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## EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

In reading this issue it may be you will notice a slight undercurrent of melancholia. We are unable to report many successes in any section; on the contrary, among other things, for the first time for many years, we are not now the Surrey County Champions at either Cross Country or Walking.

But, do these reverses give us cause for the rumblings of pessimism we hear. Your Editors do not think so! In our Editorials we endeavour in a few sentences to review many aspects of the Club and we feel our intended words of wisdom do much to emphasise the necessity of certain things and alternately to soothe any unwarranted apprehensions.

Frank Thomson (whose obituary is published in other pages) with other pioneering Belgravians, were, in their days never deterred by pessimism, although they were up against tremendous odds. With due respect to those Belgrave stalwarts of yore, there was no possible chance to achieve anything much more ambitious than a club match win. Yet cheerfully they kept at their task and the full fruits of their endeavours were eventually realised in our many championship successes. Why, then, should we be pessimistic because we are having a few reverses? What Frank Thomson and his colleagues did in the early days with a handful of enthusiasts we can do again, particularly with the splendid team of up-and-coming youngsters which we now have. So, away with the blues. We are still at the top of the tree in all branches of sport, the only difference being that we are sharing that position with others. Let us welcome this new state of affairs, and let it give us a greater incentive to regain our lost honours in the knowledge that it will be a much more praiseworthy achievement.

YOUR EDITORS.

## YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON THE WINTER SEASON

The winter season just passing has not shown the Club in a very good light as regards successes in open events.

Both our runners and walkers have sadly declined in performance as reckoned on previous years, but on reading through a copy of the December, 1931, issue of the "Belgravian," I came across the following comment, which seems to me to meet the present situation:—

"The true strength of any club is its numbers, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and standard of ability, which are the true index to a club's pre-eminence, and we need have no misgivings on these points."

As I stated in our last issue, we have unbounded enthusiasm as regards our Youths and Juniors; we also have the numbers, as witness our large fields in Club races. I do not think that anyone would question our sportsmanship, and I think our standard of ability is quite high.

What, then, you may ask, is the reason for the apparent decline both in our running and walking sections ?

Firstly, I think, is the inevitable retirement of some of our well-known members in both spheres, and their places are hard to fill right away, although we have the right material coming along.

Then we have the numerous studies being undertaken by our members in order to help their business careers, which curtails their training time, and then we have the marriages, which are bound to come along and unless they can "school" their wives to take an interest in athletics, any time taken for training is naturally resented by their better halves !

It is rather ironic that I mentioned our cycle of successes in the last issue, but it does seem that for the moment our run of victories has been halted, although some people may think this is good for the sport as a whole.

That we shall triumph again I have not the slightest doubt, but it does require the support and co-operation of all our members, which I sometimes think has been lacking in certain quarters, and let us hope that next season we shall see the "Bels" back on top once again in both the running and walking worlds.

E. A. DUFFETT,  
President.

#### F. G. THOMSON

Once again the Club has suffered a very heavy blow in the death of Frank Thomson, which occurred on February 1st, in his eightieth year.

Frank was not a Founder Member of the Club, but joined Belgrave—in its early days. He had many successes as a sprinter and, as was the custom in those days, he entered races at all distances and "had a go" at most. He played an important part in the management of the Club and in 1893 was accorded the honour of Life Membership. In 1895 he was Assistant Hon. Secretary to F. A. Bool, happily still alive and living in Chelsea, and was also a Vice-President and Hon. Auditor.

In 1903 he had an operation which cut short his active career, and business and other interests claimed his attention in the years that followed.

In the early 1920's Frank returned to his first love of Amateur Athletics and it is doubtful if anyone worked harder in the cause of our sport during the next twenty years. Almost every day throughout spring and summer he was at Battersea Park Track, and during the winter season he was always to be found at our mid-week quarters on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at our Wimbledon Headquarters on Saturdays—and always working in the Club's best interests. For a while he was our Gen. Hon. Secretary, when the Club was bounding ahead, and later became Hon. Treasurer of the Surrey County A.A.A., building up the first bank balance that Association had ever known. For several years he was (jointly with F. W. Blackmore) Hon. Handicapper for Road Walking events in the south and in permanent demand as chief scoring judge at most big walking events. He was well known as a member of the Southern Committee A.A.A., and had special interests on the handicapping Board of Control. In 1935-36 Frank became President of the Road Walking Association—the first Belgrave Harrier to hold that high office. He was a Past Chairman of the R.W.A. Southern Committee and highly honoured by being elected to Life Membership of the Road Walking Association and of Les Marcheurs Francais, in tribute to his work for walking internationally.

He became President of the Belgrave Harriers as the war clouds burst upon us. A partial breakdown in health in 1941 caused his retirement from business and removal to the Slough area. But still his interest in athletics persisted and he was frequently to be seen at our events. He was at our

track championships last year, at the Club Dinner in October and our Open Walk in November—still showing that keenness which had always epitomised all his activities. He derived tremendous satisfaction from the Club's successes over the years with its succession of Championship titles and prominent performances, which had sprung from the few enthusiasts of the early years of the Club.

Many of us will have plentiful and rewarding recollections of our old friend. We recall Frank wielding the megaphone at our track meetings, giving helpful advice to members on training nights explaining the rudiments of the Field Events and his assiduous work at our various races and on the results sheets. He will be remembered for his self-less work at some of the early Nijmegen Marches and for his hours well spent in fostering and fathering the Southern Amateur Athletic League Field Events competitions, which may truthfully be said to have been the forerunner of the greatly improved performances we see to-day. We shall remember him with the open-top bus he hired for us on Brighton Walk and Brighton Relay days; as Trustee of the Club, conscientious and hard-working for the Club's ideals. We shall think of him, only a few months ago, with sponge and drinks at Slough Feeding Station on the Bath to London Walk, where he spent many hours helping competitors.

Above all, we shall remember Frank Thomson as a great Belgravian who attained high office in the realms of athletics, yet worked effectively and unceasingly for Belgrave in fair weather and foul. Increasing years did not dull his enthusiasm, and his example is one we can all well take to heart.

Frank's daughter has kindly offered us a trophy in memory of her father, and this we shall gladly accept as a perpetual reminder of one who served the Club so well and so long. R.I.P.

A. A. H.

Expressions of sympathy and appreciation were received from the Amateur Athletic Association, Road Walking Association, Surrey Walking Club and many who had worked with Frank over so many years.

The following is an extract from a letter received from "Timber" Woodcock, Surrey W.C., and typifies the enthusiasm for our sport which Frank always showed:—

" . . . I remember when I first started walking in 1930, Frank Thomson was known to me as the Southern Handicapper. In 1931, when I was a member of the Surrey Team to go to Nijmegen, I well remember that Frank was in charge of the R.W.A. Team and, with our Capt. Wilmot, he took great care of our welfare while in Holland. I remember a nine o'clock foot inspection at the end of our beds just before lights out every night. Who was first up every morning? Why, Frank Thomson. We usually woke to find him fully dressed and having a go at those who were inclined to stop in bed at 3 a.m. Who looked after the team when on the road at check points? Why, Frank again. And when it was all over he was the proudest man at the final ceremony when the awards were made. . . ."

## OUR INVALIDS

Since our last issue, Jack Stirling Wakeley was taken suddenly ill and had to be rushed to hospital for an operation. We are pleased to report that he is now fully recovered and hopes to be out training again soon.

Dick Murphy has been very ill, but as far as is known, he also is on the way to recovery, but has retired from business.

Len Rollins, one of our very keen members in pre-war years and one who still takes a very live interest in Club activities, has also been ill. We wish both Dick and Len an early recovery.

## CLUB RECORDS

Below you will find some more Club Records. I have not applied the same protracted diligence to the Junior Records which I applied to the Senior Records, and it may well be that there are serious errors and omissions. George Powell provided me with the field events records, compiling them from the great mass of performances he has noted during the past thirty years.

Track records—Senior. Amendment.

Marathon	A. F. Mitchell	May, 1938	2 hrs. 42 mins. 20 secs.
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Track records—Junior.

100 yards	F. W. Kemp	July, 1950	10.2 secs
220 yards	A. D. Sexton	July, 1949	22.1 secs.
440 yards	P. J. Casselton	July, 1951	51.4 secs.
880 yards	F. J. Wright	Aug., 1952.	1.57.4 secs.
1 mile	D. R. Burfitt	July, 1946	4 mins. 23.2 secs.

Field Events—Seniors.

High Jump	J. Dodds	July, 1936	6ft. 3½ins.
Long Jump	F. G. Skelly	Aug., 1938	22ft. 8ins.
Triple Jump	P. Luxon	Aug., 1952	42ft. 10ins.
Javelin	G. Powell	Aug., 1928	183ft. 1½ins.
Shot	A. Bergvalds	June, 1950	43ft. 1in.
Discus	P. Ridge	July, 1939	139ft. 6ins.
Hammer	P. Porter	Aug., 1952	143ft.
Pole Vault	J. Dodds	July, 1936	12ft. 6ins.

Field Events—Juniors.

High Jump	A. J. Sinton	July, 1951	5ft. 6ins.
Long Jump	F. G. Skelly	Aug., 1937	21ft. 6½ins.
Triple Jump	C. R. Jones	July, 1952	39ft. 8ins.
Javelin	A. A. Dunn	July, 1947	181ft. 3ins.
Shot	J. P. Jones	Sept., 1952	47ft. 10½ins.
Discus	J. Grey	June, 1949	137ft. 8ins.

### NOTES

I have not yet come across a 120 yards hurdles time—junior or senior—worthy of being accounted a Club record, and I should be glad to hear of a good hurdles performance. Bert Mitchell's Marathon time was over the measured Blackpool Corporation course. He finished 2nd, running for Ford Motors S.C. Frank Kemp also recorded a time of 10.02 secs. in the P.O. Championships, 1951, but this was on a little known grass track. Alan Sexton's 220 yards' time was an A.A.A. Junior record, as was Derek Burfitt's mile time. Have we any claimants for a junior 1 mile walk record?

