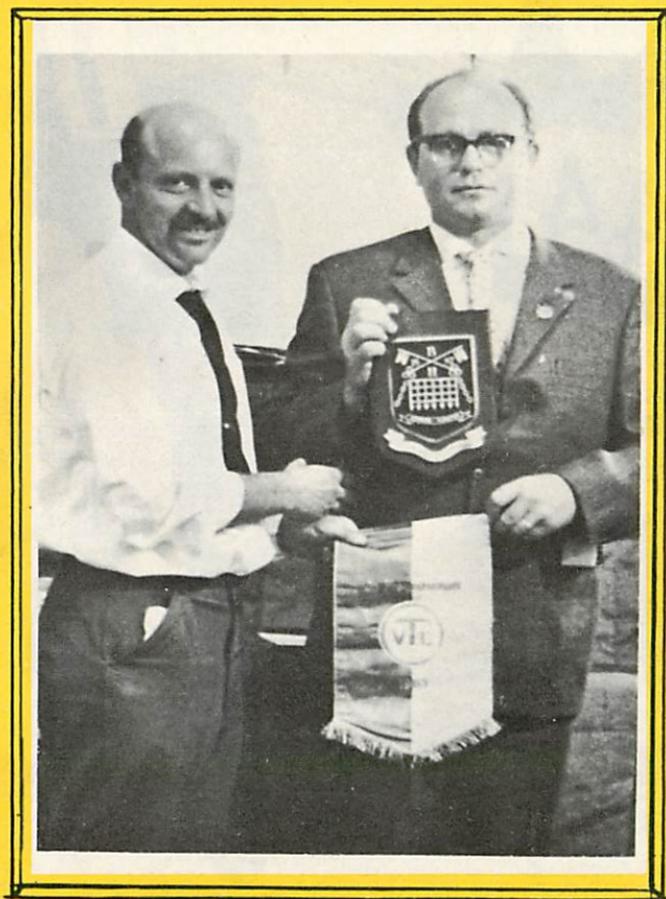


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**FRONTISPIECE:** (Ed. Lacey) Geoff North just gets home ahead of Blackheath's John Herring in the Sward invitation 2 miles. Time: 8:50.4. Report on P.9.



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## EDITORIAL

You will see from the list of Club records shown on pages 21 & 22 that new marks have been set up by our middle-distance men Cocks, Robinson, Kerr and Gerry North. Each performance was recorded in the heat of competition where winning was the foremost thought and the clock something of an incidental. There is an ever growing tendency these days to assess performances solely by the watch and an impression, in some quarters, that the milers of this country only require some fast "arranged" miles to put them into world class. What these people overlook is that the Snells and Elliotts of this world have gained their record potential before they even step on the track each summer. It's that dedicated 100 miles a week, and the way it's handled, that provides Snell with his reservoir of fast times each year. One can't "make" a miler in the

middle of the season by laying on pre-planned races. If the form was there it would soon show itself in the heat of genuine competition---even from the front, all the way. Track statisticians have done a great deal to popularise athletics in recent years but there is a danger that their insatiable appetite for fast times will, in due course, be of detriment to the sport. They would do well to remember that a tactically-won A.A.A., European or Olympic title is worth more than a flat-out rigged time trial.

Our congratulations are extended to Ray Middleton on his being awarded the "Tommy Green" Cup for the year's most meritorious performance by a Belgravian. His great win in the R.W.A. 50 Kilometres National Championship by a 5 minute margin, was truly outstanding and deserving of the highest praise.

## A word from your President

As your President for 1962/3, I wish to thank you all for a most memorable year in office. Both my wife and I have received your respect during this year, and we do trust we have lived up to it.

We have made many new friends during the year, not only in Belgrave but in the Clubs we have entertained; I refer especially to the visitors from Germany, who have now invited the Club to return their visit.

By opening up these links with clubs on the continent, I am sure that we are all playing a great part for a better understanding with our fellow men, and helping to make this world a better place.

It is my sincere wish that Belgrave will be endowed with not only first class athletes, but, equally important, first class officials, both working in full harmony for the good of athletics and the Club in general.

I am sure that both classes I have mentioned above are in the Club now, and with the right encouragement, and at the right time, will play their part in keeping the Club in its honoured position as one of the greatest in the country.

My message to you all, is that you will get more satisfaction by GIVING to the Club, than by TAKING.

D. M. SHEPHERD.

FRONT COVER: (Ed. Lacey) Dave Shepherd exchanges mementoes with Werner Bernhardt of 'Turnverein 1862 Langen' during the German Club's visit

# WELCOME!

We have great pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to the following Belgravians who have been elected to membership since our last issue. We hope you will make full use of the Club's facilities, and should you require any information, help, or indeed, have any grievance, don't hesitate to see or write to any official listed in the Club handbook. He will be only too pleased to help.

The County or Country shown in brackets indicates the athlete's place of birth. (Two years' continuous residence must be established if he wishes to adopt the County in which he lives.)

Arnold Bent (Jamaica)  
A.D. Barker (Derbyshire)  
Reginald Banks (Surrey)  
Michael Coningham (Sth. Africa)  
Raymond Cole (Middlesex)  
Brian Duke (Surrey)  
Anthony Ellis (Surrey)  
B. A. Goss (Surrey)  
J. A. Greece (Yorkshire)  
Kevin Harkin (Surrey)  
Joseph Harvey (Jamaica)  
Derek Hurd (Surrey)  
Michael Hamlin (Surrey)  
Graham Horn (Middlesex)

Graham Killick (Surrey)  
Carl Lawrence (Jamaica)  
Michael Lee (N. Ireland)  
John Mitchell (Middlesex)  
J. P. O'Dea (Lanarkshire)  
J. H. Peek (Hampshire)  
Robert Picton (Berkshire)  
Michael Slattery (Surrey)  
Philip Stiggle (Surrey)  
Ernest Scott (Buckinghamshire)  
Mel Thorpe (Warwickshire)  
R. E. Trott (Surrey)  
Derek Whitnall (Kent)  
C. D. Wright (Wales)

## Honorary Members

Mrs. E. Apin of Fulham, Mr. L. Spencer of Wimbledon, Mr. F.A. Walker, Cornwall

## Second Claim Members.

Edward Fisher (Bedford A.C.) Brian Nott (Ranelagh H.)

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## From The Treasurer.

Their are at least 200 Belgrave members who are reading the Magazine, and have not yet paid 1962/3 Subscriptions.

If YOU are one of the 200, please STOP reading other peoples literature.

Post your Subscription, to me NOW. I will not apologize for interrupting your reading, but if you feel I should, I will willingly do so on receipt of your subscriptions.

Please continue NOW to read YOUR OWN Belgravian.

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The Annual General Meeting for 1963 will be held at Belgrave Hall on Wednesday, September 18th at 6 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Remember, this is your opportunity to present your bouquets or to throw your brick-bats - to play an active part in the election of Officers and a General Committee, - and to hear the affairs of the Club openly discussed.

Use this occasion to meet many of your fellow members, and see if we can push the attendance up to 150 this year. For those of you who find a 6 p.m. start too early, you are reminded that the meeting generally lasts 2 hours or more, so - better late, than never!

## WEIGHT TRAINING

Weight training is to be held again this winter on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Ravenstone Road School, near Balham Underground and Southern Region stations. Sessions commence at 7 p.m. and include circuit training. Members are invited to make use of this Belgrave-run course and thus benefit from an all-round improvement in physical strength. Further particulars from Frank Simmons and Maurice Jones.

# 1908 & ALL THAT!

In the last edition of the gazette, our editorial was devoted to the history of 'The Belgravian' since its inception in April 1925. Little is known of Club literature before this date and we are therefore indebted to Mrs. R.W. Ricketts, one of our Vice-Presidents, for sending us a Club Circular for October 1908! The opening paragraph which announces the marriage of Bob Ricketts, is, we suspect, in no small way responsible for the Circular's preservation!

Nineteen hundred and eight, fifty five years ago! Why! Even Tom Carter wasn't born then! and Harry Evans was a mere stripling of 25 years. A few weeks earlier, London had staged the 4th Olympic Games at White City.

Editor of the circular at this time was G. S. Good, whose brother E.A. Good was General Hon. Sec. The news was produced on a handwritten foolscap sheet and duplicated. Forthcoming fixtures were spotlighted, one being "on January 2nd 1909 when the Club entertains four and maybe five other clubs in an inter-teams contest at Barnes. Meat tea and concert to follow, 1/6d. per head...." and another "The Belgrave Marathon on March 20th 1909, distance about 15 miles" (!)

Altogether, the sheet contained 12 items of news the most unusual one perhaps being "The opening Boxing Show will be held in the large hall at Headquarters on the 3rd Tuesday in October and all members should turn up as Mr. Lambert has arranged some very interesting contests. In addition Mr. G. de Relwyslaw, the Olympic champion, will give an exhibition of wrestling."

It would seem that the boxing section were at this time showing more enthusiasm than their running counterparts for, a little later, G. S. Good says "I am pleased to see both the captain and vice-captain of Boxing attending Club nights and assisting Mr. Lambert and I only hope the running captain would follow their example as there are always a lot of novices at this time of the year and a little advice from the captain goes a long way towards making their first runs as enjoyable as possible." It is worth noting that since the formation of Belgrave Harriers 21 years previously, our only team running success of note had been a place in the South of Thames cross-country championship of 1904. This makes one wonder just how close we were to becoming exclusively a boxing club.

Reference was also made to an "attendance prize" the October 3-miles road handicap, a prize donation list; and the inevitable appeal for payment of subscriptions was present.

Such was the news of 1908. In the year 2018 some future Editor will, no doubt, comment on this "Belgravian" in similar vein, and one of our present juniors might well be the "elder statesman" of that year's committee and be in the enviable position of remembering how great the runners were "in the good old days of 1963".

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## a MeAl oF Words

It is not until one looks back at past events and analyses the performances, training methods and utterances of yesteryear that the fantastic progress in World Athletics can be fully appreciated. Those men who, through the passage of time, have been proved right were ridiculed in their day (Newton, Cerutti etc.) but those who have been proved wrong invariably get away with it. They are never forced to eat their words.

Remember the great Track/Cross-Country controversy of 1951? Is cross-country racing over 9 miles detrimental to track runners? Should our Olympic team be dissuaded from racing over the country after Christmas? Well, the following extract is from a letter sent to "Athletics Review" at that time, and was written by the Hon. Sec. of the A.A.A. Coaching Committee.

