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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

CHRISTMAS, 1952—once again the time to wish all members, their wives, sweethearts, friends and supporters—A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

Our greetings and best wishes go out to our kindred associations and clubs and those who devote so much time to the administration of our sport.

We pause for a moment to remember those departed members and we know that their dear ones will have comfort in knowing that we shall never forget them and their service to our Club.

NEW YEAR, 1953—with Ernie Duffett as our new President we are confident of maintaining our successful progress.

Alf Harley, our Immediate Past President, served the Club in his dignified position as truly and conscientiously as we have always been served by the Presidents of our choice. Apart from his Presidential office he has worked unceasingly as Hon. Secretary and in addition to this has attended to our re-building arrangements from the legal, architectural and financial aspect and we feel confident as to the ultimate results of his labour. To Alf we say a simple, but very sincere, "THANK YOU," and we are sure that he is fully aware of the gratitude of every member.

Alf commanded our loyalty by persuasion, Ernie perhaps uses more direct methods, but nevertheless we know that he will obtain the same splendid results. We do assure Ernie of our continued wholehearted support and loyalty and we go forward into the coming year with a great feeling of security and confidence and wara our friends of rival clubs to expect formidable competition from "Ernie Duffett and his Battling Bels."

YOUR EDITORS.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



I should like to express my most humble thanks for the great honour you have paid me in electing me as President of the Belgrave Harriers.

When I think of some of the names who have held this position, I hardly think that I can measure up to their greatness but will do my best for the Club during my year of office.

I little thought when I joined the Club just over 25 years ago that I should ever rise to such an exalted position and can assure all members that I hope to still be with the Club another 25 years hence, D.V.

Belgrave have always been essentially a team club, it was for that reason that I joined them from Croydon Harriers, a decision that I have never once regretted.

It may well be that some people think that we have our arguments and disagreements but to my mind that is inevitable in a progressive club like ours, and does not mean that we are not united in our efforts to make Belgrave the leading club in the country.

I am especially pleased at the promise and enthusiasm shown by our Youths and Juniors and it is for that reason that I have plenty of faith in the future of the Club.

Some clubs seem to have a cycle of successes and then lean times, but, as someone remarked to me at our Club Dinner, Belgrave seem to go on and on, and I hope that this happy state of affairs will continue for many years to come.

May I close by once again thanking you for this great honour, and in wishing all our members a very happy Christmas and the best of luck for 1953.

Yours sincerely,

ERNIE DUFFETT,
President.

It is with profound regret that we report the death of Colin Sutton, who was killed in Malaya on September 28th.

We have lost a very staunch clubman and a very dear friend.

Colin, who was one of our very best long-distance walkers, had only recently returned to the Club after a spell in Australia.

His tragic death is a very great shock not only to us but to all those that knew him as the Gentleman and grand Sportsman that he was.

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Sutton and her son Robert. His memory will remain with us always.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the Annual General Meeting was held on a Tuesday evening owing to a rather full fixture and social list but the attendance was nevertheless very good and totalled 125.

The meeting was opened by President Alf Harley at 6.45 p.m., who asked the assembly to stand in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect for Jimmy Bellchamber, Oscar Horwood, Joe Turner and Colin Sutton, who had passed away since our last meeting.

The Hon. Secretary's report was presented, a copy of which had been circulated to every member. Jack Chappell in proposing the adoption of the report added a few complimentary words on the work of Alf Harley, our General Hon. Secretary, and his assistant, Harry Shields, which were received with acclamation.

The Hon. Treasurer's report was then presented by Gordon Doubleday, who systematically went through every item on the balance sheet. He pointed out an extra item on the expenditure side, the coaching fees of Franz Stampfl, which he said, and which was agreed by all, was a good investment and was in any case offset by a new donation on the receipts side from the Gothenburg-London Match at the White City. Expenditure showed an increase which was partly balanced by an increase in receipts from subscriptions, which included the large sum of £53 of arrears. The Club during the year made donations to such worthy causes as The Mayor of Wimbledon's Appeal for the Blind, St. Dunstan's, and the British Olympic Association. The social activities cost the Club more this year than last and the Treasurer reminded members to take advantage of the social amenities of the Club. He also pointed out that the Club also organised a very successful Open 20 miles Road Run, the expenses for which were not shown on the balance sheet owing to the fact that they were defrayed anonymously and he put on record his and the Club's thanks to the donor.

He thanked Syd Roberts for his work in getting in the arrears of subscriptions, Les Cohen for his work in connection with the Belgrave Harriers Supporters' Club, Tom Morrell for his help as Assistant Hon. Treasurer, Eric Bishop for looking after prizes, medals, etc., Bill Webb for attending to the letting of the hall, Les Cohen and Harry Shields jointly for typing and duplicating, his auditors, Lionel Grimshaw and Syd King, for the time they spent in preparing the accounts and finally all Sectional Secretaries. Some questions were asked and satisfactorily answered concerning the finances of the Club and eventually the report was adopted with a vote of thanks to Doub for his hard work.

Honours Badges were presented to B. Walden, I. Badiali, P. Bagnall, I. McDonald and D. Brickwood. This was followed by a very pleasing presentation of a cup by Len Marchant to F. J. Wright for beating Len's record of 2.2.8 in the Junior Half Mile Championship, a record which Len made before the War.

Then with a few well-chosen words Alf Harley, the retiring President, proposed that Ernie Duffett should take his place in the President's Chair for the ensuing year, a proposal that was acclaimed unanimously and with great enthusiasm, which showed that Ernie is not such a bad handicapper after all. With this Ernie took his place in the Chair and after thanking the Club for the honour bestowed on him proceeded to conduct the meeting in typical "Duffettarian" fashion. Vice-Presidents were then elected as already shown in the handbook, plus A. Whitehead, J. Chappell, W. Lucas, H. Shields, H. Footer, whose names were added to the list. Alf Harley was again elected Gen. Hon. Secretary and the election of Harry Shields as Assistant Secretary completed a team that has served us so well. It was regretted that Gordon Doubleday found it necessary to resign the Treasurer-ship, but this year we found what is almost a rarity, a volunteer for the job in Syd Roberts, who was elected as expected without opposition. Ernie Neville proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Doub and the meeting showed their appreciation by prolonged applause. Tom Morrell, our Assistant Hon. Treasurer, was again elected and Ernie Duffett is retaining the post of Running Hon. Secretary. Jack Goswell has taken over the vacancy created by Syd Roberts moving to the Treasurer's office. Although Jack has not been a member of the Club for any great length of time, he has done a tremendous amount of work for the walkers and has shown beyond doubt that he is capable of carrying on in the same efficient manner as Syd. Frank Elson expressed the walkers' appreciation of Syd's work over many years. Harry Cornell was re-elected Junior Running Hon. Secretary, Jack Chappell, Field Events Hon. Secretary, and Jack Lacey to the Social Section. Thereafter followed the election of Captains, Vice-Captains, Committee, etc.

After this the "Wally Bayliss" Cup for the first Club man home in the R.W.A. National 20 miles Championship was presented to Hugh McGreechan, who was also first man home for the Club in the Brighton Walk, for which he received his medal. Fred Rolfe, who was third, was also presented with his medal.

Alf Harley then proposed Gordon Doubleday for Life Membership and in his proposal left no doubt in the members' minds that Gordon was really deserving of this honour and after Frank Elson had added his remarks, as seconder, Doub was unanimously elected, to which he replied with a quiet and very sincere "Thank you."

We eventually came to the very important discussion, on the recommendation of the Committee, for the increase of Club subscriptions. Syd Roberts, our new Treasurer, inaugurated his election to this office by a brilliant budgetarial speech in which he enlarged on a few items in the balance sheet which showed that the increase, although not welcome, was vitally necessary. He showed us by the simple method of enumerating the chief benefits of membership, that the average member receives in Team Expenses 4s. 8d., Prizes 2s. 3d., Medals 2s. 3d., Engraving 1s., Printing and Stationery (*Belgravians*, fixture cards, etc.) 6s., Postage 2s. 2d., and Social 1s. 2d.—a total of 19s. 6d. Therefore the suggested new subscription of 15s.

for seniors, 7s. 6d. for juniors and 3s. 6d. youths, per year, was really good value for the club amenities provided, and then proposed the adoption of the resolution. Alf Harley also pointed out that older members who are now inactive and felt that the new subscription would be too much to pay, would be welcomed as Honorary Members at an annual subscription of 7s. 6d., such members to be elected by the Committee. One or two other members spoke on the subject and John Briggs, one of our junior members, was most emphatic in a short but well-presented speech, that the Club was good value and most worthy of the greater subscription. The motion was then carried.

A further recommendation from the Committee regarding Junior and Youths' Honours Badges was considered and after much discussion it was decided to adopt the resolution as printed in the Agenda with the proviso that "The motion be adopted in principle but the anomalies regarding track and field events be further considered by the Committee."

General business which followed was topical and interesting but did not show any serious dissatisfaction with the general management of the Club.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman-President, Ernie Duffett, who conducted the meeting efficiently and with a humour that is typical of him.

FROM THE HON. TREASURER

"bis dat, qui cito dat"

Having been elected to the office of Hon. Treasurer I would remind you of the above quotation which appeared in the August issue of the *Belgravian*. This, I hope, will become the motto of every Club member and for the benefit of those who are not familiar with Latin, the English interpretation is "He gives twice who gives promptly."

Those of you who were present at the Annual General Meeting will have heard of the considerable expenditure involved in writing to members reminding them of their financial obligations to the Club, expenditure which could easily be saved by prompt payment. In particular I would appeal to the track men, a large number of whom seem to have the impression that there is no necessity to pay until the commencement of the track season. Remember that although you may be inactive for a period, the Club still has to go on. I therefore ask all members to make a point of seeing that their subscriptions for the current year are paid before Christmas.

Our expenditure throughout the whole year must be governed to a degree by our income from subscriptions and if these are paid up early, the work of your Committee will automatically be made much easier and the efficiency of the Club greatly improved.

I now come to something much more serious. As I pointed out at the Annual General Meeting, there is a considerable amount outstanding for the year 1951/52. If you are one of the defaulters, then I hope you will take this as a warning. A review of the Club Register will be made in January next and if you are in arrears for last year your name may be removed from the mailing list. Your membership card should give you the necessary information, as the receipt for your subscriptions should be affixed to the back cover. Have a look at it and make sure.