COLIN N. COLLIS.

### CROSS-COUNTRY MEETING—FEBRUARY 14th

With a certain amount of trepidation, it is ventured to state that an informal meeting to discuss cross-country racing was called for the first time for some years by the Cross-Country Captain, Jack Brown.

The idea basically, was to stimulate interest in winter activities and to this end two items appeared on the agenda:—

1. The progress of the Cross-Country Section this winter.
2. To discuss plans for the future.

At this juncture it would probably be as well to say that there was an attendance of about 25 runners, and conspicuous by their absence were some of the great names of the Club.

The meeting was opened by Denis Brickwood outlining the somewhat docile outlook of the runners to-day which had its reflection in a degree of Club stagnation. This was not to imply that we were worse than any other club—in fact, we were still more virile than most. Progress, he pointed out, could be divided into two sections: 1. The progress in ability of the individual. 2. Progress in Club outlook and spirit. He had decided that

there was progress in the ability of certain runners and this implied that the training had been good. There was nothing particularly controversial about this and most speakers agreed. This naturally led to the second type of progress and Ted Stimpson, soliloquising on the past glories of the Club, said that the spirit which led them on then, was required now. Efforts had been made to get people to run in organised packs and the outcome was poor. A view was expressed that various groups did their own training which did not differ in any way from organised training. Doug Briggs and George Stace spoke most ably in their own defence, but at the same time did not disagree with the necessity for having an organised run with the pack once a week. Jack Brown, the Captain, whilst not doubting the truth of Ted Stimpson's views, ventured to say that the nature of athletics had altered in some degree and the individual performance was now considerably more important than before the war. Perhaps this was not desirable, but you had to keep pace with the times. On pack running it was explained by Denis Brickwood that it was an opportunity for the selectors to see how men were running, and this non-attendance on Saturdays had caused mistakes in selection to be made. During the season changes had been made in the organisation of packs, such as changing pace-makers periodically, but it was surprising that some members were not aware that this was being done. It had to be explained that the pack-leader ran in the body of the pack and was able to watch individual runners. The pacemakers were varied in order to afford experience and add variety to the runs. In addition, of course, it did tend to teach judgment of pace and it certainly kept the pace at a pretty high rate. To those that had not indulged in these packs, Denis Brickwood extended a cordial invitation, and assured possible clients that they would benefit from it, and even enjoy it.

Passing on to the future, there was a general feeling that more thought could be given to the season before it actually started. It was conceded that the responsibility for about everything was left to Ernie Duffett, and whilst this was appreciated it did mean that, when anything was not to members' requirements, it just had to be Ernie's responsibility as no one else was involved. This was unfair and it was up to members to come forward and give their ideas to those concerned.

George Chantler said that the Captains and Vice-Captains were elected to do a job and it was up to the runners to back them up. He knew the day when, if the Captain said, "We're going to run 10 miles," everyone did it. He wanted to see that once more.

On fixtures, it was reported that support had been pathetic and it was lucky that there were three Bishop brothers and Bob Taylor. The average turn-out was about seven per away fixture and this was not good enough for a Club of our size. Perhaps this type of fixture was not wanted, or was it the venue? A suggestion from Ernie Duffett was that fixtures be confined to clubs south of the Thames, and this was, in the main, agreed on by the meeting.

Another point raised was the desirability of nominating the Captains well before the Cross-Country season started, so that they could take some part in making plans for the ensuing season. It was even suggested that a small Committee should be formed to properly organise the season's activities. The suggestion almost amounted to heresy in club official circles, but it was considered that it would make members more conscious of the work that was necessary in a club of our size and which was now done by a matter of half-a-dozen officials.

The meeting discussed many other matters and it would take many pages to put it into print. The meeting was undoubtedly a success, and although it lasted about 1½ hours, it could have gone on much longer. It was somewhat difficult to end the meeting, but it was obvious that those who wanted to let off steam had had their chance.

And now a final word to those who were not able to be present. You must have some views on cross-country running—you must have given it a thought. So, watch the notice boards, or the press, or News Letters, or this admirable magazine, for the date of the next informal meeting.

## FIELD EVENTS

We are now approaching the Field Events season and I am hoping that the members of this section will get together and support George Powell, Captain, and P. Luxon, Vice-Captain. We have a very full programme, and I trust it will prove a successful one. Plaques are to be awarded, as suggested last year, for Club records. As you must know, to win one is very hard work, but it can be done and I hope 1953 will give you the opportunity.

I must say that Frank Simmons and Franz Stampfl have worked hard all the winter on Saturdays and Sundays at Battersea Park, and I am sure they will be all the more pleased if their work produces good results.

We have received and accepted an invitation to compete in the Sward Trophy (all field events) next May. The Club has not yet won this trophy, but we can win it if the field events men train hard enough. The events are 120 yards hurdles, 220 yards hurdles, 440 yards hurdles, 2 miles steeplechase, long jump, high jump, hop, step and jump, pole vault, discus, javelin, and hammer and shot. Entries will be sent in by the Club in April. We should very much like to cover every event, so carry on with the training and see what you can do. Further particulars can be obtained from Frank Simmons or myself.

One important thing I would ask of you, and this applies equally to every member of the Club: **If you are selected to represent the Club in a match, do please turn up and give us your support, or else let your Hon. Secretary or Captain know in good time so that they can fill the vacancy.** Many valuable points have been lost in the past, merely because we had no one to represent us, so, whatever you do, **don't let the Club down.**

Here's wishing you good luck and good sport.

J. CHAPPELL, Hon. Field Events Secretary.

P.S.—Will any non-active members who are willing to act as officials, please get in touch with me before the track season starts?

### ROAD RUNNING SECTION Mitcham "15," January 10th.

The Long Distance Section got into their stride on January 10th with excellent support for the popular Mitcham "15."

The highlights of the race from the Club's point of view was the excellent running of John Burr, who at his first attempt at this distance did the very creditable time of 1.27.22. For about 13 miles he ran with Denis Brickwood, and this pair, despite numerous challenges, maintained a perfect pace and ran steadily through the field.

Mention should be made of Arthur Whitehead, who showed improvement and finished well up in a class field.

Our positions and times were as follows:—

8	J. Burr	...	1.27.22	44	A. Jordan	...	1.36.34
15	D. Brickwood	...	1.28.23	58	W. Wortley	...	1.40.19
30	A. Whitehead	...	1.33.35	62	A. Smith	...	1.41.47

The Belgrave Open 20, so successfully promoted last year, will be held on June 27th instead of the previously announced May 16th. As previously, help will be needed in a variety of capacities. Volunteers should contact Arthur Whitehead, the Race Secretary, before the event.

### L.C.C. OPEN C.C. RACE

At Parliament Hill, on November 22nd, a field of just over 100 runners took part in this race.

Three Herne Hill lads come home together in first place, and with four to score, their Club easily won the team race.

Finchley H. were second, with the "Bels." in third place, the same position as last year, and whereas Chas. Walker had won the individual race for the past two seasons, this time he could only finish in 21st place.

Bob Taylor, 5th, and Eric Herbert, 6th, both ran well to be our first two home, and Doug Briggs, 23rd, completed our scoring team.

Actual placings and times of our runners were as under:—

5, R. T. Taylor, 42.45; 6, E. H. Herbert, 43.3; 21, C. W. Walker, 44.44; 23, D. Briggs, 44.52; 32, A. H. Bishop, 45.38; 36, K. G. Stimpson, 46.21; 45, E. M. Bishop, 47.18; R. E. Bolam, 47.41; R. S. Fairman, 51.14; F. M. Mitchell, 51.29; the last three were running as individuals.

Teams placings were—1, Herne Hill H., 18; 2, Finchley H., 48; 3, Belgrave H., 55;

## CITY OF ROCHESTER ROAD RACE

On November 22nd our team was decidedly below our usual strength and, in the circumstances, can be said to have done well in gaining 5th place, and they beat Aylesford Paper Mills, who won the team race last year.

Our first man to finish was Mike Stearman, in 15th place, and he won a medal awarded to the first Surrey man to finish in what was quite a good class field.

Thames Valley H. came along in full force and had their four scoring men in the first six places, which did not give any of the other clubs much chance in the team race.

Our runners, placings and times were: 15, M. J. Stearman, 27.22; 22, J. McDonald, 27.45; 23, J. E. Burr, 27.50; 26, D. A. Brickwood, 28.01; 33, J. Bromley, 28.26.

Team placings were—1, Thames Valley H., 15; 2, Southend-on-Sea A.C., 49; 3, Cambridge H., 66; 5, Belgrave H., 86.

## YOUTHS v. SUTTON AND CHEAM

At Cheam, on November 22nd, with 7 aside to score, we came out winners by the narrow margin of 3 points.

Simmons of the home club was first home in 16m. 35s., and he was followed by Frank Wright and the rest of our lads packed well to give us the edge over the home team.

Placings and times were—2, F. J. Wright, 16.40; 4, J. B. Edgar, 17.15; 6, W. Bird, 17.23; 7, D. G. Pettican, 17.30; 9, J. N. Golding, 17.36; 11, R. Linstead, 18.04; 12, D. G. Hooper, 18.05; 13, L. O. Harding, 18.30; 15, A. C. McLean, 19.25. Team scores—Belgrave H., 51 pts.; Sutton & Cheam H., 54 pts.

## CLUB OPEN 7-MILE WALK, November 29th

Once again our Open Walk was promoted with outstanding success, that is, if we overlook the race results. Although this was Jack Goswell's first big job in his new office as Hon. Walking Secretary, he tackled it with great enthusiasm and brilliant organising ability. We thank him for his diligence in every detail and also add our thanks to Mrs. Goswell, who helped in so many ways. The prizes, as usual, were admitted by all to be of grand value and were greatly appreciated by the successful competitors.