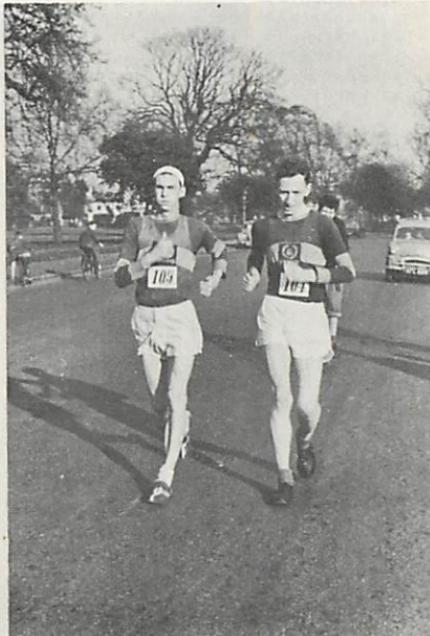
"..... few, if any, athletes are capable of their best track performances if year after year they take part in a full programme of cross-country racing..... The coaches have never advised against an occasional cross-country race for the track athlete provided that the running was over a distance of not more than 7 miles. They have pointed out to these middle and long distance track athletes that distances of nine or ten miles racing are too great for those who are mainly interested in track running..... The standard of track middle and long distance running now is such that speed counts for a great deal more than was the case even as recently as 15 years ago. It is the opinion of the coaches that much of the athlete's training must be devoted to the acquisition of speed and that this is unlikely to be developed at the slow tempo necessitated by racing over 9 or 10 mile courses of heavy going."

What reaction would this meet with if published now?

# SPOTLIGHT ON .....

## ERIC HALL

It is unfortunate that any article written about Eric Hall and his achievements will invariably lapse into a mass of clichés. This being the case, we shall lose no time in stating that there is no Belgravian with the Club's interest more at heart than Eric. Nobody can deny that this slim, (dare we say unathletic-looking?) walker has been one of the Club's greatest active ambassadors over the past seven or eight years. Just to illustrate how ardent a champion of Belgrave he is, we would just quote his reply when asked what advice he would give to a youngster beginning in athletics - 'Join Belgrave Harriers!'



LEFT: During his National '20' win at Colindele in 1957.

RIGHT: Eric & Stan Vickers with a winning lead in the Regent's Park '15' 1957

Eric himself joined the club at the age of 16 in October 1948 - (he will admit to being 30). On his own admission, he enjoyed running, but wasn't particularly good at it and so, being a keen rambler, walking attracted his interest early in his career. His father introduced him to Wally Ives, a Brighton walker, and so Hall Junior joined the Belgrave ranks completely unaware of the fate that lay before him. In the early years, his style and many of his ideas were formed and moulded by Fred Browning who believed in slow but steady progress, encouraged regular training, but warned all youngsters against making a fetish of the sport. Eric himself, still insists that athletics is to be enjoyed and when you cease to derive pleasure from it, then is the time to put your shoes away. About 1952/3, the club ran a weekly training session at the Duke of Yorks, where the coaching was carried out by Frank Simmons, Bert Footer and the late Frank Elson. It is to the last-named that Eric is largely indebted for his pace judgement, for Frank laid great emphasis on its importance to the prospective champion. In 1955 a novice named S. F. Vickers joined the Club and despite being 'pulled' in his first race, he progressed so rapidly that soon he and Eric were Kingpins in the Belgrave walking world. The incentive given by Stan's performances helped Eric to increase his basic speed so that although he had already made

a mark in distance events, he became convinced that fast 2's and 7's were possible. By the time Don Brown was guiding both of them and place medals were becoming regular acquisitions Eric tells us that twice he had to carry Stan to the finish whereupon Stan insisted on a dead-heat, but after the second occasion the officials decided they were out of order and so Eric had to let him win after that! We've heard stories about this leg-pulling couple of rivals but Eric has asked us not to repeat too many as Stan might consider court action!

To catalogue Eric's major successes would require more space than we can afford here. Needless to say, however, he has numerous R.W.A. Championship team and individual place medals, a unique collection of Inter-County Plaques (Surrey 1st, 2nd, & 3rd), several County titles, and also Civil Service titles, during 1955/63. The performance that gave him most satisfaction was undoubtedly his victory in the 1957 R.W.A. National 20 at Hendon. He was particularly delighted because this event had seemed to carry a hoodoo for Belgravians for he was the first Club man to win the title of this, the oldest championship event. In 1956, Eric earned Olympic selection and in the Melbourne sun finished 9th in the 50 kilos. Four years later, he was to finish 10th in the shorter event in the Rome Games. He gained further international honours in Rome, Lugano, Berlin and Paris - confesses that he never won any of them, but admits to finishing 2nd several times.

Inevitably, a man of Eric's ability and experience must develop very strong personal views on the sport to which he has devoted so much of his spare time. He feels that judges should be stricter in their interpretation of the straight leg style - 'if in doubt, have him out.' Certainly, too lenient judging can spoil the race for other competitors. Under the keen eye of such men as Jack Goswell, it is certain that Belgrave walkers will always endeavour to keep on the right side of the law. Like numerous other long-distance walkers, Eric feels that proper consideration should also be given by the proper Official bodies to International rules for feeding during the longer walks. At club level, he has a little hobby-horse to ride concerning club vests and he holds an opinion to which all true Belgravians will surely subscribe. The claret and gold should be worn at all times when competing for Belgrave Harriers or in a club meeting. A team all rigged out in Club strip can look impressive and even awesome to one's rivals. Another of his 'pet-hates' is people who tend to sneer at others' sports and events. This, Eric emphasises, applies not only to those who pick on and ridicule walkers, but also to many walkers who make caustic references to, shall we say, hurdlers and hop-step-jump men. In Eric's eyes, we are all athletes and, above all, sportsmen.

Eric, married to Mavis, daughter of past President of the Club, Tom Morrell, now lives in Cheshire. So great is his enthusiasm for Belgrave and competition that he still travels down regularly to compete, and he tells me, to chat over tactics and walking generally over a cup of tea in 'Joe Lyons's' with the General - Jack Goswell. In moving to the provinces, Eric, has become more than ever convinced that in Belgrave Hall, we have one of the finest H.Qs in the country. Certainly many of us take the facilities offered too much for granted at times and fail to appreciate our good fortune in this respect. As far as the future is concerned, Eric considers that he has had his share of personal glory and success, but will continue to walk for the Club whilst he can still contribute to team scoring. What he now possibly lacks in physical vigour is compensated for largely by his great experience and this is a commodity which can contribute considerably towards the fulfillment of one of Eric's greatest wishes - that the Bels will soon be at the top in all forms of athletics.

D. E. M.

**WANTED.** Agents to sell 1/- per week Belgrave Harriers Football competition tickets.

Please write to:- L. Cohan, 74, Lower Kenwood Avenue, Enfield, Middx.

You will be helping the Club, and I know you will be only too pleased to make this effort.

D.M. Shepherd,  
Treasurer.

Members are reminded that the subscription for the NEW club year fell due on September 1st. You will be rendering the Club a service if you pay promptly.

## Track Roundup

The season, now virtually complete, has been one of considerable success—but more in the field of individual performances than team. The improvement of these individuals should, in turn, lead to better team results and we can only hope that this will be apparent next year. We still lag behind in field events, but Maurice Jones is doing all he can to remedy this—his course at Loughborough should enable him to pass on much useful advice to his rather depleted section. With a return to our previous high standard on the field our trophy teams would be immensely strong. At present there is not a great deal of team spirit during the summer season—probably because we have so many weak events. Success breeds success, but getting that first success is the main battle. An all round effort should be made this coming winter to strengthen our weak links. If this is not done our track and field teams will be in danger of becoming a collection of self-centred individuals.

Most of the following inter-club results were home fixtures. The reasons for this are threefold. Firstly, they were the better attended by Belgravians, secondly, fully comprehensive results were available, thirdly, nearly all host clubs at away fixtures failed to send on match results—a practice "foreign" to Belgrave principals. However, attendance was bad at away matches and there would have been little of note to report anyway. With "invitation" races, of various sorts and standards, being run at a dozen a week, the days of an effective inter-club match could well be numbered.

The Club '6' result was inadvertently omitted from our last issue and was as follows:-

1. Gerald North.....28:38.6 (best C'ship perf)	14. M. Shingles..... 33:37
2. L. O'Hara.....30:29	15. P. Lawrence..... 34:14
3. P. Newell.....30:31	16. G. Piddington.....34:42
4. C. Walker.....30:36	17. P. Hilliar.....35:03
5. J. Brown.....30:51	18. D. Newell.....35:36
6. A. Fairclough.....31:18	19. D.C. Brown.....35:44
7. P. Bradley.....31:28	20. E. Pallent.....36:12
8. J. Moore.....31:43	21. M. Reynolds.....36:25
9. J. Bicourt(J).....32:42	22. R. Langheim.....36:36
10. B. Sawyer.....32:43	23. W. Fairfield.....36:46
11. J. Hampshire.....32:59	24. P. King.....37:24
12. D. Maclean.....33:26	25. R. Plummer.....38:07
13. J. Dooley.....33:36	26. W. Sutton.....38:38

### 12th June - v. Ealing H. v Croydon A.C.

Belgrave won both Senior and Junior events. Gerry Leroy completed a fine double by winning a 50.8 sec. 'quarter' after a 10.3 'hundred'. Dave Cocks switched to the mile for a change and although he didn't look really at home he did enough to win in 4:22.4 and Geoff North finished 3rd. Mike Barratt beat Bill Kerr in the two mile but our supporting cast of North (elder) O'Hara, Black and Walker ensured victory in the team contest.

Derek Wade long-jumped 21'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and Gerry Leroy 21'1" to give us maximum points in this event.

In the Junior match Dave Wiseman centered home in the quarter in 52.0 secs. and Jack Hampshire took the half in 2:7.6. Pottinger once again proved himself a mainstay in the field events by taking the long jump and the weight. The versatility of this boy is perhaps best illustrated by pointing out that he had already finished second in the 100 yards in 10.8 secs.

### 26th June - v. Surrey A.C. v. Poly H.

We smashed both of our opponents in the Senior event but were ourselves in turn trounced by Surrey in the Junior match. Typical of our win in the senior event was Dave Cocks's victory in the 880 yds in which he finished in 1:55.5 some eight seconds ahead of the second man who was another Belgravian, Dave Baines. Gerry Leroy almost went under 50 secs in winning the quarter (50.2) with comparative newcomer C. Kongsli taking fourth place. Geoff North revealed something of his true class over two miles and with the support of Fairclough, Pat Newell and Morrison team victory was easily established.

Pottinger went beserk in the Junior match by winning the 100 (10.7) and 220 (23.7) and then putting the shot 40'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to gain 2nd place. Unfortunately we were unable to provide competitors in the 440, 880 and mile so these points were forfeited to the advantage of Surrey A.C. Where were all these budding middle-distance men?

