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FRONTSPICER (Photo by Ed Lacey) John Thresher leads the Inter-Counties field over the water-jump on the way to a 7th placing and a BURLINGAME record of 8:51.2.

FRONT COVER (Photo by Ed Lacey) John Thresher (30) holds off Briault (20) but Blinston of Cheeshire takes the Inter-Counties '3' in 13:27.0 to John's 13:27.6.



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EDITORIAL

The congratulations of all Belgravians go out to our General Honorary Secretary who, last month, was elected to the Presidency of the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association. A.A.Harley is the first Belgravian to hold this prestigious office and all will agree that "Mr Belgrave", as he is sometimes called, is the fitting person for such a "first".

A prodigious worker for the club and the associations to which we are affiliated, he is a highly respected figure in the world of athletics and it is with a sense of real pride that we welcome his Presidency. The road he has travelled since his election to Belgrave

membership in 1926 has been long, with many turnings. His record during that journey suggests that he has not yet reached it's end. In that 42 years he filled a multitude of offices including the Presidencies of the R.W.A., and the Middlesex County A.A.A. He is a member of the British Olympic Council, the A.A.A. General Committee and, for many years, Chairman and Treasurer of the Association of London Athletic Clubs. To list his achievements within our own club is too much. Suffice to say that he has held almost every office, including the Presidency (3 years); and as Honorary Editor, he produced no less than 59 editions of "The Belgravian".

But 1968 is a landmark for Alf Harley and Belgrave Harriers in more than one respect. September marks the 30th anniversary of his election to the General Honorary Secretaryship of this club. Apart from a break during the war years and his Presidency, he has held the reins of our administration continuously. It is no coincidence that the late Jack Crump should refer to Belgrave as one of Britain's "largest, most successful and most affluent athletic organisations". Some have even applied this to Alf Harley himself!

On his election to the Presidency of the S.C.A.A.A. we offer our congratulations; and as the 30th anniversary of his election to the Club Secretaryship approaches we tender our heartfelt thanks.

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On another page you will find the 1968 track and field standards (page 42) alongside the three AAA marks for each event are shown our own club standards, where they exist. It does not require a careful study for two points to become immediately apparent. Firstly, our standards need reviewing again - particularly the field events - and secondly, standard medals are unobtainable in all Youth and most Junior events. This latter point exists because our standard awards are linked to Club Championships only. When the AAA changed to the graded meeting rule should we not have followed suit? Is it right that our runners can pick up standard medals in a variety of events yet our pole-vaulters not have an opportunity? Look again at the list. Is it a picture of encouragement to the Youth, Junior or cinderella-event athlete?

It would not be amiss for the Club to study the possibility of establishing Club standards for every recognised AAA event and investigating the question of where and when such marks may be obtained. Furthermore, our standards should bear some regular relationship with those of the AAA which reflect National progress - a kind of grade IV standard. Such a relationship should produce a minimum standard. Where our strength warrants it there is no reason why the mark should not be made superior to the AAA grade III, as in the 20 miles mark at present. But never disproportionately inferior. The subject could do with careful study before 1969.

Members views would be welcomed by the Club officers and your members of Committee.

HON SEC'S NOTES

Our felicitations to Chris Steer and his wife on their recent marriage; and our very good wishes to them on their new life in Canada.

Tom Pritchard, a member for over forty years, has been invited to fill the vacancy on Committee, as he headed the list of unsuccessful candidates at the Annual General Meeting last September.

Incidentally this year's A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday September 18th at Belgrave Hall. Please note in your diaries.

Our representations to the G.L.C. some months ago have borne fruit and the Pole Vault facilities at Battersea Park Track have been much improved. We are grateful for this attention.

More recently we have asked the G.L.C. to consider removing the incinerator plant in the north east corner of the Park. There are occasions when the wind blows the noxious smoke and fumes across the track and tennis courts to the detriment of the health and pleasure of those using these facilities, and of the public generally.

It seems absurd to develop the park over many years as a recreational centre, and as one of London's lungs, where people may enjoy reasonably fresh air and the many amenities provided; and then permit toxic choking smoke to poison and distress those who visit the park.

Our desire for clean air is very real, and competitors in our events inhaling deeply for that extra oxygen to get them to the tape first, or to put that extra effort in the field events, need the purist air available, uncontaminated by smoke and fumes. Lets hope G.L.C. will ensure that they get it!

With our large number of Boy members attending the track regularly for their planned training; we are concerned at the increase in charges for the use of the Dressing Room to 1/-. There may possibly be justification for the increase in charges as applied to adult members; but our Boys with their three or four visits a week to the track plus other expenses involved, cannot be expected to pay a shilling at each visit. We are asking the G.L.C. whether they can extend a concession to those still attending school and now await an answer to our urgent enquiries.

From the poorer to the richer club members! As the president of the Southern Counties AAA, I should like to call attention to the "200 Competition" promoted by that body. Membership involves a payment of 5/- per week (paid monthly by Bankers order) of which approximately 2/- goes to help athletics and 3/- goes back in substantial prizes to you and for your friends in the competition. You may be lucky enough to win a monthly prize (our Hon. Treasurer has just received £25) or one of the special six-monthly prizes of £500 which are payable when the competition is fully subscribed with 200 members.

You have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping our sport in the South; and are one of only 200 with a chance of three cash prizes each month, and two super prizes at six monthly intervals. I shall be very glad to see that full details reach you if you would let me have your name - there are still a few vacancies to fill.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. J. TADYAN who has recently presented us with a "FRANK SIMMONS" Cup, which has been allocated to a Boys High Jump Championship.

The A.A.A. is organising an Athletics Dance at the Lyceum Ballroom on Friday Sept. 27th. Tickets to members of AAA Clubs are 12/6 each (normal price £1-1-0) which reduces to 10/- for orders of ten or more tickets.

It is expected that HARRY SECOMBE will make the draw for the winning ticket in the competition which is being promoted by the A.A.A., with a Car as first prize and other generous prizes in plenty.

Members will remember that in our last issue we made reference to a 7 miles road run likely to be promoted by us on behalf of the Borough of Wandsworth on Sept. 7th. Unfortunately the restriction on expenditure which is being rigorously applied may now mean that the event and the proposed Wandsworth Show will not now take place this year.

Do you want something-----
-----for almost nothing?

Of course you do. And you joined BELGRAVE to get it. What do you get? Well, you get four editions of this gazette for a start, and if you don't think it's worth it how about contributing something yourself? Then there's BELGRAVE HALL with its endless hot water (almost) it's tea and cakes, the welcome smiles of Wynn Shepherd, Mrs Savage and the other numerous lady helpers. And, what's more, the building was bought with our own hard saved money. Then there's the 40 odd Club Championship events with their trophies and sets of medals that are fought for each year. One mustn't forget the numerous handicap events either, which produce attractive prizes for those capable of beating the Hon. Handicappers. Then there's the handbook, fixture cards and, of course, those that plan it all. There are our famous socials which are worth twice what you pay. And behind it all are those 30-odd members of General Committee beavering away on your behalf to provide the competition and facilities an athlete needs---to give Belgravians a service second to none. In the midst of all this activity stands the man with the heavily-worn purse strings, the Hon. Treasurer. He bears no small burden and he has ulcers to prove it. All for you.

That's the "SOMETHING", now for the "ALMOST NOTHING"-----it's a 40/- subscription. Yes, believe it or not, a mere £2 PER YEAR---just 9d per week. Because it is such a ridiculously small sum, some of you have naturally forgotten to pay it. Don't let us have to send you an unpleasant reminder that you are 9 months overdue---just tie a knot in your tie this instant to remind you to send it to Dave Shepherd whose address is on the Editorial page. As compensation for the torture you have inflicted upon him, why not send him next year's sub as well. If you are truly repentant you could include a donation also. The supreme sacrifice, of course, would be to offer to take over his job--- but then you'd never stand it!

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE 9 MONTHS OVERDUE.

flashback photo! ~ 30 years



This is part of the team that won the famous 'Saddilove' trophy at Birchfield in 1928, beating L.A.C., Blackheath, Birchfield, Polytechnic and Achilles.

STAFFING (l. to r.)

E. Gray (100), S. Botwright (220), R.G. Mitchell (440), S. Jarlett (440), C. Melchior (Jav), E.W. Shields (5m), E.A. Duffett (team manager)

BEATED (l. to r.)

A.E. Taylor (2m), A.A. Bird (880), J.C. Smart (2m), S. Blundell (220).

ROAD RELAY ROUND-UP

TWO FIRSTS

TWO SECONDS

TWO THIRDS

Our best for many many years. That must be the undisputed verdict on a Spring road relay season that saw our team do battle on six occasions and return home with awards every time. Agreed we chalked up three wins in 1966 and 1967, but our performances were erratic overall and don't really match those of 1968.

The peak of this brief but high pressured season was undoubtedly the National Relay at Leicester where Coventry Godiva, aided and abetted by our 'own' Mel Thorpe, ran out deserved winners. The arrival at Godiva of Colin Kirkham and the revival of Kilby and Heatley were too much for the opposition, and although our team ran well it was evident early on that it was all in an effort to get second place. That Derby should edge us out by a hair just 11 seconds broad may seem rough justice, but with international Dominic Keily on the side lines no one begrudged them their 'silver'. Watching this Derby team on the short legs made one realise just how old our fellows are by comparison. Including our reserve (Dabbs), five of our thirteen runners are over 30 years of age---headed by Bill Kerr, 36 next month. On June 1st the average age of the team was 28 years-4 months. Unfortunately, there is nothing on the horizon to suggest it will be under 30 in the 1970 event. It will be up to our three under-24's Biccourt, Major and Donnison to share an ever increasing degree of responsibility in our future teams, especially with the loss of Peter Whewell to South Africa, Gerry Williams to Venezuela, Chris Steer to Canada and Geoff North to retirement (again).

Such thoughts were far from one's mind when the first relay of the season (Southampton to Bournemouth) arrived on Sunday March 10th---just 8 days after the National Cross-Country. With a long winter behind them, the smell of Spring in the air and the prospect of fast running on good surfaces, runners always seem to find a new lease of life when the road relays come round. Unfortunately they let their fervour carry them away in this opening event---to the extent of two minutes off course!! Only the wily Hyman, of the first seven, trod the correct route and, as described in the March 'BELGRAVIAN', Portsmouth were the official winners.

The lads had nearly 3 weeks to forget their Southampton luck---or lack of it---before they descended upon Thames Valley Harriers at Cranford, determined to wrest this Trophy from Polytechnic. Rivalry for the National Relay team showed itself straight away when Biccourt (B) beat Major (A) on the first stage run in, to finish 4th---a grand start.



(Photo by Ron Linstead)

Chris Steer hands over to Jim Rimmer in the T.V.H. Relay at Cranford

Back in 27th place Dabbs (C) and Black (D) were having a similar tussle, the former scraping home by a one second margin. With 65 starters, and four Belgrave teams in 28, we looked pretty strong. Trevor Hart followed on with his usual reliable run to take us to the front; Bill Dance held this with a slower time and then Geoff North had the galling experience of recording 3rd fastest time of the day, only to see his 8 seconds lead turned into a 6 seconds deficit by Bob Holt of Hercules/Wimbledon. No change on the final stage meant another second place for the record.

This was frustrating. But the team had no intention of spending a week licking their wounds. Within 24 hours they were gunning for action at Reading, where fresh sextets from Bristol, Mitcham and the home club were eagerly awaiting us. Their eagerness soon changed to disillusionment as our lads hit the front right from the start, set a course record and chalked up the three fastest times of the day. Only a dozen of the 150 runners broke 17 mins and five of those were Belgravians.

Our tails were now really up and when we visited Brighton 6 days later for the Front Relay there was never any doubt that we would retain the trophy we won last year. Our 'A' team was made up of the six long-stage probables for the 'National' team and the 'B' team of contenders for the short stages. A below form run by Chris Steer brought the 'B' team home on the first stage in a lowly 30th place. The interesting feature of the race was how far they could recover. Jim Rimmer (a man who could soon make our 'A' team if he works hard at it) picked up 4 places and the remaining four worked their way up to a praiseworthy 11th. With Donnison and Dance running they would almost certainly have finished 4th.

The score now read two seconds, two firsts. We now, disappointingly, had to face our two thirds. The first of these was at Blackpool, where the event favoured Bolton no end. With only four stages to run, and Hill and Freary in terrific form, it soon became a race for second and North Staffs got us by 17 seconds. The two Bolton stars were each 39 seconds faster than the North brothers---truly fantastic. But we were not deterred, for the event served as no guide to the 12 man National event the following week.

What happened the following week at Leicester is now well known to all and can be read in detail on another page.

As a team, we ran well. One or two have run better, but no one ran badly and it is on this latter score that they deserved their 3rd place---after all, a very high position for what is a National final. Furthermore, it is 4 places higher than last year. Yes, the 1968 Spring season was definitely one of our best ever---will 1969 be even better?.

SUMMARY:

SOUTHAMPTON--BOURNEMOUTH---March 10th.

See March edition of "THE BELGRAVIAN" (p.35).

CRANFORD (Thames Valley Harriers)---March 30th.

1. Hercules & Wim.....81:44			
2. BELGRAVE 'A'.....82:27	(5) A. Major.....16:26		'B'
3. Polytechnic H.....83:11	(1) T. Hart.....16:24	(4) J. Bicourt.....16:24	
4. Bristol AC.....:31	(1) G. Dance.....16:54	(6) J. Donnison.....16:56	
5. T.V.H.....:43	(2) Geoff North.....16:03	(6) J. Dear.....17:03	
6. Cambridge & Col.....:52	(2) L. O'Hara.....16:40	(8) W. Kerr.....17:13	
7. S.L.H.....84:16		(11) A. Fairclough.....17:43	
11. BELGRAVE 'B'.....85:20	(27) C. Dabbs.....17:25	(28) A. Black.....17:26	
26. BELGRAVE 'C'.....88:11	(26) D. Brew.....17:37	(33) P. Blair-Fish.....18:06	
33. BELGRAVE 'D'.....91:44	(23) C. Steer.....17:24	(34) C. Keavey.....18:57	
47. BELGRAVE 'E'.....96:10	(25) J. Rimmer.....17:52	(33) R. Glover.....18:20	
<u>Fastest Times</u>	(26) R. Linstead.....17:53	(33) W. Laws.....18:55	
R. Holt (H/W).....15:49			'E'
R. Roseman (SLH).....15:57	(52) E. Penny.....18:50	(45) D. Jones.....19:05	
Geoff North (Bels).....16:03	(49) P. O'Connor.....18:44	(47) D. Maclean.....20:16	
D. Holt (H/W).....16:03	(50) B. Merry.....19:15	(66 teams started).	

READING (Reading AC)---March 31st.

1. BELGRAVE 'A'.....101:00			
2. Mitcham AC.....102:17	(1) L. O'Hara.....16:57		'B'
3. Bristol AC.....104:44	(1) J. Thresher.....16:27	(9) C. Steer.....18:05	
4. Reading AC.....:49	(1) J. Bicourt.....17:29	(11) J. Rimmer.....18:41	
5. Surrey AC.....106:01	(1) Geoff North.....16:41	(9) A. Major.....17:22	
7. BELGRAVE 'B'.....:39	(1) T. Hart.....16:57	(8) J. Dear.....17:35	
	(1) Gerry North.....16:29	(8) W. Kerr.....17:44	
		(7) G. Dance.....17:12	

Fastest Times:-J. Thresher, Gerry North & Geoff North (all Bels).

BRIGHTON FRONT (Brighton & Hove AC)---April 6th.

1. BELGRAVE 'A'.....75:06			
2. Mitcham AC.....76:19	(4) T. Hart.....12:35		'B'
3. S.L.H.....:41	(2) J. Bicourt.....12:41	(30) C. Steer.....13:44	
4. Windsor & E.....78:08	(2) L. O'Hara.....12:39	(26) J. Rimmer.....13:35	
5. Portsmouth AC.....:11	(1) Geoff North.....12:21	(21) J. Dear.....13:04	
6. Hercules/Wim.....:15	(1) Gerry North.....12:23	(15) W. Kerr.....13:03	
11. BELGRAVE 'B'.....79:25	(1) Geoff North.....12:21	(12) A. Major.....12:40	
30. BELGRAVE 'C'.....84:50	(1) J. Thresher.....12:27	(11) A. Fairclough.....13:19	

(Cont'd. overleaf)

Brighton Front Relay Result (Cont'd)

Fastest Times

Gerry North (Bels).....12:21	(41)E. Penny.....14:21	(45)B. Merry.....14:29
R. Gevers (SLH).....12:21	(36)P. Blair-Fish...13:45	(47)W. Fairfield.....15:02
Geoff North (Bels).....12:23	(31)R. Glover.....14:07	(43)C. Shippen.....14:28
R. Roseman (SLH).....12:24	(33)C. Keavey.....14:29	(41)G. Piddington.....15:04
A. Harris (Mit).....12:24	(32)W. Laws.....14:43	(44)D. Maclean.....16:27
	(30)A. Black.....13:25	(49 teams finished)

BLACKPOOL (Blackpool & Fylde AC)---April 20th

1. Bolton U.H.....88:35	(6)A. Major.....22:58	(14)A. Fairclough...23:48
2. Nth Staffs & St.....89:42	(3)Geoff North.....22:02	- J. Rimmer.....d.n.f.
3. BELGRAVE 'A'.....:59	(3)G. Dance.....23:00	(TT)J. Donnison.....24:03
4. Manchester DLC.....91:23	(3)Gerry North.....21:59	
5. Blackpool & F.....92:25		

Fastest Times:---Freary (Bol)21:20 rec., Hill (Bol)21:23, J. Jackson (NS) 21:49,
Gerry North 21:59, Geoff North 22:02, Gregory (Man) 22:13.

LEICESTER (A.A.A. National Road Relay Championship)---April 27th--- see opposite

WIMBLEDON CUP for O'HARA

Club 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles Road Championship - March 16th.

With the North brothers out of the way for this title race, at least the engraver was going to get a bit of variety! With Thresher also absent O'Hara was the favourite - just.

Our President, Ted Stimpson, sent the 45 starters scurrying up Lauriston Road and as they swirled round the corner one caught brief glimpses of "flash"Dance, "T.K.", "I'm only doing 60 miles a week" Newell, "Carnaby" Steer, "Photos" Linstead, Brian Gorman - or was it Hamilton, "What do you think?" himself, the Bishop of Brighton, Supermac and the whole motley crowd were past, already eating up the first lap of the "top".

On the second small lap a group of ten detached itself from the field and, with Hart forcing the pace they headed out for Copse Hill. Things were now hotting up and at the bottom of Copse, Hart, O'Hara, Bicourt and Major had broken away from Bill Dance with Bill Kerr and John Dear close up and the rest strung out in single file.

On hitting the hills Laurie made his break. Adrian was the first to tail off and then the order settled down to O'Hara, Bicourt, Hart. For the last 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles no more than ten seconds covered the three but for all the striving their positions remained unchanged.