As to the race itself, the results below will tell their own story, but mention must be made of the gallant effort of Harry Churcher, who was not fit, but finished in 6th position to be our first man home. Another fine performance was that of J. Haynes, who, we feel, will eventually prove a very fine team man.

For the first time in the history of this race we were right outside the prize list, and this should give us food for thought as to the necessity of obtaining new blood. However, we should gain great satisfaction from the fine walking of our Juniors, particularly J. Haynes, E. Hall, and B. Eglinton.

It is interesting to note that the entry for this race was 267 individuals, an all-time record, of which 201 started.

Placings:—			
1	F. Barrett, Camb. H.	... .. 54.51	89 A. Robins ... .. 64.18
6	H. Churcher	... .. 56.07	90 P. Wilson ... .. 64.18
18	G. Oliver	... .. 58.20	112 H. Shields ... .. 65.32
22	G. Checkley	... .. 58.45	113 F. Rolfe ... .. 65.45
29	P. Wright	... .. 59.39	119 J. Coton ... .. 66.07
36	J. Haynes	... .. 60.06	133 M. Guilment ... .. 66.56
38	C. Churcher	... .. 60.08	144 S. Spencer ... .. 68.04
42	E. Smith	... .. 60.26	145 J. Scamell ... .. 68.07
44	E. Hall	... .. 60.56	151 A. East ... .. 68.33
59	A. Readman	... .. 62.01	152 B. Waghorn ... .. 68.39
67	G. Waddingham	... .. 62.38	165 C. Speechley ... .. 69.59
71	W. Ferguson	... .. 63.05	185 D. Elliott ... .. 77.20
77	B. Eglinton	... .. 63.32	
Berman Trophy—1 Woodford Green A.C. ... .. 52 points			
	5 Belgrave H. "A"	... .. 69 "	
	9 Belgrave H. "C"	... .. 170 "	

## MATCH v. EALING H. & POLY. H.

Held at Perivale on November 29th, and with Belgrave Hall not available to runners owing to the Club open walk, we should have had quite a large number at this fixture, but, alas! most of our prominent members were conspicuous by their absence.

Bob Taylor ran well to come home together with Glancy of Ealing in first place, and our next were Ken Stimpson 7th, J. McDonald 8th, and Dick Tobin 9th, and it was this trio who were mainly responsible for our winning the match by the narrow margin of  $\frac{1}{2}$  point.

Placings and times were—1, R. T. Taylor, 48.30; 7, K. G. Stimpson, 50.59; 8, J. McDonald, 51.02; 9, R. W. Tobin, 51.02; 11, S. Davies, 51.29; 15, E. M. Bishop, 52.38; 17, A. H. Bishop, 52.59; 25, F. Mitchell, 56.30; 26, T. Mitchell, 56.50. Team scores—1, Belgrave H., 93½ pts.; 2, Polytechnic H., 94; 3, Ealing H., 116½.

## L.B.H. SENIOR C.C. RACE

This was held at Parliament Hill on November 29th, and we had a number of our members competing in a field of just over 100 runners.

Martin Whenman, who is a second-claim member, was first home in 30m. 10s., and he beat S. E. W. Cox, the Olympic Marathon runner.

Our other members' times and placings were—11, A. Bedford, 31.56; 12, J. E. Burr, 31.57; 19, D. Brickwood, 32.33; 30, J. W. Kennedy, 33.34; 36, R. F. Budd, 33.48; 51, K. A. Cuff, 34.40; 62, D. W. Jones, 35.53; 94, E. D. Lacey, 40.43.

## "BLACKSTAFFE" SHIELD RACE

The Club 7 miles c.c. championship was held on December 13th over our usual 2-lap course across Wimbledon Common, and although the field of 29 starters may be good by comparison with other clubs, it was a poor turn-out so far as the last two races for this trophy are concerned.

Notable absentees included previous winners in Vern Blowfield and Len Herbert, and we had Eric Herbert running in the Civil Service race on the same day. Len Adams, who has recently married, and Archie Bedford, also P. G. Newell, who had been mentioned as a probable winner. Eddie Short was running for the R.A.F. in a match against the U.A.U. and Midland Counties, and Bob Taylor, who was indisposed.

In mentioning the above names we are not attempting to detract from Jack Brown's running in winning the race, as his time was well up to standard and he finished in comfortable fashion in front of Chas. Walker and Bill Lucas.

Mike Stearman ran well seeing that, under the new E.C.C.U. rules, he is still a junior and he pays tribute to the way he was helped along by Denis Brickwood, who seems to be regaining some of his old form.

The handicap was won by George Stace, with "Jumbo" Masters in second place and Denis Brickwood third, and Masters ran very well seeing that this was his first appearance over the country this season.

In a six-a-side match with our Middlesex friends, Cadogan A.C., we were easy winners and it seemed a pity that Ted Stimpson and Dick Tobin, both former stalwarts of this Club, preferred to go out for a training spin rather than run in the race.

Complete details of finishing times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hep. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hep. Time
1	J. W. Brown	37.53	Scr.	37.53	15	S. W. Gawler	41.38	4.50	36.48
2	C. W. Walker	38.38	0.30	38. 8	16	S. Davies	41.53	5.15	36.38
3	W. E. Lucas	39. 0	1.30	37.30	17	A. H. Bishop	42.20	5. 0	37.20
4	D. A. Brickwood	39.27	3.30	35.57	18	J. McDonald	42.35	4.45	37.50
5	M. J. Stearman	39.33	3.15	36.18	19	S. Charlton	43.27	4.30	38.57
6	J. E. Burr	39.54	3.15	36.39	20	A. F. Mitchell	43.31	6.30	37. 1
7	M. F. Porter	40.22	3.45	36.37	21	K. A. Cuff	45.45	5.30	40.15
8	D. Briggs	40.23	4.15	36. 8	22	C. E. Manning	45.46	7.15	38.31
9	A. H. Bruce	40.30	2.30	38. 0	23	A. T. Jordan	46.21	8.15	38. 6
10	J. Bromley	40.37	2. 0	38.37	24	L. Bush	46.25	6. 0	40.25
11	J. Masters	40.38	4.45	35.53	25	R. W. Phillips	46.54	8.45	38. 9
12	R. Belmore	40.45	3. 0	37.45	26	R. S. Fairman	47.30	9. 0	38.30
13	G. J. Stace	41. 3	5.15	35.48	27	F. M. Mitchell	47.30	9.15	38.15
14	K. G. Stimpson	41.31	4.45	36.46					

Team scores (6 a side)—Belgrave H. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8), 23 pts.; Cadogan A.C. (6, 7, 14, 15, 18, 19), 79 pts.

## "HORWOOD CUP" 7-MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP (JUNIORS)

December 13th

A good field of 20 Junior walkers, that is junior in performance, faced the starter and a very interesting race followed, with Gerry Warr and George Beecham battling all the way for first position. Eric Hall walked a very brainy race, being content to hang a little way back from the leaders. Towards the last mile George began to feel the effect of his recent foot injury and had to give way to his training comrade of their early days, thus enabling Eric to gain second place. Gerry Warr walked well and strongly right to the end and proved a worthy champion. Ted Smith had an off day, but Eglinton and Ferguson showed improved form. Charlie Speechley, our evergreen at sixty-five years of age, again showed he can still show the youngsters how. We were glad to see W. Emery with us again and hope to see more of him, and L. Demmon, one of our latest acquisitions, will undoubtedly prove a useful walker with more training.

Results as follows:—

1	G. Warr ... ..	58.50	10	W. Wesson ... ..	66.08
2	E. Hall ... ..	59.40	11	J. Coton ... ..	66.56
3	G. Beecham ... ..	59.50	12	J. Wilson ... ..	67.14
4	E. Smith ... ..	60.50	13	A. Robins ... ..	67.14
5	B. Eglinton ... ..	62.47	14	C. Speechley ... ..	68.46
6	W. Ferguson ... ..	62.56	15	S. Spencer ... ..	69.40
7	W. Emery ... ..	64.07	16	L. Demmon ... ..	69.56
8	P. Wilson ... ..	64.16	17	F. Jarvis ... ..	71.15
9	G. Waddingham ... ..	64.40			

Handicap—1, E. Hall; 2, B. Eglinton; 3, G. Warr.

### MATCH v. WANDSWORTH SCHOOL

This was held on 13th December over our usual 3½-mile course at Wimbledon and, owing to the fact that the fixture had been arranged at the last minute, we had a job to muster a team.

The School appeared to turn up in force and it was agreed to score 7 a side, which meant all our runners counting.

Frank Wright was first home in the good time of 21 min. 27 secs., closely followed by Darchambaud, of the School, and this lad was at one time on our books, but has since joined South London H., and is running very well for them.

A. C. McLean, our new member from the North Shields Poly., finished in 3rd place and he has shown a big improvement since he joined our ranks.

J. Mitchell, 5th, and E. Cronk, 8th, also ran well, and if we had made it 4 to score we would have won with 17 points against the School's 19, but with 7 to score the points were: Wandsworth School, 49; Belgrave H., 56.

Placings and times of our lads were—1, F. Wright, 21.27; 3, A. McLean, 22.50; 5, J. Mitchell, 23.03; 8, E. Cronk, 23.41; 14, J. Burbey, 24.45; 17, V. Taylor, 25.40; 18, J. Levene, 26.32.

### "SAVAGE" SHIELD RACE

The Club 5 miles Junior c.c. race was held at Wimbledon on 20th December, and with the holder Ray Tooby indisposed, the new title-holder was Mike Stearman.

Owing to the rather inclement weather it was decided to cut out the Brook so that the course was about 4½ miles, and Mike's time of 26.59 compared very well with Tooby's time over the same course two years ago of 26.50.

Frank Wright ran well to gain second place, with Don McLean on leave from his Army unit struggling hard to finish third. A. C. McLean also ran very well to finish 4th, close behind the other "Mac," and both he and Wright are still eligible to compete in the Youths' c.c. races during the present season.