#### 10th July - v. Wimbledon A.C. v. Victoria Park H.

Another Senior victory for the 'Bels'. Battersea Park for us is almost becoming like White Hart Lane for Tottenham.

At the present time we are also developing into an extremely formidable force in the two mile team event. On this occasion, Laurie O'Hara, Charlie Dabbs, and Tony Fairclough were the victorious trio. Further victories were notched up by Murdoch (100), Cocks (880) Kerr (1 ml.) and Derek Wade who jumped a splendid 22'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in his speciality event. Derek had earlier had a battle royal with the 'Vicar of Bray' of athletics, Henry Martin. Our Henry just held on to win in 53.8 to 53.9 in the quarter. Wimbledon & Victoria Park were too strongly represented in the junior match for us and we had to concede victory.

### 'BROCKMAN' Trophy

#### COCKS SETS CLUB RECORD - 1:50.7 - Saturday 20th July.

Undoubtedly, from the Belgrave point of view, the highlight of the Brockman Trophy meeting was the half-mile. Dave Cocks lined up alongside such experienced men as internationals Mike Fleet and Bob Setti. On the first lap Dave's inexperience was mercilessly revealed as he trailed the field in sixth position. Although he looked comfortable it seemed doubtful that he would be able to sustain a sufficiently fast second lap to finish anywhere near his Croydon and Herne Hill opponents. Nevertheless by running round the rest of the field he entered the final straight hard on the heels of the two leaders. He tried to pass Setti on the inside but failed by the narrowest of margins to do so - both men were given 1:50.7 as against Fleet's 1:50.1. If Dave had kept a little closer to the front or perhaps if the race had been over 900 yards he would have beaten both of his more experienced rivals.

Gerry Leroy took second place in the 440 yards and Chas. Dabbs maintained his recent form to win the 3 miles in 14:13. Two other notable track successes were Bill Kerr who won the '6' in 29:42.4 and John Thresher who was 2nd in the 1500 m in 3:50.6. If we had been better represented in the Field Events we would certainly have challenged T.V.H. for the Trophy. As it was, K. Sylvester was our only Field Events scorer (3rd in Pole Vault - 10'6") and we had to be content with 6th place out of 12 Clubs.

#### July 27th----Deptford Graded Meeting

Although Belgrave managed to amass 176 points in the senior match of this high-scoring meeting they were still only able to finish 5th of the 10 teams. However, the Juniors did much better and were easy winners of their contest with 158 points to Eton Manor's 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Best Belgrave performances of the day were Chris Ryan's 1st in the 'C' 100yds with 10.5, Danny Wiseman's 1st in the 'B' 440yds with 51.7, Dave Cocks' 2nd in the 'A' 880yds with 1:56.2 and Tony Fairclough's 2 mile win in 9:28.8. Alan Mead won the Junior 880yds in 2:06.8.

The Youths finished 5th in their match but found the winner of the mile----Ron Hayes (4:50.8.).

### 'SWARD' Trophy

#### GEOFF NORTH LEAD BELS TO VICTORY IN SWARD "2"

As if by way of compensation for our poor showing in the Field Events Trophy, the Belgrave Team of Geoff North, Bill Kerr and Charlie Dabbs won the 2 mile team race. Pride of place must go to the younger of the North brothers who proved that he is a real force over the non-championship distance of two miles with a time of 8:50.4. Bill Kerr clocked 9:07.8 and Chas. Dabbs 9:08.4 over what for him is almost a trifling distance. Peter Pepe kept the flag flying by finishing 3rd in the one-lap hurdles in 57.4. John Thresher, although finishing 5th in the mile, won by Peter Keeling in 4:04.9, had the satisfaction of clocking 4:07.5, a time which he shared with international star John Boulter. This time means that John is at present second in the Club mile ranking only 2/5th sec. behind Mal 'Yank' Robinson.

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

## HURLINGHAM PARK - June 8th.

Just as the crowds dwindle at the White City meetings, so do they at our own Championship meetings. Perhaps they just look lost in the spacious Hurlingham stand, but it does seem that they diminish in numbers year by year.

For the third consecutive year, this meeting was held in windy overcast conditions but, nevertheless, some pretty useful performances were set up. Dave Cocks, in his first year as a Senior, took the 440 and 880 in most impressive style and wasn't pushed in either race.

Gerry North was after Mal Robinson's Championship record of 4:15.8, but with Thresher and Kerr competing in the South v Midlands v North match at Wolverhampton he had to run solo for the final two laps. Baines led thro' the first lap and Black the second, reaching the 'half' in 2:7.0, but both blew up and Gerry was on his own finishing a mere 0.3 secs outside the previous best.

Derek Wade and Colin Clair had a real day out in the field events, taking three titles each. Derek took all three jumps and Colin the weight, Discus and javelin. Although below his best this season, Clair's javelin throw was probably the best of these six results - he could well hit 200' this year.

Gerry Leroy took both sprints; the short one in a nippy 10.3.

Danny Wiseman pulled off a 440/880 double in the Junior events with Cocks - type ease, and is surely a runner of great potential.

The meeting was undoubtedly a success and credit must go to Track Secretary Bob Taylor and his committee. The prizes were presented by Mrs. D. M. Shepherd who, by the time her husband's year of office is out, will have presented nearly all of the Club's 40 - odd cups and trophies - whew!

### RESULT:

<u>100 yds.</u>		<u>220 yds. (23.8)</u>		<u>440 yds. (54.0)</u>	
1. G. Leroy	10.3	1. G. Leroy	22.8	1. D. Cocks	50.2
2. P. Cornelius	10.6	2. A. Sexton	23.3	2. P. Cornelius	52.9
3. K. Sylvester	10.6	3. P. Cornelius	23.5	3. A. Mead	53.9
4. A. Sexton	10.7	4. D. Wade	24.4	4. P. Hillier	54.6
5. A. Mead	11.0	5. M. Smithers	24.9	5. C. Kongsli	54.9
(5 competitors)		(7 competitors)		6. J. Jarvis	55.6
<u>880 yds. (2:04.0)</u>		<u>1 mile (4:35.0)</u>		<u>High Jump (5'3")</u>	
1. D. Cocks	1:56.4	1. G. North	4:16.1	1. D. Wade	5'6"
2. D. Baines	2:01.5	2. L. O'Hara	4:23.8	2. C. Clair	5'2"
3. C. Kongsli	2:03.4	3. C. Dabbs	4:24.5	3. K. Sylvester	5'2"
4. P. Hillier	2:05.4	4. C. Steer	4:27.0	4. E. Stanghon	5'2"
5. C. Forey	2:05.8	5. A. Fairclough	4:30.0	5. P. Hillier	5'1"
6. J. Dear	2:07.6	6. K. Angus	4:35.0	(5 competitors)	
(9 competitors)		(20 competitors)		<u>Weight (32'0")</u>	
<u>Long Jump (19'3")</u>		<u>Triple Jump (38'0")</u>		1. C. Alair	
1. D. Wade	22'2"	1. D. Wade	40'9"	2. P. Finn	39'9"
2. G. Leroy	20'8"	2. M. Smithers	40'6"	3. H. Leyer	37'0"
3. M. Smithers	19'8"	3. H. Leyer	39'8"	4. Martin	30'8"
4. D. Pottinger	19'7"	(3 competitors)		5. W. Couzens	30'7"
5. H. Leyer	19'6"			6. C. Sutton	30'1"
6. P. Hillier	17'9"			(9 competitors)	
(8 competitors)		<u>Discus (95'0") - 8 competitors.</u>		1. C. Clair	
<u>Discus (95'0") - 8 competitors.</u>		1. C. Clair		114'6"	
1. C. Clair		3. W. Couzens		89'0"	
2. H. Leyer		4. D. Butler		87'11"	
2. H. Leyer		2. H. Leyer		90'2"	
2. H. Leyer		5. C. Shingles		82'2"	
2. H. Leyer		6. E. Condon		78'11"	
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<u>Javelin (135'0")</u>		1. C. Clair		187'10"	
1. C. Clair		3. H. Leyer		136'1"	
2. W. Couzens		4. R. Dommett		135'8"	
2. W. Couzens		5. D. Butler		128'0"	
2. W. Couzens		6. A. Sexton		108'0"	
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### JUNIORS

<u>100 yds.</u>		<u>220 yds. (25.0)</u>		<u>440 yds. (56.0)</u>	
1. D. Pottinger	10.7	1. W. Harling	23.5	1. D. Wiseman	53.8
2. W. Harling	10.8	2. Pottinger	23.9	2. R. Dommett	58.7
3. M. Peters	10.9	3. D. Wiseman	24.0	3. B. Freeman	58.7
4. R. Dommett	11.0	4. M. Peters	24.4	(3 competitors)	
5. P. Jones	11.4	5. P. Jones	25.2		
6. J. Martin	-	(5 competitors)			
(7 competitors)					



(Photo: R. Linstead)

Alan Black leads  
the senior mile field.

1 mile (4:55.0)

1. J. Bicourt 4:40.9
  2. H. Satchell 4:45.5
  3. P. Edwards 4:49.3
  4. A. Major 4:55.9
  5. W. Bruce 4:57.3
  6. R. Keys 5:00.8
- (7 competitors)

High Jump (4'11")

1. P. L. Jones 4'7"
2. E. Condon 4'6"
3. R. Dommett 4'0"

(3 competitors)

880 yds. (2:10.0)

1. D. Wiseman 2:00.3
2. J. Bicourt 2:04.3
3. J. Hampshire 2:06.5
4. J. Leaver 2:08.0
5. R. Clark 2:21.4
6. B. Merry 2:27.3

(6 competitors)

BOYS100 yds.

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. P. Smith 11.5  | 3. J. Martin 11.9    |
| 2. J. Harvey 11.9 | 4. D. MacMillan 12.3 |

5. E. Francis -  
(5 competitors)

880 yds. (2:15.0) - 4 competitors.

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. E. Francis 2:39.7 | 3. P. Downing 2:45.0 |
| 2. N. Bacon 2:41.8   | 4. D. Pretty 3:11.2  |

## Boys' & Youths' Medal Competitions

The 1963 competitors for the 'Mrs. L. Ryan' cup (Boys) and the 'H. W. Shields' cup (Youths) were won by Peter Barnard and Roger Keys respectively. Points in these contests are awarded for five events, held at various meetings throughout the summer. Only those taking part in all five events qualify for a final placing. It is unfortunate, therefore, that so many of our youngsters do not make a real effort to attend the relevant meetings. How many of those 'also rans' in the Boys competition realised that the most modest performance in each event would have gained them 3rd place?