John Dear had his best ever run in this event and Lionel Mann was only 2 seconds outside his best. A dramatic finish was enacted between Ron Linstead and Jim Rimmer with "no one shall pass me" Linstead getting the verdict by the thickness of his number card and being incommunicado for the next five minutes. Brian Gorman produced a most encouraging run and fooled the handicapper by a 45 seconds margin - he deserved his first prize; make the most of it Brian, our handicapper doesn't forget treatment of this sort!

Second and third prizes went to Peter Blair-Fish, who is showing steady improvement, and George Piddington - obviously the sea air agrees with him.

RESULT:

1. L.O'Hara	(0:45)	27:58	24. N.Bacon	(5:15)	32:25
2. J.Bicourt	(1:15)	28:03	25. D.Jones	(4:45)	:51
3. T.Hart	(1:00)	:05	26. C.Keavey	(3:45)	33:03
4. A.Major	(1:00)	:17	27. G.Piddington	(6:30)	:06
5. G.Dance	(0:50)	:46	28. J.Hall	(5:30)	:11
6. J.Dear	(2:30)	29:19	29. A.Bishop	(5:00)	34:01
7. P.Newell	(2:00)	:21	30. J.Dooley	(7:00)	:10
8. W.Kerr	(1:20)	:26	31. P.Pringle	(5:15)	:39
9. L.Mann	(2:30)	:39	32. D.Newell	(7:00)	:41
10. D.Brew	(3:30)	30:20	33. C.Henn	(7:30)	35:14
11. R.Linstead	(3:00)	:28	34. R.Beaumont	(8:00)	:14
12. J.Rimmer	(3:15)	:28	35. P.Sutton	(7:30)	:40
13. P.Blair-Fish	(4:30)	:40	36. E.Pallant	(8:00)	:41
14. B.Nott	(2:00)	:59	37. M.Jones	(8:00)	36:27
15. B.Gorman	(6:00)	31:25	38. D.Stroud	(8:00)	:34
16. C.Steer	(1:30)	:39	39. R.Conway	(9:00)	:53
17. C.Walker	(3:30)	:55	40. J.V.Baker	(10:00)	37:09
18. W.Fairfield	(5:00)	32:01	41. J.McDonald	(8:00)	:43
19. B.Merry	(5:00)	:05	42. C.Manning	(9:00)	:46
20. P.O'Connor	(3:30)	:07	43. J.Martin	(10:00)	38:07
21. C.Calderwood	(5:00)	:14	44. R.Hopkins	(9:30)	:42
22. W.Laws	(4:30)	:16	45. D.Maclean		
23. R.Glover	(3:00)	:24			

Bronze in National Relay

DERBY SNATCH SILVER

LEICESTER SPORTS CENTRE - April 27th

If Coventry hadn't spoiled it all by being out in front almost all the way this would have been the most exciting relay for many years. As it was, the field were racing for the silver medals and for 4½ hours Derby and Belgrave fought a see-saw battle that was in doubt to the very end, when the holders of the Northern title squeezed home by the narrow margin of 11 secs. Throughout that 4½ hours the two teams were never further apart than 48 secs. With interest centred on this dual struggle, it came as a surprise after Stage 8 to find that Godiva were suddenly vulnerable - Derby having got to within 21 seconds of them. Any raising of additional hopes were soon put down by Dick Taylor on the next stage who for the second year stamped his authority on this contest.

The venue was an improvement on last year, the weather a little kinder (it was at least warmer) and the Belgrave performances free of disaster. Yes, there were some disappointments, but one cannot expect 12 men to hit peak on the same day. Our all-round solid performance was worthy of praise, and praise it got, particularly from that vociferous bank of supporters who, loyally shutting from long to short stages and replenishing their "flasks" en-route, cheered on our runners at those vital moments.

The long lap was 5 miles - 1492 yards in length and the short one 2 miles - 1502 yards. The change-overs were effected on the new running track.

STAGE 1. John Bicourt (28:23 - 12th fastest)

A late start, by five minutes, permitted Manchester D.L.C. to just make the line but Blackpool had to run a substitute while they awaited the bulk of their team - they remained in last place throughout. John dashed to the front, ostentatiously asked for guidance out of the grounds, and disappeared up Saffron Lane shoulder to shoulder with Mike Fuller - Fowler, Haslam, Francis and Kirkham in hot pursuit. At Wigston village (3 miles), with the fast run home ahead of them, the first dozen were closely grouped with John just maintaining contact. The fast pace gradually reduced the numbers until only 4 remained to fight it out round the track. John held his form well and, although 12th, was only 36 seconds behind the leader. Coventry ominously, were second, Derby 5th, Manchester 14th and Portsmouth (Meadows) a disastrous 21st.

STAGE 2. Tony Fairclough (14:49 - 12th fastest)

Dogged by injury for several weeks Tony was not yet back to full fitness. Nevertheless, he ran his heart out as usual taking two places but losing three on the track when he had nothing left. We were now 13th, 64 secs down on Coventry and 44 secs. behind Derby.

STAGE 3. Geoff North (27:33 - 2nd fastest)

With the opposition nicely strung out ahead Geoff raced through the field, catching the Derby runner (Calladine) after only 3 miles and only just failing to beat Perry of Birchfield for second place. His invaluable effort left Derby trailing by 25 seconds, but Coventry's lead had been increased to 1:28 due to a scintillating run by Adcocks (27:09). Manchester were 11th, Tipton 15th and Portsmouth 21st and way out of the reckoning.

STAGE 4. Roger Donnison (14:55 - 10th fastest)

Roger will not need to be reminded of Birchfield's colours. After nearly 3 miles of desperate struggle he cut their lead from 8 seconds to 4 seconds! He was also faster than the Coventry runner (Godfrey) but had to give way to another of Derby's short-leg stars (Hinton) who took them back up to 2nd. 35 seconds behind Roger was ex-Belgravian Hugh Barrow (14:45) running for Sale. 12 seconds now covered Derby, Birchfield and Bels with Coventry 52 seconds ahead.

STAGE 5. Laurie O'Hara (28:10 - 5th fastest)

A ding-dong battle was now developing between Derby and Bels, and Laurie had tough opposition in Leeming. However, our man was still riding high after his excellent win in the Wycombe '5' road race and gradually he pulled back the Derby man's 90 yard lead, yard by yard, in a workmanlike manner. With the Birchfield man well dropped, it must have been a shock for Laurie at the 4 miles mark to see Mike Freary of Bolton surge past and go on to clock a fantastic 26:33; the only man to beat 27 minutes on the day. With the stadium close at hand Laurie caught Leeming and his finishing sprint took him 2 seconds clear. His effort of 28:10 was only 5 seconds away from being 3rd fastest, behind Freary and Tipton's Jim Wright, and was just one second better than Basil Heatley, out again up front for Coventry.

STAGE 6. Bill Dance (14:29 - 2nd fastest)

With the Derby/Belgrave dual now 3-2 to our rivals, Bill set out to hold our lead and make it 3-3 at the halfway mark. Eley of Derby soon took back the two seconds leeway and, to the horror of our supporters gradually went ahead. Bill, wearing his most determined look - complete with the closed eyes treatment - restricted the lead to 10 yards until, on entering the stadium, he cut loose like a quarter miler to hand over six seconds ahead. What an entertainer! "Just a flash runner" said Brenda Dance. Trevor Hart said nothing - he was going to need his breath.

STAGE 7. Trevor Hart (28:19 - 7th fastest)

Trevor found himself in hot company. Brian Kilby 52 seconds ahead, Simmons (the Derby No.1) on his heels and another three of the day's top runners, Rushmer, Holt and Jackson chasing hard. Simmons had no easy task in getting ahead of the bearded Hart and, when he did go past, Trevor fought every yard of the way to keep the margin down. To be sandwiched between the two fastest men of the stage was a real test of courage and he came through with flying colours - Simmons held to 27 seconds and Rushmer kept off by 13 seconds. 86 seconds now covered the first four teams.

STAGE 8. John Dear (14:51 - 8th fastest)

For several years John has been destined to serve as a regular reserve in our teams, so it was good to see him gaining his place this time as a first choice. His selection was justified and must have been all the sweeter to him when he took 4 seconds off our old friend Mel Thorpe who was busy maintaining Coventry's front position. While the Coventry/Belgrave gap remained at just over a minute, Derby (Peake) had moved up to within 21 secs of Godiva - closer than anyone had managed to get since Stage 2.

STAGE 9. John Thresher (28:00 - 4th fastest)

Although not as dramatic as his run of last year, Dick Taylor reced away to wrap it up for Coventry with a lead of 1:48. John's task was to catch Eccles of Derby and put us back in the race for second place. He did not disappoint and, with a final flourish on the track, gave our next man a two-second lead. Manchester (Gregory) and Hercules/Wimbledon (R.Holt) had closed up to within 30 seconds. At this point our supporters felt more confident of receiving second place than at anytime. Belgrave's strong finish of Major, Gerry North & Kerr looked certain to have the mastery of Derby's Domleo, Bullivant and Taylor. If only Gerry North could be given a lead.

STAGE 10. Adrian Major (14:54 - 7th fastest)

Adrian's recent form had been such to justify consideration for a long stage. Although a few days short of his 21st birthday he had already attained his athletic majority with 78th in the National cross-country championships and, as he set off hotly pursued by Domleo, there was an air of confidence in the Belgrave camp. Fourteen minutes later it had changed to shocked surprise when a red and white vest was the first to appear, and became dismay as the next 20 seconds seemed like hours before Adrian's appearance. Although "not my day" he was still able to chalk up 7th fastest time, which indicated that Derby had played quite a big part in the struggle.

STAGE 11. Gerry North (27:54 - 3rd fastest)

Not for some time had Gerry looked so nervous before a race. During his warm up he was thinking in terms of holding a lead over Bullivant, and North in full flight takes some catching. Faced with the task instead, of pulling back 150 yards he fairly streaked after his quarry and, within 2 miles, had caught the Derby international. Bullivant latched on to Gerry and, although the Belgrave man had edged away by 6 yards at Wigston, that early effort up hill and against wind took it's toll. When they turned into the fast second half a revived Bullivant, in his best track style and with the wind behind him, surged back to the front again going away to make up all but one second of his original lead. Gerry fought on as only Gerry can, but it was not his day either, for even if he had held Bullivant his time would still have been less than he had hoped for.

STAGE 12. Bill Kerr (14:38 - 2nd fastest)

Bill was his usual unruffled self at the takeover and, as he left the stadium in that misleadingly nonchalant style, many thought that Taylor of Derby would consolidate their lead. But their worries were not yet over. 36 year old Kerr, the oldest member of the team, was out to show everyone that the old zip was still there and the cause not yet lost. Only the shortness of the distance prevented him from becoming the day's hero for, after making little impression over the first 1½ miles, he hauled back 6 of the 17 seconds deficit in the last mile and the men from Derbyshire didn't relax until their man actually reached the track - just 80 yards ahead. So, after 4½ hours of running, the two teams finished only 11 seconds apart. Coventry were 2 mins ahead and Manchester 2 minutes behind. And so Godiva scored a National double, taking both cross-country and relay titles, but no one else bettered our combined placings of 4th and 3rd respectively so until we renew our assault next season we give best only to Coventry Godiva - a great team.



(Photo by Ron Linstead)

The 10th change-over on Leicester's 'K' track, and Adrian Major sends off Gerry North in hot pursuit of Bullivant.

RESULT

1. Coventry God.H. 4:14:36
2. Derby & Cty AC. 4:16:44
3. BELGRAVE H. 4:16:55
4. Manchester DLC 4:18:48
5. Tipton H. 4:19:15
6. Herc/Wimb.AC. 4:20:21
7. Leicester CAT 4:20:45
8. Reading AC. 4:21:53
9. Mitcham AC. 4:22:24
10. Birchfield H. 4:22:35

FASTEST TIMES

Long Stage		Short Stage	
M.Freary (Bol)	26:33	P.Stewart (BIF)	13:59
W.Adcocks (Cov)	27:09	P.Lightfoot (Rdg)	14:05
R.Taylor (Cov)	27:21	A.Read (West)	14:12
R.Hill (Bol)	27:28	K.Rollason (Tip)	14:14
R.Holt (H/W)	27:31	K.Hinton (Derb)	14:18
GEOFF NORTH	27:33	P.Lancaster (Cov)	14:20
A.Rushmer (Tip)	27:34	P.Blakesley (Leic)	14:22
J.Wright (Tip)	27:35	B.Smith (Wind)	14:26

WELCOME

John A. BLAIR-FISH (Kent)
 Anthony BREWSTER (Surrey)
 R. COATES (Surrey)
 Roger M. COOPER (Cornwall)
 Stephen CORRIGAN (Surrey)
 Paul A. EMSON (Surrey)
 Noel C. FOAD (Surrey)
 Colin GIBSON (Yorks)

Anthony J. LLOYD (Surrey)
 Paul A. MANSFIELD (Middx)
 Colin G. PEARSON (Wilts)
 William J. PICKUP (Middx)
 Robert PUFFETT (Berks)
 Barry J. QUIRK (Surrey)
 Charles T. RETTNER (Surrey)
 Ian D. TASKER (Oxon)
 Michael WAIGHT (Canada)

2nd CLAIM - Keith MAY (Horsham Blue Star H.)

SPOTLIGHT ON

JOHN THRESHER



The place is Motspur Park Track, the date . 24th June 1967 and the race about to start is the S.C.A.A.A. three miles championship. As the runners stoop forward and peer at their reflections in the flooded track the starter raises his arm and sends them spluttering round the first bend in a shower of liquified cinders. As the lap count down progresses so the leading group diminishes in size, until there is only the holder Gibson, the favourite Johnstone, the Holt twins and two Belgravians. "Two laps to go" is the cry and Johnstone breaks for home. Gibson goes with him followed by Bob Holt and a mud bespattered runner whose spectacles look more like sun-glasses. The crowd cheers, and the "blind" man surges forward as though suddenly equipped with an outboard motor, races past the surprised leaders in the straight and scores what looks to be a ridiculously easy win.

Next day millions of sleepy citizens opened their Sunday papers to see the happy, muddy face of JOHN THRESHER smiling at them. Some thought, no doubt, that they had more to laugh at than him; but then they didn't know of the events that led up to his first major championship success.

John Thresher was born at Merton on 16th December 1939. When at school, he disliked playing rugby; the only alternative was cross-country and he enjoyed it probably because he was fairly good at it. In the next road to John there lived a certain Raymond Braine of Belgrave Harriers who had no idea of the service he was rendering the Club each time he pounded his way up Erroll

Gardens sporting his brightly lettered track-suit top. A few brief words of introduction and 17 year old John Thresher became a Belgravian in October 1957. No-one noticed. But they began to a few weeks later when, over Herne Hill Harriers course at Addington, he carried our colours for the first time. "Young Thresher showed delightful form in winning the Youths race" read THE BELGRAVIAN of that time, and John well remembers how encouraged he was at receiving such early recognition.

His first track season produced a 4:29 mile and a 9:53 two miles, yet three years later his mile had dropped only 9 seconds and his 9:53 still stood as a personal best. There were many who thought that if progress was not forthcoming in the formative years 18 - 21 there was little prospect of much following. They hadn't reckoned with John Thresher. They were also not aware of the priority he gave to his studies and work as an articulated accountant. His training continued to be remarkably light, but regular - "I owed a great deal to Arthur Penny during this period for his continual encouragement and the holding together of our Youths team".

Came the track season of 1961 and studies for his Chartered Accountancy examinations. He reflects "While existing on one five miles training run every Wednesday and the occasional Saturday race, I distinctly remember running a 1:59 half in the Club Champs and realising I was wasting my time. I decided to train harder there and then". Before the season was out he ran 1:55 on three occasions. The writing was on the wall.

Illness that Autumn (6 weeks) put him back a long way but only made him more determined than ever and he resolved to do a regular weekly mileage of 40. From December 1961 onwards John could be seen in the heart of all our training packs. Repetition climbs up the horse-rides in the darkness of Tuesday evenings chasing the unseen figures of Robinson, Miller, Shippen and Thompson; out on the dimly lit roads of Wimbledon on Thursdays, gasping behind Linstead, Dabbs, Gebbett & Co. as they did the "seven hills"; sometimes

on the "Warren 9" with Bird, Walker, Baulch & Co. And gradually it came. The results were soon apparent when in the South of Thames Senior at Maidenhead in 1962 Thresher finished 26th helping our team to second place medals.



(Photo by Mark Shearman)

John fights it out with Alan Rushmer during the 1967 AAA championships at White City. M. Tagg and R. Holt (21) follow up.

The hard winter's work reaped dividends that track season and in one fell swoop he chopped his times to 4:09.4 and 9:04, and tasted his first Championship success by annexing the L.C.C. mile in 4:12. These rewards induced him to adopt a policy of increasing his training work-load each year. The times came down. 1963 - 1:53.0/4:07.5/8:48.4 (and a 2nd place in the London v Munich 1500 metres), 1964 - 1:52.4/4:02.1 (and runner up in the County mile). 1965 - 4:02.7/13:54.0 (and a great win in Milan over 1500 metres for London, in 3:46.7).



Thresher leads Rizzo and Somaggio during the Milan 1500 mts in 1965. He won from Rizzo in 3:46.7

(Photo: A. Cavallini)

In 1966 John Thresher reached the final of the A.A.A. mile - "I finished 7th in 4:04.6, having run the last lap in 56 seconds and been left standing! I resolved to run 3 miles in 1967". Some had expected him to make this decision a season earlier but, nonetheless, all were agreed it was a right one. An 8:42.2 two miles soon endorsed this and before the season was through he had his first B.A.A.B. trip to Vienna where, with Dick Taylor of Coventry Godiva, he ran against Ron Clarke and Lazlo Mecser over 5,000 metres where he clocked a personal best 14:05. Shortly afterwards he finished second to the great Michel Jazy over 3,000 metres at La Baule.

Our subject had not been idle during the intervening winters. "I have never been very fond of cross-country due to an old ankle injury - and especially over 9 miles" but he was still a regular member of our winter teams, and the 1966/7 winter would have to be his best ever if he was to become a successful 12 lap exponent. It was. Second in the Surrey Co., 16th in the Inter-Counties and 50th in the National ("I was disappointed not to have had a good one") and John had a good foundation for his season of three miling. He did not realise that it would bring him his finest victory and his most disappointing defeat.

After a second place in the Surrey Co. (13:40.4) and a promising 4th in the Inter-Counties at the White City (13:40.8) the way was paved for that exciting battle in the muddied cinders of Motpur Park. ATHLETICS WEEKLY wrote "John Thresher, although handicapped by mud plastering his glasses ran the fastest race of his career - - - his time of 13:35.8 might have been 10 seconds faster on a dry track". And so he was Southern Champion - feeling on top of the world. "I felt very confident during my warm up and as I stood on the line I looked around and thought 'I can beat this lot'. The pace felt so slow, I had to keep holding in, checking all the while and jockeying for position. When Johnston burst away two laps from home I had to school myself to wait even then. I felt great on that last lap and could see just enough to keep my feet. Now for the AAA's".

