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FRONTISPIECE (Photo by Ron Linstead)--Pat O'Connor ploughs his way through the field during the National Championships at Parliament Hill Fields.

FRONT COVER (Photo by Ed Lacey)--Two of cross-country's "greats", Ron Hill and our own Gerry North, fight for the right to represent England during the National Championships.



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EDITORIAL

The 1968/9 cross-country season has been a disappointing one for Belgravians. After three consecutive years of fourth placings in the National Championships it was not unreasonable to think that we were now ready to spring up into the medals. Instead, the dropping of a few points here and there relegated us to eighth.. Yet we have the men to win. The late 1950's saw a decline in Belgrave fortunes until our "low" of 1961, but the sixties have seen a great recovery and we can only hope that the dividends from that effort are being saved for the seventies. There is still time, of course, to go out of the sixties on a high note and that is by annexing the National Road Relay Championship at Leicester. Our team are running into top form; they will need all the support they can get.

Meanwhile our walkers are tuning up for the four national R.W.A. championships. The first, the R.W.A. 10 miles, has just been held and although we beat last year's champions,

Metropolitan W.C., we had to give way to Leicester W.C. and be content with silver medals yet again. Our walkers have a great record, and it will be difficult to improve upon last year's two firsts and two seconds in the major races, but Pat Duncan and his merry men have plenty of confidence and our colours are certain to fly high in the coming weeks.

While our distance runners and walkers are in the heat of battle our track and field team will be preparing for their toughest ever season. This year sees the start of the National League proper; and it will be no picnic. With promotion and relegation operating in a series of leagues throughout the country, our place in the second division will need consolidating at the very least. More than ever before we shall depend on the 100% support of our track and field men. Every man who is carded by Bob Taylor will be NEEDED; whether he be an international or a has-been the four National League fixtures must rank amongst his priorities for the season. The competition will be of a high standard, failure to support it will be looked upon with a dim view. We can do well—we must do well; our image depends on it.

To our supporters it must be quite clear that we have plenty to occupy us these days. It is equally apparent that such efforts require the full support of our active members. In turn, they are encouraged by those who can only be vocally active. So we call upon all non-active Belgravians to refer to their fixture lists more frequently than hitherto and play their part in our contests by providing our men with that valuable vocal support which has worked such wonders in the past and which could well carry us into the 1970's on a wave of success.

Welcome

ASLAM Mohammed.....(-)	FORDHAM John F.J.....(Surrey)
BEARDALL Stephen L.....(Surrey)	FRANCOMEE Paul D.....(Middx)
BONDIE David N.....(-)	GILLETT Charles.....(-)
BRESLIN Patrick.....(Surrey)	GLENDINING Derek.....(-)
BUTT Raymond L.....(")	JARDINE D.W.....(-)
CAMERON WALLER Stuart.....(")	KOSSL Akoklui F.....(Ghana)
CARMEN N.S.....(-)	LEACH John.....(-)
CROSBIE Stephen P.....(Surrey)	MASON Leslie H.E.....(Surrey)
CROSS Robert B.....(Lincs)	QUAINIERE Ian A.F.....(-)
DAVIES Gerald.....(W.Indies)	RICKNER John H.....(Surrey)
DAVIES Patrick W.H.....(Yorkshire)	ROSS Leslie R.....(Middx)
DUCKETT Nigel.....(Surrey)	TRON David K.....(N.Zealand)
ENGLAND Andrew G.....(")	WOODCOCK John W.....(Middx)

2nd Claim: Graham COOPER (Sussex)

Honorary Members: George SPENCE, Jim TOSH, William BLOICE

HON SEC'S NOTES

Our good wishes go with Alan and Pat MEAD on their emigration to Australia where we hope all will go well with this very popular couple. Pat had endeared herself to us all by her intense interest in the Club and her work at the Southern Counties AAA office for our sport; and Alan's quarter-miling and service as Joint Honorary Editor and as Track Captain leave us very much in his debt.

We wish them both good health and every happiness in their venture.

The issue of Registration of Athletes has been very much before us in recent months, but it would now seem that it has died the death. Powerful opposition from Clubs and constituent bodies at the AGM of the AAA foreshadowed this; and the referendum taken (with questionable authority and in doubtful form) was poorly supported, but yet seemed to confirm utter dislike and unwillingness to accept the official scheme. Thus good came from evil, and the ill-fated referendum served a purpose (if not that intended by its progenitors!), but at no expense which could have been better applied in other directions with greater profit.

Close consideration is to be given in the next few months to a re-shaping of the AAA and BAAAB and the administrative machinery of Athletics generally. This derives from the BYERS' Report (notwithstanding its many faults and omissions) and the interest of the Minister for Sport. We await with considerable interest the drafts of the new constitution and an enumeration of the benefits to be conferred upon us, if any.

Whatever is decided it is improbable that Club life as we know it will change very much—and after all this is the heart of the Sport.

Certain it is that Belgrave will continue to make its very real contribution to Athletics. We, and many clubs like us, year in and year out, do work for the sport which might properly be considered the responsibility of the AAA. We hope these efforts are appreciated at Park Crescent—we know they are by the athletes who support our events.

Below are our reserved dates for Track Meetings during 1969.

Sat	Apl 19th	Battersea Park	
Wed	Apl 30th	do	
Wed	May 21st	do	
<u>Sat</u>	<u>May 31st</u>	<u>Hurlingham Park</u>	<u>Club Championships</u>
Wed	June 11th	Battersea Park	
Wed	June 25th	do	
Wed	July 2nd	do	
(Invitation inter-clubs Walks at 10000, 5000 and 3000 metres.)			
Wed	July 16th	Battersea Park	
Wed	July 30th	do	
Wed	Aug 6th	do	
(An International match v USA will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th, and we have thought it wise to advance our normal August meeting by a week.)			

The above are our allocated dates and there will be many other fixtures in addition. All active members and officials are asked to make immediate note of these dates.

Other dates to be noted are Belgrave 20 miles Open Run—July 5th at Wimbledon; Belgrave Open Youths Relay. Oct 18th at Wimbledon; and our 50th Annual Open Walk at 7 miles, Nov 22nd, at Wimbledon.

We shall soon be losing the services of Eddie RYAN who on retirement, is to take up residence in Malta. We shall greatly miss his help of our Grade I Timekeeper, and thank him most sincerely for all he has done for us over many years. In addition to his timekeeping at our meetings, we are reminded of his generosity in providing three trophies for the South London Schools cross country championships in the Clubs name; and for the interest of Mrs. L. Ryan (at one time a London Olympiad) who provided us some years ago with the Cup bearing her name, for our Boys Competition.

We wish Mr and Mrs Ryan good health and much happiness in their retirement.

Some weeks ago Dame Rumour (always a liar as we well know!) reported that our one-time Cross-country champion ARTHUR CLARK was dead; but later we learned that he is wintering in Malaga in Spain enjoying the sun and golf, and will be returning to his Broadstairs home in March!

As a Sparkhill Harrier, Arthur won the Midlands Everill Cup cross-country championship, and ran in the 1924 Olympic Games.

In 1927 he came South from Birmingham and joined us winning our 10 miles Championship in 1927 and 1928, and infused some vitality into our Track and Country teams until he virtually retired from the sport, except to turn out annually and run the London Breweries championship.

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The National Road-Relay Championship will be held at Leicester on Saturday May 3rd, having been changed from the date printed in our fixture list.

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Our Annual Dinner-Dance will be held at Wimbledon Hill Hotel on Saturday Nov 15th- please note diaries accordingly.

A.A.H.

H. L. (Len) Rollins

It is with great regret that we have to advise the death of Len Rollins who has passed on at the age of 61 years.

Len joined the Club in 1926 and the writer well remembers meeting him for the first time (both being "new boys"), at the Annual General Meeting held at the Pepys Hall, Rochester Row, Westminster, in September 1926. We gravitated towards one another, and on the way home following the meeting, pledged ourselves to meet on the following Saturday at St. Johns Hall, Wimbledon (as it was then) for our first run over the country. This duly took place under the guidance of Harry HARE, Albert MACHER, and Dick SAVAGE; and in a very short time we were well and truly accepted and keen and eager for the next run, and the next, and the next.....

These were the days when the Club had consolidated its early successes; and was beginning to think and work hard for the ever-widening range of major victories that were to come our way in succeeding years.

Len was one of the hardest of these workers. As a runner he had his successes, but had no great pretensions to being a team man in these highly competitive days. However Len was a very popular Social Honorary Secretary at the age of twenty, and the Club Dances he arranged at Wandsworth Town Hall were great successes, as were our other social occasions. Later he served us well in many other jobs, as a Vice-Captain and as an Assistant Honorary Editor and in other capacities, and was always working strenuously in the Clubs interests, and in the spirit which raised the Club to the heights in the 1930's.

He had a great sense of humour which was well-evidenced on our Sunday strolling parties, of which he was an early member. His proficiency in the ballroom where he had won many competitions, was both our envy and a constant source of leg-pulling. We shall remember Len as one of the many at the time who in their early twenties and whilst athletically active, yet found time to work for the Club in many different ways, and had the satisfaction of seeing the Club progress.

In the late 1930's Len's business interests took him out of London increasingly; and when the War came along he entered the Royal Navy and attained the rank of Lieut. Commander, in Far Eastern waters. On return to civilian life he resumed his pre-war position but later took over "The Denmark" in Brompton Road, where we were able to hold the occasional meeting. Len was elected to the Council of the Royal Borough of Kensington, and with trade affairs his time was largely monopolised, but he retained his keen interest in the Club and regretted his inability to be with his old friends more often!

We mourn one who truly served the Club well over many years and we extend our sincere condolences to Len's wife and daughter at this sad time.

A.A.H.

r.i.p.

2nd February - Sunday morning meeting - Battersea

60 yds

Race 1

1. P. Gee	6.8
2. A. Bent	7.0
3. T. Brooks	7.1
4. P. Smith	7.2

Race 2

1. J. Hamilton	7.2
2. R. Hamilton	7.4
3. Rickner	7.8
4. N. Bacon	7.9

Race 3

1. J. Ioannou	7.4
2. B. Quirk	7.6
3. B. Kechane	7.8
4. E. McNally	8.0

Race 4

1. Fordham	7.7
2. A. England	8.0
3. Charlin	8.2
4. R. Hopkins(Jun)	8.6

Race 5

1. S. McFall	8.1
2. S. Crosbie	8.3
3. S. Butt	8.6
4. M. Smith	8.8

SOCIAL

What a night to remember! What a time we had! Who could ever forget it! You mean you missed it? You actually missed Belgrave's Christmas Social. How could you? It's sacrilege; it's unheard of.

But wait until you hear what you missed. 'Three's Company', a new up and coming group, kept the music flowing fast and free, and who was it spinning the discs in the interval? Yes, it was that demon of the track and country, the galloping MAJOR, doing the rounds in equal time at 45 r.p.m.

The hall was strewn with paper chains and fairy lights and when the balloons went up, a lot of chains came down. Everyone there was dancing and yes that was Bill Lucas tripping the light fantastic.

But I wonder where a few more of our older members were. There were a lot of young members and a lot of new faces. So I wonder why more of our older members do not turn up. Yet thanks must go to our stalwart barmen Frank and Tom, for giving us their much appreciated help.

Still, if you missed the last social there is no reason why you should miss the next. It will be on March 15th, from 8.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., and we will be entertained with records from your friend and mine, the irresistible, unrepentable, darling of the turntable, Brian Hamilton (or is it Gorman). He has as wide a selection of records as you could wish for.

On top of that there will be a fantastic mime contest with some good prizes to be won. So you need not be in good voice just get the actions right. Let's have lots of entries, and bring your friends to join in the fun.

Dave McMillan

The Children's Party---January 5th Ted Stimpson writes:-

Once again the children received plenty of goodies, games and presents but there was a lull in the proceedings when arrangements for a film show fell through at the last minute. However with the help of W. Hartfree on the piano we managed to keep the kids fairly well occupied. My thanks go to all the ladies for helping to feed those hungry mouths and many thanks too for the donations which help to make this treat such a success. I would welcome any suggestions members might have for entertainment at future parties.

Finally, don't forget the children's races on Club Championship day.