These competitions are designed to give our younger athletes the opportunity of trying their hand, competitively, on both track and field in a variety of events. Specialisation should come later. There are many 'scrubbers' in the athletics world whose efforts would have proved far more rewarding in some other event if only they'd had the chance to try their hand at it when younger. So, GO TO IT, you boys and youths, and have a really good crack at all five events next season - you may surprise yourself. Cups and medals will be presented at the A.G.M. on Wednesday Sept 18.

RESULTS:Boys (Mrs. L. Ryan Cup)

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. P. Barnard 99 points | 2. J. Harvey 92 points |
|-------------------------|------------------------|

also competed:- P. Downing, N. Bacon, J. Absolum, L. Bannister, E. Francis, D. Pretty, and E. Bent.

Youths (H.W.Shields Cup)

- |                      |                        |                     |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. R. Keys 99 points | 2. J. Martin 95 points | 3. R. Hayes 92 pts. |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|

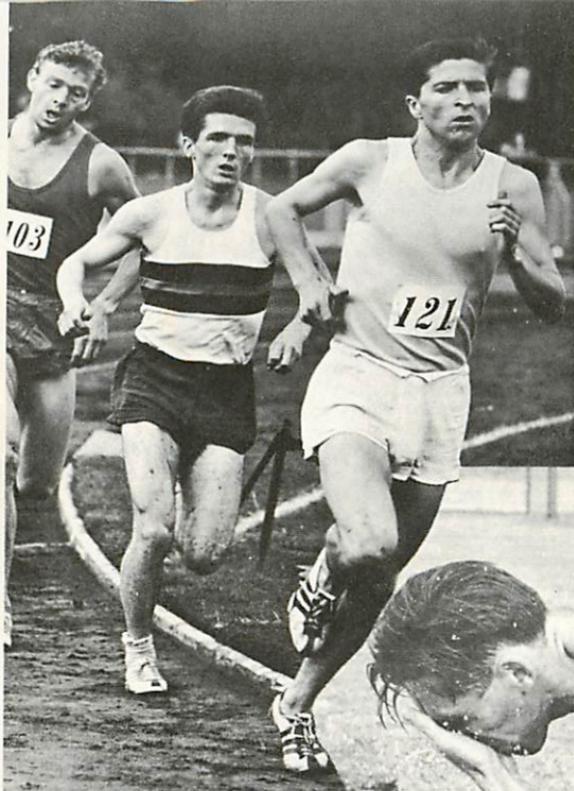
also competed: A. Major, J. Tappy, I. Chandler, P. Smith, S. Bradshaw, D. McMillan, R. Freeman.

17th August---Woodford

Support for this away match against Woodford Green AC and Blackheath H. was, as usual, poor. Notable senior performers for Belgrave, were Bill Kerr (4:18.2) who won the mile, and Peter Pepe (58.3) who took the 440 hurdles. The home club won the senior match with 100 points to Blackheath's 73 and our 70.

The second match was for Juniors and Youths combined. Dave Pottinger won the long jump with 20'-2 1/2" and Chris Ryan was second in the 100 yds with 10.5. Woodford took the match again with 111 points, from ourselves with 57 and Blackheath with 53.





# WALKING

## VAUXHALL SPORTS OPEN 20 KILOS - 8th JUNE

A field day for Belgrave, 1st & 2nd in the individual scratch race, 1st and 3rd in the individual handicap, and of course, winners of the team scratch race. Prizes, prizes, prizes...!!!

Vaughan Thomas and Ray Middleton went right away from a good class field to finish well clear of Clark (Poly) and Don Thompson (Met. W.C.) with John Knifton and Ray Hall providing excellent support, and we finished 4 in 7.

### RESULT:

1. V. Thomas	Belgrave	'A'	101:21	10. K.J. Bailey	Bels	'B'	109:58
2. R.C. Middleton	"	"	101:53	13. D.A. Bartliff	"	'A'	113:09
3. R.A. Clark	Poly H.	"	104:14	18. W.A. Belderson	"	'B'	115:59
4. D.J. Thompson	Met. W.C.	"	104:58	21. B. Eglington	"	"	118:26
5. J.F. Knifton	Belgrave	'A'	105:19	27. J. Morris	"	"	125:57
7. R.C. Hall	"	"	109:50	28. J. Wilson	"	"	128:55
9. G.R. Farley	"	"	109:56	32. P. Wilson	"	"	136:25

### RESULT OF SCRATCH TEAM RACE.

1. Belgrave H. 'A'	12 points	4. Highgate H.	59 points
2. Met. W.C.	48 points	5. Queens P.H.	74 points
3. Belgrave H. 'B'	51 points		

## Harry Shields puts some views on

### THE R.W.A. 50 kilos

#### BADDESLEY COLLIERY, Nr. Atherstone, Warwick: June 15th

When a new Champion arrives, we are all curious to know how he does it, and whether or not he is made of the same as ordinary mortals. It becomes of greater import when our own Ray Middleton topped that great walker Don Thompson, who had no less than 7 successive victories to his credit, by a margin of five minutes in World Championship time.

Anyone who has raced 50 Km in the boiling sun knows that such a man must be of true steel with the courage and determination that can only be brought to a fine edge by the temper of constant training, thought and experience, enjoyment of the sport and loyalty to his Club and companions. These are the characteristics of a true champion and the knowledge of how they were typified in Ray, gave us privileged few there to see and help him, an added glow of pleasure.

Our best wishes we extend to a fine club man and a loyal team-mate that the rewards of endeavour will be his in the future, most particularly in Olympic year. The team result did not have quite such a happy ending.

After leading, and while actually lying in 2nd place, Vaughan Thomas retired with a complaint not previously listed under 'Belgrave Harriers' - Occupational Diseases', this meant, in a similar way to the R.W.A. 20 mile Championship, that we could not retain the trophy for the first club to finish eight men, and in spite of valiant efforts, the loss of the championship by the narrow margin of four points to our old rivals, S.W.C.

Congratulations to Ray Hall on his captain's part of marshalling his team and to Bob Farley and Don Bartliff on their splendid efforts to snatch victory from the fire. Also to the band of whippers-in and helpers who, although sworn and cursed at, are in due time thanked for their unstinting support.

### RESULT

1. R. Middleton	Bels.	4:16:43	19. D. Bartliff	Bels.	4:51:30
2. D. Thompson	Met. W.C.	4:21:43	28. G. Beecham	"	5:01:33
3. C. Fogg	Enfield	4:22:52	35. B. Eglington	"	5:10:05
4. P. Mihill	S.W.C.	4:26:06	39. J. Morris	"	5:13:37
5. R. Wallwork	Lancs	4:28:00	45. J. Keown	"	5:21:00
6. K. Mason	S.W.C.	4:28:44	56. J. Wilson	"	5:32:17
8. R. Hall	Bels	4:34:07	63. P. Wilson	"	5:43:06
13. G. Farley	"	4:42:50	84 Started	-	10 teams

THE MILAN TROPHY - Surrey W.C. 'A' Eighth Man in 34th team position.

### Team Championship

1. Surrey W.C. 'A'	23 pts.	4. Leicester W.C.	83 pts.
2. Belgrave H. 'A'	27 pts.	5. Sheffield U.H.	88 pts.
3. Metropolitan W.C.	61 pts.	6. Woodford A.C.	95 pts.

# THE CLUB '2'

Wednesday June 12th

This event, for the "A. J. Sawyer" Cup and "Don Brown" Style Award, is usually incorporated in the Club Track Championships, but this year's event was switched to an evening meeting as there was a fixture clash on Championship day.

John Knifton was in fine form and soon drew clear of the field; main interest settling on Hall and Farley who were having a tremendous tussle for 2nd place. John increased his lead to 40 seconds and won in 14:48:2 followed by Ray Hall who just had the edge on Bob Farley.

Knifton also took the Style Award.

RESULT:

1. J. F. Knifton	14:48:2	7. C. MacLennan	17:12:6
2. R. C. Hall	15:28:2	8. G. P. Cameron	17:29:2
3. G. R. Farley	15:30:8	9. A. H. East	18:50:4
4. W. A. Belderson	16:23:0	10. N. Hemlin	19:26:0
5. D. A. Bartliff	16:43:8	11. P. Wilson	19:34:6
6. S. L/Jones	17:08:6		

Style Award : J. Knifton. Standards: 1st class - 15:30 - Nil 16:30 (2nd class) Belderson.

## Belgrave Inter Club Walks

Battersea Park - July 3rd

Recognised as the unofficial track championship of London Clubs this popular Belgrave promotion attracted 12 teams and 89 starters.

In previous years there had been races over 5, 3, 2, and 1 mile with two competitors per club per race. This year the 1 mile event was dropped and the number of walkers increased to 3 per club. Points were awarded on a 36 - down basis and winners by 5 points were Surrey W.C. (250) with Belgrave second.

It took Vaughan Thomas 3 miles to shake off Godber of Cambridge in the long race, but when he did so, he went away by over a minute and chopped 33 seconds off Tom Misson's meeting record.

Knifton and Farley walked well in the '3' but Belderson was below his best finishing 17th with all three Fullagers of Surrey W.C. ahead of him.

Ray Middleton finished second in the '2' with Ted Smith 9th. Non-scorers from all clubs were allowed to take part in this race and first of those to finish was Gerry Cameron in 14th position.

RESULTS: 5 miles.

1. V. Thomas Bels.	37:00	4. C. Fogg Enfield	40:20
2. J. Godbeer Cam.H.	38:09	17. G. Checkley Bels.	43:41
3. A. Thomson Met. W.C.	40:00	21. C. Yescombe "	44:55

Leader's Time at - 1 ml. 7.15 2 mls. 14.41 3 mls. 22.08 4 mls. 29.37

3 Miles

1. R. Clark Poly.	22.23	4. G. Farley Bels.	23.26
2. B. Hawkins Met.W.C.	22.31	5. M. Fullager S.W.C.	23.27
3. J. Knifton Bels.	22.46	17. W. Belderson Bels.	25.06

2 miles.

1. P. Selby S.W.C.	14:12	14. * G. Cameron Bels	16:31
2. R. Middleton Bels.	14:40	15. S.L/Jones "	16:36
3. K. Easlea Enfield	14:42	18. * C. MacLennan "	17:30
9. E. Smith Bels.	15:29	22. * N. Hamlin "	18:05

\* non scoring.

<u>Points</u>	<u>5 miles</u>	<u>3 miles</u>	<u>2 miles</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Surrey W.C.	81	81	88	250
2. Belgrave H.	72	87	86	245
3. Metropolitan W.C.	82	63	89	234

12 teams competed.

Ray Hall, who won last year's Stock Exchange London - Brighton Walk in record time, had to give second best this year to Ken Mason of Surrey W.C. Mason was second to Ray last year so daggers are drawn for next year's "decider"!