He was soon to find out that his rivals had not been standing still during his progress, and at the Championships on July 15th he finished 13th in a best ever 13:27.2. Despite the time his disappointment was greater than ever before. It was obvious then, as it is now, that the three hot favourites for representation in the 5,000 metres at Mexico were McCafferty, Taylor and Rushmer. John has resolved to harry this trio at every opportunity throughout 1968 and, should something go wrong for them, be right at hand as the logical replacement. It will require a lot of hard early-season racing to make his mark and the ability to hold his form - a challenge he is well fitted to meet.

What of the future? Well, he hopes to go on competing until he can no longer make Belgrave road-relay teams, and there is always the possibility of turning to coaching or administration. For the present he prefers to be 'spoon-fed' and concentrate on his running - an attitude, he thinks, that many officials fail to understand. He admires Gerry North immensely for his wholehearted approach and has a high regard for Bill Kerr - "A beautifully relaxed performer whom I tried to copy". Of Belgrave? "Well it is the best club anyone could belong to, but it could be even better".

Last year John Thresher had a taste of the rarefied atmosphere at Font Romeu in the Pyrenees - he is "hooked" on it. McCafferty, Taylor & Rushmer had better beware; he has an insatiable desire for the Mexico City flavour!

From the Hon. Treasurer

On behalf of the Club I wish to thank all the Past Presidents and Life Members who have donated Sets of Championship Medals. Details as follows;

100 yards Senior.	J.R.McKay.	440.yards Junior.	H.W.Shields.
440 yards Senior.	F.R.Webb.	880 Yards Junior.	A.E.Taylor.
880 yards Senior.	R.Taylor.	1.Mile Junior.	D.M.Shepherd.
1.Mile Senior.	T.F.Morrell.	Schools Relay.	A.W.Penny.
3.Mile Senior.	W.E.Lucas.	Senior Javelin.	G.Powell.
6.Mile. Senior.	C.T.Carter.	7.Mile. Cross-C.	C.Munro.
2.Mile Track Walk.	D.Brown.	10Mile Cross-C.	E.Stimpson.
7.Mile Track Walk.	F.Jarvis.	20.Mile Road Run.	A.E.Penstone.
10. Mile Walk.	"Anno"	Marthon.	G.Doubleday.
20. Mile Walk.	A.A.Harley.	5.Mile Junior.C-C.	Mrs. Savage.
7.Mile Junior Walk.	H.King.	5.Mile Junior Walk.	S.Vickers.
50.Kilo. Walk.	J.Coleman.		

ROAD RUNNING

GORDON BISCOE WRITES :-

This being the main season for distance races our fortunes do seem to be improving slowly but surely compared with recent years. A roundup of the main events since the last Belgravian would show the latest 'State of Parties' as, trophies won - one; lost - one; retained - one; several 'Independant' victories and various others where we have more than 'held our deposit'. It is also good to note that in certain events in the past where we have only been able to raise one team we are now fielding two or more. In the last Belgravian I commented on the excess of distance races nowadays; even this number does not appear to satisfy Lionel Mann's appetite for competition and its even rumoured that he is looking forward to the advent of organised Sunday sport in this country when he can maybe run two 20's on consecutive days - providing of course it does not interfere with his football and golf in the morning!

However, hard work has its rewards and we have to congratulate Bill Dance and Lionel for obtaining AAA 1st class standards and, hence, club honours badges, with times of 1:50:18 and 1:52:17 respectively in the recent Surrey 20.

AN EASTER DOUBLE

VICTORY IN MAIDENHEAD 10M & FELTHAM 5M

Run in sunshine, as opposed to last year's snow storm, the Maidenhead 10 turned out to be one of mixed fortunes for our runners, but one which gave Gerry, having led virtually from the start, a convincing win (54secs) over old rival on the road, Mick Price (Bristol). It also resulted in us taking the team trophy which eluded us last year. For Trevor Hart it was a 'battle royal' all the way with C. Wade (Ranelagh) who got the better of him only in the closing stages. Bill Kerr's decision to run at almost the eleventh hour meant he was not in our team entry and hence not able to score, thus making Lionel Mann with another good run our third scoring member. Bob Glover, straight from his speed work on the track, showed he still hadn't lost his ability on the road with a very good run---he didn't even say "That was hard" at the end so he must have felt good! Pat O'Connor showed a slight improvement on his loss of form of late but Chris Keavey and Bernard Merry would prefer to write this off as just not being their day.

Whilst Gerry was leading them home at Maidenhead Laurie O'Hara was repeating the act at Feltham in the annual 5 mile race where he scored a nicely judged victory over another evergreen, Mike Barrett (Ealing & Southall). Whilst Laurie did not have as strong a supporting cast as Gerry, we again had two teams out with Charlie Walker still keeping in trim, and Bill Laws making a welcome return to the road. Pete Sutton also took his first prize home for being the first vet to finish, and Glimpy Jones scored his first victory over Chas. Smart. We knew Charlie has been unfit, and probably stopped to buy some antiques on the way---sorry Glimpy you'll have to do it again to convince us!

MAIDENHEAD 10m - EASTER MONDAY, 15th APRIL.

1. Gerry North (Bels A)	51:39	36. P. O'Connor (Bels B)	60:29
2. M. Price (Bristol)	52:33	47. J. Hall	62:21
4. T. Hart (Bels A)	53:09	48. C. Keavey	62:41
12. W. Kerr (Non scorer)	55:27	55. B. Merry	63:20
13. L. Mann (Bels A)	55:34	79. P. Pringle	67:48
31. R. Glover (Bels B)	58:51	102 Finished	
TEAMS:		12. BELGRAVE 'B'	100 pts.
1. BELGRAVE	14 pts.	20 Teams Closed In.	
2. Ranelagh	23 pts.		
3. Reading	31 pts.		

FELTHAM 5m - EASTER MONDAY, 15th APRIL

1. L. O'Hara (Bels)	24:30	77. P. Sutton	30:47
2. M. Barrett (Ealing/S)	24:37	78. D. Newall	31:02
41. C. Walker (Bels)	27:33	79. M. Jones	31:03
45. W. Laws	27:45	84. C. Smart	32:30
68. C. Calderwood	29:27	87. R. Langheim	33:59
		88 Finished.	
		1.Vet. P. Sutton Bels.	
TEAMS:		19.BELS B	..189 pts.
1.Surrey AC	..21 pts.		
7.BELS A	..76 pts.		

Late Poly Flask!

The weather was sheer purgatory for the marathon runners. Trevor Hart (20th) was our first man home, with Lionel Mann in the thirties. Pat O'Connor, in his first marathon, was one of the strongest, least distressed runners to finish; he should feel well pleased with his time which was around the 2hrs-53min mark.

LOST! ONE COUNTY TITLE

SURREY 20m - 4th MAY.

With Chris Steer now missing from our team, our chances of retaining the title took rather a knock. However, with Gerry North and Bill Dance stepping up their normal distances to join the "Charlies" (Dabbs & Walker) in its defence, hopes rose. Trevor Hart, Lionel Mann and Pat O'Connor although in the race as guests do not qualify for Surrey. The course this year was over six laps of the Walton road relay circuit and all seemed set for a fine afternoon. However, hardly had the 37 starters got under way when the rains came and over the following two hours deteriorated into a miserable downpour. At the end of one lap the early leader was Chris Wade (Ranelagh) with a following group consisting of Gerry, Trevor, Lionel, Bill and Chas Dabbs only 5 secs behind, a further 20 secs back came "old faithful" Charlie Walker with Pat O'Connor in the second group; at this stage we had the first scoring three. Basically, these positions remained unchanged until just before the half distance when it was obvious Charlie Dabbs was far from his best and steadily dropping back, soon to be passed by Fowler (Ranelagh) who completed the Ranelagh scoring three. Although it was obvious the title had slipped from us, the race remained very much alive until the end, with the last lap providing the final break up of the leading group.

With M. Fuller proving a surprise winner it was realised that Hercules-Wimb. also had their 3rd scoring man in before us, and so beat us for second place with an equal number of points.

All credit though to Trevor, Gerry and Bill for producing the performances they did in such horrible conditions, especially as it was their first outing over this distance this year. Also to Chas Walker, over 9 mins faster than his time last year - what would he do if he started training again !!

(Jack Brown please note !!!)

1. M. Fuller (Herc/Wim)	1:45:27	8. L. Mann (Guest)	1:52:17
2. T. Hart (Guest)	1:45:42	12. C. Dabbs (Bels)	1:54:54
3. C. Wade (Ran.H.)	1:46:24	21. P. O'Connor (Guest)	2:05:15
4. Gerry North (Bels)	1:47:11	24. C. Walker (Bels)	2.08.57
5. W. Dance "	1:50:18	33 Finished	
Teams: 1. Ranelagh (2,5,6)	13pts		
2. Herc/Wim (1,7,9)	17pts		
3. Belgrave (3,4,10)	17pts		
Surrey Ch.Ship. 1. Fuller.	2. C. Wade.	3. Gerry North.	

NO CHANGE - HAMPSTEAD '10' - 18th MAY.

CHARLIE DABBS REPORTS :-

On cup-final day 1967 a Belgrave team of Gerry North, Trevor Hart and Charlie Dabbs won the Hampstead '10' team trophy and Gerry won the individual event.

On cup-final day one year later the same trio managed to retain the same trophy and Gerry similarly retained his individual title although forced by Martin Craven to a record breaking run. Since previous fast times on this course have been run by Kilby, Juan & Dick Taylor, Adecks and Tim Johnston, this run of Gerry's is indicative of his present excellent form.

Trevor Hart found that a combination of battered shoes and "micro laces" not entirely suitable to a race of this nature and his footwear disintegrated after one mile had been covered. However, after temporary repairs were made (not to mention a loss of 30-40 seconds in time) he pursued the leaders with his usual forcefulness.

Charlie Dabbs has only recently emerged from his winter of semi-hibernation, but his position and time reflects his steady return to form.

The rest of the lads all ran well on a reasonably tough course, but a club of our size should provide a stronger team than this. Since we have before now turned out between 20 and 30 athletes at road races like Bracknell and Wycombe there is no real reason why such support should not be extended to races like this one.

RESULT:

1. Gerry North (Bels)	48:46	60. C. Walker	57:13
2. M. Craven (Kendal)	48:48	67. J. Hall	57:58
3. I. MacIntosh (Ran)	49:11	89. D. Bonser	61:29
9. T. Hart	51:08	92. P. Pringle	62:38
19. C. Dabbs	52:47	98. R. Beaumont	64:23
44. P. O'Connor	55:21		
Teams: 1. Belgrave 'A'	24pts.	3. Luton	34pts.
2. T.V.H.	26pts.	15. Belgrave 'B'	162pts.

The first International Veterans Marathon was held in Baarn, Netherlands, on May 25th. Winner was Weba (W. Germany) in 2:29:06. Geoff. Pearson finished 23rd in 3:01:44.

FINCHLEY 20m. 20th APRIL.

With only a moderate team entry, this once again was not our year. However, those that did turn out ran wisely to finish the course in the hot weather, which was taking a heavy toll of other competitors. For our effort we were awarded a set of medals for the first team unplaced in the last 3 years. The nature of the award does itself highlight the need to rectify this in the future.

1. D. Holt (Herc/Wim)	1:43:51	66. G. Pearson	2:12:27
13. L. Mann (Bels)	1:53:47	76. D. Bonser	2:15:22
51. P. O'Connor	2:07:14	90. J. Hall	2:22:39
63. J. Hilton	2:10:49		

TRANS:

1. T.V.H....30pts. 2. Windsor & E...77pts. 3. Orion H...125pts

MiscellaneousTONBRIDGE 10m - 25th March 1968

1. W. Stock (Surrey AC)	51:24	62. C. Fairfield	60:16
6. L. Mann (Bels)	52:59	68. G. Biscoe	60:53
35. C. Steer	56:40	74. J. Baker	62:21
44. B. Merry	57:40	75. G. Pearson	62:22
47. P. O'Connor	57:55	78. D. Bonser	63:03
50. C. Keavey	58:30	81. P. Pringle	63:28
51. C. Walker	58:43	89. R. Beaumont	65:46
		100 Finished	
<u>Teams:</u> 1. Camden AC	37pts	13. BELS 'B'	14pts
9. BELS 'A'	92pts	17 Teams Closed In.	
'B' Team Award:	BELGRAVE H.		

WIGMORE 15m - 2nd April

1. F. Maillardet (Camb.H.)	1:17:32	63. A. Bishop	1:36:48
12. L. Mann (Bels)	1:24:37	67. D. Bonser	1:37:37
62. G. Piddington (Bels)	1:36:25	80. G. Pearson	1:41:48

ROMFORD ½ MARATHON - 6th April

1. M. Batty (Thurrock H)	65:41	52. P. O'Connor	
14. L. Mann (Bels)	71:19	81. D. Bonser	
34. D. Erew	74:14	109 Finished	
<u>Team:</u> 1. Blackheath	13pts.	9. Belgrave	89pts.
		15 Teams Closed In.	

HERNE HILL H. 10m - 29th April

1. R. Gevers (S.L.H.)	50:30	72. D. Bowser	63:23
4. L. Mann	53:30	76. P. Pringle	64:35
57. G. Piddington	60:41	80. C. Fairfield	66:10
58. J. Hall	60:50	96 Finished.	
<u>Teams:</u> 1. S.L.H.	10pts.	8. Belgrave	(13 Teams Closed In)

KENT 20m - 11th May

1. F. Maillardet (Camb.H.)	1:45:14	37. J. Hall	2:07:59
13. L. Mann	1:55:20	38. G. Pearson	2:09:07
28. P. O'Connor	2:03:05	42. K. Stimpson	2:09:48
31. J. Hilton	2:05:36	46. D. Bonser	2:11:21
<u>Teams:</u> (Open Race) 1. Blackheath	15pts	64 Finished	
2. Camb.H.	28pts.	6. Belgrave	73 pts.
		9. Teams Closed In.	

There seems no end to the various methods used nowadays to relieve the boredom of training or obtain that little extra performance.

We have it, on good authority, that Ray Conway has taken up 'chasing butterflies' whilst Bill Dance eats rhubarb to improve his running!

TRACK AND FIELD

THE TIMES-THEY ARE A-CHANGING.

TONY BROOKS WRITES ON TRACK:

This year, Belgrave Harriers will be one of the twelve clubs who will help re-write British club-athletics history.

On July 21st we compete in the first match of the 'B' league against Sale Harriers, T.V.H., Birchfield, Notts A.C. and L.C.A.T. A.C., all of which are clubs of no mean ability.

How will Belgrave make out? Will we emerge victorious, or as an also ran? This question can be best answered by the athletes themselves, who they will be will depend largely upon the results of the coming trophy and club meetings, and those who prove themselves to be true Belgravians will be the ones who will be selected to compete in these meetings.

Let us then look at the events and the people who will be fighting for the places in the teams.

100/200 mtrs. For the past couple of years, the Vivian/Mitchell/Martin combine has dominated these events, but now that John Mitchell has had an unlucky start to the season due to glandular fever Jim Vivian and Chris Martin had both better look out for the fast improving Steve White, who has recorded times over the longer sprint that Jim and Chris have yet to beat this year.

400 mtrs. In relation to the other clubs, this is the event where we are at our weakest. With Chris Martin being the only one to have recorded a respectable time, our outlook is gloomy. However, if Jim Vivian were to concentrate on quarter miling he could well find himself amongst the top in the country.

800 mtrs. Although having been weak in this event for the past few years, it looks as if in the foreseeable future this could be one of our stronger points. John Thresher is capable of holding his own against other club half milers, but as he specialises in longer events, it looks as if Tom Carter's school will produce Belgrave's future half milers. With Tony Brooks and Alan Mead both under two minutes after only a few outings, Pete Hillier and Lionell Mann close behind them and Bill Curtin (still a youth doing 2:03.0) the prospects look fair.

1500 mtrs. On paper it looks like John Thresher, but look out for Bill Kerr who has improved tremendously over the mile. Also Geoff North who if encouraged enough could give both of these a run for their money. Others to watch include Laurie O'Hara and Adrian Major.

3000 mtrs. Geoff North, Gerry North, Laurie O'Hara, Bill Kerr, Bill Dance, Tony Fairclough, Trevor Hart. Any one of these is capable of emerging as Belgrave's hope for a winner in this event.

5000 mtrs. Roughly the same field again with the added threat of Thresher who has said that he is good enough to take them all on over this distance. 3000 mtrs/stpche. In this event we are lucky to be able to pick from any one of five men. John Bicourt looks favourite, but just how far behind him John Dear, Bill Dance and Dick Piotrowski are when it comes to selection remains to be seen. Alan Black could prove the surprise in this event once he has regained fitness, as his time last year placed him second behind Bicourt.

This then, at the beginning of the season is how Belgrave shapes up. Who is selected remains to be seen, but whoever it is will certainly have to prove himself against strong competition.

BILL COUZENS WRITES ON FIELD.

With prospects for the National league looking pretty good on the track, let me outline our prospects in the field events.

High Jump. We have never had it so good in this event with Arnold Bent (Junior) already clearing 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " this season Barry Townsend 5'10", Denzil Winsborrow 5'8" and Shola Ipaye 5'8" we could well have both A and B strings over 6 feet.

Pole Vault. Our two pole vaulters Denzil Winsborrow and Barry Townsend who have always scored high points in trophy meetings will be a great asset.

Long Jump. Derek Wade and John Mitchell are our outstanding pair in this event with capabilities of 24 feet plus. Our first reserve in this event would be a difficult choice between Bob Couillault, Arnold Bent, Barry Townsend, George Borkowski and Denzil Winsborrow all with distances around 21 feet.

Triple Jump. Derek Boosey is our tower of strength with Bob Couillault as first choice for the B string. (Dave Ansell forecasts Bob will clear 46' this year). Cliff Brooks not being far behind.

120yd Hurdles. Probably nobody outstanding at this event but Barry Townsend, Denzil Winsborrow, Bob Couillault, Derek Boosey and Cliff Brooks can score valuable points.

440yd Hurdles. No stars at this event but our beginners Bob Couillault and Denzil Winsborrow only need a couple of seconds off their best time to bring them to the fore.

Javelin. Nick Head and field events captain Brian King make this one of our strong events and the right day could have both men over 200 ft.

Shot. We depend on Nick Head to push the 16lb weight around 43 feet with Improving John Martin getting close to 40ft. to make our presence felt in this event.

Discus. Nick Head & Frank Glass with personal bests within inches of each other are the obvious choice. with new member Paul Emson as a very promising first reserve.

Hammer. New member Malcolm Robertson is a fully fledged Hammer Thrower with a choice of B string from yours truly, Nick Head & Brian King.

BELGRAVE 12TH OPEN FIELD EVENTS MEETING

Tooting Bec--March 23rd

The weather was not very kind for this meeting, being cold and very windy. This did not affect the Belgrave turn-out but sadly affected the other clubs. We had our share of victories, gaining first, second and third places in the high jump, a Nick Head win in the javelin(as usual) and Bob Couillault's double in the long and triple jumps. Unfortunately, the pole-vault event had to be cancelled.