Boxing Day

2 Miles Handicap

1. R. Moody	(480 yds)	8:52	17. V. Butcher	(420 yds)	9:41
2. C. Pearson	(480 yds)	8:57	18. A. Chandler	(620 yds)	9:42
3. M. Day	(460 yds)	9:04	19. J. Kelly	(400 yds)	9:43
4. R. Langley	(450 yds)	9:08	20. A. Black	(130 yds)	9:44
5. J. Hamilton	(450 yds)	9:11	21. R. Hamilton	(450 yds)	9:46
6. R. Glover	(350 yds)	9:13	22. R. Beaumont	(600 yds)	9:46
7. P. Sutton	(700 yds)	9:15	23. P. Blair-Fish	(250 yds)	9:58
8. A. Major	(100 yds)	9:21	24. E. Penny	(400 yds)	10:00
9. D. Davies	(650 yds)	9:23	25. X. Yianni	(485 yds)	10:09
10. J. Crockford	(460 yds)	9:24	26. J. Wilson	(500 yds)	10:10
11. N. Bacon	(460 yds)	9:25	27. R. Hopkins	(500 yds)	10:13
12. B. Gorman	(300 yds)	9:26	28. E. McNally	(460 yds)	10:14
13. L. Mann	(120 yds)	9:28	29. C. Cross	(500 yds)	10:17
14. J. Davies	(350 yds)	9:33	30. J. Blair-Fish	(350 yds)	10:40
15. C. Walker	(350 yds)	9:34	31. S. Davies	(750 yds)	10:41
16. C. Keavey	(320 yds)	9:39			

120 yds Handicap

Heat 1.

1. J. Mitchell	(Scr)	12.6
2. P. Smith	(9 yds)	12.6
3. N. Bacon	(17 yds)	12.8
4. Hartfree	(18 yds)	14.0

Heat 2

1. P. Gee	(8 yds)	12.4
2. X. Yianni	(16 yds)	12.5
3. M. Bloice	(14 yds)	12.7
4. R. Moriah	(14 yds)	13.9

Final.

1. M. Bloice	(14 yds)	12.1	4. J. Mitchell	(scr)	12.4
2. P. Gee	(8 yds)	12.1	5. X. Yianni	(15 yds)	12.5
3. P. Smith	(9 yds)	12.3	6. N. Bacon	(17 yds)	13.2

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Postbag:

RANGIT BHATIA has recovered from his recent car accident and although his leg 'appears to move awkwardly' has managed a few races on the track and hopes to be fit for the Indian cross-country season in June.

Rangit recently had one of his 'berrie' moments in the Indian mid-day sun and went all lyrical. The combination of heat, alcohol and the inbred madness of an athlete, produced the following answer to Omar Khayyam.

A TOUCH OF THE SUN

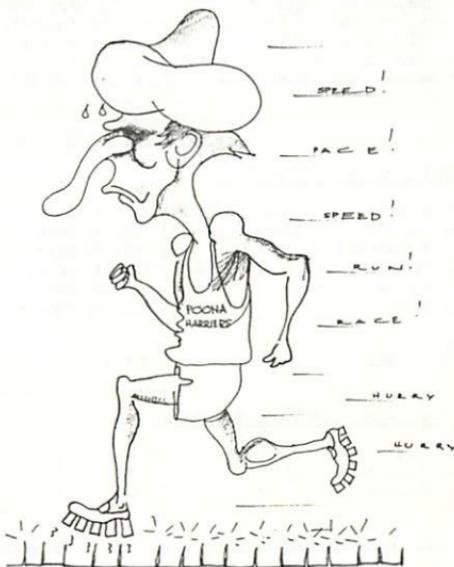
Just run for fun
In the Indian sun
Oh! yes — please mun!

Spikes you want?
Oh! sure you do,
But how would you
Attempt to run
On a track of nails?

With spikes? Oh! no,
But wait, pray wait,
Let me suggest
You gracious Bels
My super test

With wood-soled shoes
And wooden heels
You try and run
Under mid-day sun!

Which makes I'm sure
Our outdoor meet
Equivalent of
Your indoor one.
P'haps inside out!
— Hells Bels!



CHRIS STEER, in Canada, is still surviving the attentions of 'Coach' and, what's more, seems to be running well on it. Chris's club, Toronto Olympic, filled the first 9 places in an open road '10' on December 14th with Chris 7th (in a personal best 49:10) of the 44 finishers. The field looked like an English exiles championship with names such as Bob Moore, Goerke, Mainwright Hamlin, Drewett, Henty and Wise among the first 18. He has been training in temperatures around zero - farenheit that is! Chris writes, 'When it's that cold, sweat tends to freeze on one's face and hair which produces a rather interesting effect, like a pantomime Jack Frost. Chris Henty (Ranelagh/SLH) finishes a run looking like old Father Time'. Training too fast and breathing deeply can result in frost bitten lungs, says Chris, but apart from feeling chilly at one's extremities it's not too uncomfortable.

He travelled down for the A.A.H. Championships in New York but was disappointed with his 56th place in a field of 250. It would have been interesting to see him clash with Mal Robinson but Mal was a non-starter. Chris concludes, 'Hope everyone 'lover there' is fit and well. What with these new names like Diprose, Smith, O'Connor and Mann running like bombs I shall be scared to show my face around the Hall, when I eventually save up the return fare'.

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Putting the Weight Handicap

1. P. Gee	(21'-3") 48'-7½"	6. P. Duncan	(20'-9") 47'-4"
2. E. McNally	(26'-0") 48'-5½"	7. N. Bacon	(27'-0") 46'-8½"
3. J. Hamilton	(27'-0") 48'-3½"	8. J. Kelly	(19'-3") 46'-8"
4. A. Badra	(16'-0") 48'-2½"	9. P. Smith	(24'-6") 46'-5½"
5. W. Wesch	(26'-6") 47'-4½"	10. R. Hopkins	(23'-9") 46'-2"

ROAD RUNNING

With the quiet period for road running behind us, Easter sees the start of a hot season with the Feltham '5' and Maidenhead '10' followed two weeks later by the Finchley and Southern '20'. We do not know a good record in the "Finchley" but with a first class quartet in Mann, O'Connor, Hart and Dabbs we should put matters right this year. These few are also capable of going into the Poly marathon with a real chance of honours, and the much improved John Hall, the unpredictable Doug Brew and our faithful band of stalwart will be there, we hope, to provide the necessary support.

Bill Dance's departure to Huddersfield is a blow because, on his showing in the Surrey '20' last year (1:15:01.8) he would be a valuable member of the team. He might still be of course---it wouldn't be the first time he had travelled down to run for us.

RESULTS OMITTED FROM LAST EDITION

WYCOMBE 5 M ROAD RACE---AUG 11

1. W. Adcocks (Cov)	23:42	34. W. Dance	25:25	124. M. Jones	30:44
2. A. Cox (Luton)	- -	73. D. Brew	27:18	126. J. McDonald	30:48
3. R. Richardson (B'th)	- -	84. W. Laws	27:43	128. P. Sutton	30:56
E. A. Fairclough	24:46	101. A. Bruce	28:47	133. J. Smart	31:19
D. L. O'Hara	24:47	114. G. Biscoe	29:48	135. R. Beaumont	31:27
D. L. Mann	25:16	115. D. Bonsor	29:49	143. R. Langheim	34:05

Teams

1. Portsmouth

2. T.V.H.

3. Bristol

HERCULES -WIMB. 10M ROAD RACE-Oct 12

1. R. Holt (Herc.Wimb)	46:17	9. L. Mann	49:21
2. R. Richardson (B'Hth)	46:33	11. P. O'Connor	49:27
3. B. Collins	47:15	15. B. Buxton	50:10
		49. J. Hall	55:29

Teams

1. Hercules/Wimbledon

2. BELGRAVE HARRIERS

HOGS BACK

Hog's Back Road Race 9 1/2 Miles --Dec 21st

This classic race received excellent support from our lads despite being held on the last Saturday prior to Christmas. In first class conditions our "regulars" Bill Dance, Pat O'Connor and Lionel Mann turned in their usual sound performances. However, it was very encouraging to see both John Bicourt and John Dear running so well in top class company on the road, where their attention has not hitherto been diverted. We hope to see more of them in the future if the attraction of hurdles and water jumps wears a little thin in the summer months.

RESULT

1. A. Rushmer (Tipton)	53:04	170. A. Erien	53:04
2. D. Holt (Hercules/Wimbledon)	55:16	202. G. Pearson	55:16
3. D. Fernes (Polytechnic)	56:13	215. G. Piddington	56:13
26. W. Dance	46:21	220. K. Stimpson	56:32
31. J. Bicourt	46:33	232. W. Matthews	57:38
33. P. O'Connor	46:42	239. P. Pringle	58:13
38. J. Dear	47:10	242. J. Macdonald	58:21
50. L. Mann	47:49	269. D. McClean	62:09
147. B. Gorman	52:09	271. C. Manning	63:02

Teams

1. Polytechnic Harriers

22 pts

34. BELGRAVE "B"

357 pts

7. BELGRAVE "A"

86 pts

52. " "C"

583 pts.

In the West Ham '8' road race, run from Ashton Playing Fields on February 26th, Lionel Mann was 9th in 38:55 three places ahead of Kelly Diprose (39:18).

MITCHAM 15

Mitcham 15¹/₂ miles Road Race---Jan 11th

Another good turn out despite a not too encouraging day "weatherwise". Two excellent steady runs by Trevor Hart and Pat O'Connor both of whom came gradually through the field. Lionel Mann, on the other hand, seemed to filter back through the field on this occasion. Too much racing perhaps Lionel?

The rest of the boys ran very much to form, but George Piddington suffered rather on the last lap, being forced to walk now and again.

It was of interest to note that for the third year in succession we won first prize in the infamous Mitcham A.C. raffle! This time Gordon Doubleday scored another success at Mitcham's expense.

RESULT

1. B. Watson (Cambridge)	1:18:22	83. C. Walker	1:36:41	112. P. Pringle	1:49:27
2. M. Edwards (T.V.H.)	87. J. Hall	1:37:46	114. R. Beaumont	1:51:38
3. S. Badgery (Mitcham)	92. D. Bonsor	1:39:07	118. J. Walker	1:57:05
15. T. Hart	1:22:42	95. G. Pearson	1:39:47	119. G. Piddington	1:58:42
17. P. O'Connor	1:22:50	99. K. Stimpson	1:40:16		
34. L. Mann	1:27:42	105. W. Matthews	1:42:25		

<u>Teams</u>	(3 to score)	1. Cambridge 10,	5. BELGRAVE "A" 47,	20. BELGRAVE "B" 237
	(6 to score)	1. T.V.H. 184,	3. BELGRAVE 340	

December 21st - Newport to Tredegar '22'

RESULT:	1. D. Francis (Westbury Harriers)	1:57:12
	2. B. Popel (Westbury Harriers)	2:00:00
	9. J.T. Hall (Belgrave Harriers)	2:18:29
	12. D. Bonser (Belgrave Harriers)	2:28:02
20 started, 16 finished (Previous record: P. Lonnen, Bristol 2:04:25)		

HILLINGDON '5'

Hillingdon A.C.---February 15th

This popular event saw an excellent turn-out by Belgrave but the other clubs were also out in force and we could only manage 4th place.

The Mann/O'Connor duel got under way again with Lionel's finish getting him home by a couple of yards. Not far behind, in one of his best ever road runs was John Dear a full minute clear of Kelly Diprose and Bill Kerr---both only recently back in training again. Charles Walker was also showing a new lease of life dogging the footsteps of "the boy" Bill Kerr!

RESULT

1. T. Bivens (Ealing/Southall)	24:13	39. W. Kerr	26:40
2. M. Barratt (do do)	24:17	50. C. Walker	27:02
3. A. Joslyn (Polytechnic)	24:22	77. B. Gorman	27:47
6. D. Fernese (Poly/Bels)	24:35	79. J. Hall	27:52
10. L. Mann (Belgrave H)	25:06	97. J. Hilton	28:57
11. P. O'Connor "	25:07	120. G. Hiscoe	30:02
2. J. Dear "	25:41	132. W. Matthews	30:59
37. K. Diprose "	26:36	152. D. Maclean	33:57

Teams

1. Ealing/Southall	36pts	4. BELGRAVE 'A'	68pts
2. Polytechnic H	38pts	15. BELGRAVE 'B'	299pts
3. Mitcham AC	47pts		

NIGEL BACON SAYS-----

"The trouble with Butcher is that he worries too much about style. He ought to be more of the rugged type runner like I am!"

"It is not true that I was entered as N. O'Bacon in the Irish Cross Country Championships!"

"There I was, acting perfectly normal running laps around the Crystal Palace hostel in the dark when this bird called Sheila Sherwood or something called out 'Who are you? and what are you doing down there?' Well, she may not understand midnight training but you'd think she would have heard of Nigel Bacon by now!"

Go as you please?

