. The handicap was won by Don Heath with Sid Spencer second and Joe Wilson third.

1	D. McMullen	58.58
2	A. East	59.47
3	J. Wilson	61. 2
4	S. Spencer	63.23
5	D. Heath	63.30
6	A. Stirling-Wakeley	64.15
7	A. Robins	64.25
8	C. Speechley	64.25
9	R. Taylor	68.12
10	W. Snell	69. 2
11	T. Herring	69.20
12	G. Becke	70.50
13	S. McMullen	75.00

MATCH v. S.A.C. AND LONDON VIDARIANS
DECEMBER 21st, 1946, AT MITCHAM

The wintry weather was responsible for the small turn-out on this occasion, but despite the icy roads, 13 walkers set out on a six and a half miles course. First three places were filled by our lads, and as the scoring was only four a side, we won easily with 12 points.

1	J. Coleman	53.21
2	D. McMullen	53.39
3	C. Churcher	57.15
6	S. King	58.34
8	B. Knifton	61.12

THREE MILES CLUB HANDICAP
DECEMBER 26th, AT TOOTING BEC

A bright Boxing Day morning induced 12 of our walkers to turn out for our annual Xmas Handicap, and although two laps separated the limit man from the scratch man at the start, the field gradually closed up, ten out of 12 finishing within 200 yards of one another. Young Mac walked in splendid style, taking the lead from Ben Knifton in the last lap.

1	D. McMullen	21.50	1. 0
2	B. Knifton	21.57	4.10
3	J. Coleman	22.18	5. 0
4	R. Taylor	22.24	4.20
5	H. Churcher	22.27	Scr.
6	A. East	22.40	2.20
7	G. Doubleday	22.45	2.50
8	S. King	22.45	5.05
9	J. Scammell	22.48	5.05
10	J. Wilson	25.15	2.50
11	D. Heath	25.15	5.50
12	P. Wilson	25.45	5. 0

MATCH v. HIGHGATE HARRIERS
DECEMBER 28th, 1946, at PARLIAMENT HILL

Our return match with Highgate being on almost the shortest day of the year was reduced to 5½ miles. Despite the close proximity to Christmas, 12 of our walkers turned out to tackle the hilly course, to our opponents 15, both sides had most of their best men out. Although Jack Rutland set a hot pace at the start and gained a lead of about 40 yards, after 2 miles he went slightly off the course. This gave Harry Churcher the chance to catch up with him and after a neck and neck race, Harry eventually took the lead to win by 25 seconds. The match resulted in another win for the club by 118 points to 182.

1	H. Churcher	45.15
2	J. Rutland	45.58
3	J. Coleman	45.44
5	C. Sutton	45.05
7	C. Churcher	46.29
8	A. East	46.59
9	S. King	47.10
11	J. Wilson	47.44
15	R. Frazer	49.22
16	D. Heath	49.56
18	C. Speechley	50.52
23	W. Snell	53.37
25	W. Brunning	54.25

CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS 7 MILES OPEN
JANUARY 4th, 1947, at BEXLEY

Following up our previous open wins we scored yet another at Bexley with the very low score of 11 points, our scoring positions being 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Despite our scratch team's handicap win in our own open in November, their hot pace enabled them once again to get 2nd place in the handicap section.

1	H. Churcher	54.31
2	J. Rutland	54.58
3	D. McMullen	55.04
5	J. Coleman	55.11
	C. Sutton	57.45
	A. Readman	58.04
	C. Churcher	58.52
	H. Clayton	59.29
	S. King	61.08
	S. G. Spencer	62.49
	D. Heath	65.05
	W. Snell	67.21
	G. Atkinson	69.40

MATCH v. M.P.A.A.

JANUARY 11th, 1947, AT WIMBLEDON

For our return match with the Police, although we were without Jack Rutland and Colin Sutton, the police also were not at full strength, the result being that we avenged our defeat earlier in the season.

1	H. Churcher	57.49	
2	J. Coleman	58.28	
4	A. Readman	60.47	P and B
5	A. Fletcher	61.30	
6	A. East	61.57	
7	C. Churcher	62.51	
8	S. King	62.51	
10	S. Spencer	64.31	P and B
11	D. Heath	65.25	
14	C. Speechley	66.20	
15	B. Knifton	66.29	
18	T. Tifield	67.34	
19	R. Taylor	68.34	
20	W. Snell	68.54	
21	P. Wilson	68.45	
22	P. Sapcote	68.50	P and B
23	R. Elson	69.35	
24	G. Bentley	69.45	P and B
25	G. Becke	69.54	
26	W. Brunning	71.51	
27	A. Harley	72.17	

M.P.A.A. 7 MILES OPEN

JANUARY 18th, 1947, AT IMBER COURT

The absence of Mac from our "A" team did not prevent us from continuing our succession of open wins. The very fast course was lengthened by 300 yards so that no comparison can be drawn with previous times, but despite this for the first time since the new handicapping system was introduced, the time standard of 53.30 was broken by Harry Churcher, who completed the course in 53.15, 29 seconds in front of Jack Rutland. Once again the team race was never in doubt, with four of our men in the first 10,

backed up by Bob Readman and Charlie Churcher close behind, our final score being 20 points to Highgate Harriers 33. The novice's prize was won by one of our new members, P. Sapcote.

1	H. Churcher	53.15
2	J. Rutland	53.44
7	J. Coleman	55.01
10	C. Sutton	55.46
18	A. Readman	56.42
19	C. Churcher	56.56
22	H. Clayton	57.21
28	A. East	58.16
34	H. Rouse	59.25
46	S. King	60.58
49	S. Spencer	61.21
51	J. Wilson	61.51
59	W. True	62.19
61	D. Heath	62.29
80	R. Taylor	63.46
84	C. Speechley	63.56
85	B. Knifton	64.11
95	P. Sapcote	65.26
96	R. Elson	65.53
97	W. Snell	65.53
98	P. Wilson	65.49
102	G. Bentley	66.20
115	W. Brunning	67.49

CLUB 10 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP

JANUARY 25th, 1947

MURPHY SHIELD

Twenty walkers, including Alf Pope, 2nd claim, turned out for the Club 10 miles championship and handicap, and a match versus the Police made an added interest. Dick Murphy was there to start the race and also presented the awards at the conclusion. The cold weather and the additional distance, after sevens, seemed to affect many of the walkers, and apart from Harry Churcher times were not very good. Jack Rutland suffered with leg trouble during the later stages of the race and dropped back into 3rd position. Don Heath, walking slightly above his usual form, scored another handicap win, with Capt. Charlie 2nd and Joe Wilson 3rd. The match resulted in a win for the club by 93 points to 160.

1	H. Churcher	82.15	
2	J. Coleman	84.40	
3	J. Rutland	85.59	
4	C. Churcher	86.20	
6	A. Readman	88.20	P and B
7	D. McMullen	89.34	
8	A. Pope	89.47	
10	A. East	91.50	
11	J. Wilson	92.00	
13	D. Heath	93.37	
14	H. Rouse	94.44	P and B
15	S. Spencer	94.51	P and B
16	W. True	97.13	
18	R. Fraser	98. 2	
19	P. Wilson	98. 4	
20	R. Taylor	98. 9	
21	C. Speechley	98.41	