I shall be in attendance at Wimbledon as frequently as possible, particularly on Saturdays, but don't wait to see me. A Postal Order and a 2½d. stamp is all that you need, plus my address, which you will find below.

For the benefit of those who were not present at the Annual General Meeting, the rates of subscriptions are now as follows:—

Seniors	...	...	15/-	per annum
Juniors	...	...	7/6	" "
Youths	...	...	3/6	" "
Hon. Members	...	...	7/6	" " minimum.

As a result of this appeal, I look forward to a bumper post in the next few weeks, so DON'T DELAY, give YOUR CLUB the support it deserves and SEND YOUR SUBS. NOW.

SYD. ROBERTS, 35, Perrymead Street, Fulham, S.W.6.

Information is required concerning the whereabouts of some of our Life Members whose names appear in the Club Handbook, but no addresses are available.

Will any Club member in possession of any information regarding any of those shown in the following list, please pass it on to the Treasurer.

C. C. ARNOLD
A. GRANT
A. E. GRANT
C. H. KIRBY
J. WILCOX

A. H. LOFTS
T. NICHOLSON
W. PURVES
D. ROBERTSON
H. GOODFELLOW

THE CLUB DINNER AND DANCE, 1952

Once again our principal social event was a great success, and the thanks of the Club are due to our Social Hon. Secretary and his Committee. Two hundred and forty-seven members, friends, and guests were present including many notable people in the Athletics World. Ernie Duffett, only four days President, and his wife presided over the gathering with the dignity becoming them as the first lady and gentleman of the Club during the early formalities of the speech making and then with the rest of their guests proceeded to enjoy the evening as only Belgravians can do.

There is no doubt that this Dinner of ours is one of the most popular social events of the year, not only for our own members but also for members of other clubs and Associations, and we do try to show these people how much we welcome them being with us.

The speeches, although brilliant and interesting to those actively engaged in athletics, were still too long. It should be remembered by those selected to make these speeches that this is really the social night of the year and that half of the company consists of the ladies who have come chiefly to dance and enjoy themselves and to show us how charming they can look in their beautiful dresses. The writer is sure that all the ladies enjoyed themselves on this occasion, but they were obviously anxious to get the speeches over and get down to the dancing. However, the excellent work of Bert Ellsey as M.C. really got things going and we all went away feeling that we had enjoyed another good "Belgrave Night."

COMBINED CLUB MEETING

This was the usual combined meeting with the London Olympiades A.C. at Battersea Park Track on 2nd July, and we had some Club handicap events plus the Hop, Step and Jump Club championship on the programme.

P. Luxon was the winner of the triple jump with a leap of 42ft. 1in., and C. R. Jones was second with D. B. Ansell in third place. Standard awards were gained by—D. R. Childs, S. R. Day, T. C. Jones, D. Whitehead and A. P. Mayhew.

The 100 yards Club handicap was won by P. Cornish off 7 yds., with Denis Merrett second off a yard, and J. Smith (6½) third.

Alan Sexton won the 440 yds. handicap off 5 yards, with A. H. Cameron also off 5 yds. in second place, and C. W. Coxon (20) in third position.

The 2 miles walk saw E. A. Smith (280) finish first with Harry Shields (500) in second place and A. Wesson (600) third.

"Ginger" Holtum won the High Jump handicap and proved himself no mean exponent of the art, with S. R. Day in second place.

We also had a 6 laps steeplechase event, with the water jump included, but a very poor field turned out for this and the winner proved to be Don Maclean off 60 yds., who only came in at the last moment in order to make the number up. R. Belmore (120) was second with Reg. Bolam (140) in third place.

It may be that we put on too many handicap events for our members throughout the season, and that next year we shall have to consider cutting down these events, as without proper support by the members they cost the Club quite a bit of money for prizes.

A.E.C. INTER-CLUB MATCH

Held on July 5th at Southall, this was a five-sided match, and the winners proved to be the Thames Valley H., with Herne Hill H. second and ourselves third.

Bob Taylor won the 880 yards while Holtum was second in the 100 yards, and Vern Blowfield won the 3 miles run in 15 min. 4 secs.

Ian Badiali was second in the 440 but we were short of competitors for the two field events which were included in the match.

On the same day we had a team in the 2 miles team race at the S.T.C., and with Bill Lucas 1st, Len Herbert 4th and John Bromley 6th, we were first with 11 pts., against Essex Beagles' total of 15 pts.

L.A.C. INTER-CLUB RELAYS

These were held at the White City on July 8th, and we had quite a good number of members present and did reasonably well.

We failed in our heat of the 4 x 110 yds owing to the fact that Benstead failed to take the baton at the final change-over, and it would seem that more practice is needed in this most important aspect of relay racing.

In the 4 x 440 yds. our lads ran really well to qualify for the final seeing that the Poly had Wint and Laing, of Jamaica, running for them. Ian Badiali and Bob Taylor gave us the lead over the first two legs, but Wint got by Alan Sexton, but not by much, so that our last man, Bagnall, went off on Laing's heels only to find that the Jamaican was not trying and before he realised this the rest of the field had closed up and he had to fight hard to gain third place to the Achilles and L.A.C.

The 4 x 1 mile was the main event of the evening and Walton had given out that they were after a new British record. Ray Tooby was our first runner and he gave us the lead from Doug. Wilson, of the Poly, with the Walton runner well back. Don Maclean went off at a cracking pace, but tired over the last two laps and Chataway overhauled him to give Walton the lead. Jack Brown went next for us and he ran a well-judged race to catch the Walton man down the home straight, but Len Herbert could not hold Nankeville over the final leg, and we finished second in 17 min. 25 secs., which was only just outside the British (National) record of 17 min. 22.6 secs. We congratulate Walton A.C. on beating the British (All-Comers) record of 17 min. 17.2 secs. set up in 1936, and their winning time was 17 min. 16 secs.

We also turned out a team for the 4 x 2 laps steeplechase event and D. Powell, Reg. Bolam, Len Bishop and J. Masters all ran well to gain 6th place and so score a point for the Club.

Our high jumpers also gained us a point, but the rest of the field events, with an aggregate of two to score, failed to bring in any additional points.

J. Benstead ran in a special 100 yds. handicap, which was put on for the benefit of Treloar, the Australian Olympic runner, and he did well to finish second to the flyer from "down under."

MATCH WITH HERNE HILL H.

Held at Tooting Bec Track on 14th July, this was a triangular match with Cambridge Harriers as the third club.

Basil Walden won the 100 yds., beating Gibbs, of Herne Hill, and the latter was also beaten by Alan Sexton in the 220.

Jack Brown and Ian Badiali were 2nd and 3rd in the 880, and A. H. Cameron was 3rd in the 440 yds.

Don Maclean turned out for us in the 2 miles run and did well to finish 4th, and we cannot make out what happens to our distance men for these evening matches.

E. M. Bare won the High Jump with a leap of 6 feet and D. R. Childs was 2nd in the Discus, with P. Luxon in a similar position in the Long Jump event.

Bill Sutton was third in the Weight and the final match points were—Herne Hill H., 60; Belgrave H., 38; Cambridge H., 23.

THE WADDILOVE MEETING

We made the trip up to Birmingham to the headquarters of the Birchfield Harriers, and this was our first visit since 1948 and our lads certainly did well in both the senior and junior contests.

Denis Merrett was 3rd in the 100 yds. final and Alan Sexton ran a fine race to finish 2nd in the 440 yds., which was won in 49.8 secs., which equalled the previous record time.

In the 1 mile medley relay our team won in the new record time of 3 min. 34.6 secs., and we also won the 2 miles team race with Birchfield H. second and Essex Beagles third.

There were also four field events which counted in the senior match, and the final points were—London A.C., 19; Belgrave H., 14; Achilles, 12; Birchfield H., 9; Herne Hill H., 7; Small Heath H., 7; Polytechnic H., 6; Coventry Godiva H., 5; Walton A.C., 4; Notts A.C., 3; South London H., 2; and Derby and City H., 1.

Frank Wright ran a good race to finish 2nd in the junior 880, after being badly spiked, and our team were 2nd in the 4 x 110 yds relay. Geoff Goode was 4th in the 1 mile team race and our team occupied the same position, but D. Maddicks won the junior Javelin with a throw of 144ft. 7in.

Final points for the junior match were—Coventry Godiva H. and Belgrave H., each 11; Polytechnic H., Herne Hill H., and Blackheath H., each 6.

MATCH WITH ESSEX BEAGLES

This match was held at Tooting Bee on 23rd July and the programme also included some Club handicaps.

In the match events, Benstead was 2nd in the 100, while Bishop and Maclean were first home in the 880 yds.

Alan Sexton won the 220 yds. and Basil Walden won the 440, while Bob Belmore and Steve Charlton were 2nd and 3rd in the 1 mile match.

We also won the 4 x 110 yds. relay and the final match points were—Belgrave H., 45; Essex Beagles, 25; Hercules A.C., 19.

The handicap events resulted as under:—
150 yards.—1, Laverick (15); 2, Willcocks (10); 3, Lacey (16). Time, 15.2 secs.
600 yards.—1, Henn (25); 2, Cameron (10); 3, E. Bishop (28). Time, 1 min. 14.3 secs.
Two miles run.—1, L. Herbert (40); 2, W. Lucas (30); 3, D. Hooper (350). Time, 9 min. 20.6 secs.
Two miles walk.—1, Knifton (660); 2, James (260); 3, Coton (560). Time, 14 min. 19.8 secs.
Long jump.—1, C. R. Jones (1ft. 9in.); 2, D. R. Childs (1ft. 6in.). Distance, 21 feet.
Javelin.—1, A. Law (30ft.); 2, W. Sutton (40ft.). Distance, 153 feet.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

On August 2nd at Battersea Park Track, and just prior to the meeting there was a very heavy downpour and the rain continued for about an hour after the meeting had started. This no doubt kept many spectators away and may also have affected the number of starters, although I hope that our members cannot be accused of being fair-weather athletes!

In the 100 yards senior race we saw Denis Merrett beat Basil Walden by inches with our new member, I. Mayers, in third place.

The 100 yards junior final resulted in a win for Alan Law with Frank Kemp second and J. Benstead third.

We had only 3 starters for the 100 yards boys (under 16) event, and a newcomer in B. Michez was first with P. Bellenger second and M. Booker third. Although we have many members on our books who are eligible for this event they do not seem to like turning out in races and we trust that next year we shall see a much larger field facing the starter.

Denis Merrett completed a good double by winning the 220 senior final, and once again Basil Walden was second with Mayers in third place. The latter comes from British Guiana and is a powerfully built athlete who should prove an asset to our sprinting strength.