Seventy years ago Victorian Britain was approaching the end of an all-conquering, mighty 19th Century. She ruled the waves and a large proportion of the World's land; yet little attention had been given to the desires, pursuits and welfare of her own citizens. Despite this, an increasing desire for recreational activity had been making itself felt for fifty years or so and that unique feature of athletic life, the capacity for self-government, was resulting in the formation of clubs, district associations and national bodies in a wide range of sports - all run on a voluntary basis.

In the athletics world the first club to be formed was L.A.C. (1863) and soon after, the now familiar names of Blackheath Harriers, Birchfield Harriers and South London Harriers came into being. So the athletic movement which had commenced with the "classes" and had first drawn its strength from the Universities and public schools had now spread downwards to the "masses". It was universally popular with the public and Lillie Bridge soon had capacity crowds to watch handicap meetings. A dispute between North and South over the "Gentleman Amateur" definition was resolved at the inaugural meeting of the A.A.A. in 1880, where the present definition was formulated. The forty affiliated clubs of that year had grown to no less than 154, representing 20,000 athletes, by the time Belgrave Harriers were born in 1887.



May 1899 and the start of the London to Brighton "Go as you please" race.
Winner was F. D. Randall (3).

Handicap running boomed during this period and it was not uncommon for a club treasurer to net eighty half crown entry fees for an open handicap sprint. By amateur standards the leading clubs flourished and waxed rich - but as they did, so the boom waned and entries and attendances dropped to more moderate levels.

"Path" running (track) was all the craze but cross-country running, in the form of paper-chasing, had been established by Thames Rowing Club in 1867 and taken up by Peckham A.A.C. (later Blackheath H.) and S.L.H. Of that inaugural race, **Walter Eye** (Thames H. & H.) wrote in 1887:-

'The competitors were taken up to the starting place on Wimbledon Common - the edge of the Beverley Brook by the bridge in a bus, and had to dress how they could, and the race was run in the dark over about 2½ miles of the roughest and boggiest part of the Common, then very different indeed, as to its surface, from what it has now become after recent drainage. Still, there were a dozen starters out of twenty entries, and the affair being the first cross-country steeplechase (not being at a school) that had ever taken place, attracted much attention in the athletics world, which was then getting fairly sure of its foundation after its five years of actual existence'.

Distance running and walking had also made their marks since the beginning, but most of the performances were on the "path". Despite the monotony of such a venue J.E. Dixon ran 50 mls. in 6:18:26 in 1885 and A.W. Sinden walked a similar distance in 8:25:25 in 1879.

The London Brighton walk record in Belgrave's inaugural year was 9:25:08 (J.A. McIntosh) - a good time in an era of non-tarred roads. It took Belgrave 9 years to produce a distance walker of similar class and in 1896, when Polytechnic Harriers sponsored a London to Brighton walk, W. Poole carried our colours to sixth place in 9:33:00. With W. Curtis having placed third in the A.A.A. '7' of 1889 and W.J. Sturgess (later to join Poly) being coached to world class standard by our club trainer, W. Harland, we had a well established walking section.



They're off!

Of the road runners, little is known. Our first record of long distance achievement is by G. Piper who represented his country in the Olympic Games marathon of 1908. London-Brighton walks and strolls were fairly frequent, but few were capable of tackling the run. The non-walking event was therefore called a "go as you please" and the photographs reproduced show the start of one such race in May 1899.

Such was the picture of athletics in Britain at the end of the 19th Century; much progress had been made since 1863. We are almost in the 70th year of the 20th Century - can we say that progress in the athletics world at large and Belgrave in particular has kept pace with the changes of modern society, or has administration also been a case of "Go as you please"?



Belgrave's second placed team
in the Crawley Road Relay.
Left to Right: John Stowe,
Richard Langley, Pat Breslin
and Bill Curtin.

YOUTHS & BOYS

Reg. Hopkins reports

I have been most disappointed with the turn out at some of our fixtures, I write to all current members, and enter them in most teams, apart from the time wasted waiting for them either at the pick up points or at the meeting place, it cost the Club money in entry fees and postage.

I would ask therefore that if you cannot make a race or fixture please do your best to advise me so we won't wait about for nothing, and if you do not wish to take part in the winter or summer fixtures please let me know then I will not post you invitation cards. It is your duty as good Club members to take part in the Clubs activities whenever possible.

Mick Day's progress over the country has been such to indicate that next year we can look forward to some close tussles between him and Bill Curtin. Mick has the stamp of a good class senior about him and, with the right application, he will one day form part of our senior nucleus. Meanwhile, John Crockford is not exactly standing still and Bill and Mick will not be able to afford to slacken off.

All boys and youths are asked to let me have details of their school results as they occur. It helps me to judge current form and is also of interest to our other members who can read of them through "The Belgravian".

Finally, thanks lads for your kind Christmas present. Without doubt this was the nicest gesture ever made to me. How you ever managed to keep it so secret I shall never know!

EASTER WEEKEND HOLIDAY

This Easter we will be paying a return visit to training camp at Weald near Sevenoaks Kent for four days, Friday morning - Monday evening. We will be doing many of the same things we enjoyed doing last year with some added improvements suggested by the boys. There will be a limited number allowed to go so those interested please let REG HOPKINS know as soon as possible (open to boys and youths). Cost about £2 10s 0d inclusive of fare.

'OVERSEAS' CUP

December 7th - Club 3 miles Youths Championship - Wimbledon

Bill Curtin ran away with the youths cup for the second year running in a time of 15.55 (last year's time 15.37) finishing 200 yards clear of his nearest rival, Richard Langley, who had run outstandingly well to finish second. Third place went to Robert Hamilton who also ran well.

Eddy McNally had by far his best run ever and will in the weeks ahead be a force to be reckoned with. Les Harris also showed us he can turn in a good one.

RESULT:			
1. Bill Curtin	15:55	9. Vic Butcher	18:16
2. Richard Langley	16:35	10. Martin Bloice	18:41
3. Robert Hamilton	16:52	11. Reg Hopkins	18:42
4. Eddy McNally	16:57	12. Barry Quirk	18:51
5. Les Harris	17:37	13. Alaister Wilson	22:34
6. John Blair-Fish	17:48	14. Stew Barlow	22:35
7. John Stow	17:59	15. Bill Keohane	22:36
8. Pat Breslin	18:00	16. George Jessop	23:10

December 22nd - Veterans A.C. Invitation K.C. Race from K.L.G. Shotts

1. M. Day	30:13	5. Trevor Day	31:30
3. J. Crockford	31:03		

A very good 5 miles with going heavy in places. How our Richmond contingent got involved in this race is a mystery but by the form they showed Veterans soon had them identified as Belgravians.

10th December - London Federation Boys Clubs Road Races

2½ miles - under 17

1. Bill Curtin	4. Paddy Breslin
2. Vic Butcher	5. Eddy McNally
3. John Stow	

2 miles - under 15

1. Richard Langley	4. Reg Hopkins
2. Martin Bloice	

This was a first class performance by our Boys, running on this occasion for their Boys Club O.B.C.

December 14th - Crystal PalaceSouthern Counties open meetingBoys 800 metres

1. Richard Langley	2.14
Reg Hopkins	2.27.4
Mark Wright	2.34.4

Youths 800 metres

Stewart Barlow	2.17
John Stow	2.24
Bill Keahane	2.26.7

400 metres youths 1. Steve White 53.0 Youths Long Jump 3. Lee Sullivan 19' 9"

1500 metres youths John Stow 4:41.0 Ed McNally 4:49.0

SURREY COLloyd Park, Croydon - January 4th

Rather disappointing performances from both teams. M. Day and Crockford in the Youths race both ran to form, as did Cliff Calderwood in the Junior, but the remainder never seemed to get going on the muddy course.

<u>Junior:</u>	1. G. Mountcastle (Mitcham)	29.08	24. N. Bacon	35.00
	2. R. Larder (Guildford)	.23	25. A. Brooks	36.15
	3. L. Morrish (Mitcham)	.43	26. R. Mainstone	.38
	13. C. Calderwood (Bels)	31.54	29. S. McMeekin	39.46

Teams 1. Mitcham A.C. 11 pts 4. Belgrave H. 63 pts.

Youths:

1. C. Stebbings (Croydon)	21.22	29. T. Day	24.50
2. W. Yeats (Guildford)	.34	31. J. Hamilton	25.03
3. B. Ford (W.Surrey)	.40	36. V. Butcher	.49
14. M. Day (Belgrave)	23.15	39. J. Blair-Fish	26.01
19. J. Crockford (")	24.06	47. R. Hamilton	27.56

Teams 1. Walton A.C. 21 pts. 4. Belgrave H. 58 pts.

January 11th - Brighton & Hove A.C. Boys XC Relay (4 x 2 miles)

A lapse in team selection was the difference between 3rd and 9th places. Edmund Godfrey, although only 11 secs. slower than Richard Langley, achieved his time in the 'B' team which he brought home 16 secs. ahead of our 'A' quartet. He is unlikely to be overlooked again, that's for sure! Bill Curtin and Richard Langley fought hard to get up to the leaders but anchor-man Eddie McNally slipped to 9th.

RESULT:

1. T.V.H. 'A'	40:01	2. T.V.H. 'B'	42:34	3. Feltham	43:02	9. Belgrave	44:15
A		B				C	
John Stow	11:16	Edmund Godfrey	11:00	Ian Gillings	13:47		
Bill Curtin	10:20	John O'Keefe	13:39	Denis O'Reilly	12:57		
Richard Langley	10:49	Stephen McFall	13:33				
Eddie McNally	11:50	Stephen Corrigan	13:15				

January 18th - Kent A.C. Boys XC Race, West Wickham

The strong T.V.H. team were easy winners but what a fight for second place! Only 4 points separated the next four teams and we were landed with fifth. Seventeen teams ran and our 'B' team were 11th. P. Carton had an excellent debut.

RESULT:

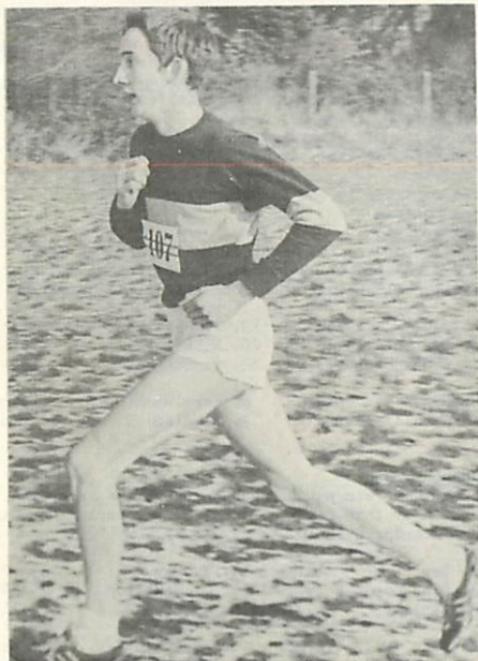
1. Smith (Thurrock)	12:37	24. P. Carton	14:18	1. T.V.H.	27 pts
2. Davis (T.V.H.)	:38	25. J. Stow	:19	2. Shaftesbury	44 pts
3. Miller (Feltham)	:46	38. P. Breslin	15:00	3. Brighton	46 pts
4. W. Curtin	:52	40. E. McNally	:12	4. Horsham	46 pts
20. R. Langley	14:05	66. I. McNally	17:34	5. Belgrave	48 pts

MICKY PYER organised a track and field competition for colts at Battersea Park track on Sunday, January 12th.

A combined handicap was included and prizes presented to the first two - the lucky colts being S. Beardall (11½ years) and K. Fabian (10 years). Beardall won the sprint and hurdles events and L. Ross the shot putt.

On Sunday morning, January 26th, at Battersea Park a different form of activity was on view - a soccer match between the seniors and youths/boys. The game was ably refereed by Tom Carter (who could argue with Tom and get away with it, in any case!) and even he couldn't prevent the seniors winning 3-1. The match was full of excitement right to the final whistle.

Richard Langley secured a place in the East London Schools (Intermediate) cross-country team when he finished second in the District Championship.



Curtin wins County Boys title

MORDEN Park---February 15th

With a fine display of running, Bill Curtin pulled off the Surrey County title from a large field and also led our team through to third place.

Last year he was outsprinted at the finish and collected the silver medal. This year no one got the opportunity to get anywhere near as he went away to a 19 seconds lead. Could this be the first of the four county titles?