RESULTS

Javelin

1. N. Head (Bels).....	195'-8"
5. B. King "	167'-7"
7. M. Knox "	154'-0"
Shot	
1. W. Fuller(E.&E.)...	47'-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
5. J. Martin (Bels)...	35'-8"

Long Jump

1. R. Couillault (Bel)	20'-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
5. A. Bent.....	19'-1"
6. D. Winsborrow "	19'-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
8. E. Lenniston "	17'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

High Jump

1. B. Townsend..(Bels)	5'-10"
2. D. Winsborrow "	5'-8"
3. A. Bent.....	5'-8"
Triple Jump	
1. R. Couillault "	42'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

APRIL 20th -----Battersea Park -----Club Match V Met Police V Mitcham AC V Walton AC

100y 2. C. Martin.....	10.5	220y 1. C. Martin.....	23.2	440y 1. A. Brooks.....	52.5
3. A. Brewster.....	10.6	3. J. Mathison.....	24.0	2. A. Mead.....	52.7
880y 5. D. Baines....	2:04.0	1 m 4. C. Steer.....	4:39.0	3. P. Smith.....	53.4
LJ 1. D. Wade.....	22'-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	5. D. Brew.....	4:43.0	2m 1. J. Thresher..	8:56.0
2. A. Lerwill.....	21'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Jav 1. N. Head.....	187'-8"	2. L. O'Hara.....	9:15.0
HJ 3. S. Ipaye.....	5'-7"	2. B. King.....	183'-8"	3. J. Bicourt...	9:25.0
		Shot 3. J. Martin.....	36'-0"	4. D. Fernee.....	9:27.0
				5. J. Dear.....	9:36.0

EPSOM TROPHY

May 4th-

Despite an early start to the season, some very good performances were set up on a very dismal day.

In the sprints, Steve White (17) pushed international Dave Dear all the way in the 'A' 100 and coasted to an easy victory in the 'B' 220.

A fine run by John Dear in the steeplechase and a promising 440 by Jim Vivian on the last leg of the medly relay were also noteworthy, but the finest performance of the afternoon was undoubtedly the 6'-0" high jump of our junior, Arnold Bent.

RESULT

1. Southampton.....	179 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts	3. BELGRAVE.....	155pts	5. Met.Police.....	127 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts
2. Blackheath.....	171pts	4. Cambridge H.....	142pts	6. Epsom & Ewell.....	119pts

100:(A)1. D. Dear(Stn)	10.4,	2. S. White (Bels)	10.6,	3. S. Chalk (Cambridge)	10.7
(B)1. C. Martin (Bels)	10.7,	2. R. Sims (Stn)	10.7,	3. D. Hadler (Cambridge)	10.7
220:(A)1. D. Dear (Stn)	23.0,	2. C. Martin (Bels)	23.1,	3. D. Hadler (Cambridge)	23.7
(B)1. S. White (Bels)	23.1,	2. P. Hudson (Bth)	23.3,	3. R. Sims (Stn)	23.7
440:(A)1. G. Hunt (Stn)	50.4,	4. A. Brooks (Bels)	52.2,	5. A. Mead (Met)	52.5
(B)1. P. Fitzpatrick (Stn)	50.7,	2. D. Evans (Cambridge)	51.9,	3. P. Smith (Bels)	53.0
880:(A)1. D. Wright (Bth)	1:55.5,	2. D. Prior (Met)	1:57.2,	6. P. Hilliar (Bels)	2:03.6
(B)1. J. Jeffrey (Met)	1:58.2,	2. N. Woodford (Stn)	1:58.3,	6. H. Satchell (Bel)	2:08.1
1m :(A)1. J. Johnson (Met)	4:16.8,	2. D. Wright (Bth)	4:17.7,	4. J. Dear (Bels)	4:28.1
(B)1. P. Horwood (Bth)	4:24.1,	2. J. Mace (Stn)	4:25.2,	5. B. Gorman (Bels)	4:41.5
2m team: 1. Blackheath 2. Southampton, 3. BELGRAVE					
(W. Kerr 9:16.4, R. Donnison 9:34.0, R. Glover 10:09.0)					

2000ms/chase: (A) 1. J. Dear 6:16.4, 2. G. Bottley (Bth) 6:29.4, 3. R. Curt (Cam) 6:29.7
 (B) 1. J. Prior (Met) 6:37.2, 2. C. Hellings (EE) 6:45.4, 4. D. Maclean 7:11.3
 Long jump : (A) 4. R. Couillault 20'-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", (B) 1. A. Bent 20'-6".
 Javelin : (A) 2. B. King 174'-3", (B) 3. W. Couzens 159'-2".
 Shot : (A) 4. J. Martin 35'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", (B) 3. W. Couzens 35'-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 High jump : (A) 3. A. Bent 6'-0", (B) I. D. Winsborrow 5'-8"
 Triple jump: (A) 3. R. Couillault 43'-9", (B) 5. A. Brooks 40'-4"
 Discus: (A) 6. W. Couzens 99'-9", (B) 6. B. King 76'-11"
 Medley: 1. Blackheath 3:38.3, 2. Southampton 3:38.5, 3. PELGRAVE 3:40.5.
 4X110 R. 1. Bels (Brewster, Ipaye, Martin, Lerwill) 46.1.
 MATCH RESULT: 1. BELS 90 pts. 2. Met. Pol 83pts, 3. Mitcham 30pts, 4. Walton 3pts.

JUNIOR

100: 2. D. Rees 10.8 220: 2. D. Rees 25.3 440: 1. R. Hamilton 55.8
 3. A. Bent 11:0 HJ: 2. A. Bent 5'-0" LJ: 1. A. Bent 20'-8"
 880: 2. R. Hamilton 2:09.8 Jav: 1. A. Bent 126'-10" Shot: 1. E. McNally 28'-7"
 4X110: 1. Belgrave 47.5 MATCH RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 66pts, 2. Mitcham 43 pts

YOUTHS

100: 1. L. Sullivan 10.9 220: 1. L. Sullivan 24.2 880: 1. M. Harvey 2:22.0
 HJ.: 1. E. McNally 4'-6" LJ: 1. L. Sullivan 20'-2" 2. V. Weathers 2:23.0
 Jav: 1. M. Harvey 81'-5" Shot: 1. I. Harrison 17'-9"
 MATCH RESULT: 1. Belgrave 59 pts, 2. Mitcham 15pts.

APRIL 25th---Cambridge---A.A.A. v Cambridge University.
 2 Miles: 1. J Thresher 8:46.2

MAY 1st---Iffley Road, Oxford---S.C.A.A.A. v Oxford University.
 3,000m.s/chase : 3. J. Bicourt 9:17.8, 5. R. Piotrowski 9:43.2

MAY 1st---Wotspur Park---Surrey v R.A.F. v Middx v London University.
 3,000m. 4. Gery North 8:19.8. 3,000m. s/chase 3. G. Dance 9:44.0.

MAY 8th---Wimbledon Park---Club Match v Herc/Wimbledon v Sutton & Cheam

110: 1. A. Brooks 12.2 220: 5. S. Ipaye N.T. 440: 3. P. Gee N.T.
 3. S. Ipaye 12.3 6. P. Hilliar N.T. 4. P. Hilliar N.T.
 880: 1. A. Mead 2:04.9 Im: 1. W. Kerr 4:23.4 2m : 3. L. Mann 10:13.4
 2. A. Brooks 2:05.1 2. A. Major 4:29.0 5. C. Walker 10:26.0
 4. H. Satchell 2:08.0 4. L. Mann 4:39.0 8. B. Gorman 10:32.0
 Shot: 1. J. Martin 38'-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " LJ: 1. R. Couillault 18'-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 2. W. Couzens 35'-9"

RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 65 pts. 2. Herc/Wim 48 pts 3. Sutton & Cheam 36 pts.

JUNIORS

110: 2. L. Sullivan 11.8 220: 1. J. Hamilton 26.0 440: 1. J. Hamilton 55.2
 3. J. Hamilton 12.2 2. R. Day 26.0 2. J. Crockford 58.8
 880: 2. T. Day 2:14.6 LJ: 1. L. Sullivan 17'-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
 3. C. Crawford 2:15.1 2. J. Hamilton 17'-0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
 RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 52 pts 2. Herc/Wimbledon 12 pts.

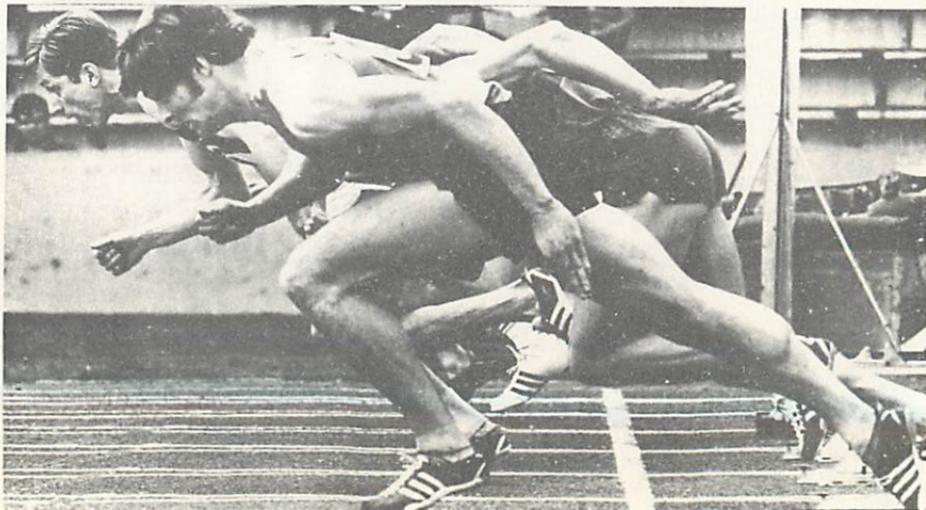


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Barrie Kelly (Lance) gets a flyer on JIM VIVIAN (Surrey/BELS) at the start of the 100yds semi-final in the Inter-Counties. JIM was eliminated, controversially, after a blanket finish for third.

VANCOUVER TROPHY

May 12th---Woodford Bridge

Arriving with great hopes of success, Belgrave had to be content with a seventh placing out of twelve clubs.

Despite a windy and rain swept afternoon, some very good performances were set up; the most notable being Steve White's 200 metres run of 22.1 which is the fastest time this year by a British junior over the distance.

John Thresher running his first track race over 1500 metres produced a time equivalent to a 4.08 mile and showed great promise for the coming season.

Encouraging performances were also shown by Denzil Winsborrow and Bob Couillault who both did sub-60 seconds in the 440 hurdles.

RESULTS

Heats:- 100m: 3. S. White 11.3, 2. C. Martin 11.5,
200m: 1. S. White 22.1, 2. C. Martin 22.5. TJ: R. Couillault 43'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
400m: 3. A. Brooks 52.2, 4. P. Smith 53.2. PV: D. Winsborrow 10'-0"
400mH: 3. D. Winsborrow 59.3, 4. R. Couillault 59.4. JAV: B. King 164'-0"
800m: 4. A. Mead 2:01.1, 6. A. Major 2:03.0, SHOT: J. Martin 35'-3"
HAMMER: W. Couzens 113'-0" 110H: B. Townsend N.T.

Finals:-

100m: 1. R. Frith (Poly) 11.0, 2. R. McStocker (Ilf) 11.1, 6. S. White (Bels) N.T
200m: 1. R. Steane (TVH) 21.2, 2. D. Williams (Notts) 21.5, 5. S. White (Bels) N.T.
5,000m: 1. R. Richardson (BHth) 14:18.2, 7. L. O'Hara 14:35, 10. W. Kerr 14:47
3,000m s/chase: 1. G. Dance 9:52.0, 2. J. Dear 9:58.8, 3. Wakefield (Notts) 9:59.8.
1500m: 1. P. Stewart (Birch) 3:49.5, 2. J. Thresher 3:51.0, 7. J. Bicornet 3:57.8.
2m Walk: 1. K. Livermore (WG) 14:47.8, 2. R. Barnes 14:58.8, 5. C. Lawton 15:41.8.
LJ: 1. P. Hudson (BHth) 23'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2. D. Kidner (TVH) 22'-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 4. D. Wade 22'-0".
HJ: 1. R. McWhirter (Birch) 6'-0", 2. J. Broughton (WG) 5'-10", 4. A. Bent 5'-10".
PV: 1. L. Jones (BHth) 11'-6", 2. R. Murphy (Poly) 11'-0", 4. B. Townsend 10'-6".

TROPHY RESULT

1. Birchfield 71 pts., 2. Poly 54 pts., 3. T.V.H. 51 pts., 7. BELGRAVE 35 pts.

MAY 15th---Battersea Park---Club Match v H.H.H. v Highgate H.

100 : 1. C. Martin 10.6	220: 1. C. Martin 23.2	440: 3. P. Smith 53.6
3. S. Ipaye 11.0	3. G. Leroy 24.0	4. P. Gee 54.2
880 : 1. A. Brooks 1:59.3	1m : 1. L. O'Hara 4:25.6	2m : 3. L. Mann 9:51
2. A. Mead 2:00.3	2. A. Major 4:30.0	4. B. Gorman 10:08
3. K. May 2:00.5	3. A. Fairclough 4:32.4	5. R. Glover 10:12
6. L. Mann 2:05.6	5. H. Satchell 4:35.0	6. C. Keavey 10:19
TJ : 1. R. Couillault 44'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Shot: 2. N. Head 42'-0"	HJ: 2. R. Couillault 5'-2"
2. A. Brooks 37'-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3. W. Couzens 35'-10"	3. S. Ipaye 5'-2"
JAV: 1. N. Head 191'-8"	2. B. King 182'-8"	3. M. Knox 152'-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 102 pts, 2. H.H.H. 52 pts, 3. Highgate H. 41 pts.

JUNIORS

100: 2. J. Hamilton 11.5	220: 3. L. Sullivan 24.5	440: 1. J. Hamilton 54.9
3. R. Hamilton 11.6	4. J. Hamilton 25.3	3. R. Hamilton 56.8
880: 2. R. Hamilton 2:11.8	1m: 2. N. Bacon 4:43	TJ: 3. E. Lenniston 36'-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3. T. Day 2:15.8	3. M. Day 4:53	
	4. C. Calderwood 4:54	
	5. J. Crockford 4:57	

RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 49 pts, 2. H.H.H. 38 pts, 3. Highgate 34 pts.

MAY 15th---Motspur Park---A.A.A. v London University.

220: 1. J. Vivian 22.4, 3,000m: 1. Geoff. North 8:15.2
3000m s/chase: 1. J. Bicornet 9:6.0

MAY 19th---Wimbledon Park---Surrey Championship '61

4. G. Dance 29:41.0.

May 27th---Chiswick---CLUB MATCH v POLY H v TVH.

100: 2. C. Brooks 10.5	220: 1. C. Brooks 22.4	440: 3. P. Gee 52.8
3. A. Brooks 10.5	2. A. Brooks 22.5	5. P. Hilliar 55.5
4. P. Gee 10.7	1m: 4. L. Mann 4:44.0	2m: 1. W. Kerr 9:05.0
880: 2. L. Mann 1:59.3	6. T. Day 4:53.6	3. A. Major 9:26.6
4. J. Rimmer 2:02.8	- J. Crockford 4:59.0	4. N. Bacon 10:15.7
JAV: 3. B. King 158'-5"	- J. Hamilton 5:01.0	- V. Butcher 10:36.0
4. J. Boyd 135'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	TJ: 1. R. Couillault 43'-2"	4x110: 3. BELGRAVE 46.9
	2. M. Franks 41'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	

MATCH RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 67pts. 2. TVH 56pts. 3. Poly H. 37pts.

Arnold Bent's 6'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high jump at Crystal Palace rates him 15th in the U.K. 1968 best performance list and he is only a junior too!



'THE MILE'

HURLINGHAM DRAGSTERS

25TH MAY '68

Tension in the stands is building up to fever pitch as down

on the track competitors are stripping off for the Championship

Mile...the strident voice of Bill Lucas is crackling over the P.A. ... Harry Shields is allocating them their grid positions. Tony Brooks anxiously looking over his shoulder ... a lot of revving up and down ... I can see down there from our colony in the South Seas - George Piddington - and fresh from his long retirement

WHAT ABOUT YOU!

Is your personality reflected in your choice of vehicle? Consider Bill Lucas, 'Something in the City' and other interests! He would slide naturally into the class of a Humber, whilst good solid upright Clive Shippen would be at home in the thoroughly British Daimler. But how about Nigel 'Danish' Bacon. What kind of decorated hot-rod for Datona or Southend beach and what about MacLennon, Mead and Kelly, our redoubtable Keystone boys? Difficulty arises with Thresher who has a Morris Cowley for his home in Ewell but dreams of a 2.4 Jaguar Coupé for his pad in Chelsea.

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Mini Merry De-Luxe - a beautiful little model in elegant colours and always immaculate. Contrary to rumours about performance it lacks a bit of power under the bonnet.



A real robust job - The Land Glover - delicate handling is required to bring up to scratch but once under way a true Champion.

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John Davies ... the whistle goes, they are under starters orders ... suddenly the sun comes out on to the rain sodden track ... Arthur Penny is ready ... down comes the flag and with a deafening roar they are away ... Howard Satchell in the pole position and John Bicourt quickly go into the lead followed up by Adrian Major and John Thresher ... in the back straight Bill Kerr quickly overtakes the early leaders ... Thresher trying to make up ground in 5th position ... down the home straight Kerr in the lead followed by Bicourt, Major and Thresher ... Lionel Mann trying desperately to improve his position and gets in front of Brian Hamilton, who knows how many grooves on a 78 ... Bernard Merry beautifully turned out thinking it was the Dressage instead of a race, was originally up with the group of leaders but has now dropped well back to join Davies and Piddington... coming up to the line it is Bill Kerr, Thresher and Major ... pulled out for a pit stop just after the line - yes, he's out for good - transmission has gone - John Dear ... on the line Davies has gone in front of Merry and Piddington who are hanging on grimly ... at the front the four leaders are drawing steadily away from the field led by Dance, Satchell and Donnison ... Thresher makes a striking effort to take over at the Bell - he is four yards up on Kerr - who is ten yards in front of Bicourt and Major ... the second group now headed by Satchell, Dance and Donnison and at the back Bob Glover has gone in front of Tony Brooks whose recent success in the half has gone to his head ... and who is striking down the home straight like a champion? ...it's Thresher. Major is fighting Bill Kerr for second place ... Kerr finishes second and steaming up at the back is Lionel Mann ... closing in at the rear John Davies followed by Bernard Merry and George Piddington ... the stands have erupted in a jubilation they normally reserve for Billy Graham or Chelsea ... Thresher removes his goggles and receives his trophy, a horse shoe of laurel leaves and a big kiss from Frank Jarvis then shakes hands solemnly with the President's Lady ... meanwhile John Davies prodding me with his finger says "No, they gave me 5/5 but I KNOW it's 5/4. I'm not going to say anything!"