J. Hills, also on leave from the Army won the handicap, with R. F. Budd second and Frank Wright taking third place.

Complete placings and times are given hereunder :—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time
1	M. J. Stearman ...	26.59	0.45	26.14	8	L. R. Wallace ...	29.41	3.30	26.11
2	F. J. Wright ...	27.34	1.30	26.4	9	J. B. Edgar ...	29.56	3.30	26.26
3	D. G. MacLean ...	28.31	1.0	27.31	10	E. J. Gebbett ...	30.10	3.15	26.55
4	A. C. McLean ...	28.37	2.30	26.7	11	R. J. Powell ...	30.32	4.15	26.47
5	J. Hills ...	28.59	3.0	25.59	12	R. Pigott ...	31.11	4.30	26.61
6	C. T. Barron ...	29.9	2.45	26.24	13	J. E. Godfrey ...	32.11	3.0	29.11
7	R. F. Budd ...	29.15	3.15	26.0	14	G. A. Simpson ...	32.11	3.45	28.26

### MATCH AT BEXLEY

On 20th December, against the local club, Cambridge Harriers, it was unfortunate that our captain, Jack Brown, turned up just too late to take part in the race.

Holden, of Cambridge, was first home, followed by Chas. Walker, with Cass, of Cambridge, third. Then followed Bob Taylor, Denis Brickwood and J. E. Burr, but the Cambridge lads packed in well behind these and so came out winners by the narrow margin of 1 point.

The course was not too well marked, and Len Bishop went off the course and this, plus Jack Brown's absence, was really responsible for us losing the match, with Cambridge scoring 40 points and ourselves 41.

### BOXING DAY MEETING

Although the weather was not too good, a large number of Club members turned up to compete in the various events at this meeting held at Battersea Park.

It was a pity that we were rather short of officials, and we do thank the few who left the comfort of their fireside to come along and help make the meeting a success.

L. R. Truelove, the A.A.A. team manager, was present as a spectator and he must have been impressed not only by Jack Brown's fine running but also by the numbers present.

The 120 yards Club handicap saw three heats, and those qualifying for the final were: R. Morrell (10), J. Benstead (5), C. R. Jones (11), D. Butler (6), A. Law (5), P. Cornish (6). The final saw the six runners finish almost in a straight line and the judges' placings were: 1, C. R. Jones; 2, P. Cornish; 3, Butler. Time, 12.5 secs.

The 3 miles walk handicap was won by the limit man, our old friend, Charlie Speechley, with George Oliver second, and Percy Wilson in third place.

In the 2 miles run we saw the two back-markers, M. Whenman and Jack Brown, go right through their field and at the bell Jack left his pace-maker to streak ahead and win in the fast time of 9 mins. 21 secs. Eddie Paterson, off 290 yds., was second, with Whenman in third place.

The Weight handicap saw a good muster of field event men, and the winner was D. Maddicks, our young javelin thrower, who, with 14ft. 6in., did 43ft. 3½in. Frank Kemp (11ft.) was second, with Ian Forrester (16ft. 6in.) third, and the scratch man, Gaworski, did 41ft. 3½in.

### COUNTY SENIOR C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held on the 3rd January, and the Surrey event was in Richmond Park, which was more or less familiar ground to our team.

We were not at full strength owing to the absence of Jack Braughton, Len Herbert, Archie Bedford and Len Adams, and did not expect to retain our team title, which we had held for the past two seasons.

Our team, however, all ran extremely well and we only lost first place by 5 points and second place by 1 point.

Chas. Walker was our first man home in 5th position, then came Bill Lucas, 12th, and Bill only came into the team in order to make up the number, as he says he has retired from serious competition and declined an invitation to run in the Inter-Counties race.

We then had three men, one behind the other, in Eddie Short 14th. Eric Herbert 15th, and Denis Brickwood 16th, and our sixth man was J. Masters 21st, and as this was the latter's first County race, he did very well and should improve with further experience.

Placings and times were—5. C. W. Walker, 42.56; 12. W. E. Lucas, 44.36; 14. E. A. Short, 45.02; 15. E. Herbert, 45.05; 16. D. Brickwood, 45.06; 21. J. Masters, 45.34; 36. D. Briggs, 46.24; 44. A. H. Bishop, 47.13; 53. J. Bromley, 47.40; 55. E. M. Bishop, 47.53; 63. S. Davies, 48.36; 67. L. C. Bishop, 49.14; 74. G. J. Stace, 49.53.

Team scores—1. South London H., 78 points; 3. Belgrave H., 83.

The Middlesex event was held at Trent Park and here again Cadogan A.C. were weakened by the absence of Vern Blowfield, Tony Snoad, "Ginger" Newell and J. E. Burr, and were eventually placed 6th in the team race.

Bob Taylor ran well to finish 20th, and Mick Porter 27th also did well, seeing that he has not done much over the country this season.

Placings were—20. R. T. Taylor; 27. M. F. Porter; 63. E. Stimpson; 70. J. McDonald; 73. R. W. Tobin; 85. R. J. Wolton; 127. A. Penstone; while Ken Stimpson did not finish.

It seems a pity that we cannot turn out our full-strength teams in these County races and it would seem that a bit more of the old-time enthusiasm among our members would not come amiss!

### MATCH v. FINCHLEY HARRIERS

We were pleased to renew fixtures with this old established club, one-time National c.c. champions, but only ten of our senior members made the journey to Ruislip.

Shaftesbury Harriers were also present in force and it was agreed to score 10 a side, and although we had four men in the first six home, we lost on aggregate to Shaftesbury, but managed to beat the home club.

Placings and times of our runners were—Equal 1. J. W. Brown and M. Whenman, 42.35; 4. R. T. Taylor, 43.04; 6. E. A. Short, 43.53; 12. W. E. Lucas, 45.12; 20. S. Davies, 46.48; 21. S. W. Gawler; 47.01; 26. E. M. Bishop, 47.51; 29. A. H. Bishop, 48.56; 32. L. C. Bishop, 49.36.

Team scores—1. Shaftesbury H., 109; 2. Belgrave H., 153; 3. Finchley H., 212.

### SURREY COUNTY YOUTHS C.C. RACE

This was originally fixed for 6th December, but was postponed owing to fog, and we agreed to stage it in conjunction with the Junior event on 10th January from Belgrave Hall.

There was a very good entry, with a field of about 100 lads, and first man home was Frank Wright in the good time of 20 mins. 57 secs.

Gerry Lines gave him good support by finishing 4th, and then came J. B. Edgar, 6th, and Ron Linstead, 8th, and so we had scored our third consecutive win in this event.

D. G. Hooper and J. F. Mitchell also both ran very well and we should have still won the team race with either of these counting in our scoring four.

Placings and times of our lads were—1. F. J. Wright, 20.57; 4. G. Lines, 21.38; 6. J. B. Edgar, 21.46; 8. R. Linstead, 21.56; 12. D. G. Hooper, 22.13; 15. J. F. Mitchell, 22.22; 27. J. N. Golding, 22.52; 42. L. O. Harding, 23.47; 45. M. Courtney, 23.51; 51. C. W. Rodgers, 24.20; 76. R. McAuliffe, 27.22.

Team scores—1. Belgrave H., 19; 2. S.L.H., 44; 3. Sutton and Cheam, 63.

### SURREY JUNIOR C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

At Wimbledon on 10th January there was a field of about 50 runners and, seeing that the age is 18 to 21, most of those who are eligible to run are in the Forces.

S.L.H. had a strong team, led by Firth and Driver, who both ran well in the County senior race a week earlier, but they only came out winners by 2 points and were only 6 points in front of us.

Mike Stearman was our first man home in 6th place, then came Brian Trower 12th, Don McLean 14th, and Brian Rice 21st. Both Trower and MacLean are in the Forces, while Rice is at Cambridge University, and J. Hills and Peter Courtney are also in the Forces.

Our placings and times were—6. M. J. Stearman, 29.47; 12. B. C. Trower, 30.57; 14. D. G. MacLean, 31.10; 21. B. K. Rice, 32.03; 27. J. Hills, 32.27; 29. P. Courtney, 33.07; 32. E. J. Gebbett, 33.31; 38. J. E. Godfrey, 34.42.

Team scores—1. S.L.H., 37; 2. Herne Hill H., 39; 3. Surrey A.C., 41; Belgrave H., 43.

## "OVERSEAS CUP" RACE

This was the third Club Youths c.c. championship to be held for this trophy, and this year's field of 21 runners was by far the largest of the trio.

Also the first three home all beat the time of 21.29 recorded by last year's winner, Geoff Goode, who is now in the Forces.

In fact, all those who ran previously bettered their time this time out and this is a good sign for the future, and Mick Pyer can be well pleased with his section.

Frank Wright maintained his unbeaten record over our home course, but J. B. Edgar caused a surprise by beating Gerry Lines for second place.

Ron Linstead was 4th in both the scratch race also the handicap held in conjunction, but as he will still be eligible for next year's race, he should improve upon this.

The handicap was won by R. J. Braine, one of our numerous members from Raynes Park County School, with M. Cunningham second, and he was making his first appearance over the country this season, and then J. F. Mitchell secured third place.

Full placings and times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Hcp. Start	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Hcp. Start	Hcp. Time
1	F. J. Wright	21.11	...	21.11	11	J. N. Golding	22.45	2.10	20.35
2	J. B. Edgar	21.21	1.10	20.11	12	L. R. Wallace	23.08	1.0	22.08
3	G. Lines	21.27	0.30	20.57	13	M. R. Courtney	23.42	3.0	20.42
4	R. Linstead	21.31	1.20	20.11	14	C. W. Rodgers	23.50	2.45	21.5
5	A. C. McLean	21.43	0.45	20.58	15	L. O. Harding	24.14	2.50	21.24
6	W. P. Bird	22.10	1.30	20.40	16	L. E. Bicknell	24.58	3.30	21.28
7	M. Cunningham	22.11	2.30	19.41	17	R. McAuliffe	25.43	4.45	20.58
8	J. F. Mitchell	22.25	2.15	20.10	18	J. Levene	25.54	5.0	20.54
9	D. G. Hooper	22.30	1.45	20.45	19	M. Buckley	26.4	5.15	20.49
10	R. J. Braine	22.37	3.0	19.37	20	B. Pritchard	26.46	6.0	20.46

## POLICE OPEN, 17th January, 1953, at Imber Court

The last open seven of the season, but the most successful for the Club. We won the Handicap Team Race, with G. Oliver, S. James, E. Hall and E. Smith, and Eric Hall, who walked superbly, won the Individual Handicap, with George Oliver 3rd. The rest of the lads backed up with a fine effort and our "B" team was not far behind.