RESULT

1. W. Curtin....(BELGRAVE H).....13:07
 2. B. Randall...(Surrey Beagles)...13:26
 3. R. Treadwell.(" ")...13:33

Teams

1. Guildford & G 29pts 3. BELGRAVE 43pts

SOUTHERN

Disappointing team results in both the Junior and Youths races were partly offset by the encouraging performances of our first men home, Tony Brien (Jun) and Mick Day (Yth).

Tony's effort in his first major championship was most promising and his progress will be watched with great interest. Mick, once again, showed that he is our best Youth over the country and his rapid improvement could well see him following in Tony's footsteps when he becomes a Junior.

JUNIOR RESULT

1. M. Thomas.....(TVH).....31:00 3. J. Bednarski.....(Swindon) 31:47
 2. D. Bedford.....(Shaftsbury).....31:42 17. A. Brien.....(BELGRAVE) 33:47
Teams:- 1. Brighton & Hove 64pts, 13. BELGRAVE H. 282pts.

YOUTH RESULT

1. J. Lane.....(Feltham).....20:25 3. P. Banning.....(Andover).....21:00
 2. C. Roed.....(Hadleigh).....20:47 49. M. Day.....(BELGRAVE).....22:33
Teams:- 1. Hornsey 66 pts, 14. BELGRAVE H.....354 pts.

NIGEL BACON SAYS-----

"Poor old Reg was so worried that our Youths team wouldn't arrive in good time for the National (some of them had more than a mile to travel poor things) that he very nearly booked hotel accommodation!"

NORTH SURREY LEAGUE

Youths/Boys

FINAL TABLE

1. Walton AC.....	214 points
2. Mitcham AC.....	233 points
3. BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....	247 points
4. Croydon H.....	311 points
5. Herne Hill H.....	445 points
6. Hercules Wimbledon.....	545 points
7. Ranelagh H.....	623 points

This year we were obliged to relinquish our title to Walton, though they were unable to match our 196 points of last season. Fortunes tend to fluctuate in this league as each year runners move up into the Junior ranks and qualify for the senior league instead. Cliff Calderwood and Nigel Bacon are two examples.

Mick Day was our most consistent performer with placings of 7th, 6th and 4th in the first three races but unfortunately missed the last match. Bill Curtin followed a similar pattern with placings of 1, 14, and 3.

The first race of the season was reported in the December issue of "The Belgravian". The last three races went as follows:-

RACE No. 2-----Croydon/Lloyd Park, December 14th

Sub zero temperatures and solid icy ground were the order of the day and it was an achievement just to turn up! Bill Curtin was unhappy in the dangerous conditions and Mick Day led our team home to fourth place, with Walton well ahead our title in jeopardy.

RESULT

1. C. Stebbings (Croy) 14:05	6. M. Day 14:50	19. J. Hamilton 15:37
2. R. Martin (Walt) 14:22	14. W. Curtin 15:26	20. R. Langley 15:40
3. A.N. Other (Walt) 14:24	15. J. Crockford 15:33	22. V. Butcher 15:48

Teams

1. Walton AC.....32pts	4. BELGRAVE H.....74pts	6. Herc.Wimb.....124pts
2. Mitcham AC.....67pts	5. Herne Hill 129pts	7. Ranelagh H.....162pts
3. Croydon H.....72pts		

RACE No. 3----- (Mitcham) Morden Park, December 28th

An excellent effort by the whole team. Our win put us back in the title race with a real chance. Our runners really seem to enjoy this fast parkland course, having won here last year also, and it was good to see us scoring 4 in 10.

RESULT

1. C. Stebbings (Croy) 17:47	4. M. Day 18:41	14. T. Day 19:47
2. R. Martin (Walt) 18:12	9. J. Crockford 19:24	16. J. Hamilton 19:54
3. W. Curtin (BELS) 18:24	10. R. Langley 19:30	18. J. Stowe 20:11

Teams

1. BELGRAVE H.....40pts	4. Mitcham AC.....67pts	6. Ranelagh H.....155pts
2. Croydon H.....61pts	5. Herne Hill H.....111pts	7. Hercules/Wimb.....165pts

RACE No. 4----- (Ranelagh) Richmond Park, February 22nd

We went into the final match in second place, 36 points behind Walton and only two ahead of Mitcham. Despite this we fielded a sadly depleted team which stood no chance of catching Walton and little of holding off Mitcham. As it was, we beat Walton on the day but with Mitcham easy winners we had to settle for a final league placing of third. With our leading runners racing elsewhere T. Day, Carton and Langley stepped into the breach admirably.

RESULT

1. C. Stebbings (Croy) 20:01	4. T. Day 21:01	19. E. McNally 22:48
2. R. Fairman (Walt) 20:22	6. P. Carter 21:20	20. J. Hamilton 22:57
3. - Mealey (Mit) 20:48	13. R. Langley 21:59	23. B. Quirk 23:30

Teams

1. Mitcham AC.....44pts	4. Croydon H.....67pts	6. Ranelagh H.....149pts
2. BELGRAVE H.....60pts	5. Herne Hill 102pts	7. Herc.Wimb.....165pts
3. Walton AC.....63pts		

NIGEL BACON SAYS-----

"Glamour boy Langley was chosen to act as pilot for the Schools cross-country championships for GIRLS. Makes a change to see the girls chasing him!"

"Ha!Ha!Ha! I've lost my coat Ha!Ha!Ha! I've lost my coat!"

"Vic Butcher would like me to say that his friendship with a certain young lady is not at all serious (they are just good friends!) and it will not interfere with his training".

Editor's Note: Readers are advised to note that N. Bacon is now public relations officer for Bill Curtin Enterprises Unlimited.

NATIONAL JUNIOR & YOUTH

Parliament Hill Fields---March 1st

Although the top event of the season there was no joy for Belgravians in either championship. Our leading junior Tony Erien was unable to run, through not yet having served his residential qualification period of 2 years. His presence would not have revolutionised the team result but at least we should have finished in the "teens" rather than 31st.

Mick Day led our youths home but was not at his best on the heavy course. In the league races this season he regularly held Martin of Walton to 30 seconds. If he had finished a minute down on this longer course he would have been around the 80 mark. Perhaps he missed Bill Curtin's presence (not yet old enough!). We did at least finish a team, which was more than T.V.H., S.L.H, Hercules Wimbledon and Walton could do.

JUNIOR RESULT

1. A. Holden.....(Preston H).....33:08	173. C. Calderwood	226. J. Kelly
2. D. Bedford.....(Shaftesbury H)....33:12	180. N. Bacon	246. A. Brooks
3. A. Simmons.....(Luton United)....33:28	193. M. McNair	(367 started)

Teams

1. Brighton & H 95pts, 2. Mitcham 195pts, 3. TVH 199pts, 31. BELGRAVE 772 pts.

YOUTH RESULT

1. C. Garforth.....(Hull H).....24:25	135. M. Day	303. J. Hamilton
2. J. Fox.....(E. Cheshire).....24:52	180. J. Crockford	313. R. Hofstedt
3. M. Hore.....(Blackheath H).....24:56	258. T. Day	384. J. Blair-Fish (417 started)

Teams

1. Alredale S.V. 87pts, 2. Cambridge Col. 112pts, 3. Hornsey 176pts, 43. BELGRAVE 895 pts

ANDOVER & DISTRICT RELAY FOR BOYS

4x1/4 miles X-Cty--- March 8th

John Stowe produced a really good run on the first leg to finish 5th and Peter Carton stepped up the rhythm even faster to hand over in 3rd place. T.V.H. were well in the lead but this did not deter Richard Langley who overhauled the second team and began to eat into the gap ahead, clocking fastest time on his stage. Another man Bill Curtin ran his heart out and also recorded fastest time for his leg but although he pulled back the leaders the course was just not long enough to whittle away the lot. Nevertheless it was an excellent effort by our team who only gave best to the strongest boys team in the South. They well deserved their silver medals.

Result

1. T.V.H.....31:36	J. Stowe 8:22	R. Langley 7:53
2. BELGRAVE H.....32:04	P. Carton 8:09	W. Curtin 7:40
3. Guildford & Godalming.....32:21		

Fastest times: Barrow(TVH)7:36, Curtin(Bels)7:40, Barnett(And)7:49, Puddifoot(TVH)7:51, Langley (Bels) 7:53.

BOYS & YOUTHS MATCH V SURREY BEAGLES V EPSOM & EWELL V OXFORD

Warlingham---March 8th

A good win for Belgrave, the team result being decided by scoring 2 youths and 2 boys in each team.

RESULT

1. B. Randall....(Surrey B).....14:17Boy	9. M. Harvey.....(Belgrave) 17:15Yth
2. T. Baker.....".....15:09Yth	10. R. Hopkins....." 17:55Boy
3. C. Riches....(Oxford).....15:36Yth	12. B. Keohane....." 18:22Yth
4. V. Butcher....(Belgrave).....15:41Yth	13. S. Barlow....." 18:47Yth
6. E. McNally....".....16:08Boy	17. C. Savage....." 20:16Boy

Team: 1. Belgrave Harriers.

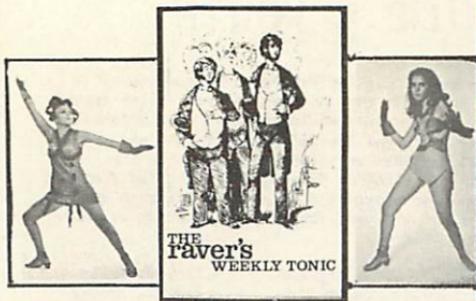


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6. You keep Me Hangin' On ...John Dear & The Gear
7. Anybody Here Seen Kelly ... Metropolitan Police Male Voice Choir
8. Rose of Tralee ...Pat O'Connor & the Capitol Showband
9. Dedicated Follower of Fashion ... Thresher & the Jett Sett
10. Buddy Can you Spare a Dime ... The John Bicourt Experience.

VICE SQUAD RAID ON CHELSEA PAD

Vice Squad detectives last week raided the plush Kings Road home of well known group 'The Duke of York's Men'. Inspector Mead who led the raid described the scene there as 'fantastic'. "There were sweaty, unclothed bodies all over the place. Various members of the group were staggering about uttering animalistic groans. There were bizarre items of clothing strewn all over the place including what looked like underwear but in psychedelic colours of maroon and yellow and several pieces of footwear with spikes in. I shudder to think what must have taken place". Lead singer of the group, Charlie Smart, dismissed the charges as 'ridiculous'. "We were just having our weekly freak - er - work out and Glimpy (Bass-guitarist M.Jones) got a bit carried away and started shouting about running us into the ground. It was just a bit of fun".

The group's new record - 'Get on the right track Baby' is released tomorrow

DAVE'S NEW SINGER

Dave Shepherd's new single will be 'This is My Prayer' b/w 'Pennies from Heaven'

JAZZ NEWS

by Humfry Littleton

Belgrave Enterprises 'ROAD SHOW' is due for another extensive tour of English towns again this summer and will once again have a traditional flavour to its style and line up.

When interviewed recently at the 'All Stars' club, a rather sleazy converted gospel hall south of the river on Denmark Street, the road manager, Gordon Biscoe, flatly denied rumours that Malcolm 'Kid' Robinson is returning from New Orleans to front the All Stars, but stated that plans are underway to bring the ageing 'Hot Lips' Steer over from the States to join fellow veteran Baby Dodds Dabbs in the front line once again. This will add interest and nostalgia to the tour.

DOWNBEAT POLL

In the latest 'Downbeat' musicians poll Ted Stimpson was voted number one in the tuning fork section.

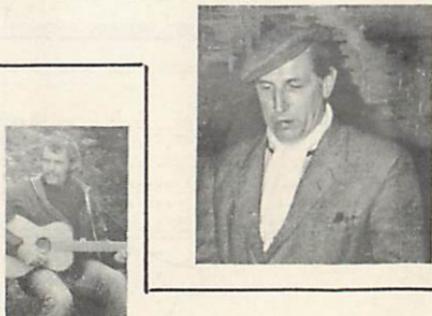
NEW RECORDS - reviewed by Brian Gorman

'Nine-Point-Eight, Jimi Vivian - Yeah, the man with the Hendrix hair has done it again This is bound to keep him at the top for a few weeks to come. Groovy.

'26 miles to Home' Barry Sawyer - Aussie based Barry has come up with another sure-fire hit which will keep the home based boys struggling to keep pace. Flip side is 'I Sawyer again Last Night' originally recorded by the Mamas and the Papas.

MANAGER QUITTING-STORY DENIED

The rumour that W.E. 'Big Bill' Lucas, manager of chart-topping country group the Bells, was quitting has been squashed. Big Bill, the Brian Epstein of the country world, said that although he had thoughts of leaving to concentrate on writing his memoirs, he was staying on. 'I'm sure that together we can pull off several number ones in the near future' he said last week at his secluded Surrey mansion.

