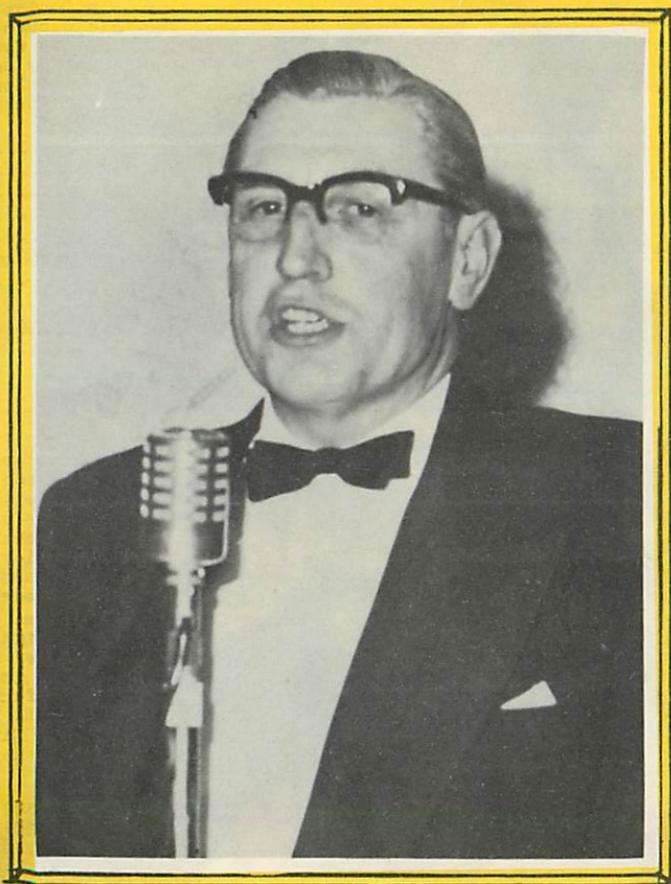


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FROMMSPICE (Ron Linstead): Belgrave supporters celebrate the Club's win in the Southern London-brighton Relay.

FRONT COVER (Ed. Lacey): The President, W.E. LUCAS, speaks at the Club dinner.



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EDITORIAL

The festive season is now upon us and we would like to wish all Belgravians a Happy Christmas and health and happiness in the coming year. It is apparent that as a club Belgrave will in 1964 enjoy one of her most successful ever seasons. Results during the past year have continued to improve and Dave Martin's year of office has seen a resurgence of the real Belgrave spirit. Gerry North has given many of the boys the right kind of leadership and now in his brother Geoff, Barry Sawyer, Tony Fairclough, John Thresher, Dave Cocks and others we have athletes of international potential. With Bill Lucas in the chair we trust that the wheel will turn full circle for our runners and we will, with the combined help of our flourishing walking section, prove ourselves to be THE Club.

Our congratulations are extended to Sid Roberts on his being elected president of the R.W.A for the ensuing year. The club is honoured indeed that the years of work put in by this staunch Belgravian should receive the recognition they so richly deserve.



THE PRESIDENT - - W. E. LUCAS

In the early days of 1936, news came from our spies of a young long-striding runner of exceptional promise employed in the Insurance world; and past-President Ernie Duffett (our Running Hon. Sec. for 25 years) made it his business to seek out this young man in his City office and persuade him to become a Belgrave Harrier. This was done to good effect and Bill Lucas became a member in February 1936 - something on which we may still continue to congratulate ourselves all those years later when, by virtue of his athletic and administrative ability and personal integrity and competence, he has been elected our President by unanimous acclaim.

Within a few weeks of joining, Bill ran for us at Sandown Park in the Southern Junior C.C. Championship (incidentally, won by Ted Stimpson) and finished 2nd, which caused our scribe with the Belgravian of the time to write 'Lucas, a newcomer, ran well in his first important race in our colours, and clearly has great potentialities'.

The following December, in the Club 7 miles Championship, Bill Lucas finished 13th out of 34 finishers and took second prize in the sealed handicap. Incidentally, Arthur Penny won the Championship, followed home by Les Cohen. About this time, Bill finished 3rd in the Club Junior 5 miles Championship and scored in a winning Surrey Junior Cross-country team (Wood 1, Herbert 4, Lucas 5, Shepherd 6).

In the spring of 1937, Bill was brought in as a reserve for an Olympic runner Jim Ginty in the London-Tripton Relay and ran a splendid sixth stage to maintain the lead we then held; and which was only lost in the last few yards at Brighton. 1937 also saw Bill take second place to Les Cohen in the Club One Mile Championship, and it was very obvious that our young runner was destined for the highest class of competition. So he continued to improve particularly on track and road. His long striding action was not too well suited to the country and his sympathies were not in that direction, but nevertheless they were very fine performances that were recorded in the years that followed.

Then came the war which was to change the course of so many lives. Sgt.-Pilot W. E. Lucas became the official title of our young man, who later transferred from fighters to bombers and still later became Pilot-Officer and eventually Squadron Leader, a member of the elite Pathfinder Group and a holder of the D.F.C.

Bill was back with the Club in 1946 and quickly found his running. He represented Surrey, won a South of Thames Junior race and figured in a large number of successful teams. In 1948 he finished third in the A.A.A. 3 miles Championship and earned selection for the Olympic 5,000 metres race. In the following year Bill came on to our Committee and we have had the benefit of his services ever since. His running continued with great personal success and exemplary team support until 1955. During those years Bill won Surrey County titles at 1 1/2 and 6 miles; represented Gt. Britain v. U.S.A. and Benelux Countries, figured in a winning Southern Cross-country Championship team as well as numerous Surrey County Championship teams and victorious road relay teams. Truly a great athlete his career was such that it is not possible to itemise here in detail.

On this splendid foundation, Bill has continued to build for the Belgrave Harriers and athletics. He has served us well for years as Cross-country Hon. Sec. and as an Hon. Handicapper. He has been of the greatest assistance on our Finance Sub-Committee and at our Social gatherings - he has served Surrey County as Team Manager and his voice has become known to thousands - possibly millions - as the dearest and most competent announcer at White City Meetings.

His great work for the Club will continue as our President; and that Pathfinder instinct is already in operation again leading our teams back to the winning way they knew so well in the past. In his task we know Bill will receive the help and support of Mrs. Lucas and their daughters, as has been amply evident in past years; and we are certain that the Club Year 1963/4 will prove a vintage year indeed.