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In the Leicester 'Mercury' Open 20, Vaughan Thomas had a ding-dong battle with Olympic champion Don Thompson before winning by 22 seconds in 2:54:52. Bob Farley was 5th in 3:06:44 and took second place in the handicap.

# ANOTHER WIN FOR THOMAS

BELGRAVE WIN BIRMINGHAM "25"- Don Bartliff reports.

On Saturday 13th July at Birmingham, Vaughan Thomas walked a fine race to win the 'Outer Circle 25 Miles' in 3 hours 25 mins. 43 secs. beating Don Thompson's course record by over a minute. Over a tough course Vaughan led from start to finish and was never troubled, crossing the line over 12 minutes ahead of A. G. Thomson of Met. W.C. Ken Bailey also walked a well judged race and was our second man home in 6th position, Bob Farley after a very fast start, faded rather badly in the later stages of the race but held on to finish 8th in third team position. The race was marred when six walkers, including Ray Hall who was very well placed at the time, were directed off course after about 12 miles, but Ray fought back gamely and overtook Don Bartliff and Pat Duncan to finish 10th and so complete the scoring and winning team. Pat Duncan who appears to stroll through these distances took second place in the individual handicap.

**RESULT:**

1. V. Thomas	Bels.	3:25.43
2. A. G. Thomson	Met. W.C.	3:38.04
3. D. Vale	Surrey W.C.	3:39.23
6. D. Bailey	Bels	3:50.47
8. G. Farley	"	3:56.29
10. R. Hall	"	3:57.0
12. D. Bartliff	"	3:57.59
16. P. Duncan	"	4:0.56

Teams

1. Belgrave	22 points
2. Surrey W.C.	27 "
3. Met W.C.	47 "

## The Swiss Trip

As was mentioned in the last issue of the "Belgravian" a party of walkers spent their holidays this year racing in Switzerland. The group was made up of walkers from various clubs and contained several internationals. Four 'Bels' Ray Middleton, John Knifton, Bob Barnes and Gerald Cameron were in the party and the first two names ensured that the claret and gold was carried very prominently.

The first race was held over a very tough, hilly course of more than 16 kilos. John Knifton and Ray Middleton were soon in front with John slightly in the lead. Ray's strength told in the end, however, and he won by half a minute with John an excellent second ahead of Swiss internationals Poretti and Calderari. Gerald Cameron in 11th place was the first junior.

John's good form was confirmed in the next race which was over another tough course of 17 kilos. He and John Godbeer (Cambridge H.) disputed the lead for most of the way and it was only near the end that our John was forced to concede first place. Ray Middleton walked another good race to finish third and Gerald Cameron was 15th and 2nd junior. Bob Barnes was persuaded to come out of his retirement and finished 19th.

The final race was a 5 kilos hill walk. It started in a village at the foot of the hill and finished at the top. This obviously suited our Ray as he stormed to an easy victory. John walked well again to finish fourth and is, on this form, going to be a force to be reckoned with in top class walking this winter.

The trip itself was very enjoyable and the experience of racing abroad invaluable. It is hoped that if another such trip is organised, more Bels will take part.

G. C.

21-7-63 Lugano-Tesserete-Lugano 16 kilos.

1. Ray Middleton	1h. 25m. 50s.
2. John Knifton	1h. 26m. 22s.
3. Giorgio Poretti (Switzerland)	1h. 30m. 20s.
11. Gerald Cameron	1h. 36m. 19s.
30 finished.	

30-7-63 Muggio 17 kilos.

1. John Godbeer (Cambridge H)	1h. 25m. 40s.
2. John Knifton	1h. 25m. 49s.
3. Ray Middleton	1h. 26m. 36s.
15. Gerald Cameron	1h. 40m. 22s.
19. Bob Barnes	1h. 51m. 18s.
22 finished	

3-8-63 Bozzoreda-Curreggia 5 kilos

1. Ray Middleton	22 mins 55 secs.	4. John Knifton	23 mins 27 secs.
2. Colin Young (Essex B.)	23 mins 12 secs.	14. Gerald Cameron	25 mins 34 secs.
3. Giorgio Poretti (Switzerland)	23 mins 15 secs.	20. Bob Barnes	30 mins 12 secs.

Bill Belderson took part in the British Police 2 mile track championship held at Smethwick Stadium, Birmingham on Saturday 20th July, finishing 6th in 16:43.

## MATCH V. M.P.A.A. AT BATTERSEA PARK - 10th JULY.

1. V. Thomas	Belgrave H.	13:59.6	9. R.P.Hopper	M.P.A.A	16:41
2. J. F. Knifton	"	14:40.6	10. D. Fotheringham	"	17:25
3. E.W.Hall	"	14:56.4	11. M. Hamlin	Bels.	17:56
4. G. R. Farley	"	15:08.4	12. R. Johnson	M.P.A.A	18:05
5. R.C. Hall	"	15:11.0	13. C. D. Gittens	Bels	18:37
6. E.A. Smith	"	15:26.0	14. A.H.East	"	18:42
7. G. S. Checkley	M.P.A.A.	16:21.0	15. H.W.Shields	"	19:19
8. G. P. Cameron	Bels.	16:36.0	16. D. Logan	"	19:34

Match Result: (scoring 4 a side) Belgrave H. 10 pts. M.P.A.A. 26 pts.

Handicap Result: 1. V. Thomas 13:59.6 scratch 13:59.6  
 2. E.W. Hall 14:56.4 0.55 14:01.4  
 3. E. A. Smith 15:26.0 1.20 14:06.0  
 4. G. C. Checkley 16:21 2.15 14:06.0

## Thomas wins Southern 20 kilos

Victoria Park, Saturday 20th July.

Vaughan Thomas was again in good form when he continued his 'battle for supremacy' with his Surrey W.C. rival, Paul Nihill in the Southern Area 20 Kilos. The race started with Nihill rushing into a comfortable lead followed by Vaughan and John Edgington (Coventry Godiva), but by the time the field had reached 10 Kilos, Vaughan had cut this lead to a mere 3 secs. with Ray Hall and Bob Farley giving a good account of themselves in the middle of the field. At 15 Kilos, Vaughan was still on Nihill's shoulder and as the Belgrave man put on the pressure, the Surrey man began to fade, and with the international selectors looking on, Vaughan forged ahead to win this important race in 95 mins. 12 secs., some 20 secs ahead of Edgington, with Nihill in 3rd place. Ray Hall did very well to finish 8th, followed by Bob Farley 10th and Don Bartliff, 17th.

## RESULT:

1. V. Thomas	Belgrave H.	95:12	8. R.C. Hall	Belgrave H.	104:52
2. J. Edgington	C. Godiva	95:32	10. G. Farley	"	108:08
3. P. Nihill	Surrey W.C.	96:37	17. D. Bartliff	"	111:50
	27 started		21 finished.		D.B.

## 2 miles track h'cap

BATTERSEA PARK - 24th July.

This race produced a very close result and some fine walking from Steve L/Jones who recorded 16.06 in the scratch race - his best time to date. The handicap was won by Mick Hamlin (3.45) a youngster with plenty of potential with veteran Dennis Logan (5:25) second and Steve (2.50) third. In a combined match with Surrey W.C., the Bels lost 178 points to 122, scoring 12 a side. Surrey filled the first four places.

1. P. V. Nihill	S.W.C.	13:59	12. D. Fotheringham	Bels	17:23
2. P. Selby	S.W.C.	14:38	18. J. Wilson	"	18:23
5. S.L/Jones	Bels	16:06	19. C. Gittens	"	18:34
6. W. Belderson	"	16:19	21. A. East	"	18:54
7. D. A. Bartliff	"	16:26	22. H. Shields	"	18:58
10. P. Duncan	"	17:09	23. D. Logan	"	18:59
11. M. Hamlin	"	17:09	24. T. Cook.	"	19:05

## Handicap Results

Belgrave H.	Time	Allowance	H'Cap time
1. M. Hamlin	17:09	3.45	13:24
2. D. Logan	18:59	5.25	13:24
3. S. L/Jones	16:06	2.30	13:36

## Surrey W.C.

1. J. Clements	17.03	3.45	13:18
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## Match Result -

Belgrave H. 178 pts. Surrey W.C. 122 points.

(scoring 12 a side)

D.B.

On Saturday 3rd July and the White City, Ray Middleton competed in the A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship finishing 4th in 14:42.8

## Dover to Canterbury & back

SATURDAY 27th July

The Bels scored an overwhelming victory on the Dover to Canterbury road on this hot Saturday afternoon. Over a very tough 28 miles course, the 'A' team scored 1,2, and 3 in the team race to record 6 points to Surrey W.C. 17 points and Woodford Green 33 points. At the start, Vaughan Thomas went into a long lead and it would seem as though he had his eyes on another course record, but with the heat and the hills, these hopes soon faded. Vaughan was still ahead at the turn well backed up by Ken Bailey, Bob Farley and Ray Hall, who after a slow start, was beginning to move through the field. Vaughan slowed up over the return journey but managed to hold his position to win the race by 28 secs. from Dennis Read (Steyning A.C.) who was closing very fast at the finish. Ken Bailey who seems to like this course, walked a great race for 3rd place. This is by far Ken's best performance to date and a truly magnificent effort. Ray Hall also walked well and by the finish had worked his way into 4th position, so the Bels had three men home before any other team finished one. With Bob Farley 11th, Don Bartliff 13th, and George Beecham 14th, our prospects for the London-Brighton in September look very bright.

D.B.

RESULT

1. V. Thomas	Belgrave H.	4:7:10	13. D. Bartliff	Bels.	4:32:4
2. D. Read	Steyning A.C.	4:7:38	14. G. Beecham	"	4:37:34
3. K. Bailey	Belgrave H.	4:9:45	22. P. Duncan	"	4:41:23
4. R. C. Hall	"	4:11:18	32. J. Wilson	"	5:1:35
11. G. Farley	"	4:29:37	41. P. Wilson	"	5:26:29

Teams.

1. Belgrave H. \_\_\_\_\_ 6 points, 2. S.W.C. \_\_\_\_\_ 17 points 3. Woodford Gn. \_\_\_\_\_ 33 points.

The Southern R.W.A. 10 miles "Garnet" Road Walking Championship was held on June 29th. Jack Goswell, who was Race Hon. Sec., must have been pleased to see the back of it, for it was originally planned for February 2nd one of the worst days of last winter. On that occasion, with all programmes printed and officials standing by, Jack was advised by the police to call it off on the morning of the race. A frantic rush of telegrams, 'phone calls & personal visits enabled all but a few to be notified in time. J.W.G., though, had the unenviable task of re-arranging the date, altering his list of available officials, revising the entries and producing new programmes. Being out of season, when finally held, affected entries rather, but the Championship was, nevertheless, a success.