Alan Law also completed a double by being first in the 220 yards junior, and this time J. Benstead was second with Frank Kemp in third place.

The 440 yards senior saw a record which has stood since 1928 beaten, when Alan Sexton returned a winning time of 50.6 seconds, which beat the old record of 51 seconds. Jim Heathfield was second, a position he usually occupies in Club championship races over this distance, and Alan Bishop was third.

Peter Casselton retained his 440 junior title with J. Byrne second and S. G. Boreham third. Here again we had many more lads who were eligible to compete not taking part and we hope that they will look upon these races as a chance to introduce themselves to their fellow Club members.

Another new championship record was set up by Bob Taylor when he won the 880 yards senior race in 1 min. 58.5 secs., which beat the old record of 1 min. 59 secs. Ian Badiali was second with Alan Bishop third, but a very small field turned out for this event, and we wonder if members appreciate the fact that we give standard medals in all our championship races in order to encourage our members to take part.

Frank Wright won the 880 junior race and not only beat the old record of 2 min. 2.8 secs., but also won for himself a trophy given by Len Marchant, the previous record-holder, to any member beating his time. D. A. Wise was second with C. W. Rodgers third, and Frank's time of 1 min. 59.5 secs. was a magnificent performance.

In the 1 mile senior we saw the holder, Jack Brown, retain his title although his time of 4 min. 19 secs. was a second slower than his record time of last year. Don Maclean ran a plucky race to just beat Bill Lucas for second place, and the outstanding fact about this race was that only the first three were inside standard time.

The 1 mile junior saw the biggest field of the whole meeting, and with such promising youngsters to call upon the Club should have no fear as regards the future. Geoff. Goode ran in his usual plucky style to win in 4 min. 31.6 secs., with G. Lines second and J. Edgar in third place. No fewer than ten other competitors also gained standard medals and these youngsters really set an example to the older members, of how to support Club events.

In the 2 miles walk, the holder, G. H. Gregory, was an absentee, as also was Harry Churcher and R. McMullen, and the new title-holder proved to be J. Tebbutt, one of our numerous police walkers. G. Oliver was second with G. Checkley in third place and the winner's time was 15 min. 32.6 secs.

P. Luxon was a rather surprise winner of the Javelin Throw with George Powell second and D. Whitehead third, and Luxon also won the Long Jump with a leap of 20ft. 11½in., with D. B. Ansell second and Alan Law third.

R. Harris won the Discus Throw with C. Melchior second and Bill Sutton third, but the throwing was not up to standard and no one beat a 100 feet.

Alan Law won the Weight put with 35ft. 5½ins., with Harris second and J. P. Jones third, and as all these three are juniors, it does not say much for our standard in what, after all, is a senior championship. However, we do appear to have three very promising youngsters in this event, and may have a "Savidge" in our midst!

Jim Purdy retained his junior High Jump title with a leap of 5 feet, and E. M. Bare, our Nigerian member, again won the senior High Jump with 5ft. 8ins., with R. D. Holtum second and P. Luxon third. Both Holtum and Luxon are comparative newcomers to this branch of the sport and their efforts speak well for the future.

The following members attained standards in their events:—

220 yards.—D. Willcocks, R. Bartlett, R. D. Holtum.

440 yards.—C. W. Coxon.

880 yards.—J. Masters. (Junior)—S. G. Boreham.

1 mile (Junior).—M. Cunningham, M. Courtney, D. C. Bird, W. Bird, C. Barron, E. Allen, A. Ducoirey, D. Hooper, J. Golding, R. Baines.

2 mile walk, 2nd class.—E. A. Smith, P. G. Wright, G. E. Beecham.

High jump.—M. Steiner, C. R. Jones.

Weight.—D. Whitehead, C. Melchior, W. Sutton.

HAZELL MEETING

At Aylesbury on August Monday we won both the senior and junior competitions. As at this meeting it is the custom to give prizes for the first six in each event, it will be seen that our lads had a very profitable afternoon.

Benstead was 3rd in the junior 100 final and then won the 220 yards, while Frank Wright won the junior 880, and Geoff. Goode was 1st in the junior 1 mile. Our lads also won their section of the junior medley relay, beating the Polytechnic and Thames Valley H.

Walden and Merrett were 1st and 2nd in the 100 yds. trophy final, with Alan Sexton being placed 3rd in the 440 yds. Bob Taylor was 2nd with Ian Badiali 4th in the 880, and Don Maclean was 2nd in the 1 mile. Our team also won the 2 miles team race with Jack Brown first man home in the good time of 9 min. 16.4 secs.

A certain ginger-haired sprinter also won the 220 yds. event for reserves, and the problem was, I think, how to get all the prizes into the coach for the journey back to London!

MATCH AT TADWORTH

This evening match on the village green saw a large crowd of spectators, and as we won both the senior and junior matches, they must have been duly impressed by our lads' performances.

Basil Walden won the senior 100 yds. with Holtum in second place, and J. H. Byrne was second in the junior race.

Jim Heathfield won the 440 senior with Alan Bishop second and J. H. Byrne ran a good race to win the junior event.

Len Bishop was first home in the senior 880 with C. Henn, our Oxford University member, in second place and Frank Wright really showed the locals some running by "walking" the junior race over this distance.

Basil Walden won the senior 220 with Holtum third, and once again J. H. Byrne gained third place in the junior race.

Don Maclean won the senior 1 mile after a good race with an Epsom runner, and Frank Wright also won the junior mile to complete a busy evening.

Our seniors were first home in the medley relay race, but seeing that Byrne and Wright were the only two juniors present for us, we could not turn out a team in the junior relay, even though our lads offered to run two legs a piece!

To round off the evening they held a walking race over 1 mile and Bill True came along to take part, but do not think he was very impressed.

After the running was over we all adjourned to the village hall for refreshments, etc., and once more our members voted this as one of our most popular fixtures.

CLUB HANDICAP MEETING

We held our usual August handicap meeting at Tooting Bec on the 13th August, and although the 100 yards was well supported the two middle distance events could have done with more competitors turning out.

Our new member from British Guiana, I. A. Mayers, won the short sprint handicap in a close finish from D. Goodchild and R. Newnham, a new member.

The 880 yards saw W. S. Hill, who is a 2nd claim member, win narrowly from C. W. Coxon, with young S. G. Boreham third and the time was on the fast side!

The 2 miles run saw Jack Braughton, another 2nd claim member, turning out and from the virtual scratch mark he went through his field to win easily in good time. Don Maclean was second with yet another new member in P. Newnham in third place.

Charlie Speechley won the 2 miles walk handicap with George Oliver second and E. A. Smith third, and Charlie well deserved his success.

In the Weight handicap we saw our new Polish member, Gaworski, turning out and he put the weight 40ft. 5½in. to win the handicap from scratch. George Isaac and Tom Pritchard went in to make up the number and had the satisfaction of being 2nd and 3rd in the handicap.

As these events are put on for the benefit of all Club members it is a pity that they are not better supported, although we realise that an August date does come in the usual holiday period.

A.A.A. RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the R.A.F. Stadium at Uxbridge on August 16th we entered teams in both the 4 x 110 and the 4 x 440 yds.

Unfortunately, owing to holidays, etc., we were minus the services of Walden and Holtum, and as both Sexton and Bartlett were required for the 4 x 440, it was decided not to field a team for the sprint relay.

Our lads ran well to qualify for the final of the 4 x 440 and in this they finished 4th with about 5 yards covering the second, third and fourth teams.

At the same meeting Denis Merrett was 4th in the final of the A.A.A. 220 yds. Low Hurdles championship.

MATCH v. CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS

This was our last "home" meeting of the track season, and we had senior and junior matches against our old friends in the light-blue vests.

In the senior events we saw I. Mayers, our coloured sprinter, win the 100 yards in 10.4 secs., and he was also second to A. Dick, the Oxford University runner, in the 220.

Alan Sexton put up a really fine performance when winning the 440 in the fast time of 49.7 secs., and Dicky Bartlett was a good third.

Ian Badiali won the 880 in 1 min. 58.6 secs., and as he was our only runner, it was just as well that he came in first.

The 1 mile also saw only one Belgrave representative in Ray Tooby, but here again he was more than a match for the opposition, and Ray won in the good time of 4 min. 21 secs.

In the field events we had E. M. Bare, our Nigerian, clearing 6 feet to win the high jump, then our new Polish member, T. J. Gaworski, put the weight 40ft. 8ins., to record another first place. We also secured second position in the latter event with yet another new member in Sgt. D. Webb, who is in John Bromley's unit, and he did 35ft. 2½ins.

P. C. Luxon won the javelin throw with 142ft. ½in., with D. R. Childs in second place, and it looks as if we are building up a really strong section for next season.

In the junior events we had Alan Law winning the 100 yds., also the weight, and in the latter we also had J. P. Jones, our strapping youth, in second place.

J. Benstead was second in the 220 yds. and Frank Kemp occupied a similar position in the 440.

A new member in J. H. Cobden won the 880 yds. in quite good style, and Gerry Lines ran a real plucky race to win the 1 mile in a tight finish.

C. R. Jones won the high jump with 5ft. 4ins., and D. Maddicks won the javelin throw with 126ft. 1½ins.

Final match points were: Senior—Belgrave H., 32; Cambridge H., 16; Junior—Belgrave H., 33; Cambridge H., 15.

Also on the programme was our Club 3 miles track championship for the "Griffin" Cup, and the holder, Len Herbert, was a non-starter. Bill Lucas, Len Adams and Archie Bedford were other absentees, but quite a good field faced the starter.

After Mike Stearman had shown the way over the first two laps, Jack Brown went in front and simply ran away from the rest of the field, and he lapped over half of them.

His winning time of 14 min. 27.8 secs. was a new Club championship record and well beat the record of 14 min. 40.8 secs. set up by Len Herbert last year. Arthur Bruce was second in 14 min. 57 secs., with John Bromley in third place.

The following gained standards: 1st class—E. A. Short, C. W. Walker, D. G. Maclean, S. Davies, J. E. Burr; 2nd class—M. J. Stearman, B. L. Hudson.

Brian Trower and A. Cockram just missed the 2nd class by a couple of yards, but we wish them better luck in next year's race.

We held an unattached novices' race over 1 mile and the winner was M. Reeves in the good time of 4 min. 48.4 secs., with a brother of "Ginger" Newell in second place and one of the young police cadets, P. J. Rossiter, in third place.