In this we thank our President and his family in advance at the same time assuring him of our maximum support and loyalty.

A. A. H.

The President's Message

When new recruits join the Army they are told there is a field Marshals baton in every private's knapsack. The same applies in Belgrave--- every new member has the chance to become the President of the best club in the country, although I must admit that when I first became a member in 1935 this thought was furthest from my mind. It is the greatest honour that Belgrave can give and I am deeply appreciative that I should be considered to hold the office for this year and I would take this opportunity of thanking you all for supporting my nomination.

It is always the hope of all new Presidents (and I differ little from my predecessors) that their year of office should be the most successful in the Club's history.

Fortunately I can see this as a distinct possibility rather than just a pipe dream. We have at the moment the strongest teams on the road and over the country that we have been able to field for many years, the Walkers are still very powerful and our track teams are capable of the highest honours. There is a chance that we can make a clean sweep of the cross country honours in 1964 with wins in County, Area and National Championships at both junior and senior levels; to be followed by a win in the National Road Relay. The walkers can retain the championships they at present hold and are capable of pulling out that little extra effort required to recapture the R.W.A. 20 miles and 50 Kilos events and perhaps even the London to Brighton. None of these honours can be achieved without the backing of every club member either as competitor or supporter. Every time a first team member drops out it throws more work on to the rest of the team and reduces the chances of a win. Success can only be gained if everyone is prepared to pull their weight to the utmost. When you are selected to run or walk there should be no excuse for not turning out---dont forget that team-wins by the club reflect just as much on the individuals who make up those teams, as on the club itself. Those on the fringe of the first teams must always be prepared to step into replace the injured or sick---your turn will come and you must be ready. Those not likely to be selected can be just as helpful by turning up as supporters---vocal help can do much to turn a narrow defeat into complete victory. Much enjoyment can be obtained by travelling with championship teams and becoming an ardent club fan.

The Belgrave Spirit is as high now as it has ever been---a modicum of success recently is spurring everyone to greater efforts---keep it up by doing all you can to help your athletes and officials and by supporting all fixtures whether they be at home or away and by joining in with all the activities arranged on your behalf. Make 1963/64 a year to be remembered and the forerunner of many years when the Bels are invincible.

Bill Lucas

HON. SEC'S NOTES

How glad we are to see Derek Crookes about again after a serious internal operation, and to know he will be running again next year. Joe Colman is in hospital undergoing a leg operation and we wish him well. Stanley Manning of our walking teams of the 1920's and a one time holder of the Norwich to Ipswich record has been in ill-health lately but hopes to call in at Wimbledon during the Winter season.

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Dave Wiseman has already made his mark at the Cambridge University Freshman's Sports and we expect him to claim a place in his University team.

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We acknowledge the kindness of Mrs Aplin, sister of our former late President Frank Elson, in presenting a special miniature cup to Ray Middleton for winning the Club 7 miles Track Walk Championship on three successive occasions. The Championship carries the Frank Elson Cup, originally given to us by Mr & Mrs Aplin.

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That well known figure in Athletics, Ernest Neville, (a Vice President of our own club), is to be honoured with a Dinner to celebrate his 80th birthday which took place in July, on Saturday January 4th at the House of Commons. Those wishing to attend---and places are limited---should get in touch with Frank Jarvis who has full details.

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Charlie Manning has offered his services as Race Hon Secretary of our 13th Annual Open 20 miles Run which will take place at Wimbledon on Saturday July 18th 1964. Please note the date and be prepared to assist---meanwhile, our sincere thanks to Charlie for his offer which has been warmly accepted.

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The Ladies continue to give us invaluable help in catering for our thirst and hunger at Wimbledon, and we are sincerely grateful for all their efforts on our behalf and for the charm and efficiency with which they "feed the brutes". We are indeed full of gratitude for their hard work so cheerfully given.

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What an indication of all round strength! Whilst our walkers were winning the Berman Cup in the Belgrave Open Walk with 23 points, our runners were successful in the L.C.C. Cross Country Championship with 24 points.

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Get out those 1964 diaries and make a note:-

"Club Track & Field Championships Saturday June 6th 1964 at Hurlingham Park Track".

Other dates allocated to us by the L.C.C. for track meetings at Battersee Park are:-

Boxing Day 1963, 11 am		Wednesday June 24th 1964	6.30pm
Saturday April 25th 1964	2.30pm	" July 1st "	" "
Monday May 4th	" 6.30pm	" July 8th "	" "
Wednesday May 13th	" "	" July 22nd "	" "
Monday June 8th	" "	" August 12th "	" "

With the above dates, and the numerous other fixtures we shall be concerned in, no-track man need fear insufficient competition!

A. A. H.

WELCOME!

We have great pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to the following Belgravians who have been elected to membership during the last 3 months.

We hope you will make full use of the club's facilities, and should you require any information or assistance please contact any of the officials listed in the club handbook who will be only too pleased to help.

Track suits, vests, badges etc. can be obtained from Tom Morrell who is at Belgrave Hall most Saturday afternoons. If you prefer, write to Tom at 37, Rydens Close, Walton on Thames, Surrey. Prices are shown on page 10 of the handbook.

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

Martin Bailey (Lancashire)	Richard Niemierks (Poland)
Noel Binder (India)	William Ockendon (Middlesex)
Charles Capener (Scotland)	Joseph Phelan (Eire)
Alan Chandler (Surrey)	Frank Price (Scotland)
J.C. Davies (Bermuda)	Cetey Rawlings (Middlesex)
Leroy Greene (British Guiana)	A.D. Smith (Kent)
Richard Laidler (Kent)	James Treece (Yorkshire)
Anthony McCorkel (Eire)	

Second Claim

Alan Jennings (Essex)

Honorary Members

We are particularly pleased to welcome ARTHUR NORTH of Blackpool, who follows the progress of his sons Gerry and Geoff. with a keen eye; CECIL PENNY brother of Past President Arthur Penny, and a very useful Belgravian in pre-war days; and DEREK PALFRAMAN of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, who spent a large proportion of his time in England at Lauriston Cottage.

A.G.M. 1963

Seventy-six members were present at this year's Annual General Meeting, held at Belgrave Hall on 18th September.

An encouraging number of younger members were present, besides the usual 'regulars' who enjoy exercising their right to play an active part in the proceedings. Few brick-bats were thrown but many forceful points of view were forthcoming - it will be a sad day when no dissident voices are heard from the floor of the Hall.