(Any errors in the above were beyond my control, p'raps because the stenographer was drunk.)

Read this with a Pernod in one hand and a Gauloise in the other, reflect on the Gallic Citroen d'Bicourt and life becomes easier - it would charm a bird from a tree and is deceptively light on the pocket. Normally £600, but to you 'cause you're my friend...£660.



Bull-Nosed 'T' Carter sterling performer from the past. Aspirants still seek this model because of it's rich experience but despite the clean lines has a job making 18 holes.



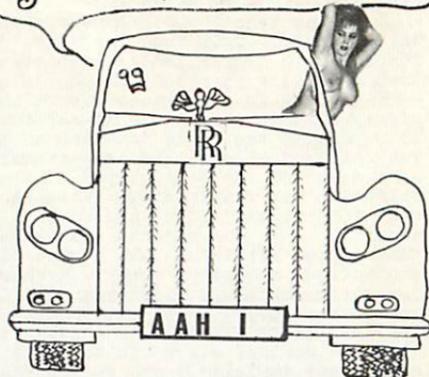
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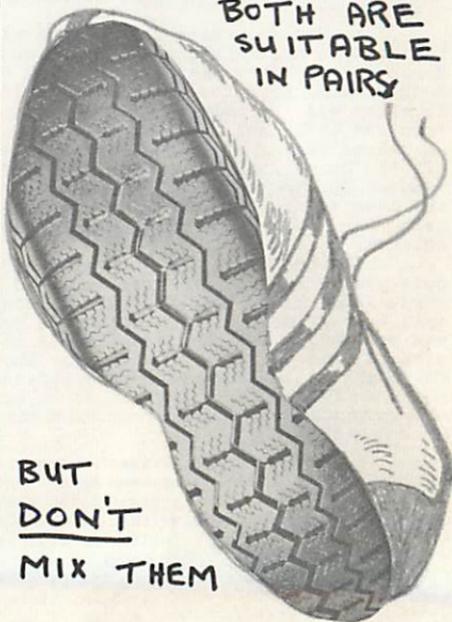
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Two seats vacant for Continental trip - August - couple with unusual taste. Will share everything. C.E.M. (Nom de Plume)

A.A.A. ANNOUNCEMENT

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

HURLINGHAM PARK - MAY 25th

The outstanding performers at this year's championships were Steve White, Chris Martin and Nick Head. The first two chalked up sprint trebles in the Junior & Senior grades respectively, and the latter repeated his "pinta" treble of last year shot/discus/javelin.

Once again performances were not outstanding, but in a very homely affair of this sort there is not the 'needle' of outside competition. This, coupled with the early date and an afternoon of almost continuous drizzle was not conducive to the exceptional. Nevertheless, some exciting contests were seen and the boys played a major part in the entertainment. Their half mile was fascinating. Fifteen lads, their ages ranging from 9 - 14 yrs and with height differences up to 1'6", made the event seem a most unequal contest. This was not the case though when they got their legs moving, and many a good little'un beat a good big'un; best of all, they all enjoyed it - who notices the rain anyway? Richard Langley was a convincing winner and a boy worth watching. Nine-year-old Ian Gillings, not content with a stylish run in the 'half', went pot hunting in the interval and scooped a prize in the children's race; after a flyer too!

The weather was a bit tough on the field events competitors. The greasy arena, wet implements and the low temperature didn't give them much good cheer and most were well below their season bests. Arnold Bent repeated his Sen/jnr high jump double of last year and Bob Couillault clinched a useful triple/long jump double.

Garl Lawton had a stylish win in the 2 miles walk after a fast start by Brian Ward that suggested an upset was due. Several of our leading walkers were unable to be present due to a clash of dates with the Leicester '20'. Date clashes also accounted for the absence of our Middlesex County six-milers, Trevor Hart and Laurie O'Hara; whereas illness kept out Geoff North and Jim Vivian who, between them, would have been leading contenders for five titles.

One of the most exciting contests of the afternoon was between two runners who didn't even meet; Chris Martin and Steve White. Each time Steve chalked up a win in one of the junior sprints, Chris followed suit in the Senior - but he couldn't match the junior times and Steve won the three mythical contests by margins of about 4 yards (100), 5 yards (220) and 3 yards (440).

John Thresher took the 880 and mile in a canter; waiting for the bell in both before making his move. Marathoner Lionel Mann shook up the two-lap merchants with the fastest finishing burst of the day and snatched the bronze medal. Bill Kerr towed the mile field through the first three laps and Thresher was the only one with him at the bell. Bill was in his most stylish form and looks well set for some good 3's this season.

Last year's steeplechase result was reversed when John Dear just held off the Dance finish to score a popular win. (Our 8:52.0 chaser, John Bicourt, opted for the mile, as did our sub 9:20 man Alan Black.) Perhaps some of the massive mile field would surprise themselves if they tackled this event next year. Many moderate runners have shown a remarkable aptitude "over the sticks".

While the boys high jump went on into the evening like an Olympic pole-vault contest, the President and his Lady, with the able assistance of Frank Webb, went about the task of disposing of the 21 trophies and the multitude of medals. The recorders were there to the bitter end as, indeed, was Bob Taylor who organised it all with such success. The only black-spot, perhaps, was the lack of times for the also-rans. The importance of times for these fellows cannot be overstressed and if it requires special arrangements in future then they should be considered for next year.

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Reg Hopkins had a successful day with a 2:28 half mile on a well churned up track and by helping the relay team to its 3rd place—not bad for a 13 years old!

A word of thanks to Nigel Bacon who was too old to run at this meeting; this did not stop him from breaking into his holiday and coming all the way from Brighton to cheer us on in his own inimitable way. This is the spirit that is going to make our boys the best in the country before long.

Also, a word of thanks to the parents who made the trip to see our team perform. I wish more would follow their example. It is a terrific stimulus to us all to see and hear them in the stands.

ALL BOYS AND YOUTHS ARE ASKED TO NOTIFY REG HOPKINS OF ALL PERFORMANCES DONE IN SCHOOLS COMPETITION. SEE YOUR PERFORMANCES RECORDED IN THE BELGRAVIAN FOR EVERYONE TO READ.

RESULTS (Every competitor)

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100 Yds (Boys)

<u>(Heat 1)</u>	
1. M. Bloice	12.0
2. R. Savage	13.2
3. L. Harris	14.1.
4. N. Gioletto	15.2
<u>(Heat 2)</u>	
1. D. Williams	12.4
2. B. Quirk	12.9
3. R. Hopkins	13.5
4. S. Adams	14.1
5. C. Saul	15.2

<u>(Heat 3)</u>	
1. R. Langley	12.4.
2. K. Coulman	14.0
3. C. Savage	14.9
4. P. Savage	15.6

<u>(Final)</u>	
1. M. Bloice	11.7
2. R. Langley	12.4
3. D. Williams	12.5
4. B. Quirk	12.7
5. K. Savage	13.2
6. K. Coulman	13.4

100 Yds Jun.

1. S. White	10.5
2. D. Rees	11.3
3. L. Sullivan	11.5
4. E. Lenniston	12.2
5. R. Kibble	12.8

100 Yds Sen.

1. C. Martin	10.9
2. C. Brooks	11.0
3. C. Ryan	11.1
4. S. Ipaye	11.3

220 Yds Jun.

1. S. White	22.5
2. L. Sullivan	24.0
3. E. Lenniston	25.2
4. R. Kibble	26.9

220 Yds Sen.

1. C. Martin	23.1
2. C. Brooks	23.9
3. C. Ryan	24.0
4. P. Gee	24.0
5. S. Ipaye	-

440 Yds Jun.

1. S. White	52.5
2. J. Hamilton	55.1
3. R. Hamilton	58.4
4. J. Boyd	58.7

440 Yds Sen.

1. C. Martin	52.9
2. D. Winsborrow	53.5
3. A. Mead	53.6
4. P. Hilliar	54.2
5. C. Brooks	54.3
6. P. Gee	54.6
7. Couillault	56.4

3000m S/c

1. J. Dear	9:38.0
2. G. Dance	9:38.8
3. D. Maclean	11:53.2

880 Yds (Boys)

1. R. Langley	2:11.4
2. M. Bloice	2:23.3
3. M. Brian	2:26.5
4. R. Hopkins	2:34.3
5. K. Savage	2:36.7
6. I. McNally	-
7. K. Jablonski	-
8. K. Couleman	-
9. I. Gillings	-
10. C. Savage	-
11. C. Croft	-
12. T. Lloyd	-
13. C. Saul	-
14. J. Paraskeva	-
15. P. Savage	-

880 Yds Junior

1. W. Curtin(Y)	2:03.3
2. J. Hamilton	2:05.5
3. R. Hamilton	2:06.0
4. T. Day	2:07.5
5. J. Hickey	2:09.6
6. R. Hofstedt	-

880 Yds Senior

1. J. Thresher	1:57.4
2. A. Brooks	1:59.8
3. L. Mann	2:00.3
4. A. Mead	2:00.5
5. P. Hilliar	2:01.9
6. G. Dance	2:03.6
7. R. Moody	-
8. H. Satchell	-
9. A. Black	-
10. P. Blair-Fish	-
11. C. Henn	-
12. D. Gordon	-
13. J. Plummer	-
14. D. MacMillan	-
15. C. Manning	-

1 Mile Junior

1. M. Day	4:47.4
2. N. Bacon	4:49.0
3. R. Langley	4:51.1
4. V. Butcher	4:53.1
5. J. Crockford	4:56.4
6. Calderwood	4:56.8
7. A. Weathers	-
8. A. Chandler	-
9. E. McNally	-

1 Mile Senior

1. J. Thresher	4:14.3
2. W. Kerr	4:19.2
3. A. Major	4:20.1
4. J. Bicourt	4:20.1
5. L. Mann	4:30.7
6. J. Donnison	4:32.5
7. G. Dance	4:34.0
8. H. Satchell	-
9. Blair-Fish	-
10. B. Gorman	-
11. A. Brooks	-
12. R. Glover	-
13. C. Pearson	-
14. J. Davies	-
15. B. Merry	-
16. G. Piddington	-

2 Miles Walk

1. C. Lawton	15:57.2
2. Fotherg'm	16:06.6
3. B. Ward	16:13.8
4. R. Puffett	16:14.2
5. S. James	16:30.8
6. J. Keown	17:27.0
7. T. Cook	17:30.8
8. MacLennan	19:02.6
9. A. East	19:05.8

Discus

1. N. Head	124'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. F. Glass	117'11"
3. W. Couzens	100' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
4. M. Knox	98'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
5. B. Ward	98' 1"
6. B. King	94' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
7. E. Lenniston	67' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Weight

1. N. Head	39'4"
2. W. Couzens	36'10"
3. J. Martin	35'6"
4. F. Glass	32'4"
5. D. Mansfield	31'10"
6. J. Boyd	30'5"
7. M. Knox	28'11"

High Jump

1. A. Bent	5'8"
2. D. Winsborrow	5'6"
3. C. Brooks	5'4"

High Jump (Boys)

1. B. Quirk	4'8"
2. R. Hopkins	4'7"
3. R. Langley	4'6"
4. S. Corrigan	4'6"
5. L. Harris	4'6"
6. M. Bloice	4'3"
7. K. Coulman	3'9"
8. J. Paraskeva	3'9"
9. P. Jablonski	3'6"

Javelin

1. N. Head	169'8"
2. B. King	152'6"
3. M. Knox	137'7"
4. J. Martin	136'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
5. W. Couzens	132'8"
6. J. Boyd	125'4"
7. R. Couillault	120'1"
8. D. Mansfield	118'5"

Long Jump

1. R. Couillault	20'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. A. Bent	20'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3. L. Sullivan	19'3"
4. D. Ansell	19'0"
5. S. Ipaye	16'9"

Triple Jump

1. R. Couillault	43'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. D. Winsborrow	38'6"
3. D. Ansell	36'9"

High Jump (Jun)

1. A. Bent	5'8"
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Surrey Championships

JUNE 5th, 6th & 8th—Motspur Park

Belgravians made quite a mark in the 1968 Championships, held on the fast London University track. The weather threatened continuously but never quite carried it out and conditions were generally good. Star of the Championships was undoubtedly Steve White who pulled off an excellent treble in the Junior 100, 220 and long jump events. His 22'-4" in the latter was only 1" inferior to that of the senior winner, international John Howell. Just to show that we were not a one man outfit Arnold Bent turned on the heat with a Junior high jump win of 6'-1" and, to keep Steve company, finished runner-up in the long-jump just 7" behind his club mate. Both Steve and Arnold are 1st year juniors, so what of next year! Our Junior sprint champion was absolutely untouchable in the 100 and although run closer in the furlong was always in control.

In the Senior sprints Jim Vivian resumed his duels with Tymms (Surrey AC) and had Chris Martin to keep him company in both finals. Jim could not reproduce the excellent start he gained in his 100 heat and trailed Tymms throughout by a frustrating yard. Chris chased hard for fifth. The furlong saw almost a repeat performance with the Surrey AC man's margin stretched from a tenth to a fifth of a second.



Photo by: R. Linstead

Tymms wins the 100 from VIVIAN with MARTIN fifth

The Hamilton twins reached the finals of the Junior 440 and 880, John doing a personal best 53.5 in the quarter and Bob 2:06.3 in the half, just ahead of T. Day (2:06.6). Another Junior to reach the finals was D.B. Rees who finished 5th in the short sprint.

With Steve White and Arnold Bent having collected four golds and a silver between them our supporters were really cock-a-hoop, for young L.J. Sullivan had already scooped the Youths long jump on the Wednesday evening with an excellent 20'-6½". Sullivan is a promising athlete of whom we should hear a lot more.

It was unfortunate to see that other outstanding Youth, Bill Curtin, standing on the side lines with a leg injury. We could have seen him add to our medal tally in the Youths 880.

Alan Mead stood in for Tony Brooks in the final of the Senior 440 as fastest non-qualifier. Although last, he ran a personal best 51.9 and was given more publicity than the winner Cohen. Charles Elliott announced that Alan had been on duty at the Trooping the Colour all morning and had just made the final—such is fame!

The star event of these Championships is the 3 miles. Surrey must have the greatest depth of any county at this distance. There were 39 entries and of the 16 that went through to the final the slowest qualifier did 14:13.21 Poor Tony Fairclough found himself in the wrong heat and his 14:12.8 was not good enough to qualify, yet it was not many years ago that this time was sufficient to win.

After his second place in the inter-counties 3 on the previous Monday John Thresher was favourite to win and it was rumoured that Mick Gowan (HHH) would tow him through a fast '2' in an effort to gain the Olympic qualifying time of 13:23.0. It was apparent after one mile (4:29.6) that there was no such effort and with the Holts alternating the lead and John tucked in about 4th, the 2 miles came up in 9:05.4. With two laps to go, and Dave Holt leading into the first bend, the pace seemed to falter momentarily and in an instant brother Bob stepped smartly round the leader and hugging the kerb as he sped round the bend opened up 10 yards before John had stepped clear and gathered himself for pursuit. It was a brilliant piece of tactical running by the slower finisher and try as he did John could make no impression over those final two circuits which Holt covered in 2:09. Derek Fernee, our second claim member, was an excellent third, 20 seconds inside his previous best. Next claret and gold vest to hit the finish was that old faithful Gerry North who had still not run off the effects of his inter-counties '20' 5 days earlier yet was able to turn in a useful 13:45.4 for 6th place. John Bicourt found the going too hard after his recent heavy programme and dropped out. Adrian Major was also unable to re-charge his batteries after his qualifying run and had to be content with 12th—though 14:09.0 was not exactly hanging about for a 21 years old!

As the 3-milers recuperated, it was announced that the first 10 had run faster than the winner of their rival County, Middlesex; the winner being none other than our own Bill Kerr.

And so the 1968 Championships ended with much promise for the future. It is always an interesting well-organised occasion and there's always the annual reunion in the Pavilion bar afterwards to add a bit of spice. More of you ought to come next year. TAILPIECE: There were several Tulse Hill schoolboys competing who were not Belgravians. Are our contacts with Tulse Hill as strong as they were?

RESULTS

100: 1. A. Tymms (Sy).....10.1, 2. J. Vivian (BELS) 10.2, 5. C. Martin (BELS)10.7(10.5ht)
 220: 1. A. Tymms (Sy).....21.7, 2. J. Vivian (BELS) 21.9, 3. C. Martin (BELS) 22.3
 440: 1. N. Lovatt (Mit)....49.2, 6. A. Mead (BELS)...51.9. (Ht) A. Brooks (BELS) 51.8
 880: 1. N. Lovatt (Mit)1:53.3; (Ht) P. Hilliar (BELS) 1:59.6
 3m: 1. R. Holt (H/W)..13:30.4, 2. J. Thresher (BELS) 13:31.6, 3. D. Fernee (2ndCl)13:36.6
 6. Gerry North (BELS) 13:45.4, 12. A. Major (BELS) 14:09.0 (Ht. 14:00.8)
 Heats: J. Bicourt 13:55.6, A. Fairclough 14:12.8, G. Dance 14:49.6.

JUNIORS

100:1. S. White (BELS) 10.4, 2. R. Sinclair (SY)10.9, 5. D.B. Rees (BELS) 11.1.
 220:1. S. White (BELS) 22.7, 2. J. Sam (HHH) 22.8.
 440:1. J. Sam (HHH)....50.1, 7. J. Hamilton (BELS) 53.5.
 880:1. R. Martin (Wal) 1:57.1, R. Hamilton (BELS) 2:06.3, 8. T. Day (BELS) 2:06.6.
 LJ: 1. S. White (BELS) 22'-4", 2. A. Bent (BELS) 21'-9".
 HJ: 1. A. Bent (BELS) 6'-1".

YOUTHS

LJ: 1. L.J. Sullivan (BELS) 20'-6½".
 100: 1. J. Gostelow (Eman Sch.) 10.7. (Ht) E. Leniston (BELS) 11.6.

Middlesex ~

Bill Kerr won the three miles in 14:04.2 with Laurie O'Hara third in 14:12.0. Our second claim long jumper Alan Lerwill took his speciality with a leap of 22'-8½", but John Dear had an unhappy outing in the steeplechase with his season's slowest of 10:04—neverless he still got a bronze for his effort!

pencil Winsborrow did a season's best 16.8 to take second place in the 120 yards hurdles and got another silver in the pole vault with 10'-6".

May 21st—Norbiton—CLUB MATCH v SURREY AC v H.H.H.