In the Club Hop, Step and Jump handicap the winner was P. L. Porter with an allowance of 7ft. 9in., and he did 43 feet, with young H. Powell, a son of the well-known George, in second place, and Peter Sexton, now out of the Forces, third.

We also allowed the Southern A.A.A. to hold some of their Decathlon events in conjunction with our meeting, and their Hon. Secretary, in congratulating us on a very successful meeting, says: "You have certainly got some enthusiasm in the Club still!"

MATCH v. HERCULES A.C.

A "B" team match held at Tooting on 3rd September was a four-club match with senior and junior events.

Benstead and Laverick won their junior 100 yds., with C. R. Jones and J. H. Byrne also coming in first in the 220 junior.

J. H. Cobden and E. Allen were first two home in the junior 880 and the winner looks a very promising lad.

We had Gordon and R. Morrell in the senior 100 yds., with Ian Badiali and Don Maclean as our 220 men, but they failed to score a win and Mac's finishing leap was something to see!

Alan Bishop was a good second in the 880 yds., which was won in 2 min. 1.5 secs., while Stan Davies and George Stace scored in the 1 mile.

Our juniors won their 4 x 110 relay but the seniors were just beaten in a close finish in the closing darkness.

Final match points were: Senior—Poly H., 47; Belgrave H., 41; Herne Hill H., 34; Hercules A.C., 23. Junior—Belgrave H., 35; Hercules A.C., 21; Herne Hill H., 15.

L.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The finals of these so-called London Championships were held at Battersea Park on 6th September, and we had quite a number of our lads who had qualified in the various area races.

Jim Heathfield was 2nd in the N.E. London 440 yds. on July 19th, while in the S.W. London events on August 23rd we had "Ginger" Holtum 1st in the 100 yds., Don Maclean 3rd in the 1 mile, Arthur Bruce 1st in the 3 miles, and J. Tebbutt 2nd and E. A. Smith 3rd in the 2 miles walk.

In the S.W. London junior events we had Frank Kemp winning both the 100 and 440 yds., with Geoff. Goode 1st in the 880, and E. Allen in 2nd place.

The following were placed in the finals: R. D. Holtum, 2nd, 100 yards; D. G. Maclean, 2nd, 1 mile; A. H. Bruce, 3rd, 3 miles; F. W. Kemp, 2nd, 440 junior; G. J. Goode, 3rd, 880 junior.

MATCH v. METROPOLITAN POLICE

Our final track fixture took place at Imber Court, the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police, and Herne Hill and Mitcham A.C. were also present.

The sprint events were 1st and 2nd string races and Ivan Mayers scored a good double when winning the 100 in 10.4 and the 220 in 22.5 secs. Alan Law was second in the other 100 yds. race, while D. Gordon was third for us in the 2nd 220 yards

Ian Badiali won the 440 yds. in the good time of 51.5 secs., and Jack Brown was second to Terry Higgins in the 880 in 1 min. 57 secs., with Alan Bishop in third place.

Ray Tooby ran an impressive race to win the 1 mile and his time of 4 min. 18.4 secs. was said to be a new ground record.

We were pleased to see Vern Blowfield win the 2 miles run and his time of 9 min. 42.6 secs. was good, seeing that he had to slow down over the last 100 yards owing to Achilles' tendon trouble.

Our lads were also second to Herne Hill in the medley relay in which Badiali ran a good quarter to give us the lead, but over the 330 yds. stage Alan Bishop found that his two previous runs had taken the edge off his speed and he handed over in third place to Ivan Mayers. The latter went off as if he was jet-propelled and soon passed the Mitcham runner, but could not catch Higgins who was leading. Alan Law ran the final 110 yds. and he came in an easy second with Mitcham third and the Police last.

We also did well in the field events and Jack Chappell was very pleased with the good response to his "cards" and is already looking forward to great things from his section next season.

E. M. Bare won the high jump with 5ft. 10in., P. C. Luxon had a busy afternoon in winning the long jump with 21ft. 2in., being 2nd in the javelin throw and also second in the triple jump.

Our Polish member, T. Gaworski, won the weight with 42ft. 1in., which must almost be the best ever by a Club member, and then was second in the discus throw.

They also included a 120 yds. hurdles event and a Hammer Throw and while we could not field anyone in the former event, we had P. L. Porter in third place in the latter.

So ended a good afternoon's sport in which we had a very good muster of members present, and the final match points were: Belgrave H., 65; Met. Police, 50; Herne Hill H., 47; Mitcham A.C., 35.

THE FLOODLIT MEETINGS

The first of these was held at the White City on 10th September and was the City Charity meeting, in which we had several members competing for their various business associations.

In the sprints we had I. A. Mayers, our coloured sprinter, gaining 3rd place in the 100 yds. final, while in the 220 yds. he was 3rd in the fastest heat with only the first two going forward to the final.

Ian Badiali won his 440 yds. heat in 51.9 secs., and was placed 5th in the final, which was in 49 seconds by Arthur Wint who was running for the Hospitals.

Bob Taylor won his 880 yds. heat in 1 min. 59.7 secs., and was only narrowly beaten in the final in 1 min. 57 secs.

Jack Brown ran his best mile of the season to beat Gordon Pirie in the fast time of 4 mins. 13.4 secs., which was a record for this meeting and also a personal best for Jack.

Ray Tooby ran a fine race to win the 2 miles' run in the excellent time of 9 mins. 12.2 secs., which was a new meeting record, and he beat D. H. Holden, K. L. Norris, R. H. Dunkley and P. J. Pirie to mention just a few of the large field in this race.

We had C. R. Jones in the High Jump while Dennis Fleming threw for the Police in the Javelin Throw, and it was interesting to note that the Weight was won with 41ft. 11in., which puts our new member Gaworski in a favourable light.

The second of these floodlit meetings was the London v. Paris v. Brussels contest also at the White City on the 17th September, and a large crowd saw a very interesting evening's sport.

In the 5 miles' walk, which was billed as an attempt on the world's record, Roland Hardy, of Sheffield United Harriers, was pulled out and the rest of the field never looked like getting near the record.

Denis Merrett and Basil Walden were down as reserves for the 100 yards race, but as McDonald Bailey and Brian Shenton were present, their services were not required.

Bob Taylor was also down as a reserve for the 880 yards, but here again the two first strings, Day and Hewson, turned out, so Bob was not called upon to run. As the winner's time was 1 min. 56.6 secs., with the two London representatives doing 1-57.3 and 1-57.6, it will be seen that Bob would have been well with them.

Jack Brown was the first London string in the 1 mile race, and he fully justified his selection by beating his opponents in 4 min. 18.4 secs., after appearing to be boxed-in coming down the finishing straight.

In the medley relay race Alan Sexton ran the 110 yds. leg, but as Arthur Wint gave London a tremendous lead over the opening 440 yds., the rest of the team did not have to hurry themselves.

John Bromley ran in the 3,000 metres steeplechase at the end of the meeting, but was well behind even though he managed to finish in front of one of the Brussels runners.

The final points were: London, 130½; Paris, 81½; Brussels, 70.

SURREY ROAD RELAY RACE

Having won this race since its inception, it was a bit of a shock to find us only finishing in 5th place in this year's race.

This was due mainly to the fact that owing to John Bromley being unable to turn out, we had to call on a reserve in Don Maclean, and he ran sadly below his usual form.

There were ten clubs competing, and at the end of the first of the six "legs" we were in 9th position and about a minute and a half behind the leaders.

Arthur Bruce pulled us up three places on the 2nd stage and Chas. Walker brought us to 5th on the third leg, and we then ran Jack Braughton in an endeavour to overhaul the leaders.

Jack ran a fine lap in 14.7 which was only 5 seconds outside the course record set up by C. J. Chataway, but could only improve one place, and as S.L.H. had Gordon Pirie on the next leg it was not surprising that Len Adams dropped back to 5th once again.

Eddie Short ran our final lap of about 3 miles, and although he caught Butler, of Surrey A.C., he was eventually beaten on the final run-in by about a yard.

Our runners' times were: Maclean, 15.50; Bruce, 14.22; Walker, 14.50; Braughton, 14.07; Adams, 14.37; Short, 14.33.

Final placings and times were: 1, Herne Hill H., 87.07; 2, South-London H., 87.45; 3, Walton A.C., 88.00; 4, Surrey A.C., 88.19; 5, Belgrave H., 88.19.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON WALK—September 13th

We mustered 16 entries, comprising two teams for this event and of the total only one was a non-starter, our new member, Norman Guimant, who decided at the last moment that he was not quite fit enough and spent the day as Percy Wright's attendant.

Most of our lads seemed to take it fairly easy at the start, and it was some time before any of them were anywhere near the front. Hugh McGreechan eventually pushed forward a bit but had rather a bad time about half way and began to drop back. Meanwhile Harry Shields, who was suffering from a boil on the foot, showed great pluck in keeping going and Fred Rolfe looked certain of a faster time than last year. Our fourth man, Jack Wakeley, was not far away, but making a check at half distance, it looked almost impossible for us to be placed, whilst there seemed no doubt that Poly would take team honours. Although our scoring four finished before Woodford Green or Highgate, we had to be content with 4th place. Poly, Harriers, with their four in the first seven, scoring 19 points, beat our record low score of 21 points in 1936.

The usual useful work was carried out by the cyclist attendants and special thanks are due to three members of the Police Cycling Section (not Belgrave members) who came along to assist some of our walkers.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS ONE HOUR MEETING—27-9-52

As usual we did not support this meeting to any great extent and only gained 4th place in the team event. Percy Wright was our only representative in the "A" Section, but Gerry Warr, walking in the "B" Section, covered almost the same distance.

Distances as follows:—

	Mls.	Yds		Mls.	Yds.
P. G. Wright	7	220	P. Wilson	6	720
G. J. Warr	7	131	M. Guilmaat	6	710
G. Beecham	7	89	J. Coton	6	639
E. A. Smith	6	1677	A. East	6	630
G. E. Oliver	6	1430	J. G. Scamell	6	599
B. Eglinton	6	1066	S. G. Spencer	6	502
W. Ferguson	6	846	J. Goswell	5	1284
J. Wilson	6	817			

Team Placings—1, Cambridge Harriers, 38 points; Belgrave Harriers, 103 points.