The Hon. Secretary's report had been circulated to all members and was taken as read. The Hon. Treasurer's report was made on Dave Shepherd's behalf by Ken Miller, one of the auditors. His lucid explanation of the balance sheet must surely brand him as the A.J.P. Taylor of Accountancy!

That hardy perennial, 'subscriptions', bloomed once more, but this time on two accounts:- a) the high cost and b) that 200 subscriptions were still due for last year. The first point had, of course, been thrashed out at the A.G.M. which sanctioned the last increase, and on which occasion it was pointed out that one visit a week to an L.C.C. track could cost 26/-d. a year (a subsidised figure as it is). Ted Stimpson suggested that the two points might well be inter-related and that the last increase had made payment difficult for some. When the Treasurer replied that the figure of 200 was little different to last year, various calls were made from the floor suggesting action on what was generally agreed to be a serious matter. Howard Satchell asked if it were not possible to give a six months deadline and strike from the register anyone whose arrears were in excess of this. Our Hon. Sec. replied that this was, in fact, the essence of rule 10 (e), but this was a problem common to most clubs and should not be treated with too heavy a hand. Not all of those in arrears were guilty of willful neglect and it would be preferable to improve still further on means of collection before harsher methods were implemented. Those members concerned would do well to honour their obligations, for this subject is certain to be raised again at the next A.G.M.

From an unpleasant topic the meeting switched to one that gave pleasure to all when Ted Pallant, on behalf of the Committee, proposed that C. W. "Charlie" Walker be elected to Life Membership. Charlie had been a Belgravian for nearly 15 years and throughout the London area, at least, his name was synonymous with Belgrave. Ted then listed the salient points of Walker's athletic career, which included the remarkable feat of 27 consecutive outings in the London/Brighton Relays. In seconding the proposal Clive Shippen said that Charlie, in his 15 years as a competitor, had done for Belgrave as much as any administrator could do. The proposal was carried unanimously. For once Charlie was lost for words but, in his own endearing way, he managed to thank the meeting for the honour they had bestowed upon him.

Following the presentation of a Senior Honours Badge to Barry Sawyer for his excellent run in the Poly Marathon, the election of officers took place. The retiring president, D. M. Shepherd, thanked the Club for its support during the preceding 12 months and, as is customary, introduced the man who was considered to have "emerged" as the new President - W. E. Lucas. After thanking the Club for the great honour, Bill Lucas expressed the hope that his year of office would be the most successful since 1951. He then took the chair and proceeded with the elections.

On getting his usual 'no change' Alf Harley said it was customary these days to consider persons in authority to be there to be shot at - for good or bad; this was not the case here! He and Frank Jarvis both reiterated how they would like to see younger men preparing to take the reins. All other appointments were made as listed in the Winter Handbook.

When it was agreed that the Vice-Presidents should be elected 'en-bloc', Ted Stimpson proposed that the name of Bert Mitchell be added. This long-distance runner of earlier days was responsible for much encouragement in this section of the sport and ultimately donated the "A.F. Mitchell" Shield for the Club Marathon Championship. After Ken O'Kell had said a few words on Bert's behalf, our Hon. Sec. seconded the proposal with great pleasure and the motion was carried unanimously.

With little other business to discuss the meeting drew to a close at about 8.30p.m. and those who were able, joined the President in the nearest Saloon Bar to toast his appointment and the Club's success; those who were still able, an hour later, went home. C.S.

In a Bomber Command/Fighter Command Indoor Athletics match at Feltwell on Nov 5th, Derek Boosey recorded 6.8secs for the 60yds dash which was the fastest of three races. He then won the triple jump (48'-0") by nearly 4 feet! and was edged out of a long jump victory (20'-0") by a mere 1". All in a day's work!

DABBS WINS '5 $\frac{3}{4}$ '

Wimbledon---Sept. 14th

With the absence of our best three runners of the moment--- Gerry North, Kerr and Thresher---it was very encouraging to see such excellent running from the first four finishers. Each one provided a pointer to great things in the weeks ahead. Dabbs (28:28) proved beyond all doubt his return to top class running. O'Hara (28:35) erased all question-marks against his stamina quality, and actually closed up on Dabbs in the final stages. Sawyer (28:45) showed that a 10miles run in the morning did little to affect his amazing strength and improving speed and, what's more, that his enthusiasm was waxing fine. Whilst Newell (28:48) turned in a time that a few years back was giving him a winning margin--- this was a Newell who appeared to enjoy his running more now that the burden of "carrying" the team was no longer with him.

A fine turn out of 51 members paraded in Lauriston Road for the start and, of these, 46 finished. After one lap of the 'top' had been completed (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles) Geoff. North held a 2yd advantage over Moore, Sawyer, Linstead, O'Hara, Walker and Dabbs. On the second circuit Ron Linstead had a bad patch and dropped considerably before recovering. The order going out to Copse Hill was then Walker, Dabbs, Sawyer, Newell, O'Hara, North, Angus with Moore now 15 yds in arrears.

Half way up the Cambridge Road drag, Geoff North retired--- still feeling the effects of a hard race the previous evening at the White City. Dabbs used this as a signal to pile on the pressure and fairly shot up the hills, stringing out the leading five to a 200 yds stretch by the time the Common was reached again. The order was now Dabbs, O'Hara, Sawyer, and Newell at intervals of 30-40yds with Walker a further 60yds back and Moore, still a solitary figure, an equal distance behind.

Dabbs increased his lead up to the Monument, but O'Hara cut his back with a fast finish; the next four held their places. A fine win for Dabbs.

Other notable performances were by Brian Nott(9th) in his first run as a second-claim member, John Bicourt (11th) still a youth and Mike Coningham(15th) our South African member who was having his first outing at Belgrave.

Some fine handicapping by Bill Lucas gave 1st prize to Reg Hopkins by a mere 2 seconds from Don Newell, and no less than 3 runners tied for 3rd place---O'Hara, Moore and Edwards. On a toss of the coin 3rd prize went to young "Noddy".

RESULT.