STEER SLUMPS STATESIDE

Chris Steer, bohemian folk-singer, was reported 'shattered' when his latest effort only reached No. 56 in the American Top Hundred. 'I think I'll have to change my style to fit in more with American audiences', he said when interviewed at a Greenwich Village strip club. He will spend the winter 'resting' in Canada before his next big public appearance at Boston on April 19th.

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HAPPENING

The latest entertainment craze comes to Belgrave Hall shortly. Every Saturday during the winter season the dignified walls will tremble before the onslaught of the new sound of '69. 'Talk-In' starring the fabulous Walker Brothers comes to Wimbledon. People who have already seen the show describe it as 'Deafening'.

Further news has also just been released that toward the end of this year it is hoped to present at least one show which does not feature Brian Hamilton. Many former members and patrons have been invited and have promised to attend.

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**BY THE****ALLEY CAT**

Into the computer went the "pick of the pops" and a spare copy of the 'Belgravian'... out came combinations of the priceless "Penny Black" by Arthur and Cilla ... whilst Dianna Goswell chirped "Jack Dora" ... and from the latest Jones North soundtrack, "Tom and Gerry" ... flowing sweetly along were Tony's Sisters with Beverley Brook ... whilst that intrepid flour grader Lionel Springfield got great marks for "Dusty Mann" - and to think I.B.M. stock are \$320 a share!

*** * TOP SELLING ALBUMS * ***

Songs from 'Hair' ... Trevor the K
Music to Shower by ..Whispering Bob Glover
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Don McClean
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Bob Taylor
Readings from Karl Marx ...Chris Steer
backed by the Red Army Ensemble.

WHY DOES A COACH COACH?

Micky Pyer (Youths & Boys) writes the first of a series of articles on coaching.

Why does a coach coach? Well, I would list the following reasons.

1. Because he wants to.
2. To impart to others his knowledge and experience.
3. To build confidence and effort.
4. To guide the newcomer away from mistakes and pitfalls.
5. To counsel and assist in other matters, where his advice and assistance are asked for.

When it is all summed up, it could come under the heading of the Club's object 'the encouragement of athletics'. Whilst the Club's officers and others do a tremendous amount of work in 'the encouragement of athletics', the coaches play their part in 'encouraging the athlete'.

What makes a coach happy? When he sees results from his work and effort. Personally, if 25% of boys stay on as youths and juniors, and half of these follow on as seniors, then I would feel that my time had not been wasted. It should be remembered, however, that about 75% of boys who join the club still achieve something in one way or another. The club does not exist for one particular group, and there have been many boys and youths of whose performances we have been proud. We do, however, like to see some stay on.

A coach feels particularly 'bucked' when his teams become winners, or when a 'charge' thanks him for helping to achieve something the athlete has set his heart on. This makes it all worth while.

Who needs coaching? I would say, firstly, anybody who is new to athletics. There have been a few who have achieved distinction who have never had a coach, and openly express the fact that they don't need one. Now this is not strictly true. Though they may never have had a personal coach they have done it the hard way and picked up a bit of advice here and there. At the beginning of things it is like being given the key to a large house; to open the door and expect to know where everything is. Surely it would be easier to have someone to show you where things are. To say that one who has never had a coach has no fault in technique I would find hard to believe. This especially where field events are concerned. When judging the 'throws' I have repeatedly noticed the weakness of the untutored with their 'reaction'; that is to say the left side. I have seen a 40 ft. putter all but go out of the left side of the circle when making his effort, probably too set in his ways to correct now; or perhaps the type who thinks he knows it all, or does not want to know. Incidentally, the performer I have in mind does not belong to us, but if he had started with the right tuition he would be doing at least another 5 ft.

Along comes someone who is a natural runner, with perhaps nearly everything physically. Does he need a coach? Yes! Perhaps not so much for cross country or distance events but if he is setting sights on the mile or the half then he has something to learn about tactics. Without this in a field of equal ability he would almost certainly lose. Would he know how to dominate the race? For instance, to maintain second place in a changing field during the running; to know when and where to 'strike'. I doubt it.

How I wish I had had a coach when I ran in my first championship race, which was the London Business Houses Mile. I was so overawed by the 'renown' of three of the field that I convinced myself that I had no hope of beating any of them. In consequence, I did not go with them, thus losing contact. At 300 yards to go I 'went' and just failed to catch the third man who had been fairly good in his day but was now past his best. So there was a case for a coach to instil confidence and teach tactics.

Even across country there is something to learn. For instance, when and where to try for a 'break' according to your particular ability over a particular terrain. Many a fast one has been taken by a strong one on the hills.

It is well to think about the fleeting moment which can never be caught, to make the effort whilst 'father time' is in a nice mood, for when he starts to turn nasty and loads a few more years on your back the opportunity has gone, never to return. You can never start learning early enough. Remember the words of Omar Khayyam:-

The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.

How to start:

First remember two 'axioms'. 1. Hasten slowly. 2. A little and often. Take 1. What does this mean? It means to progress in planned easy stages. Literally, to learn to walk before you can run, especially where techniques are concerned, such as field events, hurdling, sprints and etc. For it is the tendency of the newcomer to see how far he can throw or the like rather than to seek to know how to do it, which is, of course, fundamentally wrong. He should

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LET'S CRACK THE NUTS!

We live in an age of statistics where more and more attention is paid to the record book, and where track nuts even take lloyds split timings in mile races. Although the N.U.T.S. have done a great deal of good for British athletics DAVE MITCHELL suggests that the time has come to throw away the record book and with it the stop-watch inhibitions of British middle distance runners.

'Black athletes take every track medal'. Is that a possible headline for Munich '72? If the trend started in Tokyo and continued in Mexico City is anything to go by it's a probability, dare we say a certainty? The Americans have always had a tradition of great negro athletes in the explosive events but now Africa is producing great middle and long distance runners who seem to display not only great natural talent but also an exuberance and zest for the sport that white men seem incapable of enjoying. This tempts the spectator in fact to wonder how much faster they will run before fatigue barriers arise and reduce them to the same grey level of machines that European athletes so often seem to become. This same exuberance, of course, is sometimes their own undoing - for example Wilson Kiprugut's running at Mexico in heat, semi and final was magnificent in its way and yet disastrous in its lack of restraint, judgment, and general tactics.

It seems that as a general rule we shall have to concede that negro sprinters will have the edge over the white man come what may (I'm sure that anthropologists or physiologists or whatever can, and have, established this). In the middle and long distance events we get back to this matter of enjoyment and ignorance - I use the second word advisedly and in the sense of not realising what the limits are. In Europe (and the States too) we have our statistics and our records. The result is that we cannot watch a T.V. mile without some idiot counting out 59,60,61 and telling us that the first lap was run in 59.7 which 'is on schedule for a four minute mile'. So what? We also hear comments like 'this pace must slow down it's suicidal' and assuredly it does slow, almost as if the athletes competing have overheard Morris Jack Squirter in the commentary box. What they have done, of course, is heard the lap time called, done a quick bit of mental arithmetic, realised that they are just about to ruin the current best performances list in A.W. and immediately sagged. We've staticised ourselves out of the running. Beaman leaps (bounces) 29' 2" and Lynn Davies, the toughest of competitors, is whipped because although he could envisage 25' he had set limits for himself; built from experience doubtless but also the result of too much statistical brainwashing. Immediately, we say it won't be beaten for another decade (Lynn went even further and said a thousand years!) but why should we say that? Surely every jumper should aim to jump out of the stadium.

Switching back to the track. Many a half miler has set a target of 2 mins, struggled to get there, got beaten by someone running 1:55, and retired dispirited. Targets there must be - for training, for trials - but once on the track the aim should be to win even if it means from the front all the way and even if it is a track record. British milers at present play with the event, they jog three laps, stride 220 and sprint the final 220 - result 4:06.5. Don't they want to run 3:50 or 3:40 or 3:30? Someone will some day!

Perhaps some confirmation of this theory can be obtained by considering cross country running. This is a branch of the sport still dominated by English runners. The Hills, Taggs, Johnstons and Norths of this world seem to know no limits, they really attack each course and seem to have no doubts about maintaining really hot paces. Could this be because course times are not comparable and because each athlete is competing not against that invisible clock but against fellow 'harriers' and those common foes the mud, slush and hills.

Obviously it is becoming increasingly difficult for British athletes to beat the professionals and state sponsored competitors from most overseas countries. I do wonder, however, if our over-sophistication via a vis track and field statistics now poses a mental barrier that many of their rivals do not encounter. Don't abolish the N.U.T.S. just banish them from the trackside and let athletes set about beating everyone else in the field and not just their own personal best performances.

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concentrate on learning all he can about his particular event, to take notice of what his coach is trying to impart, watch class performers at work and above all not to be shy of asking questions. The object is to get your techniques right and your body and muscles conditioned to do the work required of them. Take 2. What does this mean? It means do a little a lot of times, as opposed to doing a lot a few times. The ideal is to be able to do something every day, to build up a rhythmic pattern of life, to flow rather than to force your way, to relax yet cover the ground, to obtain the maximum speed with the minimum waste of energy. For there cannot be any pleasure in trying to build up on a series of 'bashes' at irregular infrequent intervals. All this does not mean you have no work to do, on the contrary, you have to work very hard at times but in a way you will enjoy, and without undue distress. A.D.P.

WALKING

The beginning of the 1969 season is a useful moment to review the prospects and this year they are good, if we work, very good. True Bobby Barnes is not yet back to the form (or shape!) of a year ago and it is some time since we have seen or heard Dave Mayo but Carl Lawton and Brian Ward are both showing steady improvement and Gerry Cameron is also going well. Paul Coates will have a good season if he can get his leg right while our younger ranks have been growing apace with Paul Duckett and Andy Hinchcliff showing particular promise. Before Christmas 7 boys took part in a special 2 mile event which Vic Butcher won in a very powerful manner. In the under 21 5 miles Paul was narrowly beaten into second place while further back Andy turned the tables on Vic. No less than 8 came under starter's orders. John Moullin has been showing excellent form and although Len Duquemin has been hampered by a nasty bout of bronchitis he now looks set to recover his winning ways. Pride of place, however, must go to Wil Wesch who joined us six months ago and has become the club's fastest 10 miler and our first winner of the Garnet since Ray Middleton in 1959. Wil must surely gain a German international before very long and an Olympic appearance before his home crowd in Munich 1972 - well that would be something.

Anchoring the team and featured in this issue's Spotlight by AW walking correspondent Colin Young is Ray Middleton. Winter or Summer whatever the distance Ray has held Belgrave together through many difficult moments and if the club is now enjoying its most successful period since the Vickers & Hall era of 1956-60 much of the credit for this must go to this cheerful colossus of the road. Ray is a pillar of strength to his club and an inspiration to his clubmates.

BELGRAVE OPEN '7'

Club President Frank Simmons sent 140 walkers on their way in this our 49th annual promotion. The individual race at once developed into a scrap between Arthur Jones of Brighton and John Webb from Basildon. These two, both fresh from Mexico disputed the lead until the final hill where Jones pulled clear to finish a comfortable winner. In the team race only Len Duquemin showed his best form so that Southend, with Marlow and Banyard prominent, were able to beat us by 4 points. Belgrave's ranks were stronger for the addition of a new member from America young Stephen Rebman who looked a good prospect and took the award as the first Belgravian not taking another prize. Shortly after this great performance in our colours Stephen was seriously injured in a motor accident. He is in good spirits however and hopes to resume training later this year. Once again our boys managed to get among the handicap prizes Wil Wesch taking third individual and helping the A team into second handicap position behind Brighton. The club's strength and depth at Official level was, as always, impressive with particular thanks for Jack Goswell who again did the lion's share of the work. Donations from many generous well-wishers and the discriminating touch of Ray and Pauline Hall once again ensured that the Belgrave 7 prizes are way ahead of most other 7 mile promotions. Perhaps to deter the pot hunters the course is longer as well!