BATH TO LONDON 100 MILES WALK

In this tremendous feat of endurance we had three heroes actually walking and several smaller heroes who gave unselfishly, but with much personal inconvenience, their help to our walkers, and in fact to other walkers and officials throughout the race. We cannot speak too highly of the wonderful efforts of Syd. Spencer and Fred Herring. Syd., walking in his first 100 miles, was quite happy all through the race and gave his faithful helpers not too hard a time. Fred Herring's performance was outstandingly courageous. Fred has failed to secure his Centurion's Badge in five previous races and his tenacity in attempting continuously to obtain his 100 miles status is to be admired. This tenacity was outstanding during the second half of the race and we are delighted at his success. Gordon Doubleday, already a Centurion, was forced to retire owing to lack of sleep during the week through preparing the Belgrave accounts.

Belgrave should feel satisfied with their share in this enterprising and successful promotion. Mention must be made of Joe and Percy Wilson, Harry Shields and Jack Goswell, who cycled all the way from Bath with our men, Jack Stirling-Wakely who walked about 65 miles with Fred Herring. Percy Wright and Bert Clayton who were willing helpers during the night in the wilds of Wiltshire. Frank Elson with his wife and daughter who arrived at the half-way mark at 3.30 a.m. and continued throughout the race giving encouragement and help. At Slough, Belgrave had a feeding station well manned by Syd. Roberts, Jack Rutland, George Checkley, Fred Rickards and Frank Thomson. Frank is particularly mentioned for his tremendous effort in regaling the walkers from first to last with Horlicks and sponging, and it was truly amazing to see such vitality from one of his age. Well done, Frank, the walkers did appreciate it.

But after giving credit to all these, our real heroes were undoubtedly Syd. Spencer and Fred Herring, and they deserve most wholeheartedly our congratulations for their grand courage and success in walking this 100 miles inside the 24 hours.

EALING C.C. RELAY

The second annual cross-country relay promoted by the Ealing Harriers was held at Perivale on October 4th and we had three teams taking part in this rather novel event.

The race was won by Thames Valley "A" with Finchley "A" second and Surrey A.C. third. Ealing "A" were 4th and our "A" team were 5th, and all these teams beat last year's winning time.

Our "B" team were 12th and our "C" team 13th, but unfortunately in the fifth lap some of the teams from ninth place onwards went off the course and so the times of these runners cannot be taken as accurate

"A"—6. R. T. Taylor, 14.39; 4. R. J. Mitchell, 15.17; 4. E. A. Short, 14.52; 5. J. E. Burr, 15.41; 5. C. W. Walker, 15.11; 5. L. A. Adams, 14.56. Total, 90.36.
 "B"—14. S. G. Brooks, 16.43; 13. G. J. Stace, 16.20; 14. R. F. Bolam, 15.43; 13. K. Stimpson, 16.02; 12. B. L. Hudson, 14.27; 12. S. Davies, 15.21. Total, 94.36.
 "C"—13. K. A. Cuff, 16.41; 12. E. Herbert, 15.43; 13. R. F. Budd, 16.19; 14. S. Charlton, 16.26; 14. J. E. Godfrey, 15.40; 13. D. Briggs, 15.23. Total, 96.12.

CLUB FIVE MILES HANDICAP—11th October, 1952

Fine weather gave us a good start to our Winter Road Season. This year our 5 miles handicap race also incorporated a match against the M.P.A.A., and 35 walkers started. Sid. James and George Oliver could be seen leading the field, with Paddy Woods and George Checkley following close behind. Down the hill positions closed up and there were little packs of walkers together. Back on the Common, Sid. took a slight lead on Paddy, but coming down Lauriston Road, Paddy came again, and they finished together in 37-42, with George Checkley 3rd.

The handicap was won by our new member, C. MacLennon, who walked well to finish in 42-20, and with 7 minutes allowance he beat Percy Wilson by 5 secs., with W. Ferguson third. Another good job by Billy True who seems to have us all in line. Scoring 12 a side we lost to the M.P.A.A. by 108 points to 192 points.

SOUTHERN ROAD RELAY

The third of these races for Southern clubs only was held on October 11th and 20 clubs had been invited to take part. Notable absentees were South London H. and Aylesford Paper Mills, but Thames Valley, who had won in 1950, were competing this time.

On the first stage from Mitcham to Purley we had Jack Brown, and he put up a truly magnificent performance to beat Alec Olney's record time of 27.37 by five seconds. He gained for us a lead of 33 seconds with Walton in second place and Cambridge third.

Chas. Walker went off next, and although he did 7th fastest time for this relay he lost 32 seconds, so that at the next change-over we were only a second in front of Essex Beagles with Walton in third place.

On the third stage we ran John Bromley and he really had a poor run, in fact there were only two slower times than his and he not only lost the lead but dropped us to 6th place, and we were now 2 min. 14 secs. behind the leaders, Essex Beagles, with Walton A.C. second and Thames Valley third.

Arthur Bruce on the 4th leg put in some fine running to not only beat the course record by 13 seconds, but he took us back to third place, a second behind Herne Hill, and he had gained 1 min. 13 secs. on the leaders.

Ray Tooby also put in a record-breaking run on the 5th lap and he beat the old record by no less than 37 seconds and gained 35 seconds on the Essex Beagles' runner, who also beat the old record, and we were now second with Herne Hill third.

Bob Taylor, on the short 6th stage, gained 8 seconds on the leader, but we were still 18 seconds behind Essex Beagles, with Herne Hill still in third place.

Jim Peters was the next runner for Essex Beagles on the long 7th relay, and seeing that he broke the course record, it was not surprising that he gained ground from Len Herbert. Len, however, was below his usual form and he actually lost 2 min. 12 secs., so that we were now 2½ minutes behind the Beagles with Herne Hill still hanging on to that third position.

It now looked like a win for the Essex team, but Len Adams had other ideas and, running like a man possessed, he not only beat the course record by a second, but he gained 1 min. 28 secs. on the leaders and we still had a fighting chance.

Eddie Short evidently thought so too for he also beat the course record by a second and not only gained 1 min. 2 secs. on his rival but caught him about 100 yards from the change-over and swept by him to give Bill Lucas a lead of 9 seconds.

Bill has done this last lap into Brighton on previous occasions and he made no mistake in going right away from his rival and actually gained 45 seconds, so that our winning time of 3 hrs. 48 min. 34 secs. was only 5 seconds outside the record time put up in 1938 by Mitcham A.C.

It is obvious that but from the bad time had by John Bromley, and if Len Herbert had been up to his last year's form, that we would have "smashed" the course record and whether we have now missed our chance of doing so, remains to be seen.

That conditions were ideal is shown by the fact that records were broken on all stages except the third, which some people think was never accomplished. It is liable for timekeepers to err!

Club records for this race were broken by Jack Brown, Arthur Bruce, Ray Tooby, Len Adams and Eddie Short, and it was a pity that Norris, of T.V.H., beat Eddie's time, thus depriving him of the course record, but the other four now go on the list of course record-holders.

Our actual times and positions were—(1) J. W. Brown, 27.32; (1) C. W. Walker, 26.31; (6) J. Bromley, 24.12; (3) A. H. Bruce, 25.53; (2) R. C. Tooby, 23.37; (2) R. T. Taylor, 10.40; (2) L. W. Herbert, 31.30; (2) L. A. Adams, 20.16; (1) E. A. Short, 20.44; (1) W. E. Lucas, 17.39.

The first six clubs home who now qualify for the National Road Relay next April were: 1, Belgrave H., 3.48.34; 2, Thames Valley H., 3.49.28; 3, Essex Beagles, 3.49.30; 4, Blackheath H., 3.51.4; 5, Herne Hill H., 3.51.38; 6, Polytechnic H., 3.53.35.

HIGHGATE OPEN—25th October, 1952

Nineteen of our lads faced the starter for the opening seven of the season. Unfortunately we were minus three of our scoring team of last year, and for the first time for years Belgrave did not share the honours of the Highgate seven.

After the usual scrambled start our lads took the hill easy, and passed the top in 27, 28, 30 and 31st position with the others all fairly close. Down to the Bye-Pass positions had changed, the leaders were Barratt and Mash together followed by Coleman, with Sid James 7th, George Oliver 19th, Gerry Warr 20th and G. Checkley and P. Wright 34th and 35th, with all the others well up. Round about 3½ miles we lost Sid James and M. Guilman who displeased the Judges and with Cambridge, Highgate and Woodford well up our team chances were negligible. At the Castle the leaders were the same with the lads in 16th, 25th, 29th, 32nd and 36th positions, and so down the East End Hill and on to the fields to the finish.

Final Result being, Barratt 1st, Mash 2nd, Richards 3rd with Gerry Warr 18th, G. Oliver 23rd, P. Wright 25th and G. Checkley 34th.

With depleted forces we say "Well Done Lads" and to Bernard Eglinton, P. Wilson and J. Haynes (a newcomer), we send our congratulations, they are improving every time out and walked really well, and we certainly have a basis for a good "B" Team. Keep it up lads, Good Luck.

Results as follows:—

1	F. Barrett	...	...	...	54.39	92	C. McLennan	...	...	...	63.37
18	G. J. Warr	...	...	...	58.39	97	H. Shields	...	...	...	63.51
23	G. Oliver	...	...	...	59.14	106	J. Frazer	...	...	...	64.36
25	P. Wright	...	...	...	59.23	113	G. Waddingham	...	...	...	64.54
34	G. Checkley	...	...	...	60.03	114	P. Wilson	...	...	...	64.54
39	C. Churcher	...	...	...	60.14	119	F. Rolfe	...	...	...	65.40
60	J. F. Haynes	...	...	...	62.05	128	J. Wilson	...	...	...	66.03
65	B. Eglinton	...	...	...	62.28	132	A. East	...	...	...	66.43
85	W. Ferguson	...	...	...	63.24	136	S. Spencer	...	...	...	67.14
88	A. Readman	...	...	...	63.29						

Scratch Team: Belgrave, 5th, 11th, 17th. Handicap Team, Belgrave, 8th, 15th, 17th.

CLUB 5 MILES C.C. HANDICAP

This was held at Wimbledon on October 25th and we had the Maidenhead A.C. as visitors to our quarters also the members of the Veterans A.C. who were also holding a handicap event in conjunction with our own race.

There was a field of just over 70 runners who were despatched on their journey by our President, and as it had been decided not to go through the Brook, they did a lap and a half of the starting field before going out across the golf course.

Ellis of Maidenhead showed the way in the early stages with Chas. Walker going up to him but before very long Jack Brown and Ray Tooby had taken command.