1. G. Dabbs	28-28	(1-15)	24. L. Bishop	32-42	(4-00)
2. L. O'Hara	28-35	(1-45)	25. J. Leaver	32-52	(6-00)
3. B. Sawyer	28-45	(1-15)	26. J. McDonald	32-58	(6-00)
4. P. Newell	28-48	(1-45)	27. T. Hart	33-13	(3-30)
5. C. Walker	29-06	(1-20)	28. C. Smart	33-22	(6-15)
6. J. Moore	29-20	(2-30)	29. C. Keavey	33-29	(6-00)
7. A. Black	29-35	(1-20)	30. K. Miller	33-52	(3-00)
8. R. Linstead	29-45	(1-20)	31. J. Hilton	34-02	(6-30)
9. B. Nott	30-07	(2-30)	32. D. Newell	34-32	(8-00)
10. K. Angus	30-20	(3-00)	33. N. Arnold	35-30	(6-00)
11. J. Bicourt	30-26	(3-00)	34. D. C. Brown	35-38	(8-00)
12. J. Hampshire	30-29	(3-15)	35. K. Stimpson	35-46	(6-00)
13. C. Steer	30-35	(2-15)	36. R. Langheim	35-49	(6-15)
14. M. Thorpe	30-51	(2-00)	37. P. Sutton	35-50	(8-00)
15. M. Coningham	31-04	(4-00)	38. R. Hopkins	36-30	(10-00)
16. A. Bruce	31-04	(3-00)	39. E. Pallant	37-09	(6-30)
17. A. Fairclough	31-10	(2-15)	40. J. Plummer	37-29	(8-00)
18. P. Edwards	31-20	(4-30)	41. J. Baker	37-52	(8-30)
19. B. Hallowell	31-37	(2-30)	42. P. Fox	38-03	8-00
20. A. Bishop	32-01	(4-30)	43. C. Manning	38-32	(10-00)
21. M. Shingles	32-04	(4-00)	44. M. Reynolds	39-24	(5-30)
22. J. Dooley	32-17	(4-00)	45. D. Gordon	39-35	(7-30)
23. D.W. Jones	32-31	(4-15)	46. R. Beaumont	39-58	(6-15)

DEAR WINS *Yacht '3'*

WIMBLEDON --- SEPTEMBER 28TH

Twenty-years old John Dear, who has been running for little more than twelve months, illustrated his rapid improvement by winning this year's Yacht '3' from a mark of 2min-10secs.

Dear started in 30th position and went through the field like a dose of salts to win by 10 clear seconds. His actual time of 16:05 was 12th fastest of the day's 59 runners---Bruce's was 17th; an excellent effort by the younger man.

Alan Black and Ron Linstead were back markers but could only fight their way through to 31st and 42nd respectively; despite Ron doing a fine 14:47 for the day's fastest time.

Six of our best runners missed this event to visit Kingston and win the Surrey AC relay.

RESULT	H'cap	Time off	Act Time	H.Time	off	Act T.
1. J. Dear	13:15	(2:50)	16:05	31. R. Linstead	14:27	0:20 14:47
2. W. Bruce	13:25	(3:10)	16:35	32. E. Short	14:28	2:30 16:58
3. E. Pallant	13:28	(4:15)	17:43	33. J. Macdonald	14:28	2:40 17:08
4. D.C. Brown	13:34	(4:00)	17:34	34. S. Bradshaw	14:28	3:30 17:58
5. P. Hart	13:41	(1:50)	15:31	35. A. Lead	14:31	3:30 18:01
6. K. Angus	13:45	(1:50)	15:13	36. E. Stimpson	14:32	4:00 18:32
7. J. Hilton	13:44	(3:10)	16:54	37. R. Hopkins	14:32	4:00 18:32
8. I. Chandler	13:46	(4:00)	17:46	38. R. Lengheim	14:32	3:10 17:42
9. P. Hillier	13:48	(2:30)	16:18	39. B. Hallowell	14:34	1:30 16:04
10. Knapp	13:50	(2:30)	16:20	40. R. Clarke	14:38	3:30 18:08
11. C. Steer	13:52	(1:10)	15:2	41. B. Merry	14:39	3:30 18:09
12. A. Fairclough	13:53	(1:00)	14:53	42. A. Black	14:40	0:20 15:00
13. P. Sutton	13:55	(4:00)	17:55	43. J. Baker	14:40	4:15 18:55
14. L. Smithers	13:57	(3:30)	17:27	44. R. Keyes	14:44	3:00 17:44
15. C. Keavey	13:58	(2:50)	16:48	45. J. Plummer	14:45	4:15 19:00
16. E. Major	14:00	(3:40)	17:40	46. R. Nelson	14:51	4:00 18:51
17. J. Davies	14:01	(1:20)	15:21	47. G. Piddington	14:53	2:10 17:03
18. N. Arnold	14:02	(3:30)	17:32	48. A. Morrison	14:56	1:30 16:26
19. P. Fox	14:03	(4:15)	18:18	49. R. Conway	14:57	2:50 17:47
20. R. Hayes	14:04	(2:10)	16:14	50. K. Miller	15:05	1:50 16:55
21. D. Hurd	14:04	(3:00)	17:04	51. B. Thorpe	15:11	1:20 16:31
22. C. Manning	14:04	(5:00)	19:04	52. J. Jarvis	15:17	3:10 18:27
23. J. Brown	14:07	(0:50)	14:57	53. E. Penny	15:20	2:10 17:30
24. L. Bishop	14:07	(2:10)	16:17	54. R. Beaumont	16:22	4:15 19:37
25. C. Shippen	14:08	(1:30)	15:38	55. P. Wrench	15:28	3:00 18:28
26. C. Henn	14:14	(3:00)	17:14	56. H. Satchell	15:32	2:30 18:02
27. J. Moore	14:17	(1:00)	15:17	57. P. Binns	15:57	2:10 18:07
28. J. Heathfield	14:24	(3:20)	17:44	58. W. Jones	16:18	5:00 21:18
29. A. Bruce	14:26	(1:30)	15:56	59. R. Hudson	16:37	4:00 20:37
30. J. Hampshire	14:27	(1:30)	15:57			

XMAS DRAW

The Belgrave Harriers Grand Christmas Draw was held at Belgrave Hall on Wednesday evening December 11th. Winners of the first six prizes were as follows:-

- £30---K.A. Taylor, 56, West Side, S.W.18.
- £25---A. Collis, 19, Sutherland Road, West Croydon, Surrey.
- £10---L. Barnes, 16, Blenheim Road, N.W.2.
- £5---G.P. Willis, 9, Longmore Road, Long Eaton.
- £3---C.A. Wattam, 9, High Street, Mainfleet, Lincs.
- £2---S. Barnett, 46, Maroon Court, Hackney, E.8.

Members are reminded once again, that Subscriptions became due on September 1st.