Our scratch team was unlucky when George Checkley incurred the judge's displeasure in the last 200 yards, when he was lying just behind G. Oliver. Bad luck, George, watch that dash for the finishing line. Let the result tell you the rest.

Position	Name	Time	Allow.	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Time	Allow.	Hcp. Time
1	B. Hawkins	52.01	1.50	50.11	102	W. Wesson	62.45	9.30	53.15
9	G. Oliver	55.36	6.20	49.16	108	W. True	62.48	9.00	53.48
10	S. James	55.42	4.40	51.02	109	N. Guilman	62.49	9.40	53.09
28	P. Wright	57.18	5.30	51.48	123	C. McLennan	63.56	8.40	55.16
29	E. Hall	57.21	8.20	49.01	124	G. Waddingham	63.57	6.30	57.27
33	E. Smith	57.27	7.20	50.07	131	B. Waghorn	64.47	10.10	54.37
40	G. Beecham	58.53	6.20	52.33	135	J. Haynes	65.33	8.40	56.53
49	A. Beadman	59.27	5.50	53.37	138	L. Demmon	65.43	8.30	57.13
51	H. McCreechan	59.34	5.20	53.37	141	J. Wilson	66.01	8.40	57.21
63	B. Eglinton	60.11	9.00	51.11	143	S. Spencer	66.21	12.00	54.21
79	W. Ferguson	61.01	10.10	50.51	146	A. East	66.54	5.50	61.04
84	A. Robins	61.16	7.20	53.56	154	J. Scammel	67.26	11.10	56.16
97	P. Wilson	62.24	11.00	51.24	156	G. Speechley	67.47	12.20	55.27
98	F. Rolfe	62.24	9.40	52.44	160	F. Jarvis	68.54	11.10	57.44
100	H. Shields	62.35	7.50	54.45	166	D. Elliott	71.26	8.40	62.46

### SCRATCH TEAM RACE

1st	Cambridge Harriers "A"	40 pts.
2nd	Woodford Green "A"	51 "

### HANDICAP TEAM RACE

1st	Belgrave Harriers "A"	m. s.
		199.26

### INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP RACE

Position	Name	Club	Time	Allow.	Hcp. Time
1st	E. Hall	Belgrave Harriers	57.21	8.20	49.01
2nd	A. Walton	Southampton A.C.	57.57	8.50	49.07
3rd	G. Oliver	Belgrave Harriers	55.36	6.20	49.16

## MATCH v. WOODFORD GREEN A.C.

On 17th January, at Woodford, in a four-sided match scoring 8 a side, we came out winners with 95 points, with Polytechnic H., 113; Woodford Green A.C., 114; and Ealing H., 241.

Over a very heavy course of about 8 miles, Ray Tooby was first home in 49 mins. 44 secs., with Dunckley, of the Poly., second, and Bob Taylor third.

Denis Brickwood and Eddie Short also ran well, but the rest of our lads found the heavy going not to their liking.

Our placings were—1. R. Tooby; 3. R. Taylor; 5. D. Brickwood; 6. E. A. Short; 16. J. E. Burr; 18. G. J. Stace; 22. S. Davies; 24. L. Bishop; 25. A. Bishop; 27. A. Whitehead; 33. A. F. Mitchell; 36. E. Gebbett; 46. C. E. Manning.

## "MACHER" SHIELD RACE

At Wimbledon, on 24th January, a field of 33 runners faced the starter, Albert Macher, and we were also pleased to see his brother, J. W. Macher, present once more.

The race was two laps of our usual 5 miles course, and at the half-distance Jack Brown and Mart Whenman were running together well away from the rest of the field.

We were glad to see John Bromley getting back to his old form in third place and as Whenman is only a second-claim member, and so, not eligible for a championship medal, Eddie Short took the third place award.

Eric Herbert and J. E. Burr both ran well, and for the first six to finish inside 61 mins. is quite good going and compares well with previous results.

The winning time of 57.45 is one of the fastest ever accomplished over this course, and both Brown and Whenman should be well up in the "National" event in March on this form.

We were pleased to see Frank Mitchell win the handicap held in conjunction, a reward for perseverance, and Whenman took second prize, with J. E. Burr third.

Full placings and times are given below :—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time
1	J. W. Brown	57.45	Scr.	57.45	16	E. M. Bishop	66.39	6.15	60.24
2	M. C. Whenman	57.45	0.15	57.30	17	R. W. Tobin	66.42	6.0	60.42
3	J. Bromley	60.14	2.30	57.44	18	A. F. Mitchell	66.58	7.45	59.13
4	E. A. Short	60.39	2.15	58.24	19	J. McDonald	68.0	6.0	62.0
5	E. H. Herbert	60.51	3.0	57.51	20	P. J. Hall	69.10	8.45	60.25
6	J. E. Burr	60.55	3.15	57.40	21	A. T. Jordan	69.34	10.30	59.4
7	W. E. Lucas	61.56	2.45	59.11	22	R. Pigott	70.27	11.0	59.27
8	M. F. Porter	62.12	3.45	58.27	23	K. A. Cuff	71.27	7.15	64.12
9	A. H. Bishop	63.45	5.0	58.45	24	L. Bush	71.28	8.45	62.43
10	D. Briggs	64.06	5.15	58.51	25	F. M. Mitchell	71.32	15.0	56.32
11	L. C. Bishop	64.33	5.30	59.3	26	G. R. Chantler	73.44	10.45	62.59
12	S. Davies	65.51	5.45	59.6	27	D. R. Laing	74.20	16.0	58.20
13	K. G. Stimpson	65.13	6.15	58.58	28	S. G. Brooks	76.55	14.0	62.55
14	E. S. Stimpson	65.50	5.30	60.20	29	S. Charlton	78.20	5.45	72.35
15	A. P. Whitehead	66.25	7.30	58.55	30	C. E. Manning	81.05	11.15	69.50

## CLUB TEN MILE WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP, 24th January, 1953, at Wimbledon

For holding this event the Club had decided on a new course this year, and it overcame the troubles of the past and we completed the race successfully. As the holder of this Championship was unable to walk, the Murphy Shield had a new name inscribed on it. Syd James, who has been walking well this season, carried on the good work and gained his first Club trophy. George Oliver, who had been with Syd up till the last two miles, finished second, with Gerry Warr third.

We were pleased to have with us P. Wright and Bobby Burns and N. Guilman from Southampton, and sorry that Percy should be out after

only 1½ miles. Bad luck, Percy. The handicap was won by G. Warr, with S. James second, and N. Guilmant third.

Position	Name	Time	Allow.	Hep. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hep. Time
1	S. James	81.42	2.45	78.57	12	H. Shields	89.06	7.00	82.06
2	G. Oliver	82.35	2.45	79.50	13	E. Smith	89.57	4.00	85.57
3	G. Warr	83.10	4.30	78.40	14	P. Wilson	91.29	8.30	82.59
4	H. McGreechan	84.54	4.00	80.50	15	J. Wilson	93.47	12.30	81.17
5	G. Beecham	85.43	4.10	81.33	16	B. Burns	96.18	5.00	91.18
6	W. Ellis	86.48	5.00	81.48	17	W. True	96.18	9.00	87.18
7	W. Ferguson	88.01	7.00	81.01	18	D. Logan	97.43	12.00	85.43
8	B. Eglinton	88.15	6.00	82.15	19	J. Coton	97.48	12.30	85.18
9	F. Rolfe	88.18	8.00	80.18	20	F. Jarvis	99.22	15.00	84.22
10	N. Guilmant	88.32	9.30	79.02	21	A. East	99.43	12.30	87.13
11	A. Robins	88.35	7.45	80.50					

Twenty-three started.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

1st	S. James	81.42
2nd	G. Oliver	82.35
3rd	G. Warr	83.10

#### HANDICAP RESULT

1st	G. Warr	83.10	4.30	78.40
2nd	S. James	81.42	2.45	78.57
3rd	N. Guilmant	88.32	9.30	79.02

### YOUTHS' ROAD TRIAL

This was held on 24th January with a view to selection of our teams for the Aylesbury Youths Road Relay, and a good field turned out.

The course was three laps round the outside of the field at the top of Lauriston Road, and the time taken by the winner was quite good.

First home was Ron Linstead, with A. C. McLean second, and Frank Wright third, and don't think Frank was trying too hard, as this was his third race in successive weeks.

A new member in R. Brewer ran well, and it looks as if we have some good lads coming along to take their places in our teams for future road relays.

Placings and times were—1, R. Linstead, 15.40; 2, A. C. McLean, 15.50; 3, F. Wright, 15.55; 4, J. B. Edgar, 16.16; 5, D. G. Hooper, 16.21; 6, J. F. Mitchell, 16.36; 7, J. N. Golding, 16.44; 8, L. O. Harding, 17.15; 9, R. Brewer, 17.27; 10, M. Cunningham, 17.32; 11, C. W. Rodgers, 17.35; 12, M. R. Courtney, 17.40; 13, R. McAuliffe, 19.01.

### JUNIOR C.C. v. CAMBRIDGE H.

This was due to be held at Wimbledon on 31st December and although about half-a-dozen of our visitors came along, including R. A. Butt, a past member of our Club, we only had one junior present, and so a race could not be held.