This was the order in which they came back to the finishing field and Jack and Ray ran in together for first place with "Ginger" Newell showing a welcome return to form in gaining third place.

Eddie Short came next followed by Ellis, and the next Maidenhead man was in 18th position so it will be seen that they found the opposition a bit too strong for them.

The handicap was won by J. E. Burr, a fairly new member, with Doug. Briggs second and J. McDonald third, and the latter must have found it a change from the usual long-distance runs which he has been indulging in.

Complete placings and times are given below:—

Posi- tion	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Posi- tion	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time
1	J. W. Brown	29.45	Scr.	29.45	35	G. R. Chantler	33.41	5.45	27.56
2	R. C. Tooby	29.45	0.30	29.15	36	A. F. Mitchell	33.44	5.30	28.14
3	P. G. Newell	29.54	2.15	27.39	37	G. J. Stace	33.52	4.30	29.12
4	E. A. Short	30. 0	2. 0	28. 0	38	J. A. Lacey	33.55	5.30	28.25
6	C. W. Walker	30.25	1.15	29.10	39	K. A. Cuff	34. 2	4.45	29.17
7	R. Belmore	30.29	2. 0	28.29	40	M. H. Tween	34. 5	5.15	28.50
8	W. E. Lucas	30.36	1. 0	29.36	41	F. S. Bradnum	34. 9	6.15	27.54
9	J. E. Burr	30.44	4.15	26.29	42	A. T. A. Jordan	34.15	6.30	27.45
10	B. L. Hudson	31. 2	2.30	28.32	43	R. S. Fairman	34.29	6.15	28.14
11	D. A. Brickwood	31. 8	3.30	27.38	44	L. F. Rolls	34.44	5.15	29.29
12	D. Briggs	31.11	4.30	26.41	45	A. B. Clarke	34.45	5.15	29.30
13	L. C. Bishop	31.27	3.15	28.12	46	A. Smith	34.59	5.30	29.29
14	S. Charlton	31.34	3. 0	28.34	47	D. S. Boothman	35.33	5.30	30. 3
15	K. G. Stimpson	31.38	3.15	28.23	48	D. W. Jones	35.36	5.45	29.51
16	J. McDonald	31.40	4.45	26.55	51	T. C. Mitchell	35.54	7. 0	28.54
17	S. W. Gawler	31.46	4.30	27.16	52	H. J. Pinchin	35.56	6.45	29.11
19	A. H. Bishop	32. 3	3.45	28.18	53	P. L. Hall	36. 8	5.30	30.38
20	R. T. Taylor	32.10	2.15	29.55	54	C. E. Manning	36. 9	5.30	30.39
23	R. F. Bolam	32.35	3. 0	29.35	55	A. Penstone	36.12	7. 0	29.12
25	B. C. Trower	32.42	4.30	28.12	56	A. G. Lewis	36.13	5. 0	31.13
26	E. S. Stimpson	32.43	3. 0	29.43	57	F. R. Webb	36.13	6.45	29.28
27	E. M. Bishop	32.44	4.15	28.29	58	R. G. Savage	36.25	6.15	30.10
28	A. H. Bruce	32.48	2.30	30.18	59	F. M. Mitchell	36.30	7.15	29.15
29	R. J. Mitchell	32.48	3.45	29. 3	60	S. G. Brooks	36.36	5. 0	31.36
30	R. W. Tobin	32.53	4.30	28.23	63	J. V. Baker	37.27	7.30	29.57
31	A. P. Whitehead	33.12	5.30	27.42	64	R. W. Phillips	37.44	7. 0	30.44
32	J. W. Kennedy	33.21	4.30	28.51	66	W. G. Isaac	38.50	8. 0	30.50

Match result (scoring 8 aside).—Belgrave Harriers, 40 points; Maidenhead A.C., 96 points.

YOUTHS C.C. MATCH

We had asked the Maidenhead people to bring along some Youths for a 3 miles race but they could only field five lads and so it was decided to score 4 a side.

First lad home was Andrews of Maidenhead, a big lad for his age, with D. G. Hooper second and Ron Linstead third.

We were pleased to see some new names turning out among our lads and this is a good sign for the future.

Placings and times were—1, Andrews (M), 22.16; 2, Hooper (B), 22.43; 3, Linstead (B), 22.58; 4, Turnidge (M), 23.6; 5, Courtney (B), 23.50; 6, Cronk (B), 23.51; 7, Mitchell (B), 23.52; 8, McLean (B), 24.11; 9, Harding (B), 24.19; 10, Burbey (B), 24.53; 11, Rodgers (B), 25.7; 12, Batley (M), 27.27; 13, Levene (B), 27.28; 14, Gosling (M), 27.54. Points: Belgrave H., 16; Maidenhead A.C., 20.

SOUTH OF THAMES "JUNIOR" RACE

This was held at Maidenhead on November 8th and as in 1949 at the same venue, we had the second man home in the individual race.

P. G. Newell ran a fine race to finish runner-up to Holden of Cambridge H. and was always in second or third place and Mike Stearman also ran well to finish in 7th position.

Our next man home was S. W. Gawler, our friend from New Zealand, but as he was in our "B" team he could not score for our first team and our next two scoring men were B. L. Hudson and Doug. Briggs, and the latter showed a big improvement on last year's performance in this race.

We were placed 6th in the team race, with our "B" team 19th, "C" Team 41st and "D" team 43rd, and we must thank Bert Jordan and Charlie Poulter for looking after our teams.

There was an entry of 51 teams with 322 runners closing in and the first three home were—Holden (Cambridge H.) 32.10; Newell (Belgrave H.) 32.32; Pain (Eastleigh A.C.) 32.34.

Positions of our team men were as follows:—

- "A"—2, P. G. Newell; 7, M. J. Stearman; 51, B. L. Hudson; 53, D. Briggs; 58, J. E. Burr; 68, K. G. Stimpson; 89, R. J. Mitchell.
"B"—45, S. W. Gawler; 111, A. H. Bishop; 119, G. J. Stace; 126, E. M. Bishop; 127, J. W. Kennedy; 155, A. P. Whitehead; 164, K. A. Cuff; 186, J. E. Godfrey.
"C"—229, E. J. Gebbett; 237, M. H. Tween; 238, D. W. Jones; 243, J. A. Lacey; 257, R. S. Fairman; 277, D. S. Boothman; 306, R. G. Savage.
"D"—222, C. E. Manning; 239, P. J. Hall; 269, F. M. Mitchell; 288, T. C. Mitchell; 291, A. Penstone; 293, M. F. Jones.

YOUTHS v. HIGHGATE H.

This was a four-cornered match held at Parliament Hill Fields on November 8th, and the final match points were—1, Finchley H. 61; 2, Ilford A.C. 66; 3, Belgrave H. 80; 4, Highgate H. 93.

Frank Wright was third in the individual race and it was interesting to note that we had our six counters home before any of the other teams, but our lads packed a little too far back.

Positions and times were—3, Wright, 17.38; 10, Edgar, 18.25; 15, Hooper, 18.35; 16, Golding, 18.37; 17, Linstead, 18.46; 19, Lines, 18.48; 20, Boreham, 18.53; 30, Rodgers, 19.42; 32, Courtney, 20.17; 33, Ducoroy, 20.19; 34, Harding, 20.35; 35, McLean, 20.35; 40, McAuliffe, 22.55.

ENFIELD OPEN 7 MILES—8-11-52

We had twenty-four starters for this event and the uphill climb was taken easily by our lads, but towards the turn they had moved up into better positions. At the turn G. Coleman H.H. led from F. Barrett C.H. and A. W. Mash W.G., with Harry Churcher in a comfortable seventh position followed by S. James, T. Smith, G. Checkley, and G. Oliver.

Our new member J. Haynes and B. Eglington were walking extremely well and Gordon Waddington was showing glimpses of his old form. Near home we lost Ted Smith who was ruled out when just behind S. James, and we finished with Harry first Belgrave 7th, S. James 14th, G. Checkley 23rd. Mention must be made of Charlie Speechley who at the age of 65 years turned out and clocked 65.15 a good performance Charlie.

MATCH v. HERNE HILL AND T.V.H.

This was held at Wimbledon on the 15th November and also present were twelve Wiltshire Regt. and R.A.P.C. from Devizes, and John Bromley came up in charge of these lads.

We had 28 starters, with 17 T.V.H., 15 from Herne Hill H., which plus the soldiers made up a field of 72 starters.

They went right round our starting field before going out into the country and this made it about 5½ miles, so that the winning time of 30 mins. 4 secs. was quite good going.

Ray Tooby and Fotheringham of T.V.H. decided to run in together for first place and they were followed by two Herne Hill men who also came in together.

Mike Stearman ran well to finish 5th and our lads packed well in the 'teens so that scoring 12 a side we came out on top by a comfortable margin.

Placings and times of our members were as under:—1, Tooby, 30.4; 5, Stearman, 30.16; 7, Short, 30.32; 10, Taylor, 30.51; 12, E. Herbert, 31.4; 13, W. Lucas, 31.7; 14, Bedford, 31.15; 15, Walker, 31.24; 18, Burr, 31.28; 24, K. Stimpson, 32.5; 25, J. Bromley, 32.12; 28, McDonald, 32.21; 31, Gawler, 32.30; 37, Charlton, 32.54; 38, E. Stimpson, 32.56; 40, Towndrow, 33.2; 41, Hills, 33.4; 42, A. Bishop, 33.13; 45, Budd, 33.25; 46, Stace, 33.32; 48, Bolam, 34.0; 49, Cuff, 34.16; 54, Gebbett, 34.58; 55, Jordan, 35.1; 56, Chantler, 35.11; 57, Hall, 35.12; 59, Bradnum, 35.38; 62, Tween, 36.1; 67, E. Lacey, 38.30.

Match scores—1, Belgrave H., 178½ points; 2, Thames Valley H., 245½ points; 3, Herne Hill H., 256 points; 4, Wilts. Regiment, 701 points.

ROAD RUNNING SECTION

In a recent News Letter published by the Road Running Section some comments were made about the absence of Road Running Reports in the "Belgravian." We, your Editors, feel that this is not quite fair. We are very anxious to include reports of all sections, but unless we receive some notes or articles in brief we cannot invent them. We certainly have received on one or two occasions some literature which we claim we have included in the "Belgravian." But now that the Road Running Section is recognised as a very live section of Belgrave we do assure you that the Editors do not now wait for reports, but worry the section's literary experts into submitting them when required. This fact, we know, will readily be admitted. We are glad, however, to report that the Road Runners have indeed been very active and there is no doubt also that they are a happy and exceedingly enthusiastic little band well led by Denis Brickwood and Arthur Whitehead. They have their own News Letter which gives their members all the gen, but we report here, necessarily briefly, all their activities for the benefit of other Belgravians and also for the purpose of Club Records and History.