ROAD RELAYS:

SURREY Co. ROAD RELAY

September 7th - Woking

This was our first fixture of the Autumn road-relay season and, as is usual for this event, we fielded a depleted team. However, despite the absence of Thresher, (defending his London County mile title) and Black and Fairclough (on holiday) we still finished a respectable 4th.

At the end of Stage 1 fourth place seemed little more than a dream, for Alan Morrison had a disastrous day finishing last of the 12 runners and nearly 2 mins down on the leaders. Ron Linstead, running in his first race for nigh on 6 months, went after the field like a man possessed and though he recorded an excellent 14.07 and gained much ground we were still only 9th. Chris Steer maintained this position on Stage 3 (th halfway mark) and closed up on the three teams immediately ahead. Jackie Hampshire, with an inspired run, picked off these teams in steady succession and he did hand over to Charlie Dabbs in 6th place. Unfortunately, Chas had a 46 sec. gap to close on the 5th team (Mitcham) and a further 14 secs. and 33 secs. respectively on Herne Hill and Guildford. At the end of this stage Walton and S.L.H. were assured of 1st and 2nd places but Dabbs had run well enough to put us amongst the contenders for 3rd.

Charlie Walker, who was unable to get off from work in time to do his scheduled stage 1 ran the anchor stage. He passed Herne Hill and Mitcham but failed by 24 secs. to catch Guildford and gain 3rd place.

The running of Dabbs and Linstead augured well for the 'Brighton' relay.

RESULT:

1. Walton A.C.	84:14	Stage 1.	A. Morrison	15:35
2. S.L.H.	85:45	2.	R. Linstead	14:07
3. Guildford & Godalming	87:09	3.	C. Steer	14:35
4. Belgrave H.	87:33	4.	J. Hampshire	14:43
5. Mitcham A.C.	87:47	5.	C. Dabbs	14:11
6. H.H.H.	88:12	6.	C. Walker	14:22

Fastest time: 1. R. Harwood (Gail) 13:43 2. J. Roberts (S.L.H) 13:44 3. R. Roach (Wal) 13:45

BELS. SMASH POLY RELAY RECORD

Chiswick--21st September 1963

Owing to a clash of dates with the Blackheath Harriers Relay this promotion was badly supported and only sixteen teams (of which three were from Belgrave) faced the starter. The usual strong opposition were not present and only Poly themselves looked like giving us any trouble. In order to prove our strength we had to beat the course record and this we did in no uncertain fashion to the tune of 1½ minutes. In addition we produced the three fastest individual times of the day thanks to Gerry and Geoff North and Bill Kerr. The 'B' team despite a few weak spots finished sixth and took the first 'B' team awards. In total a very satisfactory afternoon for Belgrave.

The story of the race is easily told. Barry Sawyer who is being developed into a first leg specialist brought us into third place on the initial stage, only three seconds behind the leader who was none other than Charlie Walker running for our 'B' team! From this point onward we were out in front, for John Thresher romped away on Stage two and came home with a 26 second lead over our 'B' team who were now 2nd. This was increased to 79secs by Geoff North whose time of 12:49 was the second best of the day surpassed only by brother Gerry. Charlie Dabbs made the lead 49secs, Ron Linstead lost a little to Hobbs of Ealing but Gerry North on Stage six with the fastest leg of the day (only four seconds outside his own lap record) turned our advantage into 2mins 29secs which was increased by a further 18secs by Pat Newell leaving Bill Kerr a very easy task on the last leg. Nevertheless with the third best time of the day he brought us home 3mins 32secs ahead of Polytechnic.

W.E.L.

RESULT.

1. BELGRAVE 'A'.....lhr..44mins...49secs
2. Polytechnic 'A'....lhr..48mins...21secs
3. Ealing 'A'.....lhr..49mins...54secs
6. BELGRAVE 'B'.....lhr..51mins....42secs

Teams 'A'	Sawyer (13.8)	Thresher (13.2)	Geoff North (12.49)	Dabbs (13.25)	Linstead (13.21)	Gerry North (12.42)	Newell (13.23)	Kerr (12.59)
'B'	Walker (13.5)	Brown (13.31)	Thorpe (14.13)	Fairclough (13.55)	Steer (13.39)	Shippen (14.43)	Black (13.25)	Penny (15.31).

Great Win in Walton Relay

Portsmouth beaten

The frustration experienced by our successful Poly relay team the previous Saturday, when their main rivals were found to have switched their allegiance from Poly to Blackheath, had been biting deeply during the week. It was, therefore, most satisfying to see the first, second and fourth teams of the Blackheath Relay appearing at Walton to do battle with the winners of the Polytechnic event.

Of our winning Poly eight, Geoff North, Pat Newell and Ron Linstead were unavailable and Chas. Walker came in to make up the six required. To provide a little variety Barry Sawyer, who started in the previous two relays, was moved to Stage 2 and Charlie Dabbs was given first crack of the whip.

Portsmouth got a grand start, with Shergold winning the first leg 15 secs up on Dabbs, who was 5th. Barry Sawyer continued his good work of the previous weeks and closed to within 5 secs of Portsmouth's Salvat in taking us up to 2nd. John Thresher then produced a brilliant run to leave Hayden standing and record 3rd fastest time of the day—our deficit being turned into a 19 seconds lead. Unfortunately, on Stage 4, Dave Cooke of Pompey got ample revenge for his team by taking 39 seconds off Charlie Walker and giving his twin, John Cooke, a useful lead. Gerry North, our captain, then turned in fastest time of the day to bring us to within 3 seconds of Portsmouth at the final change over. It was here that Hyman threw away his team's advantage by misjudging the time of the take over and being caught with his track-suit on. (It was raining at the time). Bill Kerr was in no mood to hang about and bounded straight into the lead which Hyman could do little to reduce. Last time these two met on a final relay stage was at Ilford last March when Bill showed the superior finish. Current form suggested that the Walton result was not affected by Hyman's mishap.

Belgrave got ample revenge for being left high and dry at Poly, by taking 1st and 3rd fastest lap prizes and 1st 'B' team awards. Our last 4 runners in the 'B' team were competing for the last 2 places in our Brighton "twelve" and their efforts in this direction took the team from 16th to 7th, with Black and Fairclough running well enough to have made the 'A' team.

With 3 successive relay wins behind them twelve pairs of Belgrave feet were just itching to pound the Brighton road one week hence. Would illness and injury keep clear for yet another 7 days and enable them to score their biggest victory for 11 years?