Belgrave names were none too prominent, but most of our leading walkers are excluded by the barring clauses which are designed to give a regular turn-over of new names.

First Belgravian home was Cyril Yescombe (90:55) in 19th place, well ahead of MacLennan (96:48) 38th, J. Wilson (98:22) 45th and Potheringham (98:54) 47th.

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In the Inter-County 7 mile Track Walk Championship at Whitsun, Vaughan Thomas (Surrey) finished 2nd to the Colossus of the walking world - Ken Matthews.

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Alan Black (1) takes the water jump in the A.A.A. v. L.U. match. Alan (9:35.2) finished 2nd to Ben Grubb (6). For a picture of Alan next time round see page 22.

In the City Charity 2 mile on the fast Motspur Park track, Geoff North representing the Civil Service, finished first in 9:02.6. Whilst we expect this sort of form from Geoff, a 9:06.2 from Charlie Dabbs was extremely encouraging and shows that our Chas is by no means a 'scrubber' over the shorter distances.

## TURNVEREIN 1862 LANGEN e.V.

Such was the title of the German athletic Club who were our guests for 3 days in August. Langen, situated near Frankfurt, is a very sports-minded town, and, judging by the all round strength of the 41 strong team they managed to send, the athletic club plays no small part in the local sporting activities.

After months of preparation, principally by our President, his wife, Bob Taylor and Ted Pallant, our visitors arrived at Victoria Station at 3:42 p.m. on Tuesday August 13th. The linguistic talents of our reception committee left much to be desired and we were indeed fortunate that the Langen Club had such an excellent interpreter in Herr Armin. Accommodation had been arranged at 'Friendship House' in Wandsworth Road and it was not long before our coach was speeding our guests to their quarters - with Ted Pallant's taxi bulging, creaking and straining behind with the extra luggage!

The Warden of 'Friendship House', who could speak German, welcomed the party and they soon settled in. Apparently they made full use of their available time for sightseeing and enjoying themselves - but their athletics had not been forgotten. On the Wednesday morning at 8.30 a.m. our President paid a courtesy visit to 'Friendship House' only to find the whole party had left for a training session at Battersea Park Track! Our President, no doubt, had had a special early morning call as it was, but he proceeded, undaunted, to the track where training was in full swing. Perhaps he was still not fully awake, for he was unable to provide our Track Secretary with any worthwhile tips!

On the evening of the same day, the athletic match was held. Mrs. Shepherd had arranged for Selsonia Ladies A.C. to compete against the Turnverein ladies in a separate match. So with two to score on each side, the meeting had the air of a full-scale international, although, of course, a darned sight more friendly!

The match was a great success. Our turn-out was good, the programme ran to time and a fair number of spectators were present. Charlie Manning brought along 10 German guests of his own (goodness knows where he kept them all!) and they combined with the Turnverein team. This, however, did not affect the match result which deservedly went to our visitors by 100 - 85 in the men's match and 18 - 15 in the women's.

Generally, we had the edge on the track, whilst the Germans swept the field events - except for the senior javelin where Colin Clair's 186'4" was a worthy win. Senior and Junior contests were held in 3 field events and all track events up to 1 mile. The only event for Seniors alone was the 2 miles where Bill Kerr lead from gun to tape in 9:10.2, ahead of Dabbs and Fairclough. Chris Ryan scored a junior sprint double over Turnverein's Rotharmel (10.3 and 23.5) but only managed it by a whisker in the 220 yards.

The biggest ovation was for Ormert who was an unexpected winner of the senior mile. Several times he appeared to be dropped and struggling while Alan Black towed O'Hara round the first 3 laps. With 300 yards to go, O'Hara shot ahead and it looked first and second for the Bels, but Ormert dug deep into his reserves, steadily closed the gap down the back straight, passed Black with 150 to go and surged past O'Hara 40 yards out with a truly desperate finish.

Although less exciting, a race of great interest was the Senior 880 yards where 18 yrs. old Hugh Barrow A.A.A. Junior mile champion, friend of Bill Kerr and, indeed, friend of Belgrave, was competing as a guest. For Turnverein, there was Hannika, who had turned in some very good 800 m. times; and for Belgrave, David Cocks, first year senior who had chopped his best 'half' from 1:54.6 to 1:50.7 just 3 weeks earlier. Barrow shot straight to the front with Cocks and Hannika following in Indian file, and passed the bell in 56.0. At the start of the back straight Cocks stepped out from between his two rivals and forged ahead gaining ground with every pace. The Scotsman chased hard, with Hannika close by, but could make no impression and on entering the final straight the German sprinted into 2nd place 10 yards down on the winner.

The best two performers of the day were Hardsek and Tilly of Turnverein. The former won the senior 100 yards (10.2) 200 yds (22.4) and long jump (23'13") and the latter the Junior long jump (22'12") shot (48'10") and javelin (172'11").

Selsonia's international Madeleine Cobb, was an easy winner of the women's 100 yards from Erika Muller, but the tall blonde German girl took the long sprint from Chase of Selsonia and as darkness fell, clinched the high jump with 4'11" in the last event of the day.

After the meeting, each member of the German team was presented with a Belgrave Championship bronze medal and many of these medals were soon adopted for wear on the lapel.

On Thursday evening, a Social Dance was held at Belgrave Hall, with Ted Pallant having made all the necessary arrangements. Bill Lucas was Master of Ceremonies and on several occasions had to call in the assistance of that invaluable man, Herr. Armin. The evening was exceptionally well attended with both bar and dance hall full at the same time! Some of the club chairs were lucky to survive a rather hectic game of dancing musical chairs and were even luckier later in the evening when a repeat performance produced some most interesting tussles by our German friends, whose determination to beat each other at this, indeed, strenuous game, was highly amusing to watch.

After the hectic activities of the conga, the Gay Gordons, the Hokey-Cokey, and even 'Knees-up-Mother-Brown', the hullabaloo quietened down, mainly through exhaustion, and the opportunity was taken for a reciprocal presentation to be made.

After our President had made a speech of welcome, the leader of the Langen Club, Herr. Werner Bernhardt, presented to Belgrave Harriers his Club's pennant which he asked might be hung in Belgrave Hall to commemorate his team's visit. He also made an official invitation for us to visit Langen in 1964 - this was warmly received. Herr Bernhardt expressed his appreciation of our hospitality and on behalf of his Club thanked us for their enjoyable stay with Belgrave. He then made a further presentation of a book on Langen, Germany, together with a letter from the Mayor.

Dave Martin Shepherd thanked Herr. Bernhardt for the pennant and book, and on behalf of Belgrave Harriers, presented the Langen Club with our Club shield. He accepted the invitation for 1964 with much pleasure and trusted that the results of the previous night would be reversed! Festivities came to an end at midnight after a very enjoyable evening.

And so came the time to depart, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday August 16th, 41 members of Turnverein 1862 Langen e.v. Germany, entrained for Blackpool where they were to continue their holiday with Blackpool & Fylde A.C. We hope they left with happy memories of their first visit to Belgrave Harriers.

MEETING RESULTS:		100 yds.	220 yds.	440 yds.	
1. Hardsek	TV	10.2	1. Hardsek	TV 22.4	
2. Leroy	Bels	10.3	2. Leroy	Bels 22.7	
3. Glas	TV	10.5	3. Glas	TV 22.9	
4. Pepe	Bels	11.0	4. Cocks	Bels 23.8	
1. Leroy	Bels	50.3	2. Schafer	TV 51.6	
2. Schafer	TV	51.6	3. Boller	TV 51.8	
3. Boller	TV	51.8	4. Pepe	Bels 53.2	
4. Pepe	Bels	53.2			
380 yds.		1 mile		2 miles	
1. Cocks	Bels	1:53.0	1. Omert	TV	4:20.5
2. Hannika	TV	1:54.4	2. O'Hara	Bels	4:22.0
3. Hillier	Bels	1:59.3	3. Black	"	4:24.5
4. Armin	TV	-	4. Angus	"	4:37.6
1. Kerr	Bels	9:10.2	2. Dabbs	"	9:17.2
2. Dabbs	"	9:17.2	3. Fairclough	"	9:20
3. Fairclough	"	9:20	4. Goner	TV	9:22
4. Goner	TV	9:22			
Long Jump		Javelin		Shot	
1. Hardsek	TV	23'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	1. Clair	Bels	186'4"
2. Glas	"	22'0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	2. Jrkowski	TV	160'1"
3. Leroy	Bels	19'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	3. Kretschmar	"	153'3"
4. Leyer	"	19'0"	4. Couzens	Bels	145'3"
1. Jarkowski	TV	42'2"	2. Cybinski	"	41'5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
2. Cybinski	"	41'5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	3. Clair	Bels	38'9"
3. Clair	Bels	38'9"	4. Finn	"	38'8"
4. Finn	"	38'8"			

#### JUNIORS

100 yds.		220 yds.	440 yds.		
1. Ryan	Bels	10.3	1. Ryan	Bels 23.5	
2. Rotharmel	TV	10.8	2. Rotharmel	TV 23.5	
3. Jahm	"	10.8	3. Pottinger	Bels 23.8	
4. Pottinger	Bels	-	4. Schafer	TV 24.1	
1. Kunter	TV	51.4	2. Jahn	" 53.3	
2. Jahn	"	53.3	3. Mead	Bels 54.1	
3. Mead	Bels	54.1	4. Perry	" 60.1	
4. Perry	"	60.1			
380 yds.		1 mile		Long Jump	
1. Mead	Bels	2:09.9	1. Hampshire	Bels	4:44.7
2. Muller	TV	2:12.6	2. Leist	TV	4:45.6
3. Leaver	Bels	2:13.4	3. Hayes	Bels	4:47.4
4. Ruthkowski	TV	2:14.7	4. Mann	TV	5:45.6
1. Tilly	TV	22'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	2. Weasiepe	"	21'10"
2. Weasiepe	TV	167'0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	3. Pottinger	Bels	20'6"
3. Rees	Bels	126'0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	4. Mitchell	"	19'9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
4. Finn	"	114'11"			
Javelin		Shot			
1. Tilly	TV	172'11"	1. Tilly	TV	48'10"
2. Weasiepe	TV	167'0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	2. Butow	TV	46'2"
3. Rees	Bels	126'0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	3. Finn	Bels	43'12"
4. Finn	"	114'11"	4. Martin	"	37'18"