Result:- Individual race for the 'Harry Evans' cup

1. A. Jones	Brighton	51.37	50. R. Picton	Belgrave	61.16
2. J. Webb	Basildon	52.00	59. S. Rebman	" "	62.39
3. P. Fullager	" "	53.26	70. D. Fotheringham	" "	63.48
6. L. Duquemin	Belgrave	54.37	72. R. Coates	" "	63.59
14. R. Middleton	" "	55.54	80. B. Eglinton	" "	65.30
19. J. Moullin	" "	56.39	94. J. Keown	" "	67.47
26. C. Lawton	" "	57.53	123. J. Wilson	" "	73.16
29. W. Wesch	" "	58.26	125. P. Wilson	" "	74.09
46. B. Ward	" "	60.27	126. S. Brown	" "	75.49

Team - For the 'Beraan' cup

1. Southend AC	(5,7,14,27)	53 Points
2. Belgrave Harriers	(6,13,17,24)	57 " "
3. Brighton & Hove	(1,8,31,48)	88 " "

Result of 3 Miles Track Walk - Boxing Day

1. W. Wesch	Belgrave	24.28	7. A. Hinchcliff	Belgrave	27.15
2. P. Duncan	" "	26.00	8. T. Cook	" "	28.03
3. P. Duckett	" "	26.01	9. C. Gittens	" "	30.49
4. G. Hodgson	Guest	26.07	10. P. Wilson	" "	31.24
5. D. Fotheringham	Belgrave	26.11	11. S. Brown	" "	32.05
6. D. Berry	" "	26.50	12. T. Day	" "	32.15

CAMBRIDGE '7'Bexley - Cambridge Harriers Open '7', December 14th.

Our star walkers gave this one a miss leaving Wesch to lead a depleted team into 8th team position with a high score of 126 points to the winner's 30.

Result:

1. P. Nihill	Surrey	50.53	47. S. James	Belgrave	61.28
2. J. Webb	Basildon	52.32	51. D. Potheringham	" "	62.06
3. M. Tolley	Leicester	52.59	83. B. Eglinton	" "	66.52
20. W. Wesch	Belgrave	56.42	91. T. Cook	" "	67.20
31. C. Lawton	" "	58.29	103. J. Wilson	" "	71.33
43. B. Ward	" "	60.33	106. P. Wilson	" "	73.20

December 22nd - The Horwood Cup 7 miles Junior Championship

First Championship win for Wil Wesch, Bob Coates and Paul Duckett filling the minor placings. Wil's time was not as fast as usual "taking it easy" but Paul walked a stormer to come through strongly over the later stages.

Result:

1. W. Wesch	Belgrave	57.24	11. K. Chamberlain	MPWC	64.19
2. D. Watts	MPAAA	58.02	12. E. Levitt	MPWC	66.57
3. C. Lawton	Belgrave	59.03	13. B. Eglinton	Belgrave	67.24
4. R. Coates	" "	59.43	14. T. Cook	" "	67.51
5. B. Ward	" "	59.47	15. A. East	" "	70.02
6. P. Duckett	" "	60.44	16. J. Wilson	" "	71.24
7. P. Duncan	" "	60.42	17. C. Gittens	" "	72.58
8. L. Taylor	MPAAA	60.57	18. P. Wilson	" "	73.08
9. G. Matheison	MPAAA	62.49	19. S. Brown	" "	77.51
10. S. James	Belgrave	62.57			

Handicap Result: 1. R. Coates 9.15 - 50.28

Match Result: (6 to Score) Belgrave 31 points M.P.W.C. 47 Points

Result of Two Miles BOYS Race held in conjunction

1. V. Butcher	Belgrave	18.20	5. R. Hopkins	Belgrave	21.12
2. A. Hinchcliff	" "	18.35	6. R. Langley	" "	21.22
3. J. Stow	" "	19.21	7. M. Bloice	" "	21.23
4. R. Martin	" "	19.39			

Inter-Club '7' - December 28th.

1. P. Nihill	Surrey	54.16	17. Levitt	MPWC	66.24
2. D. Delaney	Lon. Vids	56.26	18. Fraser	Surrey WC	66.29
3. P. Maidment	" "	56.47	19. Warrilow	MPWC	66.46
4. W. Wesch	Belgrave	57.13	20. T. Cook	Belgrave	67.06
5. P. Duncan	" "	59.10	21. J. Keown	" "	67.06
6. K. Read	Surrey	59.33	22. Marsh	Surrey WC	68.32
7. C. Lawton	Belgrave	61.45	23. R. Green	" "	68.32
8. S. James	" "	61.49	24. R. Youldon	MPWC	69.40
9. L. Taylor	MPWC	62.15	25. Leach	MPWC	69.40
10. D. Potheringham	Belgrave	62.30	26. A. East	Belgrave	71.11
11. D. Berry	Belgrave	64.04	27. G. Hallifax	Surrey WC	71.48
12. Harding	Surrey WC	64.17	28. E. Frost	" "	71.56
13. K Chamberlain	MPWC	64.30	29. P. Wilson	Belgrave	73.47
14. Matheison	MPWC	64.32	30. D. Hill	Lon. Vids	79.14
15. Hahn	Surrey WC	65.25			
16. R. Hyland	Lon. Vids	66.19			

Match Result (4 a side)

1. Belgrave	24
2. Surrey WC	34
3. London Vid	51

Match Result (8 a side)

1. Belgrave	83
2. Surrey WC	110
3. MPAA	113

SPOTLIGHT ON

RAY MIDDLETON

by Colin Young

It may come as something of a surprise to see that this article is written by a non-club member. However, as a close friend for many years, a close rival on occasions (when he is not in full training!), and even as an advisor at times to Ray, Colin is uniquely qualified to outline a few details on this remarkable character.

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Having started to win club championships back in 1957, Ray, a Belgravian to the core, joined the club some six years previously following his first attempt at race walking when he finished third (out of 3) in a club novice walk. After ten years of slow, steady progress interrupted by National Service in the RAF, in which Middleton left his indelible mark on Northern Ireland or so he says!, Ray came to the fore with placings in the National 20 miles and 50 kms. It was in his early attempts at the long distances that Ray used to become quite vocal, particularly when tired, in the latter stages. Surrounded, as always, by ever attentive club supporters and attendants, Ray used to give a vivid description of how it felt to walk fast in his by now completely saturated, clinging clothing and shoes and how long would it be before he could change into his awaiting "second Gear"?

One incident, now a legend in race walking circles, occurred in the 1961 National 50 Kms at Sheffield. Lying second to Don Thompson, Ray inquired of Jack Goswell, "How far to go?". Jack, who has always been the uncrowned King of Attendants quickly replied giving the exact number of kilometres remaining. Almost exploding Ray yelled back "Don't give it to me in B..... Kms, I want to know what it is in B..... Miles!!". The past few years, however, has seen a vast change in Ray's attitude and action; in the distance events he is now one of the most relaxed, determined, and yes, quiet, men around.

Ray, the only man to have taken part in all four Lugano Trophy Finals, has had plenty of big-time International Competition including two Europeans; one Olympic; and a Commonwealth Games. Having been fortunate enough to see all but the Tokyo and Kingston races, I rate his 2nd at Varese (1963 Lugano Cup) and 5th at Budapest (1966 European) his best performances. Ray prefers to use his "come through" tactics in the big events, and this certainly paid off at Varese, Kingston and Budapest. Though he looks far from being an International athlete of the highest calibre when "off duty" with his slow, lumbering walk and easy going cockney humour, Ray really looks the part when moving fast ("It's my flowing action, you know").

His short distance times in 1968 should have proved conclusively to everybody that he is not just a distance walker, though, it seems he was labelled as such by some when he so narrowly missed Mexico City selection having been placed fourth in both the 20 and 50 kms trials. Having had stomach trouble in the Tokyo race ("A good job you did not come to see me, Colin, I was hidden most of the time in the cubicles provided"), Ray was disappointed at not getting a second shot at the Olympics but readily agrees, though his under 20 miles performances were his best ever, he lacked something at his forte.

With a cockney humour that endears him to his numerous friends in walking circles, Ray often makes a profound statement such as "Walking is a man's game and should be done by men", when asked his opinion on the growth of boys and youths events, and "you don't get gold medals for this, you know", when a certain International teammate was burning it up in a training spin a day or so before an important event in Switzerland.

However, a Middleton statement that really caught the eye appeared in a well-known sporting monthly. In it Ray said of fellow competitor Vaughn Thomas "Well you see this fellow does not fit in with the rest of us. He thinks we are all a bit soft and gutless, so I and a few others are out gunning for him". Well the fellow was "gunned" alright, he retired from walking soon after, his club? - I leave readers to make a wild unlikely guess ... yes, you probably got it right!

Ray might well be termed a veteran (born 9/8/36) in most events, but his advance over the sprint distances recently plus the enthusiastic support from avid club followers, wife Jean, and daughters, Debra and Lesley (three of the best "Up the Bels" shouters in the business) ensures, I am certain, he has many more honours to gain.

Ray naturally trains hard for his demanding event but has to take into account his shift work job with the Post Office, who he has represented abroad in the famous Postmans Walk. Over the busy Christmas period, Ray takes a "race rest" for a couple of months following the Belgrave "Open" in mid-November but is always "up amongst them" by the time the National 10 comes around during March.

Though by no means a linguist, Ray easily makes friends with other International walkers and corresponds with many of them, in fact, a certain Hungarian would feel quite lost if he did not receive the usual Middleton greeting of "Don't hang about, Don't catch cold" whenever Ray sees him racing or training.

Belgrave can feel immensely proud of having Ray Middleton amongst their numbers, he is a credit to you and long may he continue to wear the Claret and Gold, represent the country and give of his very best he knows no other way.

CLUB '10'

January 25th. Club '10' Mile Championship (Murphy Shield) & Under 21 (Olympic).

Wil Wesch shot into an early lead but after 1 mile he was joined by John and Ray and this group stayed together until the closing stages when John moved away strongly for a convincing win. The Olympic Cup was won by Carl Lawton from a fast improving Paul Duckett. Andy Hinchcliff (who has six more years in this championship) avenged an earlier defeat by Vic Butcher to finish fourth.

Result:

1. J. Moullin	Belgrave	76.58
2. R. Middleton	" "	77.13
3. W. Wesch	" "	77.15
4. I. Duncan	" "	80.20
5. A. Ross	MPAAA	82.28
6. B. Ward	" "	82.46
7. S. James	Belgrave	83.13
8. R. Picton	" "	84.35
9. C. Lawton	" "	88.46
10. D. Potheringham	MPAAA	88.47
11. E. Levitt	MPAAA	88.56
12. J. Keown	Belgrave	90.45
13. T. Cook	" "	90.53
14. F. Titchener	MPAAA	93.05
15. I. Burling	" "	93.15
16. B. Eglinton	Belgrave	93.58
17. R. Youldon	MPAAA	94.23
18. E. Leach	" "	95.05
19. G. Beecham	Belgrave	96.14
20. A. East	" "	97.31
21. P. Wilson	" "	100.15



John Moullin

Team. Belgrave 46 points MPAAA 90 Points

The Handicap was won by evergreen Sid James off 10 Minutes.

Result of Under 21 5 Miles:

1. C. Lawton	40.28	4. A. Hinchcliff	45.58	7. R. Martin	51.21
2. I. Duckett	40.56	5. V. Butcher	46.33	8. S. Brown	51.24
3. B. Ward	41.34	6. J. Bacon	50.54		

February 8th. G.L.C. '10' Mile Championship - Battersea Park.

In conditions better suited to skating a brave Belgrave Team finished sixth.

Result:

16. D. Potheringham	Bels	88.57	29. C. Lawton	98.39	35. J. Keown	106.07
21. T. Cook	"	95.30	33. P. Wilson	105.04		

February 15th. Basingstoke '10'.

The men in Claret and Gold proved too strong for the others over this fairly tough but slightly short course. The prizes - Torches to show others the way!

Result:

1. D. Watson	Southampton	74.19	4. J. Moullin	Bels	76.15
2. D. Smyth	Bristol	75.54	5. R. Middleton	"	77.27
3. W. Wesch	Belgrave	76.03	12. P. Duncan	"	80.54
Team: Belgrave	22		14. L. Duquemin	"	81.06
Southampton	50		16. C. Lawton	"	81.40
Trowbridge	51		35. B. Eglinton	"	91.33

March 1st. SCAAA Events at Battersea Park.

Andy Hinchcliff recorded a good 27.13 in the Youth 3 Miles and in the 6 miles Brian Ward finished sixth with some strong walking. The 10,000 metres was held on the track which was not in much of a state for fast walking. However Len Duquemin showed he was back in business with a fast time.

Results: 10,000 Metres

1. P. Nihill	S.W.C.	44.24
2. S. Lightman	Met WC	46.31
3. R. Mills	Ilford	46.49
6. L. Duquemin	Bels	47.16
7. J. Moullin	"	47.18
9. W. Wesch	"	47.55
15. R. Middleton	"	48.36
30. I. Duncan	"	51.33

Junior 6 Miles (Road)

8. B. Ward	Belgrave	49.03
27. D. De Bondi	"	53.44
29. T. Cook	"	53.45
36. B. Eglinton	"	54.53
59. P. Wilson	"	59.58



The Early leaders in the Belgrave inter club walk, of Dec. 28th
P. Maidment (In Vid), W. Wesch (Belgrave) and the eventual
winner Paul Nihill (Surrey WC).