RESULT.

	'A'	'B'
1. BELGRAVE HARRIERS...92:03	C. Dabbs 15:32	T. Hart 16:16
2. Portsmouth AC.....92:10	B. Sawyer 15:26	J. Hampshire 16:37
3. Walton AC.....93:45	J. Thresher 15:08	J. Moore 16:02
4. Blackheath H.....94:28	C. Walker 15:48	A. Fairclough 15:43
5. Hercules AC.....95:56	G. North 14:53	C. Steer 15:55
6. Guildford and God...96:04	W. Kerr 15:16	A. Black 15:38
Fastest Times:	G. North (Bels) 14:53.	J. Herring (B'heath) 15:04.
	J. Thresher (Bels) 15:08.	D. Cooke (Ports.) 15:10.
	W. Kerr (Bels) 15:16.	R. Shergold (Ports) 15:17.

In the N.U.T.S. "British Best Performers 1963" list for 880 yards, Dave Cook's 1:50.7 ranked 10th—not bad for a first-year senior!

Mal Robinson (4:7.1) ranked 27th in the 1 mile list, with John Thresher (4:7.5) positioned 32nd.

IT'S GOLD! AFTER 11 YEARS

NEWS OF THE WORLD SOUTHERN 'BRIGHTON'

by OLYMPIAN

A great day for Belgrave with a win on the Brighton road for the first time since 1952. "Gerry and the Pacemakers" fulfilled the prediction of the leading Press writers in attaining the major honours in no uncertain manner and so put an end to the run of successes by Portsmouth AC in this race.

It was a bright and warm morning when the runners lined up in Old Palace Yard awaiting the first stroke of ten o'clock which signals the start of the race. Barry Sawyer was our first runner and we had every hope of a good start for Barry had been showing great form during the preceding weeks. Our confidence was well proved for in a very relaxed and easy manner he trailed the leaders over the first three miles and then left them to race ahead up Cedars Road and on to the finish at Clapham Common to give us a lead of 8 seconds with Surrey AC, Portsmouth and Polytechnic in second 3rd and 4th places. Never have I seen Barry run so well.

John Thresher, running on the second leg for the third time, was anxious to beat the bogey which had beset him on previous occasions but again the luck was against him and he was forced to relinquish his lead. A cold earlier in the week had obviously sapped John's energy and he was a very tired young man when he reached Mitcham in seventh place.

Geoff North running for the first time in Belgrave colours on the Brighton road faced a tough task against strong opposition but with a good run he caught Surrey AC and Ealing; although having to give way to "Kipper" Herring of Blackheath. Nevertheless he gained one place and finished at Purley close up to all but the leaders who were now Polytechnic--Hogan having put up a great performance for them with fastest time of the day.

Charlie Dabbs soon showed he was back to his best form and with a well judged effort on Stage 4 he passed Blackheath, Walton, Ponders End and Polytechnic and took us up to second position with a time surpassed only by Lindsell of Portsmouth. At the Jolliffe Arms Merstham we were only twenty seven seconds behind Portsmouth.

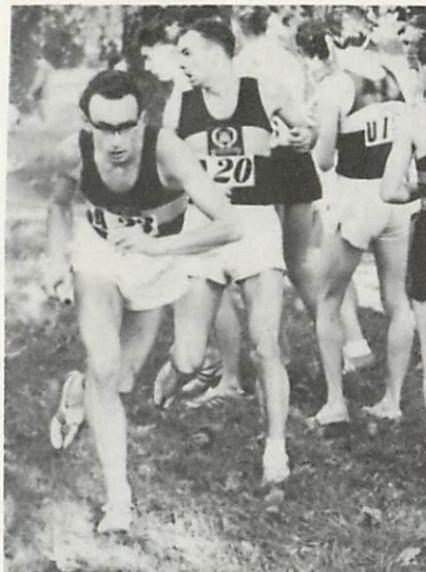
Ron Linstead was the second fastest runner on the Redhill stage and although not gaining on Portsmouth he took us well away from the clubs behind and consolidated our second place.

Tony Fairclough, the only junior in our team, was not a bit overawed by the reputation of Dick Jones the Portsmouth miler and set about closing the 31 second gap in no uncertain fashion. Over the first mile he pulled back more than 100 yards and then slowly gained on the Pompey runner to give over to Laurie O'Hara only ten seconds behind. Tony recorded the fastest time of the day and equalled the club record for this stage put up two years ago by Malcolm Robinson--a great run.

Laurie had been showing in training that he was running better than ever before and we soon found that he was in devastating form. Soon after turning on to the Gatwick Airport road he caught the Portsmouth runner and giving him no chance to respond he raced away to reach the Sussex border with fastest stage time under his belt and a lead of forty six seconds. From this point we were to maintain the lead until the finish.

On a number of occasions during the past few years we have seen our runners ahead of Martin Hyman at the beginning of the 8th stage only to be caught and passed over the long leg to Handcross. This time however Gerry North was well in command and completely shattered Hyman and the rest of the runners by being the only runner to beat thirty minutes and by taking us into a lead of almost two minutes. Gerry in this mood is without doubt the best road relay runner in the country and although his time was much slower than his best on this leg, due to strong head winds, his performance was a joy to behold.

Bill Kerr, who must by now know the ninth stage quite well also put up the best time of the day and further increased our lead to put us in



LEFT: Barry Sawyer looks for the opposition after giving John Thresher an 8 second lead at the first change-over.

RIGHT: Ron Linstead takes over from Charlie Dabbs. Both were only 4 secs. outside fastest stage times.

a practically unassailable position with only three legs to go. The opposition was out of sight behind and the Belgrave morale was extremely high.

Pat Newell was again entrusted with No.10 leg and it was soon obvious that he was moving very well. Not only was he the 5th consecutive Belgravian to do fastest time—a time shared by Laurie Reed of S.L.H. running some eight minutes behind,—but he opened up our lead to almost 3 minutes to put us out in front in gay isolation.

Charlie Walker, the veteran of the team, kept this lead with a good run up Dale Hill which gave him the third best time of the day and made a win practically certain.