To be fair to our lads, we must say that most of our 18 to 21 age group are doing their National Service training, and week-end leaves seem few and far between and one doubts whether it is worth while arranging such matches in future.

A week later we had a senior match at Totteridge with Shaftesbury H. and T.V.H., but only three of our members turned up, and so could not count in the match, although they had a run.

It does seem as if away fixtures are not welcomed by our runners and that our fixtures for next season will have to undergo a drastic alteration in make-up.

### SOUTH OF THAMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Milford, near Godalming, on 7th February. There was a record entry of 26 teams. Clubs are only allowed to enter one team of 12 to run with 6 to score, and in the eight races since the war we have only been unplaced on two occasions and have won the team race four times.

As the winning team is barred from competing again, it will be seen that fresh men have constantly to be found and we think our post-war record speaks for itself.

We thought we should improve on last year's 7th position, but as we were without P. G. Newell, A. H. Bruce, B. L. Hudson, A. J. Snoad, and Mike Stearman, down with 'flu, we did not fancy our chances of getting a place.

The winners of the team race were Bristol A.C., which was a just reward for their long journey, and who should be with them but our old past President, Teddy Gordon, and you can imagine his pleasure at their success and in our getting third.

The individual race was won easily by "Lofty" Holden, of Cambridge H., and our first man home was Bob Taylor, 17th, our other scorers being Mick Porter, 27; John Burr, 32; Ray Tooby, 38; Len Bishop, 57, and George Stace, 61.

Ray Tooby was suffering from split heels and found he could not wear his spikes and ran in rubber shoes, which no doubt was partly to blame for his backward position.

Our other placings were: D. Briggs, 73; J. Masters, 76; A. H. Bishop, 109; K. G. Stimpson, 111; E. M. Bishop, 208; and Eric had a pulled tendon and did well to complete the course.

We were expecting Mike Stearman to arrive on the Brighton A.C. coach, but, instead, got a letter from him saying that he was down with 'flu, and this meant that we could not field a full team of 12 runners and so qualify for the "Colman" Cup, which was won by Herne Hill H.

This brings up the point about all those entered who can turn out should come along with their togs in case they are required, and in any event, they can do a good job of work round the course in their track suits, as did Denis Brickwood at this race.

Team placings and points were—1, Bristol A.C., 142; 2, Herne Hill H., 181; 3, Belgrave H., 232.

## AYLESBURY YOUTHS RELAY

This Relay was held on 7th February, and we entered four teams for this event and actually fielded three full teams.

Our "A" side ran well to beat their winning time of last year, and yet were beaten by 16 seconds for first place.

A. C. McLean ran the first leg and handed over in 4th place, then Gerry Lines took us into second position. Ron Linstead did the third fastest time of the afternoon to take us into the lead, but J. B. Edgar, running in place of Frank Wright, who was down with 'flu, could not hold his opponent over the final stage.

Our "B" team ran well to finish 8th, while our "C" side were placed 13th out of an entry of 28 teams, which proves how popular this form of racing is with the clubs.

The winners were Southgate Harriers, who are very strong in both Youths and Juniors, and in third place were the R.A.F., Halton, boys, and their Sports Officer is none other than our own member, Eddie Short.

Times of our lads were as under:—

"A"—McLean, 18.33; Lines, 18.37; Linstead, 18.09; Edgar, 18.40.

"B"—Hooper, 19.13; Mitchell, 18.53; Boreham, 19.06; W. Bird, 18.59.

"C"—Wallace, 19.38; Cunningham, 20.27; Rodgers, 20.47; Golding, 19.46.

Team placings—1, Southgate H., 73.43; 2, Belgrave H., 73.59; 3, R.A.F., Halton, 74.02; 8, Belgrave "B," 76.11; 13, Belgrave "C," 80.38.

## SOUTHERN R.W.A. GARNET CHAMPIONSHIP, 7th February, 1953, at Woodford

This was held on a very cold day and on a rather hard three-lap course, with plenty of hills, but the teams really exceeded expectations. As a well-known walker reported: "We were unfancied for a scoring place," but whatever the day or course, the lads walked extremely well. From roughly fifth place at half-way, they fought through to finish a comfortable second, the scoring lads being G. Warr 11th, B. Burns 15th, R. Kemp 17th, and G. Beecham 21st.

The other lads of the two teams were always backing up, and it was a real credit to the Club to see such a fine effort from them all. Congratulations to every one of them, especially to Bobby Burns and Ron Kemp, who had travelled up from Eastleigh for this event. Percy Wright, who keeps a benevolent eye on these lads down there for the Club, must have been very pleased himself with the result.

Position	Name	Time	Position	Name	Time
1	R. H. Richards ... C.H.	81.20	44	F. Rolfe ... "A"	90.52
2	W. Leveridge ... E.B.	82.04	48	G. Waddingham ... "B"	91.07
3	R. A. Hoskin ... St. Alb.	82.30	56	W. Ferguson ... "A"	92.06
11	G. Warr ... "A"	84.09	71	W. Wesson ... L. Trans.	94.00
16	D. Burns ... "A"	85.45	78	P. Wilson ... "B"	95.11
18	R. Kemp ... "A"	86.30	81	J. Wilson ... "B"	95.59
21	G. Beecham ... "A"	87.13	92	S. Spencer ... "B"	98.05
33	B. Eglinton ... "A"	89.26	113	D. Logan ... "B"	104.49
34	A. Robins ... "A"	89.28			

One hundred and seventeen finished.

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	Essex Beagues "A" ... ..	52 pts.
2nd	Belgrave H. "A" ... ..	66 "

(G. Warr, 11; Burns, 16; Kemp, 18; Beecham, 21.)

## ANNUAL BANSTEAD MATCH WITH S.W.C., 14th February, 1953, at South Croydon

What a day! Thick snow about and temperature near freezing, but 17 lads arrived at Croydon for this event.

We were pleased to welcome our old friend, Jack Rutland, out again. Hope this will lead to many more. All the lads were content to take things easy to the turn, and coming home positions changed a little, but Syd James was first man home for us, followed closely by Hugh McGreechan and G. Checkley. Alan Robins, who is beginning to find his old form, won the handicap for our members; he walked strongly the whole way and thoroughly deserved his win. We lost a very enjoyable match by a small margin of four points, scoring 12 aside, and congratulate Surrey W. Club on their win; also they won their match with the M.P.A.A.

The walk was followed by an enjoyable Social Evening at the Blue Anchor, Croydon. Many thanks, Surrey Walking Club.

Pos.	Name	Time	Allow.	Pos.	Name	Time	Allow.
1	Brown, J. T., M.P.A.A.	1.40.46	—	12	Shields, H. ... ..	1.49.41	7.15
2	Parker, M. J., S.W.C.	1.42.09	—	13	Ellis, W. ... ..	1.50.16	—
3	Fisher, M. J., S.W.C.	1.43.04	—	15	McLennan, C. ... ..	1.51.14	10.00
4	James, S. ... ..	1.43.18	Scratch	19	Wilson, J. ... ..	1.54.53	12.50
5	McGreechan, H. ... ..	1.44.51	2.00	20	Spencer, S. ... ..	1.57.28	14.30
9	Readman, A. ... ..	1.47.28	6.45	21	Ferguson, W. ... ..	1.57.47	8.30
10	Checkley, G. ... ..	1.48.00	3.30	23	Rutland, J. C. ... ..	1.59.00	7.00
11	Robins, A. ... ..	1.49.26	11.00	29	Waghorn, B. ... ..	2.03.55	19.00
				31	Elliott, D. ... ..	2.09.16	26.00

Match result, 12 a side—S.W.C., 148 pts.; Belgrave, 152 pts.

## SOUTHERN C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at the Aylesford Paper Mills on 21st February and the venue left nothing to be desired both from the competitors' and the spectators' point of view.

The Youths race was first on the programme and round the lap of the starting field Frank Wright was in the lead, but once they had gone out into the country, his lack of training, due to a bout of the 'flu, revealed itself, and Frank dropped back fast on the homeward run.

Even so, his position of 17th, was quite good, as also was Gerry Lines' placing of 19th, but we then dropped a bit due to the absence of Ron Linstead, who was out with leg trouble.

J. B. Edgar also lost both his shoes and thus found his running impeded, but on the whole our 6th placing in the team race out of an entry of 39 teams, was quite good.

In the Senior race over 10 miles there was a field of 371 starters and after the usual fast start, Gordon Pirie and Frank Sando were out on their own, with Dennis Holden also in complete isolation in third place.

Jack Brown was running quite well and was only beaten by the three above mentioned, plus Jim Peters and R. P. Ll. Morgan, the S.L.H. and Oxford University runner, and Jack's time was 55.41.

Then came Denis Brickwood 30th, and as Denis was placed 22nd in the 1939 race, we think it a remarkable achievement for him to drop only eight places after a lapse of 14 years, and just shows what can be done with properly applied training methods.

Eddie Short and John Burr also ran quite well, and our scoring team was completed by Chas. Walker and Mick Porter.

To be placed third after our team had suffered so many setbacks was indeed a good performance and we doubt that even at full strength whether we should have beaten Thames Valley H., the winners of the team title, who gave a great display of sound team running.

For the first time for a very long while we were unable to field a full team of 12 men, and so lost our hold on the "Oddling-Smee" Cup, which was won by Herne Hill. H.

In the Junior race, Ray Tooby ran well to get 5th, as owing to foot trouble, he has not been able to train as hard as Bert Shaw would have liked him to.

Brian Trower was 37th, with Mike Stearman 40th, and Mike was another just getting over the 'flu, and then came Don McLean, 65.

We were pleased to see Geoff Goode out once again, and he looked short of training and has also put on quite a bit of weight in the Army.

Here again we managed to be placed 5th out of an entry of 37 Clubs, and to get all our teams in the first six of each race can be looked upon as a good sign of our all-round strength, but we do need a few more chaps who are willing to "slog" it out, as did the Footer-Penny schools in the old days.