100: 2. A. Lerwill 10.6	220: 3. A. Lerwill 24.0	440: 2. C. Martin 51.6
6. C. Ryan 11.4	4. A. Brooks 24.3	5. R. Couillault 54.4
880: 2. A. Mead 1:59.8	1m: 1. W. Kerr 4:16.8	120H: 5. D. Winsborrow 19.5
4. P. Hilliar 2:03.0	2. A. Major 4:27.0	6. J. Boyd 21.0
5. R. Moody 2:03.4	3. H. Satchell 4:36.7	Ham: 1. W. Couzens 115'-1"
HJ: 2. S. Ipaye 5'-8"	4. L. Mann 4:36.7	2. N. Head 111'-11"
4. D. Winsborrow 5'-6"	6. P. Hilliar 4:41.0	Jav: 2. N. Head 198'-2"
Dis: 2. N. Head 115'-6"	8. B. Gorman 4:44.0	3. B. King 176'-3"
3. F. Glass 107'-2"	10. R. Glover 4:48.0	LJ: 3. R. Couillault 19'-9½"
4x110: 1. BELGRAVE 44.3	100 N/S: 1. J. Mitchell 10.2	220 N/S: P. Gee 24.5

MATCH RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 102pts., 2. H.H.H. 86 pts., 3. Surrey AC 82pts.

JUNIORS

100: 3. M. Franks 11.4	220: 3. R. Hamilton 26.1	880: 2. J. Hamilton 2:08.2
5. J. Boyd 11.8	4. C. Calderwood 28.2	3. R. Hamilton 2:10.0
1m: 2. N. Bacon 4:42.2	LJ: 3. M. Franks 17'-10"	Shot: 3. J. Boyd 33'-0½"
4. J. Hamilton 5:01.5	5. R. Hamilton 16'-6½"	4x110: 2. BELGRAVE 48.8

MATCH RESULT: 1. Surrey AC 73 pts., 2. BELGRAVE 46 pts., 3. HHH 14 pts.

WALKING

PAT DUNCAN REPORTS:-

Belgrave have always been a good distance team but this year they have been setting the scene alight over the shorter ones as well. Since January we have finished second in the national '10', first in the Garnett, first in the Met 20 Kilos and now to crown it all first in the national 20 kilos Championship. The first time Bels have won this event and the more pleasing because Club President Ted Stimpson was there to cheer us on. Ray Middleton and Len Duquemin were subsequently selected for altitude training in France and Ray has once again been selected to represent Britain, this time over 35 Kilos in western Germany. Pat Duncan and John Moullin have been assisting Dr Griffith Hugh with some very fast 25 Mile times down at Bracknell and recent results show that we now have a formidable 20 Mile team in the making. More important perhaps is the second line of walkers poised to thrash our established men at any opportunity which presents itself. Gerry Cameron and Dave Mayo are both going great guns at the moment and Bob Farley lacks none of his old fire. Ray Hall too seemed to have taken on a new lease of life although his recent exploits with the paint brush have set him back a bit. Meanwhile it is newcomer Bob Coates who is causing all the surprises. Bob, a cyclist, has taken to walking like the proverbial duck. He sports a beard and scots accent which puts Gerry somewhere in BBC Oxford country.

The County Walks

Feb 24th - County 10 Mile Championships.

Surrey	2. Ray Middleton	79.02	17. J. Keown	93.18
	5. Carl Lawton	81.55	28. J. Wilson	104.56
	9. Bob Farley	84.47	30. S. Brown	110.47
	10. Ray Hall	85.22		
			Team: 1. Surrey WC	20 Points
			2. Belgrave	26 " "
Hampshire	1. Len Duquemin	76.33	2. John Moullin	77.08
Sussex	5. Pat Duncan	83.09		

S.C.A.A.A. '7'

March 2nd. - Southern Counties AAA Track '7'.

Our lads all excelled themselves in this first track race, Len Duquemin and John Moullin achieving first class standard and therefore their Club Honours Badges, Brian Ward and Bob Picton breaking the hour.

Result: 6.	Ray Middleton	52.50	- Brian Ward	59.28
8.	Len Duquemin	53.36	- Bob Picton	59.53
10.	Bob Barnes	53.43	- John Keown	63.59
11.	John Moullin	53.46		

In the Six Mile road event Ray Hall pushed Carl Lawton hard over the closing stages and veteran Bert East broke the hour yet again.

Result: 7.	Carl Lawton	49.11	50 Bert East	59.03
8.	Ray Hall	49.18	65 Steve Brown	64.47
33.	Tommy Cook	54.42		

R.W.A. & Inter-Counties '10'

March 16th - Leicester - R.W.A. National Ten Mile Championship.

After a somewhat hectic journey using some rather old instructions which failed to take the M1 extension into account our team eventually reached Leicester by way of Nottingham (reports that it was Sheffield are not true). For the first time for some years we were able to field two complete teams, indeed our B Team performed creditably in its own right. Although our leading four all walked blinders, Ray's 75.21 being particularly good on this fairly tough course, we were unable to contain the power of Met and had to concede first place by 9 points.

Result:	1. F.Nihill	72.28	57. G.Cameron	81.59
	2. J.Webb	73.01	60. G.Farley	82.22
	3. J.Kirk	73.22	77. P.Duncan	84.01
	9. R.Middleton	75.21	82. B.Ward	84.18
	14. J.Moullin	76.36	94. R.Picton	85.30
	15. L.Duquemin	76.38	96. R.Hall	85.37
	17. R.Barnes	77.27	133. C.Capener	89.25
	46. C.Lawton	80.42	169. B.Eglinton	94.27
	53. D.Mayo	81.36	179. G.Beecham	96.35
			186. R.Puffet	97.50

Teams:	1. Metropolitan WC	46	15. Belgrave B	320.
	2. Belgrave A	55		
	3. Sheffield	77		

March 23rd - Cardiff for the Watney '10'.

What a trip, wind and rain, wrong turnings or rather Barnes type "I know a quicker way"; so, obviously, did that great lorry we'd just passed; French and Welsh Rugby Fans all over the road but to compensate, a well organised meeting and victory for Belgrave.

Result:	3. Ray Middleton	74.45	27. Carl Lawton	81.49
	8. Len Duquemin	76.47	29. Pat Duncan	83.19
	9. John Moullin	77.01	32. Ray Hall	83.46
	20. Bob Barnes	79.26		

A.A.A. '7'

March 30th.

Ray, Len and John all beat 1st Class Standard with Ray leading them home in a personal best 52minutes 11 seconds.

Met.W.C. Open 20 Kilos

April 6th - Battersea

Result:	9. R.Middleton	97.54	36. R.Picton	111.38
	10. L.Duquemin	98.18	53. D.Fotheringham	117.38
	15. R.Barnes	99.02	57. A.Keown	119.44
	25. J.Moullin	105.45	72. B.Eglinton	126.29
	34. R.Farley	110.18	83. B.Carroll	131.10

Team:	1. Belgrave	51
	2. Met WC	52
	3. Enfield	80

April 13th - Surrey WC Guildford Cup 20 Miles.

Result:	1. F.Nihill	2.49.02	4. J.Moullin	2.55.37
	2. L.Duquemin	2.53.39	7. R.Hall	3.09.47
	3. F.Maidment	2.54.25	16. D.Fotheringham	3.25.11

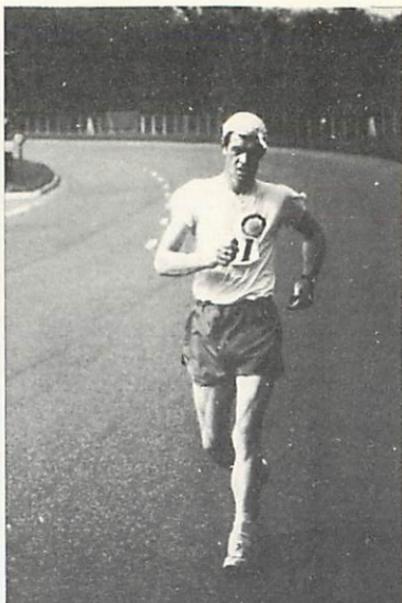
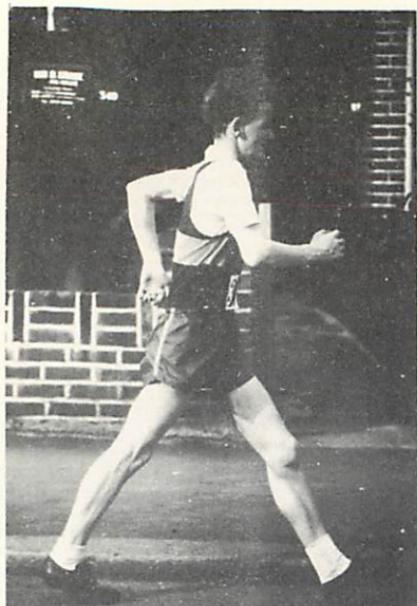
Team: Surrey WC 'A' 21 Points Belgrave 23 Points.

CLUB 20 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

April 20th.

Ray Middleton has almost made the R.W.Ricketts Shield his own but on this occasion it looked as though Bobby Barnes had decided to take over this monopoly. That was alright for a few miles but then Ray moved into that powerful overdrive of his and soon there was no doubt. Len Duquemin and John Moullin both appeared to be labouring a bit - too many races perhaps - and Bobby decided once again that 20 miles was just not for him indeed over the last lap he almost retired from walking. Bob Coates, in his first race, walked steadily and always looked very strong. The rest of the field all found the going hard, the heat and lack of air adding to their discomfort.

Scoring 5 a side the Bels defeated the Police by 15 Points to 40. Ray Middleton, off scratch, won the handicap.



(Photos by C. MacLennan)

Gerry Cameron and Ray Middleton during the Club '20'

Result: 1. R.Middleton	2.47.40	12. R.Coates	3.27.06
2. L.Duquemin	2.58.31	13. N.Chamberlain	3.27.40
3. J.Moullin	3.00.51	14. A.Clifton	3.30.12
4. R.Barnes	3.03.22	15. D.Fotheringham	3.35.44
5. R.Farley	3.07.26	16. B.Eglinton	3.37.01
6. G.Cameron	3.12.06	17. F.Rolfe	3.37.54
7. J.Duncan	3.13.14	18. H.Hooper	3.40.28
8. R.Hall	3.15.31	19. A.McNeir	3.41.59
9. L.Taylor	3.22.53	20. R.Youlton	3.48.35
10. R.Hickton	3.24.38	21. C.Ivens	3.49.35
11. J.Keown	3.25.31		

April 27th. County 20 Mile Championships.

Ray Duncan was beaten into second place at Steyning by Arthur Jones although his time 2.58 odd was a big improvement.

In the Surrey Ray Middleton was content to take it easy behind an inspired Paul Nihill who improves every time out.

Result: 1. J.Nihill	2.36.12	11. J.Keown	3.17.37
2. R.Middleton	2.49.06	12. R.Coates	3.20.37
3. J.Naidment	2.52.42	Team: 1. Surrey WC	22 Pts
6. R.Farley	3.02.48	2. Belgrave	30 Pts
8. R.Hall	3.04.18		

May 4th - London Vidarians Junior '4'.

For the first time in years Belgrave were able to field a junior team who not only turned out but also finished a creditable third.

Result: 1. F.Embleton	Net WC	29.26
2. A.Ross	Highgate	29.28
3. B.Adams	Leicester	29.42
9. C.Lawton	Belgrave	31.53
12. B.Ward	" "	32.49
21. R.Puffett	" "	34.10
37. S.Brown	" "	42.15

Team: 1. Leicester 11, 2. Steyning 29, 3. Belgrave 32.

NATIONAL 20 kilos Champions

R.W.A. 20 KM Championship, Woodlands School, Broad Lane, Coventry. May 11th.

HARRY SHIELDS WRITES:-

What walkers ! What a record !

Ignoring wins in Junior events London - Brighton and other recognised classic walking fixtures, which many clubs would be only too pleased to notch, from my records this was our 32nd R.W.A. team win in R.W.A. Championships.

No wonder our President, whom we were very pleased to see, was struck silent and had a look of awe and respect mixing with these mighty men who win National Championships more or less as a matter of course. These are not glamour men seeking the tinsel praise of the crowd, but sound dedicated craftsmen hardened by weather and from many hours on the road and track, able to endure when others fail. It is no sport for the faint hearted, but the material on which the country has come to rely on occasions such as the Olympic Games & European Championships. In this Belgrave has a proud record to maintain.

From the starter's gun it was evident our men were out for the kill, led by Ray Middleton in his quest for Olympic honours. How superb and exciting it was. 20 KM (12½ miles) is the shorter of the Olympic walking distances and hardly Ray's speciality. This did not deter him from thrashing many of the fancied sprint walkers to lead our team home, and to be named among the six probabilities for the Olympics. He will be included in those to receive specialised acclimatisation training for the more strenuous 50 KM which is his proven distance.

I know our thoughts and best wishes are with him during the anxious months ahead.

This was a comparatively new team and an indication of the enthusiasm engendered by Pat Duncan and Ray Hall as Captain and Secretary is seen by the number who travelled to Coventry, enabling 15 to start in the race and leaving a good number of supporters and the usual officials.

The Championship was ours from the start, with Len Duquesmin, Bob Barnes and John Moullin completing the team, closely supported by Gerry Cameron. The need for this support was seen at 15 KM when that bane of distant walkers, cramp, struck John Moullin and Gerry walking like the champion that he must eventually be, advanced from the forties to 28th team position and maintained our position.

With everyone giving of his best it is difficult to single out individual performances but it says much for the future to see Carl Lawton and Brian Ward, both only 20, in such forward positions. A word of praise for Steve Black for his perseverance. I am sure this will bear fruit and encourage others.

The result is as follows :-

1. V.P.Mihill	S.W.C.	91.19	66.C.Lawton	Belgrave	108.38
6. R.Middleton	Belgrave	94.06	71.B.Ward	"	109.19
11.L.Duquesmin	"	95.50	72.R.Hall	"	109.23
26.R.Barnes	"	101.06	92.R.Picton	"	112.30
27.C.Cameron	"	103.20	110.R.Coates	"	117.09
42.J.Moullin	"	103.55	128.B.Eglington	"	121.14
52.G.Farley	"	105.26	160.S.Brown	"	141.44
60.D.Duncan	"	107.27			
Team Championship Result:					
1. BELGRAVE 'A'		60 pts.	3. Metropolitan W.C.		73 pts.
2. Sheffield U.H.		69 pts.	14. BELGRAVE 'B'		294 pts.

May 15th. Track 2.

1. J.Noullin	14.38	7. D.Fotheringham	16.22
2. A.Ross	14.43	8. R.Coates	16.41
3. A.Seddon	15.13	9. S.James	16.55
4. I.Duncan	15.30	10. T.Cook	18.00
5. H.Evans	15.41	11. A.East	19.03
6. C.Lawton	15.49	12. C.Gittens	19.24

Match Result. Belgrave 10 Points MPWC 11 Points

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 Ted Smith has once again invited Belgrave Walkers to take part in the London Transport '2' which is being held on Sunday 30th June. This is a handicap race and an enjoyable afternoon out.

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 The Belgrave Inter-Club Track Walks over 5, 3 and 2 Miles will be held at Battersea on July 3rd, starting at 6.45pm.

CLUB TRACK '7'

May 1st. Belgrave '7' Mile Track Championship - Frank Elson Cup.

with a superb display of speed walking Len Duquemin tore through 28 Laps in a fantastic sub 52 Minute clocking. Ray Middleton clocked his fastest yet in finishing second and carried on to beat the magic 8 Miles in one hour as a consolation prize. John Noulain looked slow by comparison but nevertheless recorded a personal best.

Result: 1. L. Duquemin	51.38	9. C. Lawton	57.39
2. R. Middleton	52.02	10. R. Hall	58.25
3. W. Sutherland	52.54 MI	11. R. Ilicton	59.55
4. J. Moullin	52.58	12. D. Fotheringham	62.07
5. A. Ross	55.09	13. R. Coates	63.00
6. A. Seaton	55.55	14. L. Mann	67.57
7. A. Seddon	55.55	15. B. East	69.27
8. J. Duncan	56.50	16. B. Carroll	71.18

Match Result. Belgrave 24 Pts-Police 31 Pts.

Handicap: Len Duquemin 51.38 - 0.55 - 50.43

May 25th - Leicester Mercury 20 Miles.

A depleted Belgrave team could only manage fourth position although there was some excellent packing. At 14 mile Pat Duncan overtook a tiring John Moullin to lead the team in and also take first place in the handicap.

Result: 1. B. Eley	Bristol WC	2.41.22	Team: Trowbridge	33
2. J. Paddick	Royal Sutton	2.43.56	Leicester	33.
3. D. Thompson	Met WC	2.45.25	Wakefield	48
4. J. Duncan	Belgrave	2.54.49	Belgrave	66
24. J. Moullin	" "	3.01.27		
25. G. Farley	" "	3.01.39		
26. G. Cameron	" "	3.01.41		
27. D. Mayo	" "	3.01.50		
58. C. Capener	" "	3.14.42		
96. B. Eglington	" "	3.32.23		

Handicap: 1. Duncan 2.31.39, 5. Farley 2.35.39, 12. Mayo 2.37.50

June 1st - Inter Counties Track '7'.

Our sole representative in this event, Len Duquemin, looked good in recording 52.59. This was the first time walkers have used the new Tartan track and some had difficulty in developing the right style.

June 3rd - Bradford 50 Kilos.

Pat Duncan was content to take things easy over the first 15 Miles but then pulled out all the stops to finish fourth in front of two members of the Mexican Team.

Result: 1. B. Eley	Bristol WC	4.30.39	(New Record)
2. Padraza	Mexico	4.36.30	
3. J. Paddick	Sutton	4.43.45	
4. P. Duncan	Belgrave	4.47.57	

Our representative in the International 35 Kilos against Western Germany, Ray Middleton, showed great form in finishing second to Nihill by one minute.

STOP PRESS---BELS JUST FAIL TO WIN SECOND NATIONAL TITLE

Just three points short of victory in the R.W.A. 20 miles---that's all. Met. W.C. scored 41 points (2,6,7,26) to our 44 points (5,8,14,17). It was ironical that Ray Middleton's great effort in the West German match the previous week when he finished second, only one minute behind winner Nihill, could have been just enough to produce that 3 seconds margin. Ray was not at his best and seemed to have recovered from the International event less well than Great Britain team mates Nihill and Lightman.

Len Duquemin and John Moullins were, once again, the core of the team and whipping them all in was our captain Pat Duncan who, for the second successive week was in amongst the Mexicans. Just in case anything went wrong, Bob Farley was backing up well, just five places behind Pat.

Result: 1. P. Nihill (SWC) 2:35:07. 7. R. Middletoh 2:44:21. 13. L. Duquemin 2:48:42. 20. J. Moullin 2:53:00. 25. P. Duncan 2:54:30. 30. G. Farley 2:59:22.

More Reminiscences

EDMUND P. DONOVAN emigrated to the USA just after World War 1. He had been a Belgravian for some years and was also a member of Prices AC, at whose ground we held our first championship meeting in 1922. He is resident in New York and has for some time been President of the St. Georges Club---a well known club for New Yorkers of English nationality. He was responsible for many of the arrangements when Her Majesty the Queen visited New York in 1957, and was subsequently awarded the O.B.E. The following notes were penned during a brief visit to London last year; and with them go his best wishes to all Belgravians, "the present members, veterans like myself and all those who are continuing to carry forward the Claret and Gold to still greater success".

I think it was the summer of 1911 that I first knew of the Belgrave Harriers.