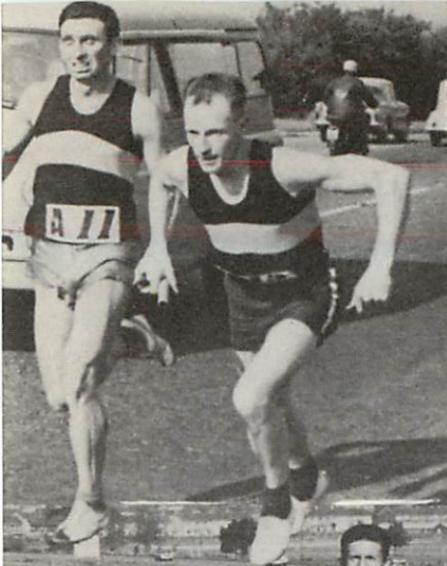
Alan Black took the last stage and in very stylish fashion widened the gap still further with an excellent run exceeded only by Ray Roseman the South London international miler.

This win is the medicine we needed—it has given us the taste of victory again just at the right time. Our team has been building up over the past twelve months and this performance proves we are back amongst the leading clubs in the country and can look forward to the National race in April 1964 with anticipation and confidence. We have the runners and the spirit is right—what better combination is there? The Portsmouth team pointed out that they were without Tulloch and Johnston but would they have made over three minutes difference—I doubt it!!!

RESULT.

1. BELGRAVE H.....4:33:30	Stage	1. B. Sawyer	(20:39)	FASTEST
2. Portsmouth AC..4:36:40	"	2. J. Thresher	(25:56)	12th fastest
3. Walton AC.....4:38:17	"	3. Geoff North	(23:46)	4th fastest
4. Polytechnic H..4:40:48	"	4. C. Dabbs	(25:22)	2nd fastest
5. Surrey AC.....4:41:11	"	5. R. Linstead	(22:02)	" "
6. S.L.H.....4:41:24	"	6. A. Fairclough	(13:30)	FASTEST
7. T.V.H.....4:41:43	"	7. L. O'Hara	(18:50)	"
8. Blackheath H...4:42:13	"	8. Gerry North	(29:59)	"
9. Woodford Gn AC.4:42:48	"	9. W. Kerr	(29:22)	"
10. Ponders End AC.4:44:22	"	10. P. Newell	(20:30)	Equal FASTEST
11. Ilford AC.....4:45:20	"	11. C. Walker	(21:02)	3rd fastest
12. Ealing H.....4:45:31	"	12. A. Black	(17:32)	2nd fastest

20 TEAMS RAN.



WINNING POST
NEWS OF THE **WORLD**
RELAY RACE



The Surrey A.C. Relay

BELS SHAKE SURREY AC---Sept 28th

This was a strictly 2-club event right from the start. The promoting club, Surrey AC, have been going from strength to strength and, with 6 to count, are formidable opponents---on this occasion they were adjudged by many to be favourites.

With a view to possible "Brighton" placings, Barry Sawyer was tried again on first leg---a move which produced a winning lead right away. Barry just shot away from the pack with $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to go and handed over to Charlie Dabbs with a 26 seconds lead. Dabbs increased this to 41 seconds and Thresher to 47 seconds; so after 3 stages we were $\frac{1}{4}$ mins ahead of the second team who, in turn, were $1\frac{1}{2}$ mins up on 3rd.

We had a momentary fright on Stage 4 when Chas. Walker was chased by Surrey's up and coming star, Gibson. Charlie kept his nose in front, but only just and Gerry North set off with a slender 2 second lead which Presland of the home club soon closed. A hard tussle ensued but there was little doubt who would come off best and Gerry presented Bill Kerr with a 31 second start for the final leg. Snowden clipped 6 seconds from this but our winning margin was still a fine achievement over a fine team.

The first 2 teams broke the course record.

RESULT.

1. BELGRAVE H.....93-43	B. Sawyer 15:36	C. Walker 15:54
2. Surrey AC.....94-08	C. Dabbs 15:41	Gerry North 15:02
3. Guildford and God.....99-25	J. Thresher 15:48	W. Kerr 15:42

Fastest Times Betty(Thurrock)14:48rec., North (Bels)15:02, Gibson(Sy)15:09
Presland(Sy)15:31, Edwards(Hornchurch)15:32, Sawyer(Bels)& Snowden(Sy)15:36

'Overseas' CUP

YOUTHS 3 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP---DECEMBER 7TH

In the Youth's event for the Overseas Cup, John Bicourt ran very much as expected. Adrian Major, however, finished only 17 secs. behind and pushed Hayes back into third place. This trio of youngsters show every promise of keeping Belgrave's name to the fore in years to come.

RESULT;

1. J. Bicourt	16:51	5. R. Clark	18:12
2. A. Major	16:32	6. S. Bradshaw	18:25
3. R. Hayes	16:59	7. R. Nelson	18:35
4. D. Hurd.	18:07	8. I Chandler	19:16

The Brighton in PHOTOS

TOP LEFT: Pat Newell takes the baton from Bill Kerr to set off on Stage 10 with a 2 minutes lead.

TOP RIGHT: Laurie O'Hara gives Gerry North the lead we all hoped for---46 secs over Portsmouth after 7 stages. John Davies, behind, takes a time-check.

CENTRE LEFT: That long stretch of empty road behind Gerry North lengthens with every stride.

CENTRE RIGHT: Bill Kerr clocks fastest time on Stage 9---the longest at 6 miles-32 yards.

BOTTOM LEFT: The picture Eddie Lacey has waited 22 'Brightons' for---Belgrave crossing the line 3mins-10secs ahead of Portsmouth.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Alan Black hands the presentation baton to the Mayor of Brighton Councillor S.D. Desson J.P.

Photos by E.D.L. & R.L.

SPOTLIGHT ON ●●●●●

●●●● PATRICK NEWELL

For the past decade, Pat Newell has been one of the mainstays of Belgrave road-relay and cross-country teams. Despite Pat's success and reliability as a team member, however, individual honours have not frequently come his way. He has always been something of an enigma and his career has been, to say the least, controversial. Yet during our recent lean years, the name of Pat Newell has figured consistently and he has, along with other stalwarts like Walker, Linstead, Dabbs, Davies and Maclean, Helped keep the Belgrave flag flying, albeit a little limply.

Like Bob Taylor, Pat was given his first real taste of athletics whilst doing his National Service about 1950. One of his camp-mates at Bicester, Oxon, Doug Briggs, suggested that he should join the Bels, but Pat was rather apprehensive and felt certain that he would be utterly outclassed. Doug was not to be deterred and struck a gentleman's agreement with Pat that if he won the Novices mile that year, he would join. Pat cantered home first in 4:53.0 and kept his side of the bargain.