Here are the placings of our team men:—

Senior—J. W. Brown, 6; D. Brickwood, 30; E. A. Short, 31; J. E. Burr, 41; C. Walker, 59; M. F. Porter, 62; L. C. Bishop, 114; S. Davies, 142; A. H. Bishop, 153.

Teams—1, Thames Valley H., 137; 2, Aylesford P.M., 179; 3, Belgrave H., 229.

Junior—R. C. Tooby, 5; B. C. Trower, 37; M. Stearman, 40; D. MacLean, 65; G. J. Goode, 73; J. Hills, 85.

Teams—1, Essex Beagles, 44; South London H., 44; 3, Southgate H., 96; 5, Belgrave H., 147.

Youths—F. J. Wright, 17; G. Lines, 19; A. C. McLean, 49; D. G. Hooper, 69; M. Cunningham, 80; J. B. Edgar, 87.

Teams—1, Ilford A.C., 39; 6, Belgrave H., 154.

## RESULTS OF COUNTY 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS WALKS, 28th February, 1953

### SURREY, at Walton.

		Time
1	W. P. Woods, S.A.C.	80.23
3	G. Beecham, B.H.	83.44
7	S. James, B.H.	84.50
17	C. Churcher, B.H.	88.39
21	W. Phillips, B.H.	91.26
23	J. Wilson, B.H.	93.23
27	W. True, B.H.	94.40

### TEAM RACE.

1st	Surrey A.C.	29 pts.
4th	Belgrave H.	48 ..

### HAMPSHIRE

		Time
1	H. Stone, Eastleigh	83.10
	G. Warr, B.H.	86.08
	P. Wright, B.H.	87.18
	R. Kemp, B.H.	87.18
	B. Burns, B.H.	87.30
	N. Guilment, B.H.	88.33
	F. Rolfe, B.H.	91.45

### MIDDLESEX, at Eastcote.

		Time
1	B. Hawkins, M.W.C.	78.42
11	G. Checkley, C.A.C.	83.28
12	H. McGreechan, C.A.C.	0.57
13	G. Oliver, C.A.C.	0.57
31	H. Shields, C.A.C.	90.53
33	W. Ferguson, C.A.C.	91.16
38	W. Wesson, C.A.C.	92.28
41	C. McLennan, C.A.C.	93.44
47	J. Rutland, C.A.C.	96.12
51	G. Speechley, C.A.C.	12.38

### TEAM RACE.

1st	Met. W.C.	19 pts.
4th	Cadogan A.C.	67 ..

### KENT, at Bexley.

		Time
1	F. W. Barratt, C.H.	79.45
7	A. Robins, B.H.	88.24

### WILTSHIRE.

		Time
1	J. Houndsen, Calne	86.28
3	B. Eglington, Trowbridge and B.H.	92.28

## ENGLISH C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Caversham Park, Reading, on 7th March, and a large crowd saw some good and exciting racing in fine weather.

In the Youths' race there was an entry of 71 teams, but owing to the 2 p.m. start, which was strictly adhered to, many of the lads missed the race owing to their late arrival.

Our team were all present and Frank Wright ran well to finish 8th and he beat B. G. Stone of Blackheath, who had won the Southern Youths race.

We were placed 10th in the team placings, but were the 4th Southern team to finish and were only just behind Ilford A.C., the Southern champions.

In the Junior race there were 68 teams entered, and our first man home was Mike Stearman, 26th, with Ray Tooby, 30th, and the latter had a bad time owing to an attack of stitch.

With better support we may have been placed in the team race, but had to be content with 10th place, which, however, was an improvement on our last year's placing.

The Senior race was the big event of the day and here there was an entry of 66 teams, plus 57 individual entries and a huge field faced the starter.

Jack Brown was our first man home, 34th, and so won the Harry Parker Trophy, and he was closely followed by John Bromley, 39th, and John showed a welcome return to his old form once again.

Denis Brickwood ran well to finish 55th, with Eddie Short 75th, and Eddie only ran in order that we should field a full team of nine men, as he has been troubled with an ankle injury.

Chas. Walker was 85th and, seeing that he was running in borrowed "togs," owing to leaving his running kit on a bus on his way to catch the Club coach at Tooting, he can be said to have run reasonably well.

Eric Herbert, 87th, was our sixth scoring man, and Eric has also been troubled by injuries and has not been able to train as often as he would have wished for a race of this description.

John Burr, 99th, Alan Bishop, 219th, and Len Bishop 247th, completed our team, and but for the backward position of the latter two, we should have stood a good chance of once again winning the "Charles Otway" Cup, which is awarded to the first club finishing its complete team, outside the three placed clubs.

In fairness to the Bishop brothers we must point out that Alan only came into our team at the last moment owing to the non-arrival of Mick Porter, while Len was spiked early in the race, and this must have affected his running.

We were placed 6th in the team championship and were the second Southern club to finish, and we turned the tables on Aylesford Paper Mills, who beat us in the Southern race.

Actual placings of our competitors is given below:—

Youths—F. J. Wright, 8; G. Lines, 68; D. G. Hooper, 102; J. F. Mitchell, 103; A. C. McLean, 150; J. B. Edgar did not finish.

Juniors—M. J. Stearman, 26; R. C. Tooby, 30; B. C. Trower, 74; G. J. Goode, 115; D. G. McLean, 121; P. N. Gilbert, 206.

Seniors—J. W. Brown, 34; J. Bromley, 39; D. A. Brickwood, 55; E. A. Short, 75; C. W. Walker, 85; E. H. Herbert, 87; J. E. Burr, 99; A. H. Bishop, 219; L. C. Bishop, 247.

Team placings—1, Birchfield H., 160; 2, Bolton Utd. H., 208; 3, Victoria Park A.A.C. 254; 4, Thames Valley H., 313; 5, Rotherham H., 344; 6, Belgrave H., 375.

### R.W.A. NATIONAL 10 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP, 14th March

A coach party of 25 walkers and supporters travelled to Cheltenham for the Senior 10 miles Championship, and although both teams were unplaced, they very much appreciated the backing of those who made the journey to give them support and encouragement. Unfortunately, we were minus one or two of our top scorers owing to various reasons, which gives all the more credit to those who upheld the "Claret and gold."

A one-lap course of 10 miles favoured the very fast men, and after getting away to a good start, Hardy, of Sheffield, stayed in the lead the whole journey, followed by his clubmate, R. Holland, with Brian Hawkins and George Coleman in close attendance. At 6½ miles, the two Georges, Oliver and Beecham, after their excellent County performances, were in 29th and 31st positions, with Hugh McGreechan 33rd, Garry Warr 38th, George Checkley 43rd, Percy Wright 44th, Harry Kemp 58th, Bob Readman 72nd, and Bernard Eglinton 77th.

Sheffield made no doubt about the result of the team race, but there was a keen struggle for the second and third positions between Highgate, Woodford, Cambridge Harriers and Met. W.C. At about 8 miles George Beecham had an attack of cramp and fell back considerably. He recovered again at about 9 miles and finished strongly, bettering his county time by 20 seconds. Bad luck came when Hugh McGreechan was "pulled" about 200 yards from the finish. The remainder of our walkers all made valiant efforts to put the team amongst the places and improved their individual positions considerably, but not quite enough.

There was no lack of "Belgrave spirit," and to all we say, "Well walked." Owing to a delayed result, the party was split up on the return journey, but some of us met at the "local" in Stokenchurch and a merry time was had by all, to the scent of pickled onions, and the debate between "The baron" and "Sir Harry" on his next dramatic performance.

Placings:—

	Time		Time
1 R. Hardy ... ..	74.53	70 R. Kemp ... ..	87.11
22 G. Oliver ... ..	82.08	72 A. Readman ... ..	87.17
29 G. Warr ... ..	82.23	77 M. Guilman ... ..	88.00
33 G. Checkley ... ..	82.52	88 A. Robins ... ..	89.06
37 G. Beecham ... ..	83.24	90 H. Shields ... ..	89.19
49 P. Wright ... ..	84.56	101 W. Ferguson ... ..	91.23
61 B. Eglinton ... ..	86.20	118 J. Wilson ... ..	94.14

Team—Sheffield U.H., 36 pts.; Belgrave "A." 7th, 113 pts.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Tickets for the A.A.A. Senior Championships at the White City on Saturday, July 11, may be obtained at special Club Rate, as usual, from Frank Webb. Early application—with cash—is essential as the tickets are limited. First come, first served—so do it now.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Club Annual Dinner and Dance, the great social event of the year, is to be held at STRAND CORNER HOUSE (not Coventry Street, as last year) on Saturday, November 21st.

It is regretted that owing to the continual rise in catering costs, it is necessary to charge 17s. 6d. for tickets, but to encourage as many members as possible to be present, the Social Hon. Secretary, Dave Martin-Shepherd, is arranging for tickets to be paid for by instalments, with the aid of payment cards, and he hopes that you will start paying NOW. If for any reason you are unable to attend, any money you have paid will, of course, be refunded. The date of the dinner this year has been specially arranged so as not to clash too much with the London-Brighton Relay, and the payment system can also be used by those who are hoping to join the coach party for this race. The months will soon fly by, so don't waste any time. Get your payment cards and start saving NOW for these two important functions.

## A FEW WORDS FROM THE HON. TREASURER

In our last issue I made a special appeal for the early payment of subscriptions, and I should like to thank all those who responded so promptly. Unfortunately, a large number of members are still outstanding on my books. As a double reminder, you should receive with this issue, a letter addressed to you personally, that is, if you are still one of the defaulters. In which case may I ask once again that the amount due be sent to me forthwith. Just as a reminder, the name and address is as follows: S. C. Roberts, 35, Perrymead Street, Fulham, S.W.6.

## NEW CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A few years ago Tommy Green presented to the Club a very fine trophy, which was allocated to a Junior 5 miles Walking Championship. Unfortunately, owing to the shortage of Junior walkers, it has not been possible to hold a championship race until this year. It has now been decided to hold the first race for this trophy on Saturday, 18th April, the same day as the Club 20 miles Championship. So far there are about six Club walkers eligible, i.e., under 21 years of age on 1st October, 1952.