Ed Lacey

POLICE '7'

Imber Court. Met Police Open '7'. January 11th

Perhaps a shadow of things to come, a strong Leicester outfit defeated the full Belgrave squad by six points and exposed our lack of a really top class speed merchant to provide the needle tip to the arrow. Behind the scoring four Bob Coates and Paul Duckett collected their badges for covering over 7 in the hour.

Result:

1. P.Nihill	S.W.C.	50.46	28. W.Wesch	Bels.	55.09	75. B.Ward	Bels	59.09
2. A.Webb	Basil.	51.16	53. G.Cameron	"	57.09	94. S.James	"	60.23
3. M.Tolley	Leics.	51.36	58. C.Lawton	"	57.36	139. B.Eglinton	"	64.14
16. L.Duquemin	Bels.	53.34	70. R.Coates	"	58.19	145. T.Cook	"	65.03
17. R.Middleton	"	53.58	71. P.Duncan	"	58.40	146. J.Keown	"	65.12
25. J.Moullin	"	54.40	74. P.Duckett	"	59.03	164. A.East	"	67.12
						179. J.Wilson	"	70.54
						187. S.Brown	"	73.43

Team: 1. Leicester 70 Points
2. Belgrave 76 " "

GARNET

February 1st. Southern Area Junior '10' for The Garnet Cup - Chelmsford

Doug Fotheringham, Bob Picton and Bob Coates all walked well to put Belgrave amongst the medals for the second year running. The spotlight however was on the superlative display of Wil Wesch who thrashed a much fancied Dave Watson to take the individual honours. As usual Wil started fast and moved easily until the last lap when he took the rest of the field to the cleaners with a sustained burst of high speed walking.

Result:

1. W.Wesch	Belgrave	77.25	21. R.Coates	Belgrave	86.18
2. D.Watson	Southampton	78.13	26. R.Picton	" "	88.09
3. D.Gulliver	London Vids	79.17	29. D.Fotheringham	" "	88.58
			50. T.Cook	" "	95.20

Team: 1. Highgate 40 Points
2. Southampton 52 " "
3. Belgrave 66 " "

CROSS COUNTRY

Belgrave 7 miles X-Cty Championship—Wimbledon, Dec. 7th

Although in total the field was a good one a large number of our stars were missing for various reasons and Tony Fairclough took the opportunity to pull off a comfortable win from Laurie O'Hara with Pat O'Connor continuing to show his rise to form in third place. The outcome of the race never seemed in doubt when Tony pulled away from the rest with a lap to go and fast finishing by Laurie could not pull back the deficit although it kept Patrick at bay.

Tony Brien a new junior member from Eire ran very well to finish eighth and took the handicap by a small margin from John Hall who is consistently improving with regular training. Jim Rimmer also ran well for third handicap place.

1. A. Fairclough	(0:45)	44:00	20. C. Shippen	(4:45)	52:48
2. L. O'Hara	(1:00)	:15	21. W. Fairfield	(8:30)	53:07
3. P. O'Connor	(1:10)	:18	22. J. Hilton	(7:30)	54:08
4. A. Major	(1:30)	:36	23. D. Hurd	(9:00)	:37
5. R. Smith	(1:40)	:47	24. P. Pringle	(9:00)	:55
6. L. Mann	(2:00)	46:32	25. G. Piddington	(10:30)	55:40
7. J. Rimmer	(4:20)	:33	26. J. Martin	(10:30)	56:15
8. A. Brien	(5:00)	:50	27. D. Bonser	(9:15)	:46
9. R. Piotrowski	(1:45)	47:20	28. K. Stimpson	(11:00)	57:09
10. J. Dear	(3:00)	47:25	29. D. Matthews	(10:30)	:11
11. J. Hall	(7:45)	49:39	30. D. Stroud	(15:00)	58:18
12. B. Gorman	(6:00)	:58	31. D. Davies	(12:00)	59:46
13. D. Brew	(6:00)	50:03	32. C. Manning	(15:00)	60:12
14. C. Calderwood	(6:00)	:26	33. D. Gordon	(13:30)	:13
15. J. Kelly	(6:45)	:36	34. J. MacDonald	(10:30)	61:02
16. P. Hilliar	(5:15)	51:10	35. J.V. Baker	(16:00)	64:53
17. N. Bacon	(8:30)	51:11	36. J. Plummer	(12:30)	67:50
18. C. Pearson	(8:00)	:18			
19. R. Glover	(6:00)	52:47			

Surrey Championships

BELS SLIP IN SURREY COUNTY Lloyd Park, Croydon, January 4th

Gerry North retained his title alright, though by nothing like last year's 53 seconds margin, but the team were pipped again - this time by Hercules/Wimbledon. Last year Mitcham did it by 5 points, this H/W by 8 points. Our scoring six of last year were out again and all equalled or improved on their last performance except Adrian Major who slipped from 10th to a disappointing 29th.

A smaller than usual field of about 110 started off on the first of the three muddy laps, and at the end of the initial circuit we clearly had a fight on our hands, leading H/W by only 79-81. Gerry North and Tony Fairclough were setting the pace in company with Valentine and D. Holt.

A lap later saw Gerry 15 seconds clear of Holt with Tony 4th, Bicourt 9th, Fernee 12th, Dance 22nd and Major 27th - only Bicourt and Dance had gained places and we had slipped to a 5 pts. deficit.

Shortly after going into the final lap Fairclough made a great effort to pass, and drop, Valentine and Holt to take second place and hopes were raised; but when they came into sight with half a mile to go (Gerry half a minute clear) Holt was at Tony's shoulder with Valentine 40 yards back. Holt raced away on the run-in and, to the dismay of Belgravians, Valentine produced a terrific sprint to pass Tony also and get within a mere second of the runner-up. Thus for the second successive year, Fairclough has been done out of an individual medal on the run-in.

Incidentally, Gerry's win was his fourth consecutive victory.

RESULT:

1. Gerry North (Bels)	41:29	9. J. Bicourt	42:57	52. A. Black	47:56
2. D. Holt (Herc/Wim)	:49	12. D. Fernee	43:21	60. R. Glover	48:39
3. J. Valentine (Epsom)	:50	22. G. Dance	44:24	71. J. Hall	49:51
4. A. Fairclough (Bels)	:54	29. A. Major	45:05	76. P. Blair Fish	50:28
5. R. Holt (Herc/Wim)	42:11	30. C. Dabbs	:07	89. B. Gorman	53:28

Teams:

1. Hercules-Wimbledon A.C.	(2,5,8,14,17,23)	69 pts
2. Belgrave H.	(1,4,9,12,22,29)	77 pts.
3. Mitcham A.C.	(10,13,16,18,19,25)	101 pts.

Peds & Hunts.

1. A. Simmons.....(Luton).....37:33

6. L. Mann.....(Bels).....41:07

Berkshire

1. G. Stevens.....(Reading)....41:21

4. R. Piotrowski.....(Bels).....43:57

Middlesex

11. D. Bradford....(Shaftesbury). 44:40

11. L. O'Hara.....(Bels).....47:14

9. P. O'Connor....(Bels).....47:02

18. J. Dear.....(Bels).....48:10

HART WINS MACHER SHIELD

January 18th - Club 10 miles XC Championship, Wimbledon

On a flooded, muddy course of four laps Trevor Hart had no difficulty in taking the Club '10 for the first time. He led throughout and looked far too strong to be caught.

Conditions were terrible, with gale force winds thrown in for good measure. Seven of the 27 starters dropped out, four through injury - including Charlie Dabbs. The field was a little short of class as the Championship clashed with the Inter-Counties event at Brighton, where five of our team were competing; and Geoff North and John Thresher were still injured.

Adrian Major and Pat O'Connor had a tough battle over the last four miles. The Irishman had moved up four places and 17 seconds to join Adrian going out for the third time and it was generally thought that the marathoner would have the edge over his younger rival on the last lap. With a mile to go Pat took a heavy fall which settled the issue, but Adrian's final circuit of 15:26 would have taken some beating.

John Dear looked impressive and was only 30 seconds down on Laurie O'Hara with a lap to go. Robert Cross had his first outing since joining us, but has yet to reach racing fitness. The first five got so far away from the rest of the field that they also took first five places in the handicap. The prizes went to Adrian Major (1st), Trevor Hart (2nd) and John Dear (3rd).

Result

1. T. Hart	(1:45)	61:11	11. C. Keavey	(8:40)	71:28
2. A. Major	(2:10)	61:46	12. C. Pearson	(12:00)	74:36
3. P. O'Connor	(2:00)	62:09	13. C. Hemm	(11:00)	76:25
4. L. O'Hara	(1:45)	62:46	14. G. Piddington	(15:00)	77:20
5. J. Dear	(4:00)	63:35	15. P. Pringle	(13:00)	77:45
6. J. Rimmer	(5:00)	66:08	16. K. Stimpson	(17:00)	78:36
7. R. Cross	(3:00)	69:05	17. D. Bonsor	(12:15)	80:08
8. J. Hall	(9:00)	70:07	18. R. Beaumont	(13:00)	83:35
9. C. Walker	(9:00)	71:02	19. R. Plummer	(24:00)	89:05
10. B. Gorman	(8:00)	71:20	20. K. McClung	(10:00)	89:37

SOUTH OF THAMES

South of Thames Championship, Starmer Park, Brighton--Jan. 25th

A few weeks ago we had visions of a strong enough team to win this race but with the departure of Roger Donnison for a job in Exeter, the sickness over Christmas and the New Year of Kelly Diprose and the injury of Bob Smith we were deprived of three potential scorers.

On the day of the race we could field only nine runners, of which three failed to wear club vests, so we had no chance of taking the twelve cup.

John Bicourt took a good start and was able to hold a high place throughout. Dick Piotrowski, from whom we had expected a good run, also started well but fell back slowly throughout the race and was disappointing. Patrick O'Connor, Lionel Mann and John Dear ran well and Tony Brien in his first major race for us showed he is a new member with considerable promise.

Westbury Harriers and Mitcham battled throughout for the team race and we were lucky to get third with a score higher than expected for this position.

RESULT	1. Westbury Harriers	(1,13,24,25,26,36)	125 pts.
	2. Mitcham A.C.	(11,14,22,27,29,33)	136 pts.
	3. Belgrave H.	(6,20,41,51,59,69)	246 "
Team:-	Bicourt (6), O'Connor (20), Mann (41), Brien (51), Dear (59), Piotrowski (69)		
Others to finish:-	Buxton (78), Rimmer (132), Hall (192)		

Bill Kerr was recently awarded the 'Charlie Davies' bowl as the G.P.O. South Centre Area's sporting personality of the year for his performance in winning the Middlesex County 3 miles track championship of 1968.

SOUTHERN FRUSTRATION

Still no win!

Prospect Park, Reading February 8th, 1969

We have not won this championship since 1952 and this year was not to add our name to the champions list.

An excitingly contested team race was taken again by Portsmouth A.C. with Hercules Wimbledon A.C. moving up from third in 1968 to second and displacing us to third spot.

Only 26 points covered the first three teams so there was little to choose between these clubs and we could have been comfortable winners if all our runners had been on form.

Gerry North has not been at the peak of fitness for a number of weeks and had to fight hard throughout to keep in touch and over the last two miles fell back five places.

John Bicourt has not yet learnt to judge his early pace to produce his best running and as in the Inter Counties he started well and fell back throughout the race. Trevor Hart was not at his best and also lost ground throughout.



Lionel Mann leads Dick Piotrowski

R. Linstead

Pat O'Connor started slowly but came through well to take 28th place. Dick Piotrowski learnt a lesson from the Inter Counties and the South of Thames and ran his best race to date for us by finding his early pace admirably. Lionel Mann seems to have found a liking for cross-country and performed excellently to be our fifth runner in 41st position - we can expect more from this boy.

Tony Fairclough ran well to finish 24th and John Thresher, short of the right preparation, was just behind him.

Bill Dance travelled down from Huddersfield but owing to back trouble was not in his best form.

A consolidated effort by everyone at Parliament Hill Fields should produce a better result in the National. Gerry should be fitter. John Thresher should improve with more racing and Tony Fairclough should run better than in previous years. Backed up by O'Connor, Piotrowski, Mann, Dance and possibly Hart and Bicourt we could have six runners in the first fifty places which could be enough for a place and perhaps even a win. We always perform better in the National.