It came about more or less by accident, as such things often do, and was the result of some good natured kidding.

As was the custom then, and perhaps still is, new and junior employees to a firm were fair game for practical jokes of all kinds.

In my case, as a result of speaking out of turn regarding my powers as a runner at school, a match was cooked up between a fellow worker, also an easy mark, and myself for a half mile race to be held on Clapham Common which happened to also be used on occasions by a few of the Belgrave Harriers. A silver medal was donated by a former athlete. I would not mention the time of the race even if I remembered; neither do I remember what eventually happened to the medal which I won. I do remember the two brothers who introduced me to the Bels though, their name if memory serves was Blow.

My first recollection was the opening of the Winter season at the Spencer Arms Lower Richmond Road, Putney, almost opposite the Cricketers Headquarters of our then traditional rivals Ashcombe Athletic Club.

The Spencer Arms was being run at that time by the former British Professional Sculling champion Tom Sullivan, who left England for Germany about 1913 to coach the Berlin Rowing Club and was interned in Germany during the 1st World War.

The cross country course in those days was across Putney Common, Barnes Common, up Sheen Lane and into Richmond Park.

Another feature of the Bels of those days for a short time, was a Boxing Section in the Club and a working agreement with the Bellevue Cycling Club, this faded out after a time however.

The cross country champion at that time was Sergeant Carroll of the Irish Guards, who informed me on noticing I had a blistered toe after a training spin that I should cut my toe nails, a fact I passed on many times later during Army Service.

Lew Causer then celebrating his 20th season at cross country was leader and coach of the novice pack and a fine coach he was, ably assisted at times by George Tyrer.

About this time George still ran with the club occasionally, although I think only as second claim, his original club being the Highgate Harriers. Later during the war he was engaged full time on war work in the City but kept fit by walking to and from business every day, about 10 to 15 miles round trip.

The next winter quarters I remember were at the Boileau Arms at the Barmes end of Hammersmith Bridge this did not last long as there was more road work than cross country to the course.

It was then that the Club moved to St. Saviours Parish Hall, Raynes Park. These quarters were used until the outbreak of the 1914 - 18 war.

Among the members joining during the years just preceding the war was Jimmy Belchamber who after a season or two became an outstanding member of the long distance walking team in the London to Brighton Walk.

An amusing sidelight in connection with Raynes Park quarters was the special issue of railway tickets, from Clapham Junction to Raynes Park, by Battersea Borough Council for cemetery visitors. A surprising number of Belgrave Harriers seemed to have relatives interned from Battersea!

While winter quarters at Raynes Park sufficed for Saturday training spins, inter club races and championships, it did not solve the problem of mid-week training. This was solved by using the Rising Sun in Tite Street Chelsea and running through Belgravia into Hyde Park and along Rotten Row; this still entailed considerable road work. The problem of finding adequate country headquarters was always a problem even over fifty years ago, and must be even more of a headache today.

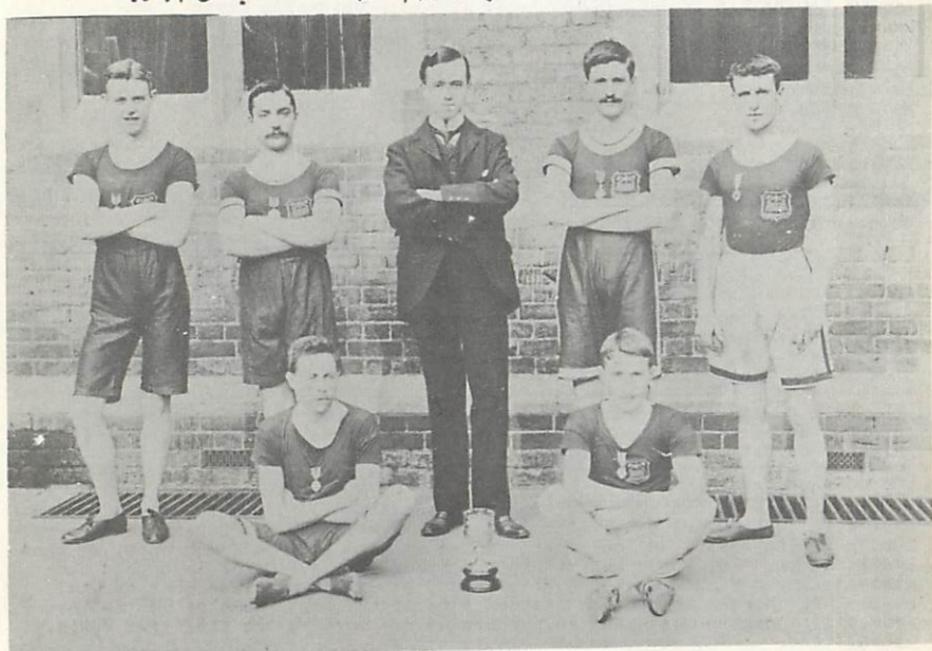
It was, I think, the season of 1913-14 that the club got placed in the South of Thames Junior C.C. Championships for the first time in many years.

While visiting Battersea Park and Hurlingham recently my thoughts went back to pre 1st war days and the problems facing the committee of arrangements for club track meets.

Once or twice a meeting was held at Stamford Bridge, but more often in the interest of economy Battersea Park was the venue, this meant several of us getting to the park an hour or two before the meet to mark the course and starts. Dressing facilities were provided by the use of the old cricket dressing room, showers or any other kind of baths were unheard of.

A great number of people often talk of the good old days, perhaps they were for some but for most athletes they were ones of considerable inconvenience and sometimes financial hardship. However, what we lacked in ability was more than made up in the good fellowship on the part of all the members of the club.

WHO? WHAT? WHEN?



This photograph of a winning team of Belgravians was taken long long ago, but who are they? Three only of the seven shown can be identified, A.G. BOOL (2nd left), F.A. BOOL (2nd right) and A.P. FLETCHER (seated left). Who are the others?

For what was the Cup and the medals, so proudly worn, awarded? And when was the photograph taken?

If any of our older members can solve the mystery we shall be delighted to hear from them.

The Belgrave and S.C.A.A.A. Road Relay which is organised by this club each year as a qualifying race for the National event at Leicester has had a change of date. Previously scheduled for October 12th it will now be brought into line with the Midland and Northern races staged on March 29th. This means that the three area races will be held only four weeks before the National and thus give a more accurate assessment of current form in choosing the finalists.

YOUTHS & BOYS

REG HOPKINS WRITES :-

Once again I have pleasure in reporting further progress in our section, with all Champions, almost Champions and Champions -to-be knocking time and distance off their events. I know we are the envy of other Clubs with our number of members and their enthusiasm.

The wind of change is about to blow through Athletics, we all hope for the better, and it is on you younger members that the future of our sport depends; both on the track and in the committee room.

As Belgravians you will play your full part and help to keep our Club to the forefront of British Athletics. It is also the duty of every Club member to look as smart as possible when competing and training. Members of the public are always watching and it is how we look that influences their opinion of our Club and sport.

We not only pride ourselves as being the best and biggest Club but we also wish to look like Athletes - Fit, Healthy, Clean, Spartan, Colourful and Happy.

LONDON FEDERATION OF BOYS CLUBS X-CITY CHAMPS - Chigwell, March 30th.

Seniors	Juniors	Colts
4. Nigel Bacon	1. Bill Curtin	1. Reg Hopkins
5. Mick Bumstead	11. Eddie McNally	- Colin Savage
6. Vic Butcher	18. Keith Savage	
8. Mick Harvey	20. Ian McNally	
(2nd team)	22. Pat Connelley	
	(3rd team)	

N.A.B.C. NATIONAL X-CITY CHAMPS - Kettering, April 20th

Representing LONDON (27 counties competed)

SENIOR (6 miles)

27. Nigel Bacon
39. Vic Butcher
(3rd team medals)

JUNIORS (3 miles)

12. Bill Curtin
52. Mick Bumstead
(1st team medals)

To mark the achievement of London's win in the Junior event and their 3rd place in the Senior one, the teams were invited to a celebration evening in the West-End, including dinner and a visit to the Black & White Minstrel Show at the Victoria Palace.

Bill Curtin and Richard Langley, two of our brightest prospects, recently attended a 2 day coaching course at Crystal Palace under the guidance of National & Senior coaches.

V.P.H. BOYS RELAY (5 x 1½ miles) - Victoria Park, April 6th.

Last year we finished twelfth of the nineteen teams, but our young team were still within the age limit this year and with Curtin, Butcher and Harvey all improving on last year's times by more than half a minute, we were a good sixth. Bob Poole was within 2 seconds of his time of last year and Richard Langley made an impressive debut, but pride of place went to Bill Curtin who clocked the second fastest time of the day. Some of our members are eligible again next year so perhaps we can move up the field yet again.

RESULT

Vic Butcher	7:39	Eddie McNally	8:23	Vivian Weathers	8:11
Bill Curtin	7:09	Pat Donnelley	9:05		
Robert Poole	7:46	Stephen Adams	8:55		
Richard Langley	7:37	Mick Bumstead	7:48		
Mick Harvey	8:10	Keith Savage	9:05		

BOYS 2 MILES ROAD RACE - Redhill, April 15th.

Gordon Doubleday tells us :-

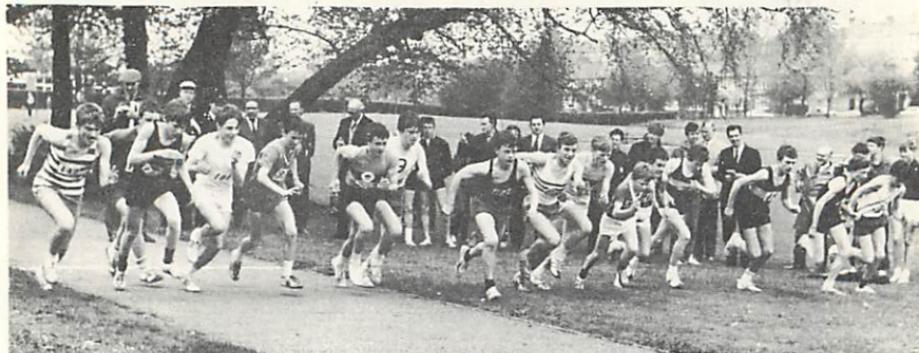
This race was held in conjunction with the Redhill Charity '10' and was won by Bill Curtin in the good time of 10:12. It was an out and back course with the out being uphill and the home run downhill. With only 300 yards to the finish Bill and two others were leading together. Then Bill showed his quality and pulled away to win by 4 seconds. He told me afterwards that he had to struggle to keep with the leaders on the way out, but when the crunch came at the end the others couldn't hold him.

RESULT

1. W. Curtin 10:12, 2. S. McIver (Blackheath) 10:16, 3. C. Morrish (Medway) 10:23

BARNET BOYS ROAD RELAY

14 Bels Boys made the trip up to Barnet, Herts for this relay and so we were able to field 3 complete teams and two reserves. Richard Langley ran the first leg for us and came in a creditable 10th, Richard was slightly disappointed with his run and thought that he should have done better, but it was obvious to those watching that he was doing his utmost in spite of losing against boys two years or so older than himself. Richard, like the majority of our boys when compared with other clubs, is much younger than the opposition but although this goes against us at the moment we know that if we stick together, in a year or two we will have winning teams.



Start of first leg with Belgrave boys 3rd, 4th and 5th from the right.
Richard Langley (18), Martin Bloice (7) and Ian McNally (20).

Bill Curtin ran a blinder on the second leg and put us into 3rd position with 4th fastest time of the day.

Eddy McNally, although dropping us to 6th place, ran perhaps his best run to date; he improves with every race.

Reg Hopkins dropped us to 9th position but like Richard was given a difficult task for his age.

Other members of the B and C teams deserving special praise were Paul Jablonski, Martin Bloice and, coming back to the form we know he can show, Michael Kane.

'A' Team 9th. (45.21)

Richard Langley	11.07
Bill Curtin	10.09
Eddy McNally	11.47
Reg Hopkins	12.18

'B' Team 16th. (51.19)

Martin Bloice	12.34
Paul Jablonski	12.14
Michael Kane	12.59
Keith Savage	13.52

'C' Team 18th. (55.04)

Ian McNally	14.17
Stephen Corrigan	13.36
Mark Waight	13.21
Colin Savage	13.50

The Easter Holiday

Halls Green, Training Camp.Reg Hopkins reports:

This was the first of what I hope will become a regular feature for our younger members. Being the first, however, we naturally had teething troubles. A late start going was most disappointing and the cancellation of a proposed road relay on the homeward trip due to expected Bank holiday traffic conditions, that didn't materialise, was most unfortunate. And all, of course missed Mum's cooking!

Knowing now the possibilities of this place, and by planning our programme rather better, and making our own travelling arrangements we can eliminate those points that didn't favour us and spend an even better weekend next time.

All 14 Boys certainly did enjoy themselves. The weather, although not warm, did stay dry and allow us to spend most of the day out and about in the country. We spent one whole day canoeing on the river Medway (very tough on the arms - good for the throwers) and this was great fun for all, only one boy (who shall remain nameless) fell in. Having been told that rock climbing could be dangerous we gave that a miss, but we did have an enjoyable afternoon hill climbing. Ascending a steep hill with loose soil and very few handholds took quite a lot of strength and determination and was pretty hard on the seat of one's pants coming down. Among other activities we

enjoyed were high jump and javelin contests. We also had weight training sessions every day and these proved most popular. I think, however, that the most popular pastime was throwing Nigel Bacon in the swimming pool! We played some good games of football too (we have quite a good team - how about a match you seniors?)

The funniest occurrence throughout the weekend, apart from Nigel being chased "Starkers" through the countryside, was being confronted by the biggest Great Dane we have ever seen, during a cross country run. All put on a brave front and tried to frighten it away but the look of terror on our faces was hilarious.

As we had planned, we showed some movie films, including Belgrave's own classic; this the boys loved and it certainly increased their pride in being "Bels Boys".

Tom Carter and Tony Brooks paid us a visit on the Saturday. It was a great pleasure to all when they arrived just in time to give lifts back to the camp; we had been on the return march of an 8 mile cross country ramble and still had some way to go.

All in all it was a good weekend and I am already planning the next one.

To conclude, I would very much like to pass on some comments from various people outside the club regarding the behaviour of our lads. For example, "what a friendly and cheerful crowd they all were" and "how willing to share the chores that had to be done". Well done lads, we are proud of you.

Those who went.

Nigel Bacon, Reg Hopkins, Tony Lloyd, Vic Butcher, Ian McNally, Stephen Corrigan, Bill Curtin, Mark Waight, John Clements, Richard Langley, Chris McKeavor, John Hickey, Martin Bloice, Mick Harvey. Sooty.

5 STAR AWARD SCHEME

The AAA has recently introduced an award winning scheme open to all Boys aged between 10 yrs and 17 years of age.

Aimed principally at schools, but also open to Clubs, Belgrave will be taking part in this Competition and it is our aim to win more stars than any other Club and possibly any other school. If Reg Hopkins has not already spoken or written to you about it please contact him right away and he will send you a points table and entry form.

SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 21st--Crystal Palace

We had 16 of our Club members taking part in this schools meeting, which was the first to be held on the already famous "Tartan" track.

Most outstanding were Steve White in the 200 metres and Arnold Bent in the High Jump and Bill Curtin winning the 800 metres once again.

Steve looked terrific, and who can say where this fellow will advance in the world of sprinting.

Arnold injured himself on the last of his jumps otherwise he would have most certainly improved even more than the new personal and championship best that he gained.

Bill, showing all the ability he has displayed so often, attacked in the finishing straight and broke his opponents completely.

A word about young Reg Hopkins. Still only a second year boy, he won his place in his school team by proving beforehand that he is better than any 3rd or 4th year pupil at his school. He has, therefore, two more years in this same race and hopes that he will follow in the footsteps of his idol Bill Curtin and be a future winner.

TAILPIECE

This meeting was organised by the Secretary of the South London Schools A.A.--- our own Colin N. Collis; former Belgrave marathon champion.

RESULTS

SENIOR BOYS:-

200 metres: 1. S. White 22.7 (rec.) High Jump: 1. A. Bent 6'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (rec.).

INTERMEDIATE BOYS:-

800 metres: 1. W. Curtin 2:03.7 (rec.) 100m Hurdles: 3. G. Millard 15.3.

1,000 metres/s.chase: 3. V. Weathers 3:18.5.

JUNIOR BOYS:-

High Jump: 5. S. Corrigan 4'-8". 80m Hurdles: 5. S. Beadon N.T.

800 metres: 11. R. Hopkins 2:27.0.

Stop Press

At the London Schools Championships at Crystal Palace on June 15th ARNOLD BENT became the nation's No.1 high-jumper when he cleared the remarkable height of 6'-3". As a first year junior he rates 7th in the U.K. senior list ----- what a prospect!

MEDAL COMPETITION

BOYS $\frac{3}{4}$ MILE WALK

1. R. Langley.....	6:45	10. S. Wakeman.....	7:27
2. M. Waight.....	6:52	11. C. Saul.....	7:42
3. R. Hopkins.....	6:55	12. I. McNally.....	7:48
4. T. Lloyd.....	6:57	13. K. Savage.....	7:51
5. S. Corrigan.....	6:58	14. P. Savage.....	7:55
6. C. Croft.....	6:59	15. S. Adams.....	7:57
7. B. Quirk.....	7:03	16. J. Clements.....	7:58
8. C. Savage.....	7:18	17. B. Staples.....	8:32
9. M. Bloice.....	7:26		

YOUTHS $\frac{3}{4}$ MILE WALK

1. V. Butcher.....	6:46	4. Y. Xanthos.....	7:16
2. J. Smith.....	6:51	5. E. McNally.....	7:21
3. B. Curtin.....	6:54		

BOYS 100 YARDS

1. M. Bloice.....	11.8	11. J. Clements.....	13.5
2. A. Mills.....	11.8	12. K. Savage.....	13.5
3. R. Langley.....	12.3	13. J. Paraskeva.....	13.6
4. B. Quirk.....	12.7	14. S. Corrigan.....	13.6
5. M. Waight.....	12.7	15. I. Gittings.....	13.7
6. S. Beadon.....	13.0	16. P. Savage.....	13.8
7. R. Hopkins.....	13.1	17. C. Savage.....	14.0
8. K. Coulman.....	13.2	18. I. McNally.....	14.1
9. L. Harris.....	13.3	19. C. Saul.....	14.4
10. C. Palmer.....	13.4	20. S. Wateman.....	14.4

YOUTHS 100 YARDS

1. L. Sullivan.....	11.1	5. V. Butcher.....	12.6
2. J. Smith.....	11.6	6. M. Harvey.....	12.8
3. J. Crockford.....	12.0	7. E. McNally.....	13.5
4. R. Kibble.....	12.1		

LONG JUMP (YOUTHS)

1. L. Sullivan.....	20.1	5. M. Harvey.....	15.6
2. J. Smith.....	18.4	6. R. Kibble.....	15.3
3. J. Crockford.....	16.8	7. E. McNally.....	15.0
4. E. Lennister.....	16.6	8. V. Butcher.....	15.0

LONG JUMP (BOYS)

1. A. Mills.....	16.5	12. M. Waight.....	13.11
2. R. Langley.....	16.2	13. P. Savage.....	13.10
3. M. Bloice.....	15.11	14. P. Jablonski.....	13.9 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. R. Hopkins.....	15.10	15. S. Conigan.....	13.6
5. K. Coulman.....	15.6	16. C. Palmer.....	13.4
6. L. Harris.....	15.4	17. C. Saul.....	13.2
7. K. Savage.....	15.2	18. C. Savage.....	13.1
8. S. Beadon.....	14.11	19. I. McNally.....	13.0
9. J. Clements.....	14.11	20. S. Adams.....	12.9
10. J. Paraskeva.....	14.9	21. I. Gittings.....	12.6
11. B. Quirk.....	14.7	22. S. Wakeman.....	12.2

Miscellaneous

April 20th---Battersea---Opening Track Meeting (Boys)

880: 1. M. Bloice 2:32.4, 2. R. Hopkins 2:33.0

May 4th---Tidworth, Wilts.---Andover & District AC Meeting (Youths & Boys)

1m (Y): 5. V. Curtin 4:45, 7. V. Butcher 5:05, 880 (B): 2. R. Langley

May 21st---Norbiton---Club Match v Surrey AC v HHH. (Youths)

100: 2. L. Sullivan 11.1 270: 1. L. Sullivan 24.4 17: 2. L. Sullivan 17'-8"

MAY 8th---Wimbledon Park---Youths Match v Herc/Wim v Sutton & Cheam

110: 3. D. Williams 13.9 220: 1. L. Sullivan 24.8 440: 1. L. Sullivan 56.4
4. D. Williams N.T. 3. V. Butcher N.T.
880: 1. V. Butcher 2:29 1m: 2. V. Butcher 5:18
3. M. Harvey 2:37

RESULT: 1. Sutton & Cheam 32 pts, 2. BELGRAVE 19 pts, 3. Herc/Wim 11 pts.