First of all, would all members please make a note of the date of the next Open 20 miles—Saturday, May 16th, 1953

The Peterborough Marathon

Coming only twelve days before the Poly, it was inadvisable that our real Marathon prospects should compete at Peterborough on the 2nd of June in the Marathon organised by the Brotherhood Works, but the two Arthurs again made the journey and finished the course, Arthur Whitehead doing his best Marathon time and winning the Handicap race, Arthur Penstone was most unlucky to be just outside Standard time for the second year running, and would undoubtedly have done much better had there not been the most violent thunderstorm with icy hail, torrential rain and half a gale blowing, for a great part of the race.

Positions were:—

13, Whitehead 2 hrs. 57 m. 34 s.; 23, Penstone 3hrs. 7m. 15s.

The Kent 20

The Kent 20 this year unfortunately clashed with the Chichester-Portsmouth race on the 10th of May, but we managed to produce teams for both events although for the Kent it was a "C" Team. This being so, it was quite creditable to gain 4th team place, all our runners completing the course.

Positions were:—

13, Whitehead 2 hrs. 12 m. 50 s.; 14, Chantler 2 hrs. 13 m. 32 s.; 26, Penstone 2 hrs. 24 m. 7 s.

The Little Common 16

At the beginning of the race there was a positive downpour which lasted for a considerable time, but conditions improved in the later stages of the race.

Outstanding among the performances of our runners was Denis Brickwood's fine effort in finishing 3rd in a fast time. Mac was not entirely fit on the day, but finished quite well up, Arthur Whitehead completing our team, which gained third position.

Positions were:—

3, D. Brickwood 1-32-37; 14, J. McDonald 1-39-23; 15, W. Wortley; 16, A. P. Whitehead 1-41-23; A. T. Jordan, G. Chantler, A. Penstone, A. Smith.

London to Brighton Run

Yet another chapter in the Club's long and successful connection with the Brighton road opened on the 27th of August when five of our road runners were among the fifty odd starters in the first Annual London to Brighton run sponsored by the newly formed Road Runners Club founded by our Vice-President Ernest Neville.

With excellent weather and with such fine runners as the Blackheath trio Reynolds, Piper and Busby and Tom Richards, Paterson and Henning competing, it was generally anticipated that Ballington's record would be in danger, and Reynolds put up a magnificent performance in lowering it by 1 min. 20 secs. covering the 52½ miles in 5 hrs. 52 m. 22 s., no less than 16 mins. ahead of Hefford of Woodford Green who was second with Henning third. In the team race Blackheath were again successful with Woodford Green second, Belgrave third and the Metropolitan Police fourth.

From the start our new Member Wally Wortley ran extremely strongly, and in finishing so high up in such a distinguished field put up a really remarkable show. He will be a most valuable addition to our road running section when he has qualified to represent the Club.

Our Marathon champion, Macdonald, despite a bad spell at about forty miles when he was nearly caught by George Chantler, finished very strongly, and George running his usual steady race also did very well indeed to finish inside seven hours.

Arthur Whitehead after running with George to over 35 miles faded badly but managed to complete the course to make up our Team, which did very well to close in in such an exacting race at the first attempt.

Arthur Penstone, suffering from an atrocious cold, did well to reach the 35 mile mark, but was soon afterwards forced to retire.

Our runners wish to express their warmest thanks to fellow Members who suddenly showed up at odd points along the course with words of encouragement. In a long slog of this sort supporters can make all the difference between dropping out and carrying on. For Ron Linstead and Joe Stevens who acted as Attendants no praise can be too great. Without their help our runners could not have competed.

Positions were as follows:—

10, Wortley 6 h. 28 m. 34 s.; 16, McDonald 6 h. 38 m. 20 s.; 17, Chantler 6 h. 50 m. 18 s.; 21, Whitehead 7 h. 14 m. 58 s.

The SLH 30

We were able to support the 30 on the 6th September much better than in past years, and our Team closed in in 4th position, all our runners finishing inside Standard time. Outstanding was the running of Wally Wortley who proved that not only has he got a formidable turn of speed but he can also stay well. Our runners ran most of the

race as a pack and this undoubtedly helped in placing the team. Towards the finish, however, Mac ran away with plenty in hand for a strong finish.

Positions were:—

17, Wortley 3 hrs. 29 m. 47 s.; 22, McDonald 3 hrs. 34 m. 38 s.; 26, Chantler 3 hrs. 39 m. 21 s.; 30, Penstone 3 hrs. 41 m. 42 s.

On October 1st, at Belgrave Hall, a meeting of Road Runners was held and remarkably well attended. This meeting more or less was termed an End of Season Review of the Section and it is anticipated this meeting will be held annually. Quite a lot of ground (???) was covered and several useful suggestions were forthcoming and after reading the report the writer is convinced that this section is definitely progressing, and, progressing very fast indeed. These Section Meetings are a splendid idea and give many members an opportunity to air their grumbles or ideas, a thing they usually abstain from at the bigger Club A.G.M.

Dates for Next Season

January—Mitcham 15 at "News of the World" Sports Ground.

16th May—Belgrave Open 20 at Wimbledon Common.

13th June—Poly Marathon (Subject to confirmation).

25th July—A.A.A. Marathon in Wales.

These dates are not only for the benefit of Road Runners—we would welcome supporters.

FIELD EVENTS

We finished the season in excellent style, giving good performances at the last match against the Metropolitan Police. I thank all members for supporting the club especially during my first year as Field Events Hon. Secretary. I am hoping we shall get an invitation next summer for the Sward Trophy Meeting.

Good all round form has been shown by all and especially the juniors. Plaques will be awarded to the first member reaching the following standards for Club events, and inter-club matches:—

Javelin—170ft.; Long Jump—22ft.; Weight—45ft.; Discus—135ft.; Hop, step and jump—44ft. 6ins.

Coaching classes are being held every Wednesday evening at Belgrave Hall from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please turn up and support your coaches and make the Field Events Section THE SECTION of Belgrave Harriers.

J. C. CHAPPELL.

NIJMEGEN MARCHES—1952

Among the 10,000 participants in the Annual International Four Days' Marches held at Nijmegen, Holland, from July 22nd to 26th, were six Belgians; one—Jack Wakeley—in the R.W.A. Team, which took part in the 55 Kilos event, and five in the M.P.A.A. Team marching in Police uniform with a small (1 kg.) pack in the 50 kilos section, which the writer had the pleasure of leading.

Jack Wakeley, the present English 100 miles Champion, with previous experience of the Marches behind him, was naturally one of the stalwarts of the R.W.A. team, and as Billy Baker's tribute in the Race Walking Record shows, he did the job in true Belgavian fashion, helping the English team to maintain its usual 100 per cent. performance and win a team award.

Hugh McGreechan, Frank Jarvis, Sid Spencer, Jock Ferguson and I, with 13 other members of the M.P.A.A. met with a few of the troubles which first timers in the Marches encounter, but came through with only one casualty and so secured the coveted Corps Medaille. Inexperience led me to put our tallest men in front on the first day, with almost disastrous results for the shorter men of whom Jock Ferguson came off worst; so severely were both his feet blistered that after the second day of what must have been crippled agony (he was never heard to complain) he had to be ordered, on the doctor's advice, not to walk on the third and fourth days. Sceptic blisters are not funny and, how he finished on the second day is a mystery and a tribute to his grit. Sid Spencer had few competitors for the title of fittest man of the whole team, whilst Hugh McGreechan, who found it all well within his capacity, was heard to complain only when the singing stopped. Frank Jarvis had one difficult patch on the first half of the fourth day, but was as usual full of chirpiness and was never in danger of failing to finish. I had one or two patches of heavy weather, but found it well within the range of anyone reasonably fit. It was certainly great fun and a truly wonderful experience.

We found that the 11 hours allowed each day for the 31 miles was ample. Marching at about four miles an hour with two or three stops, totalling $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours, left us with 60 to 90 minutes to spare. There is of course no question of racing and, in fact, fast marching is frowned upon. One team which got in very early on the first day were made to wait about for nearly an hour before being booked in! The Marches were as usual magnificently organised, and the Dutch clearly have immense pride in them. It is a fact that the Nijmegen Medal awarded to those who complete the marches is authorised to be worn in their own armed forces with an individual's gallantry and campaign medals.

Among the lessons we learned were:—

- (a) First and foremost must be the care of the feet. Shoes or boots must be comfortable; big enough to allow for at least some swelling of the feet and really stout in the sole, if only for the occasional cross country stretches. All regular marches seem to make Rule 1 that of strapping the heel and the ball of the foot with narrow strips of plaster, slightly overlapping, with similar protection for the large and smaller toes. I tried this after the first day and thereafter had no trouble at all, which seemed to be the general experience.
- (b) The next care is to have plenty to eat. We found Dutch fare very good indeed, but of course different from English in some respects and liable to cause a few people in times of extreme tiredness to lose their appetite. Ten hours of open air exercise leave no doubt about the importance of this however, and quite obviously it is a Team Captain's No. 2 care to see that no one neglects his feeding.
- (c) No. 3 is the question of rest. My team gave no trouble at all and we all had an hour or two in bed as soon as we had finished, and most were down to it again by ten o'clock. Rising at 3.15 a.m. for a 4.30 start makes this a vital matter.
- (d) Marching in step proved best for us and to music better still; whether to a mouth organ or to our own, at first, unaccustomed and hesitant voices. Tipperary got a little too thoroughly plugged, but like "She'll be coming down the mountains" is quite international and both were sung by almost every foreign unit we came across. Also internationally popular was one beginning "Roll me over," which I had not, I think, previously heard.

Everyone in the M.P.A.A. team seems quite determined to go next year and enquiries about chartering a plane again have already been made; which one feels is recommendation enough. With care, i.e., spending little on beer or presents, the week's trip can be done for about £17 to £18, which is no more than a week at the seaside. Individuals may enter on their own, subject of course to the usual consent of the A.A.A. or join the team which the R.W.A. organises every year. Better still, if I may make a suggestion, would be a Belgrave team; we need only ten and it really is almost child's play to those who are reasonably fit—as of course most Belgravians are—people like Bert Footer for instance!!! But if he goes, I go with the M.P.A.A. again.