RESULT:

1. Portsmouth A.C.	152 pts.
2. Hercules Wimbledon A.C.	160 pts.
3. Belgrave H.	178 pts.

Team: Gerry North (16), Fairclough (24) Thresher (26) O'Connor (28) Mann (41) Piotrowski (43)

Others: Dear (72) Dance (77) Major (90) Hart (96) Dabbs (109) Bicourt (116)

We won the Oddling Smee Cup for the first Surrey club to finish twelve runners.

NORTH SURREY LEAGUE

Seniors/Juniors

So Belgrave became league winners for the fourth consecutive season-----a tribute to the support given by a large number of members who never failed to finish 10 men in the first 34. And this in fields over 100 strong.

So convincing was our superiority that we ran out easy winners of every fixture with no less than seventeen different runners making our scoring teams.

The last race in Richmond Park was a battle between Herne Hill, Walton and Croydon to avoid relegation. Croydon were the unlucky ones and next year they will be replaced by the winners of the Mid-Surrey League----South London Harriers. This shall make the competition even hotter.

Race No.1 was reported in the last edition of "The Belgravian", the remaining races were as follows:-

FINAL TABLE

1. Belgrave Harriers	592 points
2. Hercules/Wimbledon A.C.	948 points
3. Mitcham A.C.	1146 points
4. Ranelagh Harriers	1752 points
5. Walton A.C.	1824 points
6. Herne Hill Harriers	1786 points
7. Croydon Harriers	1907 points

Race No. 2 - Lloyd Park, Croydon 14th December, 1968

This race was run on a bitterly cold day and the ground was very hard. We still managed to field a good team and won comfortably.

Result:

1. D. Holt (Herc/Wim) 26:33	9. P. O'Connor 27:48
2. S. Badgery (Mitcham) 27:03	10. T. Hart 27:48
3. G. Biscoe (Mitcham) 27:03	13. J. Dear 28:18
4. J. Thresher (Belgrave) 27:09	14. L. O'Hara 28:25
5. M. Gowan (H.H.H.) 27:15	15. L. Mann 28:34
6. F. Stebbings (Croy) 27:20	16. A. Brien 28:34
7. K. Diprose (Belgrave) 27:29	17. A. Major 28:42
8. M. Kortzenray (Mitcham) 27:39	22. C. Dabbs 29:01

Teams:

1. Belgrave H. 127 pts	5. Herne Hill H. 419 pts.
2. Hercules/Wimbledon A.C. 268 pts	6. Walton A.C. 498 pts
3. Mitcham A.C. 285 pts	7. Ranelagh H. 550 pts.
4. Croydon H. 350 pts	

Race No. 3 - Morden Park

Carrying on in the now familiar pattern we won this race though Hercules Wimbledon were only 8 pts behind us.

Result:

1. R. Holt (Herc/Wim) 25:25	26. L. Mann 27:05
2. S. Badgery (Mitcham) :32	28. A. Major :17
3. M. Gowan (H.H.H.) :34	32. C. Dabbs :24
6. J. Thresher (Belgrave) :59	34. A. Black :25
10. P. O'Connor 26:20	43. D. Brew
13. G. North :33	54. P. Blair Fish
15. J. Dear :38	56. R. Glover
20. T. Hart :50	
21. L. O'Hara :50	

Teams:

1. Belgrave H. 206 pts	5. Walton A.C. 450 pts
2. Hercules Wimbledon A.C. 214 pts	6. Herne Hill H. 458 pts
3. Mitcham A.C. 237 pts	7. Croydon H. 488 pts
4. Ranelagh H. 432 pts	

Race No. 4 - Richmond Park, 22nd February, 1969

An enormous number of Belgravians turned out for this race which took place on a sunny but cold afternoon and we managed to pull off the final win to clinch the trophy once again.

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ONLY 8th

IN DISAPPOINTING NATIONAL

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS-----March 1st

With the mud covered course at it's treacherous worst, the 82nd National Championships saw Belgrave crash from their 4th place of the last three years to a lowly seventh. Yet it was quite clear before, during and after this race that this year was the easiest of the last four championships to reach up to silver medals. A repetition of last year's effort would have placed us a comfortable second to an invincible Tipton team. As it was, our second and third scorers of last year, Geoff North(31) and John Thresher(45) didn't make it this time and Major and Dance were a little below their 1968 form.

The mammoth field of 1,046 runners had some difficulty funnelling it's way over the first hill and through the crowds of spectators, but sufficient could be seen to spot our runners in prominent positions. After the first lap Gerry was a well placed 10th, but a mile later he had slipped back to 17th. Tony Fairclough was soon up into the early forties and hardly budged from this position throughout. The remainder of the team were around the 130 mark, except for Lionel Mann who is not at his best in muddy conditions and was nearer the 200 mark. The biggest blow of the afternoon came when John Thresher retired. His fight to regain fitness after illness and injury was not sufficient to overcome the rigours of Parliament Hill, and he looked distressed from the outset. Two more weeks of training would have done the trick, and John's despair became even more wretched when he discovered that he would only have had to make the first 60 to give our team silver medals.

After 6 miles, the disappointment of our supporters was momentarily forgotten when Gerry was seen to be up in seventh place. Everyone was hoping that this faithful long-servong international would re-gain his England team place. Gerry, also, had been none to well for many weeks and would have preferred more time to prepare, but his fighting spirit took him through in determined effort to qualify. But even the cheers of Belgravians were not enough to help Gerry maintain his place and he eventually slipped to a praiseworthy 10th.

Meanwhile, Pat O'Connor was moving through the field in a most impressive manner and looked as though he would have run out the winner if the race had gone on long enough! He took 20 to 30 places on each of the last two laps and looks well set for some good marathons.

Adrian Major showed the selectors what he thought of reserve status (John Bicourt's knee injury giving him the opportunity to do so) and registered his best run of the season.. Dick Piotrowski faded, as he is wont to do when he starts too fast, but Lionel Mann made up for it by the opposite approach. Bill Dance and Trevor Hart both ran to current form.

Although the result was disappointing the team gave of their best but just didn't get the breaks. Once again we have to look forward to next year, and once again we must remember that the whole winter should be planned with this one event in mind. Anything less than a 100% full strength team, fit in both body and spirit will not win us the National of 1970.

RESULT

1. M. Tagg.....(Norfolk Gazelles).....47:47	36. A. Fairclough.....51:10
2. R. Taylor.....(Coventry God. H.).....48:27	81. P. O'Connor
3. T. Wright.....(Hallamshire H.).....48:46	110. A. Major
4. M. Turner.....(Liverpool H.).....48:58	133. G. W. Dance
5. R. Richardson.....(Blackheath H.).....49:12	140. T. Hart
6. M. Baxter.....(Leeds City AC).....49:20	168. L. Mann
7. M. Freary.....(Bolton United H.).....49:29	185. R. Piotrowski
8. G. Stevens.....(Reading AC).....49:30	J. Thresher, d.n.f.
9. D. Atkin.....(Airedale S.V.A.C.).....49:37	
D. Gerry North.....(BELGRAVE H.).....49:45	(1046 started, 901 finished)

Teams:-

1. Tipton H.....(11,14,19,33,45,53).....175 points
2. Leicester Colleges AC.....(22,26,55,83,115,130).....431 points
3. Bolton Utd H.....(7,15,25,119,138,141).....445 points
4. North Staffs & St. H.....(24,35,73,76,128,142).....478 points
5. Hercules/Wimbledon AC.....(12,16,42,43,174,203).....490 points
6. Reading AC.....(8,67,70,100,123,126).....494 points
7. BELGRAVE H.....(10,36,81,110,133,140).....510 points
8. Portsmouth AC 603 pts, 9. Man DLC 644 pts, 10. Derby Cty 644 pts, 11. Bingley H 717 pts.

SOUTHAMPTON-----BOURNEMOUTH RELAY-----9th MARCH

PERCY WRIGHT REPORTS:-

"South for Sunshine" say the adverts but when Belgrave left London for Southampton and the annual relay to Bournemouth, they left the sunshine at home and found themselves in thick fog on arrival at their destination. Fortunately it cleared before the start of what the Police have decided was the last of the series that first started in 1938.

The first hectic stage of 5½ miles consisted of much traffic dodging, and a hot pace set by John Valentine of Epsom and Mel Edwards of Thames Valley, O'Connor was in the midst of it all but unable quite to match the pace setters. Gibson's course record of 25mins.09secs. went, and all the expected challengers were close up.

Over the second stage of 3¼ miles, the short stage, Geoff North began to weave his way through, while Whitley for Thames Valley took his club to the front. Portsmouth too through Gibson also gained ground, and although Hercules/Wimbledon dropped back a fraction the pattern became as it was last year, with a repeat performance beginning to look possible.

The third stage was the long one of 6 miles and Portsmouth's Martin Hyman with a full knowledge of the area put in a good run for his club to take them to the front. Gerry North was also in fine form and was keeping the Bels well to the forefront, but the stage belonged to Dave Holt who ran into second position for Hercules/Wimbledon. Only 24 seconds separated the first four teams..

The race was now developing into one of the best of the series, Major was determined to keep the Bels within striking distance by moving us up to 3rd. Collins held on to the lead for Hercules/W'don and young Cass ran a good 4½ miles for Portsmouth.

RESULT

1. Hero/Wimb. AC	2:22:38				
2. BELGRAVE H	2:23:13	P. O'Connor	25:52(9)	W. Kerr	27:08
3. Portsmouth AC	2:23:41	Geoff North	17:24(2)	J. Rimmer	18:49
4. Reading AC	2:24:13	Gerry North	28:19(4)	T. Hart	28:56
5. Mitcham AC	2:24:57	A. Major	21:40(2)	J. Dear	22:54
6. Cambridge H	2:25:13	J. Thresher	24:49(1)	K. Diprose	26:44
D. BELGRAVE 'B'	2:31:03	A. Fairclough	25:09(6)	R. Piotrowski	26:34

Also ran,

'C' team: H. Satchell 28:04, P. Hillier 19:16

A Solemn Thought

We are not usually so mournful, but we would ask our older members (when they have made provision for those near to them) to consider a bequest in their will for the benefit of Belgrave Harriers. The Club has played a very important part in the lives of many of us with twenty, thirty and even longer years of membership; and some recognition of the benefits derived over such a long period would not be out of place.

Also a direction to one's Executors, or next of kin, to hand over to the Club's Trustees any books, photographs, newspaper-cuttings etc etc, likely to be of interest to the future members of the Club, might ensure that they found their way into channels where they would be appreciated, retained and admired, rather than into the dust-bin and destruction.

Gentlemen, to your Wills!

As each cross-country season ends, Bill Curtin and Richard Langley are another step nearer carrying Senior colours. And if their present rate of improvement continues we have a lot to look forward to. This does not mean that the Day brothers, John, Stowe and others are going un-noticed, for we are all aware that youngsters develop at varying rates and they might well have periods of rapid progress ahead of them. However, the first of our present juniors to join the senior ranks will be Tony Brien who has been with us for less than a year. Tony comes from Eire and is a quiet lad who has a thirst for hard work. He made an impact last December when he finished up amongst our senior first team men in the Club '7', taking the handicap as well, and beating John Dear and Dick Piotrowski. These two runners were obliged to see the back of Brien again in the South of Thames Senior at Brighton when he finished an excellent 51st to be our fourth scorer. He won our Junior '5' by 1½ minutes and without stopping tagged onto the Senior '10' field. With the right encouragement Tony Brien should prove to be a valuable asset to our senior teams next year.

We are now well into the road relay season, the height of which is the National Road Relay at Leicester on May 3rd. We say it every year, but surely this year we must get a silver medal at least if all goes well. Our whole strength in this 12-men event revolves around the 6 short stages where our depth enables us to place good quality runners. However, there is a limit to how much our short stage men can make up so what about those long legs where we are outgunned by several clubs? Well, with Geoff North and John Thresher running into form at the right time Gerry should get peak support. At the time of writing Fairclough and Major seem to be humming along and Mann is just the runner to give them all a great start. For the short legs Hart, O'Connor, Dance and Diprose look well placed, with the last two places to be scrambled for by Blount, O'Hara, Piotrowski, Cross and Kerr. Tipton must be favourite but the rest of the team will have to pull something out of the bag to beat us at our best.

Countryman

BACK COVER PHOTO (P. Wright)---John Thresher fights out the lead with Mike Beevor (Herc.Wimb) in the Southampton-Bournemouth Relay..