Camberley and District Young Athletes Meeting Bracknell Berks.

Monday---June 3rd

REG HOPKINS WRITES:--

8 Boys went along to this all day meeting and I am delighted to say we met with great success. This without doubt is a meeting of a very high standard, and so coming away with 6 medals, with so small a team, was a grand effort.

But through some bad luck--Bill Curtin being injured (although he did come along and give the boys his support) and a thunderstorm just before the start of the 100 yds--we might well have had two more winners.

Our principal victory was Richard Langley's winning of the boys half mile in a new record time (previously held by none other than our own Bill Curtin). He won in a most impressive way and looked every inch a champion--what a great prospect we have in this youngster--and his winning time of 2:09.9 will only be a personal best for a very short time I know. He took 2.3 off Bill's best of last year and we all know this must be a feat in itself. He also took the Cup.

The next thing to please us was Barry Quirk's 2nd place in the 80 metres Hurdles where he shared the same time as the winner (12.0). How the judges managed to split them I don't know. He started without blocks, allowing the other boy a couple of yards on him up to the first Hurdle but from there on he was moving faster, and had the race been half a yard longer he must have won.

The race that gave me greatest pleasure was the 4x110 yd Relay. In spite of our team having only the briefest baton changing practice (this is going to be rectified) the boys won themselves 3rd place medals. Martin Bloice was moving with tremendous speed on his leg, and indicated that had the weather not changed just before his heat of the 100 yds, which unsettled him a great deal, his entry into the final would have been almost certain; likewise his chance for a medal.

Another of our boys who won fame for himself was Vic Butcher. Although only placing 4th in the 1000 metres steeplechase (his first ever) he gained for himself A.A.A. 2nd Class standard with a time of 3min:8secs--no mean feat. Mick Harvey also ran in this race and was only fractionally outside A.A.A. 3rd Class standard of 3min:25secs. What is important for him, however, is that he has at last proved to himself that he can do it--now watch out all you other blokes.

David Wilkinson had his first outing for some time; having just returned from Germany where he has been living since last summer. Finishing fourth in the Javelin with a personal best throw of 139ft-5" delighted him and now he is looking for some expert coaching to improve still more. Another of our throwers, Jimmy Paraskeva, had personal bests of 100ft-7" (Javelin) and 85ft-1" (Discus) to his credit.

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Help get our Athletes fit for Mexico

DOWN the grimy streets of industrial Britain, a hopeful athlete slogs his way to a place on our Olympic team. He only finished work a few hours ago. Shortly he'll be working again. His chances in Mexico aren't very bright.

We at Golden Wonder would like to change things. We'd like to see a British winner on that proud rostrum in Mexico. We'd like to see lots of them. To hear our National Anthem played time and time again. We'd like you to help us (and help yourself). And here's how. British athletes in the past have been unable to match the state-sponsored supermen from the Iron Curtain. Or from the States. And with Mexico's dizzy altitude things are going to be even tougher. We've already donated £3,000 for high altitude training in the Pyrenees. You can help us donate a lot more. And win yourself a trip to Mexico to see it all happening.



How you can get to Mexico...

Five prizes of two weeks for two people at the Olympic Games. That'll be our Golden Award to you for helping Britain's Olympic effort. Just look at the questions on the right and send your answers to us together with your empty Golden Wonder packs. We promise to donate £24. to the British Amateur Athletic Board for every five empty Golden Wonder Crisp packets we receive; for every one Golden Wonder Nuts packet we receive, we'll donate 1d.* And remembering that over 40 million packets of crisps are sold in Britain every week, we could, between us, go a long way towards helping Britain strike gold.



Golden Wonder Olympic Competition

With every five empty Golden Wonder Crisp packets that you send to the address below or with each empty Golden Wonder Nuts packet, you are entitled to one entry in the competition. What to do: Re-arrange the letters below so as to form in each case the name of an event in the Olympic Games.

1. LETPEASCHIES
2. PHANTOLENT
3. HAMIRONA
4. SLUDREH

Then 5. Which do you consider to be the most exciting event and why? (Answer in not more than 30 words)

Enter the competition as many times as you like on plain paper.

Don't forget

The more Golden Wonder packets you send in--the more money we'll donate for training Britain's athletes, and the more chances you'll have of being one of the lucky winners. If you don't want to enter the competition, still send the packets in. They will all count.

Send to:

Answers, together with the empty packets and your name and address, should be sent to: Golden Wonder Olympic Competition, London, S.E. 99. A full copy of the rules can be obtained from the above address on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. (All requests must be marked "Rules").

*Closing date: 17th August, 1968.



POSTBAG

JOHN KNIFTON, one of our leading walkers a few years back, has been in the U.S.A. now for three years--- and he is still in the heel and toe game. Not just, but to the tune of a 92:46 20 Kilos! The occasion was the annual Nat Osk Memorial 20 Kilos in New York's Central Park and, of the 52 competitors, John finished third behind two top American walkers, Dave Romansky (90:04) and Ray Somers (91:35). His 4 minutes allowance enabled him to take the handicap award. John, who works at the Texaco Oil Company's Research Centre, writes "I am presently training five times a week but have changed my schedule. I no longer bother with strolling, instead I've reverted to strip training spins of 15-20 miles twice a week. This type of training gives, I feel, increased strength without jeopardising speed". A foot injury in the week preceding the American National 25 Kilos race upset his preparation, but he still finished 10th in 2:05:32 over a measured course (Ron Laird, the U.S.A.'s No.1 was 3rd). By the birth of his son, Matthew, last December John made former Belgravian Editor BEN KNIFTON a proud grandfather.

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The article in the March BELGRAVIAN entitled "Remove the Shackles" has galvanised Past President HARRY SHIELDS into literary action. Harry has been right through the mill of club athletics and no one is ever likely to match his achievement of gaining a team-winners medal in the National Cross-Country Championship and the National Race Walking Championship. He knows what makes clubs tick and, like many others, is sceptical of the Byers Report. He writes "The Byers Report suggests the cure to the malaise to be lots of money and an omnipotent overlord. The Sunday Telegraph suggests that a strong candidate is John Disley and quote no less a sponsorship than the International Athletes "Club" and in particular Peter Hildreth, Chris Brasher and Derek Johnson. How on earth these qualify to give opinions I do not know-----while the good they have done (in voluntary work) compared with our own officials is beyond me".

Harry continues "The need for a centralised administration combining the work of the AAA, BAAB and WAAA etc. has long been appreciated but I have yet to read of any understanding of club organisation. In due time it appears to me that the chasm between the A.A.A.'s administration and clubs like our own will be so wide as not to require each other".

Harry mentions that for many years he has been a "hanger-on" to that band of voluntary workers who organise our top athletic meetings, and he wonders "how the gaps will be bridged between the professional administration at the top, club organisation and the body of people at present prepared to turn out in all weathers, using their extensive knowledge without recompense".

He adds a tail-piece on that hysterical ruling regarding trade names on hold-alls. "I have reached the exalted position of 'Chief Blanker Out'. What a lot of nonsense it is, particularly when you think of the Stadium being full of 'Pepsi-Cola', 'News of the World' and other adverts on which the television cameras are constantly trained. This does not seem to offend the aesthetic sense of Don Pain and the Marquess".

Harry always was a bit of a rebel---The I.A.A.F. and Lord Byers should keep him going for some time!

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CHRIS STEER wrote the day before he left for Canada and sends best wishes to all his 'mates' in the Club. Rivals of Steer cannot afford to ease up, for he says "I shall be taking my running kit with me to keep my hand---or should I say foot---in". He continues "I'll keep in touch with the Club of course (I've even paid my subs) and perhaps a 'letter from America' column à la Alistaire Cooke will be appropriate".

It will be interesting to see by how much Chris swells our Postbag column in future editions.

DID YOU
FORGET
SOMETHING?



YOU DIDN'T?

THEN WHAT'S
THAT KNOT
DOING IN YOUR
TIE?

AHA! YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN YOUR
SUBS AGAIN!

STANDARDS 1968

Event	Club	A.A.A.			Event	Club	A.A.A.		
		I	II	III			I	II	III
<u>SENIOR</u>					<u>JUNIOR</u>				
220	23.8	22.2	22.8	23.6	220	25.0	22.8	23.2	24.0
440	54.0	49.5	50.6	52.0	440	56.0	51.4	52.6	54.4
880	2:04	1:53.6	1:55.6	1:59.0	880	2:10	1:58	2:00	2:04
1 MILE	4:35	4:08	4:12	4:20	1 MILE	4:55	4:22	4:26	4:32
2 MILES	-	8:56	9:10	9:28	2 MILES	-	9:25	9:40	10:10
3 MILES	(I)15:30	13:50	14:05	14:25	2000S/C	-	6:12	6:25	6:45
	(II)16:00	-	-	-	120 H	-	15.6	16.0	17.0
6 MILES	(I)32:15	29:20	30:00	31:30	200 H	-	24.2	25.0	26.0
	(II)33:30	-	-	-	1 MW	-	7:30	7:45	8:45
10 MILES	-	52:00	54:00	58:00	HJ	4'-11"	5'-9"	5'-8"	5'-6"
20 MILES	2:08:00	1:53:00	2:00:00	2:12:00	PV	-	11'-0"	10'-6"	9'-6"
MAR.	2:55:00	2:35:00	2:45:00	3:00:00	LJ	-	21'-0"	20'-6"	19'-9"
3000 S/C	10:15	9:20	9:35	10:10	TJ	-	44'-0"	42'-6"	40'-6"
120 H	-	15.2	15.8	16.4	SHOT	-	48'-0"	45'-0"	41'-0"
440 H	-	55.0	57.0	59.0	DISC.	-	145'-0"	130'-0"	120'-0"
2 MW	(I)15:30	14:30	14:50	15:40	HAM.	-	150'-0"	130'-0"	110'-0"
	(II)16:30	-	-	-	JAV.	-	180'-0"	165'-0"	145'-0"
7 MW	(I)59:30	54:00	56:00	58:00	<u>YOUTH</u>				
	(II)61:30	-	-	-	220	-	23.3	23.8	24.4
HJ	5'-3"	6'-4"	6'-0"	5'-10"	440	-	52.6	53.8	56.4
PV	-	13'-9"	12'-6"	11'-0"	880	-	2:02	2:05	2:08
LJ	19'-3"	23'-6"	22'-6"	21'-6"	1 MILE	-	4:32	4:38	4:45
TJ	38'-0"	46'-6"	45'-0"	43'-0"	110H	-	14.8	15.2	16.0
SHOT	33'-0"	50'-0"	46'-0"	43'-0"	HJ	-	5'6"	5'5"	5'3"
DISC.	100'-0"	150'-0"	140'-0"	130'-0"	PV	-	10'7"	9'6"	8'6"
HAM.	-	170'-0"	150'-0"	130'-0"	LJ	-	20'0"	19'3"	18'3"
JAV.	140'-0"	220'-0"	195'-0"	175'-0"	TJ	-	41'0"	39'6"	37'6"
DEC.	-	6,000	5,500	5,000	SHOT	-	47'0"	43'6"	42'0"
					DISC.	-	150'0"	135'0"	125'0"
					HAM.	-	140'0"	125'0"	110'0"
					JAV	-	160'0"	150'0"	140'0"

Derek Boosey has been selected to represent Great Britain in the triple jump at the G.B. v Switzerland match in Berne on June 29/30. Britain has picked her strongest possible team for the match and Derek partners the man who led them all for four rounds in the Tokyo Olympics---Fred Alsop. We wish them both the **greatest** success and feel sure that Derek has the ability to hold his place.

Best Performers ⁴³ 1968 (AS AT JUNE 15TH)

Marks are for first-claim members only.

Figures in brackets indicate best performances in 1968. 'm' indicate conversion from metric

<u>100 yards (9.8)</u> 9.9m J. Vivian 10.2 J. Mitchell 10.4 S.White (J) 10.4m C. Martin 10.5 A. Brooks 10.5 C. Brooks 10.5 L. Sullivan (Y)	<u>220 yards (21.9)</u> 21.9m J. Vivian 22.2m S. White 22.3 C. Martin 22.4 C. Brooks 22.5 A. Brooks 23.4 D. Rees (J) 23.5 L. Sullivan (Y)	<u>440 yards (49.9)</u> 51.6 C. Martin 51.8 A Brooks 51.9 A. Mead 52.5 S. White (J) 52.8 P. Gee 53.0 P. Smith
<u>880 yards (1:55.3)</u> 1:57.4 J. Thresher 1:58.3m A. Brooks 1:59.3 L. Mann 1:59.6 P. Hilliar 1:59.8 A. Mead	<u>1 mile (4:07.2)</u> 4:14.3 J. Thresher 4:16.8 W. Kerr 4:20.1 A. Major 4:20.1 J. Bicourt 4:25.6 L. O'Hara 4:28.1 J. Dear	<u>2 miles (8:38.4)</u> 8:41.6 John Thresher 9:05.0 W. Kerr 9:15.0 L. O'Hara 9:15.6 J. Bicourt 9:26.6 A. Major
<u>3 miles (13:23.0)</u> 13:27.6 J. Thresher 13:45.4 Gerry North 13:55.6 J. Bicourt 14:00.8 A. Major 14:04.2 W. Kerr 14:07.0m L. O'Hara 14:12.8 A. Fairclough 14:49.6 G. Dance	<u>6 miles (28:08.4)</u> 29:11.6 T. Hart 29:26.0 L. O'Hara 29:41.0 G. Dance	<u>1500 metres</u> 3:46.2 J. Thresher 3:57.8 J. Bicourt
<u>High Jump (5'-11")</u> 6'-3" A. Bent (J) 5'-10" B. Townsend 5'-10" D. Wineborrow 5'-8" M. Ipaye 5'-6" C. Brooks	<u>3000m S/chase (8:57.6)</u> 8:51.2 J. Bicourt 8:27.0 G. Dance 9:31.0 J. Dear 9:33.0 R. Piotrowski	<u>3000 metres</u> 8:05.8 J. Thresher 8:15.2 Geoff North 8:19.8 Gerry North 8:29.2 J. Bicourt
<u>Shot</u> 42'-8½" N. Head 38'-3½" J. Martin 37'-5" W. Couzens	<u>Long Jump (24'-0½")</u> 22'-6½" D. Wade 22'-4" S. White (J) 22'-2" C. Brooks 21'-9" A. Bent (J) 20'-8½" R. Couillaull 20'-6½" L. Sullivan (Y)	<u>Triple Jump</u> 51'-7½" D. Boosey 44'-2½" R. Couillaull 41'-7½" M. Franks 40'-4" A. Brooks
<u>Pole Vault (11'6")</u> 10'-6" D. Winsborrow 10'-6" B. Townsend	<u>Discus (128'-10")</u> 124'-11½" N. Head 117'-11" F. Glass 100'-7½" W. Couzens	<u>Javelin</u> 200'-4" N. Head 183'-8" B. King 159'-2" W. Couzens 154'-0" M. Knox 149'-9" D. Wilkinson(Y)
<u>400m Hurdles</u> 59.3 D. Winsborrow 59.4 B. Townsend	<u>120yds Hurdles (16.5)</u> 16.6. D. Winsborrow	<u>Hammer (112'-8")</u> 115'-1" W. Couzens 111'-11" N. Head

Stop Press!

KINNAIRD TROPHY RESULT

1. Birchfield Harriers	49 pts	6. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	27 pts
2. Thames Valley Harriers	39 pts	7. Blackheath Harriers	24 pts
3. Achilles A.C.	35 pts	8. Surrey A.C.	14 pts
4. Polytechnic Harriers	34 pts	9. Notts AC.	12 pts
5. Brighton & Hove A.C.	32 pts	10. Woodford Green A.C.	7 pts

Belgrave can feel well pleased with this result. Polytechnic invite the ten clubs they consider to be the strongest in the land and this was our first year back in. Birchfield, Achilles and Poly were always reckoned to be out of reach but the points score shows that not much extra was needed to get in amongst these teams. After all, if Derek Boosey and Arnold Bent had been available our points score would very likely have been boosted to 36 or 37---by such margins are these trophies won or lost. Full strength teams are absolutely vital for the forthcoming National League matches.

John Thresher had one of the easiest wins of the afternoon, taking the 1500 metres by a 3 seconds margin in 3:46.2---equivalent to a 4min-4sec mile. The heat was oppressive and Bill Kerr, running at the worst time of all, showed magnificent fighting qualities in the 5000 metres. He finished 4th in 14:36.2, 14.2 seconds behind P. Stewart (Birchfield). What team spirit by Laurie O'Hara! Having done his day's training, and all set for an afternoon's spectating, he was roped in for the 5,000 metres and finished 9th of the 17 runners.

Nick Head did season's bests in Javelin and Shot, as did Tony Brooks in his heat of the 800 metres. Jim Vivian finished 5th in the 200 metres final and John Dear 4th in steeplechase (9:51.6).

BACK COVER (Photo by Ed Lacey) Steve White wins the Surrey Co Junior 100 yards from Sinclair(Surrey AC). Later, he clinched a notable treble by taking the Junior 220 yards and long-jump titles.