J.C.B.

TO ALL JUNIORS

First let me congratulate the Junior athletes of the Club on their performances throughout last season. It was a pleasure to me to see so many support our fixtures and indeed, I had a job to fit everybody in. But I like it that way, for it shows we have in the making good club members who will turn out on any and every occasion.

Some of you may still be at school and if you have a school match on the same evening as the Club, then your first loyalty is to your school. Loyalty to me means, if you have a duty to perform, whether at home, at school or in the club, then do your utmost to carry it out.

This brings me to a point which I wish to make clear—the making of promises. Many of you promised me that you would train during the winter, well what about it? I have not seen many who made this promise, or was it made just to stop me badgering you about training, for believe me, you will not and cannot improve on broken promises and no training. The weather may be bad, good or indifferent: wet, dry, warm or cold; but we are always at Battersea Park Track on Saturday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.—that is of course, those who are keeping the promises they made, and myself, with Franz Stampfl, who has never failed to turn out for his coaching sessions. I hope those who made this promise to me will have a great sense of guilt in not keeping it. Those who have come along so far can, I am sure, honestly say they have enjoyed themselves in the happy company of Belgravians assembled and on their behalf I extend a cordial welcome to all those who wish to come along and have a rattling good time at our coaching and training sessions. John Jones, Dave Ansell and C. R. Jones are three who have trained regularly and industriously so far and I am looking for great improvements in these and many others in field events. I cannot stress too much the importance of training and ask you to get down to it NOW. You cannot afford to waste any time.

I am holding Wednesday evening indoor coaching at Belgrave Hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a programme has been worked out which will cover all angles of field events. You do not have to pay anything extra for this—it is all included in the very small annual subscription which you pay. Make it worth me giving up my time, often at cost to myself and the other coaches who are willing to assist you in your chosen events.

To the Cross Country juniors and youths, on behalf of the track boys, I wish you every success this winter and hope you will exceed all your expectations. Make Mickey Pyer a happy man by winning the

National Junior C.C. He is a grand fellow whose first consideration is YOU and such a great success by Belgrave Juniors will be much appreciated, especially by Mickey.

To the Junior walkers—"Keep 'em down" and have a go. You have a great tradition behind you that should be enough to spur you on to great heights. To follow in the footsteps of Tommy Green, Harry Churcher and many others too numerous to mention.

To those who are now entering the Senior ranks of the Club, carry on the grand work which you started as a Junior, and to those just joining the Club as Juniors, we give you a hearty welcome and want to make you happy in this happy band of Belgravians.

Finally to all juniors in the Club, may your successes be great and your disappointments few. May we all go forward together along the road of high endeavour to make this our greatest year so far in the Club's history.

FRANK SIMMONS.

CLUB RECORDS

I have been commissioned by your Committee to establish a list of Club Records, i.e., best performance by a Club First Claim member, whether achieved in Club colours or not. The fruits of my researches are set out below. Only times achieved on recognised tracks with recognised judges and timekeepers are admissible.

If anyone knows of any time or distance recorded by a club member which equals or beats one of these records, I should be obliged if he would let me have it, giving the fullest possible details and I shall do my best to verify same. My address is:— 100, Boundaries Road, Balham, S.W.12.

- 100 yards—D. J. Merrett, 1950 and 1952. 10.0 secs.
- 220 yards—G. R. Dunkley, September, 1929. 21.9 secs.
D. J. Merrett, May, 1952. 21.9 secs.
- 440 yards—A. D. Sexton, October, 1952. 49.1 secs.
- 880 yards—T. Scrimshaw, July, 1933. 1 min. 54.3 secs.
- One mile—J. W. Brown, September, 1952. 4 mins. 13.4 secs.
- Three miles—W. E. Lucas, July, 1950. 14 mins. 11.6 secs.
- Six miles—J. C. Smart, July, 1951. 30 mins. 23.6 secs.
- Ten miles—C. T. Carter, April, 1936. 52 mins. 40.2 secs.
- Marathon—H. E. Footer, June, 1939. 2 hours, 44 mins. 35 secs.
- Two mile Steeplechase—J. Ginty, July, 1935. 10 mins. 25 secs.
- 220 yards Hurdles—T. C. Jones, 1932. 25.2 secs.
- 440 yards Hurdles—G. Jarvis, July, 1949. 55.8 secs.
- Two miles Walk—H. G. Churcher, July, 1939. 13 mins. 50 secs.
- Five miles Walk—H. G. Churcher, June, 1949. 35 mins. 33 secs.
- Seven miles Walk—H. G. Churcher, August, 1949. 51 mins. 2.2 secs.

Notes:— Basil Walden did 100 yards in "evens" on a sloping track. G. R. Dunkley did a quarter from a running start in 48.4s. T. Hampson won the 1930 A.A.A. half mile in 1m. 53.1s. but was first claim for Achilles (perhaps we should make a special case of Achilles members?). Bill Nankeville never beat 4.14s. whilst a club member. When Bill Lucas did his 14.11.6s. he was fourth fastest English 3 miler ever. Len Herbert beat Charlie Smart's time when running in this year's A.A.A. 6 miles, but no official time was recorded for him. Harry Churcher's 5 miles walk time was a world record. I should welcome documentary evidence of an alleged 9.9s. by M. Broadbent.

COLIN N. COLLIS.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at Belgrave Hall on Sunday, January 4th, 1953. All members wishing their children to attend should notify Jack Lacey, Social Hon. Secretary as soon as possible. We give the kiddies a grand tea and every child receives a suitable present according to age and sex from Father Christmas. This will of course cost quite a sum of money and the Social Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive donations for the party. Any sum, however small, will be gladly received.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE—SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th.
SEND IN YOUR CHILD'S NAME, AGE AND SEX NOW.

A FIELD EVENTS indoor training session is held at Belgrave Hall every Wednesday evening. Now is the time to prepare yourself for the coming season. All particulars from Jack Chappell, Charlie Jones and Frank Simmons.

We must again draw attention to the indiscriminate parking of cycles in the space at the rear entrance of the hall. Arthur Whitehead's generous offer of a "CYCLE PARK" in the forecourt of Lauriston House, on the corner of Lauriston Road at the Common end, is still in operation and all members are asked to take advantage of it and so prevent congestion and inconvenience to others.

The next Belgrave Open 20 miles Run will take place on Saturday, May 16th, 1953. Please book this date. We need plenty of officials—and supporters. More details later.

BELGRAVE HALL

After many months of legal wrangling, with letters by the dozen, things have at last sorted themselves out, our dreams for rebuilding the Hall are now beginning to take shape, plans have been prepared, builders are estimating, with a general easing of the labour market, and a more plentiful supply of material, there is every possibility of our obtaining the necessary licence, *if* this is forthcoming, we plan to start building at once, this will mean, that the hall will be closed for the summer months, members normally using the hall, are asked to make alternative arrangements, while no definite date of completion can be given, members can rest assured that every effort will be made to have the hall ready for the beginning of the winter season 1953.

T. F. MORRELL,
Hon. Sec. "House" Sub-Committee.

CLOTHING SECTION

A general reduction in the price of wool and cotton, has now made it possible for the club to obtain the three styles of vests worn by runners and walkers in the club's colours, and I hope to have these available for sale by the time the Belgravian is issued, also I am hoping the prices will be reasonable, meanwhile I offer you club Ties at 10s., Vest badges 2s. 6d., Coat badges 2s., sets of Letters for track suits 5s. 6d.

You may have seen the club's distinctive badge being worn on blazers, and very nice they look too, these are now priced at 28s. though once again, I am hoping for a reduction in price.

I have all the above with me whenever you see me at Wimbledon, or they can be forwarded, postage extra, usually 6d.

T. F. MORRELL,
Assistant Hon. Treas

HERE AND THERE

Although a little belated, but none the less sincere, we send heartiest congratulations to Alf and Mrs. Harley on the birth of their twin daughters and we are glad to know they are all progressing favourably.

Congratulations to Jack Chappell our Field Events Hon. Secretary on his election to the office of President of the South of the Thames Cross Country Association and Vice-President of E.C.C.U. and S.C.C.C.A.

Among the successes by our members during the past track season were—Ray Tooby who won the Junior Inter-Banks 1 mile race in 4 min. 28.2 secs. Jack Brown 2nd in the Civil Service 1 mile with Bob Taylor 3rd in the 880 yards.

J. D. Benstead was 3rd in the Southern Junior 220 yards, while Frank Wright was 3rd in the A.A.A. Junior 880 yards and also finished 3rd in the Junior half-mile at the British Games meeting in the fine time of 1 min. 57.4 secs.

Jack Brown also ran 2nd to Roger Bannister in the A.A.A. v. Combined Services match in 4 min. 16.6 secs., and also finished 3rd in the 1 mile event at the Highland Games held in Edinburgh.

Bert Jordan won the 7 miles road race handicap at the Oxted meeting on August Monday.

Ian Badiali won the Shipping A.A. 440 yards championship in 52.1 seconds, and Len Rolls won the Veterans A.C. 880 yards championship.

Ted Smith won the London Transport 7 miles Walk Championship at Wembley in record time. Harry Shields was third.

Quite a number of our lads are now having to join up to do their National Service training and recent joinings include—Peter Casselton to the R.A., Charlie Henn to the R.E.M.E., Peter Courtney who managed to get placed in the half and mile at his Depot Sports.

Brian Trower writes us from the Fighter Plotters School at Middle Wallop, while J. Hills is with the R.A.S.C. at Aldershot, and Don Maclean is now with the R.A. in North Wales and says he is hoping to get in some running while there.

Vern Blowfield also writes to say that his family are now with him at Oxford, but that he hopes to come up for some training runs and says he is looking forward to having a good season and takes it as a good omen that the Southern is at Aylesford, as in 1948 at the same venue he was 3rd in the individual race, while we won the team championship.

A feature of the finish of the Southern London to Brighton Road Relay was our large crowd of supporters holding a club banner, made by the President's wife for the occasion, and it is hoped to include a photo of this in the programme for next year's race.

G. Walsh, a Corporal in the A.C.C. in Singapore is apparently making his presence felt out east. As there are no English Athletic Clubs, he has joined a Chinese one. Members include Indians, Tamils, Malays, Eurasians, Dutchmen, Chinese and a few Army personnel. The Club is called the "Swifts" and competing in their colours he won four cups in the Annual Singapore A.A. Championships at Jalan Besar Stadium.

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