Some of our foremost walkers in the past have started as runners and we now invite any member of the Club who is eligible by age and feels he would like to swell the entry, to take part in the race. This may attract some of our young members who are not quite making the grade at cross country, and who may be potential walking champions. As an added incentive, our Hon. Treasurer, Syd. Roberts, has offered to present a prize for the first competitor to finish who has not previously competed in a walking race. Why not have a go and see what you can do?

Make a note of the date NOW: Saturday, 18th April.

## THE SUMMER SEASON

This is Coronation Year, and we can expect the usual crop of additional meetings due to this fact. We have already been invited to take part in meetings on Coronation Day itself, but do not think our members would appreciate having to turn out on such a day.

Our first Club meeting will be at Battersea Park, on Saturday, 2nd May, and the Surrey County 7-mile track walk will be included in the programme.

On Wednesday, 6th May, we visit Paddington Track for a match with Queens Park Harriers; start at 6.30 p.m.

Then on 9th May, at Battersea Park, will be held the Surrey County Youths Track Championships, with the 6 miles run and Pentathlon also at this meeting.

16th May, at the new Wimbledon Park Track, is the date fixed for the Brockman Trophy meeting, and on the same day we are holding our open 20-mile road run from Belgrave Hall, start at 3 p.m., and we are hoping for a good entry.

On Monday, 18th May, we have a Club meeting at Tooting Bec, and have a Senior and Junior match against the Polytechnic H. and South London H.; start at 7 p.m.

Whitsun Saturday and Monday we see the C.A.U. and British Games meeting at the White City, and there are also the usual number of "open" meetings on this day.

30th May is the day fixed for the Surrey County Senior Track Championships at Motspur Park, with the Junior and Youth Relays, also the Junior Hammer Throw.

On the same day we have accepted an invitation to compete in a Coronation Sports meeting at Aylesbury, with the usual generous six prizes in each event given by the Hazells Club.

6th June sees more County Championships, also a glut of Coronation meetings, and we have promised to support a meeting at the newly-opened track at Carshalton, and also to visit Walton A.C., at the Stompond Lane ground for an inter-club match.

On Wednesday, 10th June we have a Club meeting at Battersea Park, start at 7 p.m., and hope to put on our annual Schools Relay at this meeting.

Saturday, 13th June, is "Kinnaird" Trophy day, with our Club marathon championship being decided in conjunction with the Poly. race from Windsor to Chiswick.

Tuesday, 16th June, we have a match with Sutton and Cheam H., at the Sutton Stadium, and this is in the nature of a "B" team fixture.

17th June is the date of the L.A.C. Inter-Club Relay meeting at the White City, and it is to be hoped that our members will give full support to the various events.

Saturday, 20th June, is the day of the Southern Senior Track Championships, due to be held at the White City, and owing to the past large entries it may be necessary to introduce some qualifying conditions for this year's meeting.

Wednesday, 24th June, we have another Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track, start at 7 p.m., and if it is decided to include any handicap events we trust they will be better supported than in the past by our members.

27th June is the day of the Surrey County Junior Track Championships at Wimbledon Park, and the Senior relays will also be held at this meeting. Also on this day there are "open" meetings at Weybridge and Broomfield Park, Southgate, which should attract good support.

Wednesday, 1st July, we have a match at Victoria Park against the local club and the United Hospitals A.C.

On Saturday, 4th July, we have the "Heathfield" Trophy meeting at Stompond Lane, Walton-on-Thames, and we are the joint holders of this trophy.

Also on this day will be held the Southern Area Junior Championships, the venue for which has not yet been decided upon.

Wednesday, 8th July, is the date fixed for our open Inter-Club Walking Competition at Battersea Park Track, where the accent is on competing for one's club, with no awards given.

10th-11th July we have the A.A.A. General Championships at the White City and tickets for the Club stands will be available from Frank Webb, as in past years.

On 18th July there is the "Waddilove" Trophy meeting at Birmingham and we have also promised to send a team to Guildford on the same day, which should give a chance to all our members.

Wednesday, 22nd July, we have a Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track, and hope to include some members' handicap events on the programme.

The A.A.A. Junior Championships, also the Marathon and Relay Championships are due to be held on 25th July at Maindy Park, Cardiff, and the question of fares will come into what support our members can give this meeting.

Saturday, 1st August, is Club Championship day at Battersea Park. See summer fixture card for list of events, and we hope our members will support the various events, for which standard medals are awarded.

August Monday we have the "Hazell" Trophy meeting at Aylesbury and, seeing that our members did so well last year, I am sure that we shall not lack support for this fixture.

Wednesday, 5th August, we have a Senior and Junior match at Charlton Park Track against Cambridge Harriers, and although this is the holiday season, we hope our members will endeavour to turn up for these matches.

Monday, 10th August, we have a Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track, and as the evenings are drawing in at this time of the year, we shall only have a small number of events at this meeting.

Saturday, 15th August, we visit Alperton for a match against Thames Valley H. and Mitcham A.C., and our Committee have agreed to the "Doris" Shield being put up for competition once again. There will also be a Junior match at the same meeting and as we have several members in this area this should give them a chance to represent the Club.

22nd August is the date of our final Club meeting, due to take place at Battersea Park Track, and we have arranged a Senior and Junior match with Cambridge Harriers, and it is likely that the Club 3 miles track championship will be decided at this meeting.

On Saturday, 5th September, we visit Imber Court for a match against the Metropolitan Police A.C., and this will more or less wind up the track season, except for the evening floodlit meetings at the White City and the L.C.C. Championship finals, which are due to be held at Battersea Park on 12th September.

We have a new track captain in Len Marchant, who most of our members will remember as a half-miler of near international class and, together with vice-captain, Dicky Bartlett, they will do their best to make sure that every member is given a chance to show what he can do.

It is to be hoped that members will avail themselves of the opportunities offered them by the Club, and if any new member is in any doubt as to the method of approach, I shall be only too pleased to advise him in this direction.

All entries for Club events should be sent to me at least ten days in advance of the meeting date. A card will do, and any handicap fees can be paid on the day of the meeting.

Any enquiries can be sent to: E. A. Duffett, 57, Harcourt Road, Thornton Heath.

### HERE AND THERE

Archie Bedford was first home in the British Workers' 5 miles c.c. championship, with Ron Mitchell in second place.

John Burr won the L.B.H. Novices c.c. race, and Eric Bishop was second in the Inter-Banks Junior event.

Brian Trower finished third in the Portsmouth A.C. open 5 miles road handicap race, with a start of 3 min. 10 secs., and has also been running with the R.A.F., Sopley.

E. T. Paterson is another doing his National Service training and has been running for the R.A.F., Yatesbury, team.

Another member to do well in R.A.F. events is P. N. G. Gilbert, and he captured the course record at Hednesford and also broke the R.A.F.,

Padgate, record. He has also twice run second to Sgt. McMinnis, the R.A.F. champion, and as he is still a junior, he should do well in future events.

P. J. Rossiter is now in the R.A.F.

J. Hills finished second in the R.A.S.C. c.c. championship, but has now been posted to the Middle East.

R. D. Knights also writes to say that he has been posted overseas with the R.E.M.E., and sends best wishes to Alf Taylor and S. Jefferson.

Geoff Goode is now with the Royal Signals at Catterick, and ran in the Northern Command championships and finished 8th, and as K. L. Norris, of T.V.H., was 4th, it was evidently quite a hot field.

Brian Rice, who is at Cambridge University, was reserve in the 4 x 880 for the Inter-Varsity Relays in December last, and Alan Sexton ran for Cambridge in the 4 x 110 yds., 4 x 220 yds., and the 4 x 440 yds., and led his team to victory in the latter event.

A. J. Snoad was sixth in the London University c.c. race, and it is a pity that studies have prevented him from turning out for the Club, but he hopes to remedy this for next season.

P. R. Bagnall was first home in an Inter-College race when running for S. Mark & S. John, and he beat several well-known runners, and should be an asset to our teams on the road and over the country.

Congratulations to George Oliver on winning the Civil Service Road Walking championship, and he beat R. Carpenter, the holder, with A. H. Cotton, the Olympic walker, in third place.

Syd James was second in the L.B.H. 7 miles road walk at Wembley Park, with Harry Churcher, the holder, a non-starter.

We were pleased to see that B. C. Michez and M. A. Phillips, two of our youngsters from the Raynes Park County School, were selected to represent Surrey Schools XV.

While on the subject of Rugby, we see that Basil Walden and D. R. Childs are playing for the very successful Streatham R.F.C., and J. Powell-Jones has now joined this club, while Alan Sexton recently turned out for his Old Boys' side.

There is a rumour that L. N. Bailey, the Streatham club's full-back and Surrey County player, is going to join the Club, as he wishes to go in for half-miling on the track.

We send our best wishes to Vernon Blowfield, who, now that he has permanently moved down to Oxford, has resigned from the Club, and has joined the local Oxford City A.C., of which club Derrick Burfitt is also a member.

We extend congratulations to Chas. Walker on once again being selected to run for Surrey in the Inter-Counties c.c. race, also to Bob Belmore, who is a second-claim member, and to Jack Brown, who was a scoring member of the Kent team, who were third in the team championship.

Also hearty congratulations to Les Cohen on heading the poll for the 20 elected members for the Southern A.A.A. Committee, and to Alf Harley, who was fourth in the voting list.

At the Inter-Varsity Sports Meeting at the White City on 14th March, Alan Sexton, our quarter-mile champion, was second in the 440 yards to A. Dick, the Olympic runner.

Ted Smith recently won the London Transport 7 miles walking championship.

Geoff Gregory, who decided a short time ago to turn to running, has now given up the idea and is training hard for walking again. He made a good start by easily winning the Tobacco Trades 7 miles Championship in London in March and is looking forward to a successful season on the track.