#### WOMEN

100 yds.		220 yds.	High Jump	
1. Cobb	Sel	11.3	1. Muller	TV 4'11"
2. Muller	TV	11.8	2. Chase	Sel 4'8"
3. Chase	Sel	12.2	3. Farmer	Sel 4'6"
4. Hana	TV	12.7	4. Gramer	TV 29.0
1. Muller	TV	26.7	2. Kaiser	TV 4'8"
2. Chase	Sel	27.5	3. Palmer	Sel 4'6"
3. Farmer	Sel	28.8	4. Baylam	Sel 4'2"
4. Gramer	TV	29.0		

#### MATCH RESULTS:

Men. 1. Turnverein Langen ( Seniors 51, Juniors 49)-----100 points  
 2. Belgrave Harriers ( Seniors 46, Juniors 39)-----85 points

#### Women

1. Turnverein Langen---18 points, 2. Selsonia L.A.C.---15 points.

SENIOR CLUB RECORDS			
100 yards	I. Mayers	5/1955	9.9 secs.
220 yards	B. Morris	6/1961	21.6 "
440 yards	B. Morris	9/1961	48.0 "
880 yards	D. Cocks	7/1963	1:50.7 secs.
1 mile	M. Robinson	4/1963	4:07.1 secs.
2 miles	M. Robinson	5/1963	8:47.8 secs.
3 miles	Gerald North	5/1963	13:43.0 secs.
6 miles	Gerald North	7/1963	28:11.4 secs.
10 miles	C. Dabbs	4/1960	51:15 secs.
Marathon	B. Sawyer	6/1963	2:28:08 secs.
3,000m S'chase	A. Black	6/1962	9:20.0 secs.
4 x 110 yds	D. Merrett, I Mayers, B. Walden, R. Holtum	7/1954	42.6 secs.
4 x 440 yds	P. Eldridge, B. Morris, G. Worrall, G. Leroy.	8/1961	3:15.3 secs.
2 mile walk	S. F. Vickers	7/1960	13:02.4 secs. <span style="float: right;">W.R.</span>
7 mile walk	S. F. Vickers	9/1958	50:09.0 secs.
120 yds. hurdles	R. T. Tolson	7/1960	15.3 secs.
220 yds. hurdles	D. J. Merrett	6/1955	24.3 secs.
440 yds. hurdles	P. Pepe	8/1962	55.5 secs.
High Jump	J. Doids	7/1936	6 ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ins
Long Jump	P. C. Luxon	8/1954	23 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins
Hop, Step & Jump	D. C. Boosey	7/1962	50 ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins
Pole Vault	M. Ash	6/1956	12 ft. 9 ins
Weight	D. McCorquindale	6/1959	51 ft. 4 ins.
Javelin	W. C. G. Patrick	7/1954	198 ft. 5 ins.
Discus	T. J. Gaworski	5/1956	154 ft. 10 ins
Hammer	P. L. Porter	7/1957	171 ft. 8 ins.
Decathlon	M. Ash	9/1956	5,178 points

These records are unofficial. They are based on the recorded performances of first-claim members and are not, at present, subject to any qualifications or conditions regarding ratification. A special sub-committee will shortly be convened to look into the question of giving Club records official status and to recommend a set of rules regarding the recognition of new marks.

Vaughan Thomas walking for the R.A.F. won the Lepton Branker 2 miles track walk on July 31st. His time of 13:39.0 was the fastest recorded this year. He remarked, on finishing, "This performance has shown me just how good Stan Vickers must have been to set that world mark of 13:02.4."

## CLUB JUNIOR RECORDS

100 yds.	F.W.R. Kemp Clive Ryan	July 1950) June, 1957)	10.2
220 yds.	A.D. Sexton	July 1949	22.1
440 yds.	D. Cocks	June 1962	49.7
880 yds.	D. Cocks	Aug. 1962	1:56.4
1 mile	J. Bicourt	1963	4:17.6
1,500 m S'Chse.	J. Bicourt	July 1962	4:44.0
4 x 110 yds	Marshall, Tebbutt, Rae, Sexton	July 1949	43.5
1 mile walk	J.F. Knifton	July 1958	7:08.9
120 yds. Hlds.	R.J. Briggs	July 1946	16.6
220 yds. Hlds.	J. Sams	July 1958	23.1
High Jump	S.R. Day D. Wade	Aug. 1955) May 1962)	5 ft. 8 ins.
Long Jump	D. Wade	May 1962	21 ft. 11 ins.
Hop Step Jump	C.R. Jones	June 1953	41 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
Weight	J.P. Jones	July 1954	53 ft. 1 in.
Discus	J. Grey	June 1949	137 ft. 8 ins.
Javelin	G.M. Edwards	July 1955	181 ft. 11 ins.

**Q...1.** To what occasion does the following press report refer?  
 .....probably the best performance of the afternoon was the mile in which D. G. Maclean clocked 4:28.2, a time which .....was faster than Sydney Wooderson's 4:29.8 in 1933. Maclean outclassed and outran the others with a lovely smooth striding action which left him without a challenger over the last half lap."

**2.** Who was the Belgrave athlete who, when only a Youth, set a Club Junior long-jump record of 21'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in 1954?

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Alan Black takes a dive and gives his first A.A.A. vest a drenching during the A.A.A./London University match at Motspur Park. Perhaps it should have been an A.S.A. vest!

# ROAD RUNNING

Barry Sawyer represented Hampshire in the Inter-County '20' at Victoria Park on June 1st, and was their first man home, finishing 16th in 1:52:57. Winner was J. Alder (1:45:16) for Northumberland and Durham.

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At Chigwell, on June 22nd, Chris Steer finished 15th in the C.W.S. '10' with a time of 56:17. Winner was M. Gale (Bristol) 52:57. Out of 18 teams, Belgrave were 10th in the team result.

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Norman Stairs finished 18th in the R.R.C. marathon on July 13th. His time of 2:47:04 was 19:03 behind Lusty of Ealing---the surprise winner.

## THE POLY MARATHON

### June 15th

Eight starters---eight finishers. That was Belgrave's contribution to the 50th Polytechnic marathon, and here are the eight heroes:-



From left to right, Norman Stairs, Barry Sawyer, Alan Bishop, Len Bishop, John Moore, Charlie Walker, Denis Jones, and Derek Crookes. This picture was taken at Windsor Castle just before they were sent on their way by Her Majesty The Queen. Conditions were ideal for distance running and at 10 miles Walker and Sawyer were together in eighth place. At 16 miles Charlie had been dropped from his group and at 22 miles Barry hit a bad patch when in 6th position. However, both men recovered from their set-backs to record top class times. Sawyer's 2:28:08 was a Club record and Walker's 2:33:07 was for his first ever marathon! John Moore and Derek Crookes were also competing at this distance for the first time.

### RESULT

1. L. Edelen....(Hadleigh)	.2:14:28
2. R. Hill.....(Bolton)	.2:18:06
3. J. Taylor....(Coventry)	.2:22:08
9. B. Sawyer....(BELGRAVE)	.2:28:08
14.C. Walker....	" " .2:33:07

### Open Team

1. Walton AC..	34 pts
2. T.V.H.....	48 pts
3. Bolton.....	50 pts
4. BELGRAVE H.	52 pts

### Southern Team

1. Walton AC..	13 pts
2. T.V.H.....	23 pts
3. BELGRAVE H.	23 pts

# BELGRAVE OPEN '20'

## WIMBLEBON - July 20th.

Two names who are likely to score many more successes on the road, T. Sugden (Leeds Harehills) and K. Wright (Derby & County), provided plenty of interest to this year's promotion by fighting out the lead for the last 12 miles. It was only half way up Copsse Hill for the final time that 21 years old Sugden shook off his rival and went on to win in the fourth fastest-ever time. The first two ran particularly well, for the atmosphere was oppressively humid and was partly responsible for a third of the field retiring.

The race was started by the Deputy Mayor of Wimbledon, Councillor T. W. Scott, and 95 runners commenced the first of three circuits. At 5 miles (26:30) a group of ten had broken clear and included our own Barry Sawyer and Chas. Walker - both battling also for the 'Lady Fell' Shield and Club Championship. Unfortunately, Charlie was dropped first time up "Copsse" and looked unhappy for the rest of the journey; his final time being over 10 minutes slower than the time in which he passed thro' twenty in the Polytechnic Marathon.

Barry was one of the last to be dropped by the leaders and as the race wore on looked a good thing for 3rd place, but his last lap was disappointing and young Barry Collins of Surrey A.C. running in his first '20' romped home a clear minute ahead.

The team contest resulted in a supreme win for Notts A.C. who beat Walton by 5 points. Belgrave clinched 3rd place from Derby on the positions of last scoring men.

Arthur Penstone was again the promoter and he and his many helpers must be congratulated on getting things off without a hitch. Messrs. Whitbreads & Watneys were amongst this year's donors, providing assistance both financial and liquid!

### RESULT:

1. J. Sugden.....(Leeds H.).....	1:49:26
2. K. Wright.....(Derby & Cty)....	1:49:51
3. B. Collins.....(Surrey AC).....	1:52:56
4. B. Sawyer.....(BELGRAVE H.)....	1:53:57
5. D. Rhodes.....(Notts AC).....	1:53:58
6. E. Butcher.....(Colchester).....	1:54:55
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18. J. Moore.....(BELGRAVE H)....	2:01:25
22. C. Walker.....( " " ).....	2:02:39
24. N. Stairs.....( " " ).....	2:03:51

### TEAMS

1. Notts AC.....	29pts
2. Walton AC.....	34pts
3. BELGRAVE H.....	44pts
4. Derby & Cty AC.....	44pts
5. T.V.H.....	55pts
6. City of Rochester....	100pts
7. Epsom and Ewell.....	102pts
8. BELGRAVE "B".....	164pts

Barry Sawyer was 8th in the Hadleigh '6' on August 10th with a time of 31:18. Mel Batty was the winner in a record 29:58. This race also saw the welcome return to racing of Bob Glover who finished 31st in an untroubled 33:38.

Joe McDonald (42yrs) and Charlie Smart (55yrs) had a personal battle in this race. Charlie led down the hills and Joe up them, but the "youngster" had that final edge and, what's more, took the Veterans prize also!

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The 1965 Track Season has been a successful, but very strenuous one for Gerry North. On Whit Monday, he was 2nd to Hogan in the Inter-Countries '6' with a time of 28:37.2 and on July 5th he ran in the Helsinki World Games, finishing second to Vaillant (France) in the 10,000 m with 30:13.4. Just 7 days later, at the A.A.A. Championships, he did his fastest '6' of the year (28:11.4) - a performance which earned him a place in the England team versus Norway at Bergen on July 25th. This selection gained Gerry his first International vest since joining Belgrave and he carried it in grand style to win the 10,000 m. easily in 29:29.4.

Higher honours were to come his way on August 23rd when he gained a Great Britain vest against West Germany - but the toll of excessive racing was to tell and despite efforts to overcome his tiredness and lack of verve, he was not at all happy. He finished 3rd in 29:55.2. It says much for Gerry, though, that little more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  minute should divide his 'good' and 'bad' times. Few athletes are so reliable.

## SAND &amp; CINDERS

In the A.A.A. Championships at White City on 12/13th July, Gerry North finished 6th in the 6 miles, clocking 28:11.4, just one-fifth of a second faster than his time of last year, when he was also 6th. How's that for consistency?

John Thresher, barely free from injury, was eliminated in his 1 mile heat with 4:10.1, as was Peter Pepe who recorded 56.8 in the 440 yards hurdles. With Bill Kerr (14:00) finishing 12th in the 3 miles we were better represented than for some time.

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Derek Boosey whose 50'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " triple jump of last year ranked him 4th in Great Britain, has been plagued with injury this season - missing all of the important meetings. Twenty one years old, Derek made an effort to take the R.A.F. title, but after qualifying for the final with a painful 42ft.11 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. he had to withdraw. We wish him better fortune in Olympic year 1964.

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Belgrave won the London Transport Open 2 miles team race on Sunday August 18th beating Polytechnic H. and South London Harriers. Bill Kerr, who caught and passed Poly's front-running Irishman, Hogan, at half-way, won in a fine 8:51. Gerry North (9:01) was 3rd, Tony Firclough (9:28) 8th and Laurie O'Hara (9:31) 10th.

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How good it is to see Chris Ryan following in the footsteps of brother Clive. His 10.3 secs. Junior 100 yds. win over our German visitors was only one tenth of a second outside the Club record held by his brother and Frank Kemp. Clive has not left young Chris short of targets, and it will be interesting to see him show his paces over 440 yards where Clive's best as a junior was a nifty 50.8!

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Charlie Dabbs is back on top form again. He was 2nd to Hogan in the Insurance '6' with 30:09.5 (Sawyer was 6th in 31:02), and in August, finished only 3 secs. behind Tony Milner in the Walton A.C. 6 miles Championship with 29:35 - only 7 secs. outside his best ever. With a 9:06.2 two miles under his belt as well, Charlie is on the verge of shaking up a few reputations again.

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John Thresher has made excellent progress this year. His last mile time is down to 4:07.5 and he is a consistent sub-4:10 man. He represented London at Munich in the Inter-City match where he finished 2nd in the 1,500 m to Mitcham's Harvey in 3:50.8. He has also turned in an 8:48 two miles.

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Bill Kerr represented Middlesex in their match at Oxford early in the season, and won the 3 miles in a personal best of 13:46.8.

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It seems that fewer and fewer of our members qualify for Surrey as the years go by. An increasing proportion seem to live on the Middlesex side of the river and, as always, there are many others who live further out still - Kent Hampshire, Sussex etc. These, together with the several prominent performers who remain loyal to their county of birth, take a sizeable chunk away from our potential in Surrey County events.

Of this year's Championship, all that can be said is, John Thresher (4:10.9) was 6th in the mile and Peter Pepe (58.1) 2nd in the 440 yards hurdles

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Ranjit Bhatia has obtained a Reserve Commission in the Indian Army. He would have spent his vacation from Delhi University in England this year but frontier troubles necessitated his doing military training instead. He tells us that he was dragged out for a 5 miles mass cross-country run at 5 a.m. one day. The wearing of ammunition boots was compulsory, but he still enjoyed his run and was an easy winner - "The Sergeant Major became quite a friend after that" he remarks.

It is nice to know that Mal Robinson and Ranjit are in touch with each other and especially to hear that they both hope to be with us next summer.

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In the Surrey Junior Championship, Danny Wiseman succeeded Dave Cocks as holder of the 440 yards, winning the title in 51.0. His performance entitles him to a Junior Honours Badge. Danny has the makings of a great runner and his progress is being watched with great interest.

Another young Belgravian with plenty of potential is John Bicourt, who recorded a personal best mile time of 4:17.6 at the same meeting. He also qualifies for a Junior Honours Badge.

'Pardon my sun-shades!'



Mal Robinson wins the 2 miles (right) at the Southwestern relays Louisiana in 8:54.8 just three hours after running an anchor mile in a medley relay in a sizzling 4:06.5.

At the same meeting, Pennel just failed to beat the world record pole-vault and Edward Red threw the javelin 260'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Robinson and Red (left) were awarded the outstanding athlete trophies.

A few weeks later Mal strode to the U.S.A.'s best Collegiate 2 mile time of the year -locking 8:49.8



Mal Robinson, on vacation at Compton, California, after a hard term at the University of Southern Louisiana, ran a great 5,000 metres race on June 7th. The result was 1. Halberg (NZ) 13:52.0 2. Clohessy (Aus) 13:53.2 3. Kidd (Can) 14:00.0 4. Clark (U.S.A.) 14:02.0 5. Robinson 14:16.0 6. Hughes (U.S.A.) 14:22.0 Mal's time was equivalent to a 13:46.0 3 miles, just 3 secs. outside Gerry North's Club record.

## SOCIALLY YOURS

Once again the 'Social Season' is upon us and I would like to ask you for your support in all our forthcoming Social Activities.

As you will read in another report, we had a wonderful evening with our German visitors at Belgrave Hall, and there is no reason why all our activities should not be supported by you in this way.

If any of you have any ideas for our enjoyment, socially, I should be pleased to hear from you, as the Social Committee and I wish to provide new ventures when at all possible.

The dates of future events are as follows:-

- Oct. 12th--London to Brighton relay (Coach tickets from Bob Taylor)
- Oct 26th--Social--Belgrave hall
- Nov 16th--Annual Dinner & Dance--Ardington Rooms
- Dec 7th--Social--Belgrave Hall
- Dec 28th--Xmas Party Dance--Belgrave Hall
- 1964 Jan 5th--Children's Xmas Party (All members children 11 years and under)

For this names should be forwarded to myself or put on the list in the Hall.

On Social and Dance evenings, there will be a Licensed Bar.

TED PALLANT.

A.. (page 22) 1. L.A.C. Schools Challenge Cup - White City, May 21st 1961.

2. JOHNNY KEY - now a professional footballer with Fulham F.C.



**BACKPLACE**(Ed. Lacey)---Chris Steer leads Charlie Dabbs during the "Cecil Fry" Trophy meeting '31. They finished 5th and 3rd respectively with 14:28.0 and 14:22.4.

# 25 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 1938

The track season, now completed, must surely be one of the most successful we have ever had. Our teams have won the 'Reading Evening Gazette Trophy' and the 'Waddiloye Trophy' and in the 'Kimmaid Trophy' competition made our best show to date. The 'Doris Shield' and 'Inter-Club Relay Shield' have fallen easily to us and many of our members have been prominent in the important events of the season.

Perhaps the performance which gave us most pleasure was that of our team (Bird, Botwright, Jarlett & Pack) in taking second place in the A.A.A. 4 x 440 yards Relay Championship to Achilles A.C.

During the past months we were fortunate in securing the services of a Continental coach, Herr Franz Stampfl, whose vivacious enthusiasm and expert knowledge soon endeared him to our members .... Skelley & Melchoir (field events) accomplished performances late in the season which two months earlier had seemed almost impossible.

Congratulation to F. E. Bentley upon his selection to represent Great Britain in the 50 kilos walk at the European Games, and to C.F. Sutton upon being chosen as reserve.

Congratulations also to Eddie Pack upon his selection to represent England at Dublin. A few years ago Pack's times would have won A.A.A. titles. There can be little doubt that he was somewhat unfortunate in not receiving an invitation to go to the European Games.....

Our walkers made a brave show in the A.A.A. Championships. Cooper won once again with E.A. Stakes (Highgate H.) second. Harry Churoher was 3rd Percy Wright 4th and Don Brown and Joe Coleman also finished inside first class standard. Len Coleman was just outside and we had five men in the first eight places.

For the fourth consecutive year we have won the Southern Amateur Athletics League competition (field events) scoring 243 points. This represents 11 points out of a possible 12 from each event in which we have competed.

## SOLE LEADING MARKS THIS SEASON

| 440 yards          |        | 880 yards         |          | 1 mile          |         |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| G. Leroy.....      | 49.4   | D. Cocks.....     | 1:50.7   | M. Robinson...  | 4:07.1  |
| D. Cocks.....      | 49.6   | J. Thresher.....  | 1:55.1   | J. Thresher.... | 4:07.5  |
| D. Wiseman (J).... | 51.0   | D. Wiseman (J)... | 1:57.8   | K. Bhatia.....  | 4:11.9m |
| P. Pepe.....       | 52.8   | P. Hilliar.....   | 1:59.3   | W. Kerr.....    | 4:15.6  |
| P. Cornelius.....  | 52.9   |                   |          | Gerald North..  | 4:16.1  |
| 2 miles            |        | 3 miles           |          | 6 miles         |         |
| W. Kerr.....       | 8:44.6 | Gerald North...   | 13:43.0  | J. Bicourt. (J) | 4:17.6  |
| M. Robinson.....   | 8:47.8 | M. Robinson....   | 13:46.0m | Geoff North...  | 4:18.3  |
| Geoff North.....   | 8:48.8 | W. Kerr.....      | 13:46.8  | D. Cocks.....   | 4:19.8  |
| J. Thresher.....   | 8:48.8 | Geoff North.....  | 13:59.8  |                 |         |
| Gerald North.....  | 8:52.8 | C. Dabbs .....    | 14:13.0  |                 |         |
| C. Dabbs.....      | 9:06.2 | 3,000 m S/chase   |          | Gerald North.   | 28:11.4 |
| J. Bicourt (J)...  | 9:18.0 | A. Black.....     | 9:18.0   | C. Dabbs.....   | 29:35.0 |
|                    |        |                   |          | W. Kerr.....    | 29:42.4 |

## BILL KERR FEATURES IN FASTEST '21 OF YEAR

In the London Fire Brigade Invitation 2 miles team race at White City on August 31st, Portsmouth's Bruce Tulloch set the year's best time of 8:40.2. Taylor (HHH) took the field thro' the first mile in 4:17, but with 2 laps to go Bill Kerr took over and led at the bell, with Tulloch close by and Taylor and Snowden a couple of yards back. With 300 yds left Tulloch shot ahead to a convincing win, but Kerr went hard after him with Taylor slowly closing on his heels. The Herne Hill international just edged past Bill in the finishing straight, but Kerr had run a magnificent race, clocking 8:44.6 for a new club record. Close behind, in 5th place, was John Thresher with a personal best of 8:48.6. Third scoring man was Geoff. North (7th) with an unofficial 8:56 and 11th was Gerry North at about 9:05. Belgrave won the team race with 12 points from Surrey AC and Portsmouth.