Pat was an extremely ambitious and enthusiastic young athlete. Unfortunately his enthusiasm for training and hard work often seemed to leave him a little 'drained' and he seldom seemed to realise his undoubted potential when the 'chips' were down. Like many middle distance runners of the fifties, Pat attempted to mould himself on the lines of Emil Zatopek and he set himself some extremely vigorous training schedules and there is little doubt that on his day he was a man very much to be feared. One of his earliest, and perhaps noteworthy, successes was his second place in the South of Thames Junior in 1952. In the early days his favourite events were 5 miles C.C. and 3 miles on the track - as he admits he didn't know any better at that time. Pat would be the first to admit that he is not a 'natural'. In fact his running style is completely contrary to the normal long-striding conception of the athlete. His style is neat and precise, his stride is short, staccato, almost mincing and he has very little knee-lift and drive-off. It is actually a style that is better suited to country and road-running than track and his performances tend to mirror this fact. Pat tends to associate himself with the Kuts and Zatopeks of this world rather than the Elliots and the Snells. The Europeans are examples of athletes who through hard work have succeeded despite their lack of natural athletic grace and ability whereas the colonials supremely illustrate the natural athlete who has only had to develop this inherent ability.

Pat's first run for Belgrave in a major championship was on the Redhill stage of the National Brighton Relay in 1952 when he clocked the fastest time of the day and in the process brought Belgrave from 10th position to 4th. From then on his appearances in first team colours were to be frequent. His improvement was certainly not rapid but his steady rate of progress was maintained. In 1957 he had his only open Championship win when he annexed the L.C.C. 3 mile championship. In 1958, Middlesex 3, he ran a courageous 2nd to the powerful Frank Seal and the following year in the same event he was beaten into 3rd place by Nat Fisher and Peter Miller. Some consolation, however, was gleaned from the fact that he recorded his fastest time ever of 14:00 for the twelve laps. Nowadays, only some half a decade later, this time is quite mediocre and 13:40 is becoming a good time for a better class club-runner. To Pat's credit we must state that although he never broke through the 14 minute barrier, he ran so consistently that his career average over 3 miles is 14:15. Two things have probably prevented him from ducking under 14 mins and establishing himself as a 13:30 top class performer. He lacks real basic speed and he tends to run with insufficient fire in his belly. Pat has a best half-mile time of 1:59.5 and his fastest mile is only a disappointing 4:17.0. Certainly his physique and running style are not conducive to speed and his racing has always seemed to lack that vital dynamic kick that all great champions have had. Realising this deficiency Pat has attempted to compensate for them by improving and deepening his own physical condition. Many say that on occasions he has gone too far and left much of his form on the training track. For an athlete, he is possibly a little too much of a thinker: "...the native hue of resolution, Is sicklied o'er the pale cast of thought." Undoubtedly he has many good training sessions under his belt and all the essential fitness is there in depth. Married now to Wendy, sister of our own Mike Shingles, he may settle down mentally as well as physically. He has started back on the long grind and, after overcoming and surmounting a few intermediary Everests, he feels convinced that he can still contribute more to his already long service record. Although we look to be entering a period of success and although these may well be halcyon days for Belgrave, complacency must be avoided and the Newells have a great contribution to make. Individually Pat still has many good races in him and as a member of Belgrave packs and teams, his experience and judgment can be of great benefit to the sparking, yet raw and inexperienced talent that we trust will provide our National Championship teams of the late '60s.

D.E.M.

On a flooded, heavy track at Southampton on Sept. 4th, and in a constant downpour, Bill Kerr finished off the track season with an excellent 13:57.4 three miles. He was 2nd to Batty (13:47.4) but beat the Portsmouth runners D. Cooke (14:00.2) and B. Tulloch (14:04.0).

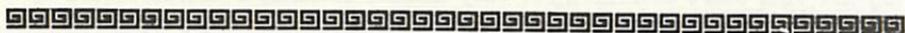
At the same meeting John Thresher had a comfortable mile win in 4:26.0



THE WINNING LONDON-BRIGHTON RELAY TEAM (Southern Event) ON THE SEA-FRONT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE "NEWS OF THE WORLD" TROPHY.

REAR: (L.to R.) P. Newell, W. Kerr, Geoff. North, R. Linstead, The President, A. Fairclough, B. Sawyer, C. Dabbs.

FRONT: (L.to R.) J. Thresher, Gerald North, L.O'Hara, A. Black. (C.W. Walker was not present).



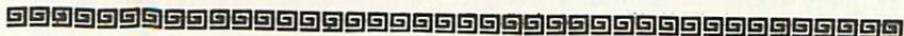
25 Years Ago

December 1938 -

"We note from the press that a Wimbledon Athletic Club has been formed and shall watch its progress with interest. We must confess, however, to some slight annoyance on reading the 'Blurb' which appeared in one of our national papers. From this, it would appear that Wimbledon has only been known hitherto in sporting circles by reason of its association with Lawn Tennis. No doubt the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club and Wimbledon F.C. would be inclined to dispute this; and we certainly think we have some claim to have brought some small athletic distinction to the Borough. Last season we invited French athletes to Wimbledon ... and the Mayor and members of the Corporation honoured us by officiating at the events and congratulating the Club upon its efforts for athletics. On 19 occasions we have promoted an open walk and our quarters have been at the disposal of the Wimbledon 'Keep Fit' movement and other sporting organisations - and yet we are told that Athletics is an unknown sport in Wimbledon! So much for Press reports. "WITH THE WALKERS" - The Road Season has started well for us and gives us hopes that we shall again win all the Open 7 and 10 miles scratch teams races. It is gratifying to see that even if our first four men home were eliminated we should still have men prominent enough to challenge and even win, team honours.

Harry Churcher has found his form, and may well repeat last year's record when he won every '7' and '10' in the London Area. We hope he will crown his athletic career by winning the A.A.A. 7 miles title next April, and so become the first Belgrave man to win an A.A.A. Championship. (Eis. He did just that on 7th July 1939 at White City; he won from Staker (Highgate) and our own Joe Coleman).

Highgate '7' 1. H. G. Churcher 4. J. Coleman 6. C. E. Churcher 7. C. Sutton
 Enfield '7' 1. H. G. Churcher 2. J. Coleman 5. C. Sutton 6. P. Wright
 7. C. E. Churcher.



Junior Section

Wimbledon Youths Open

October 12th

Walton A.C. were comfortable winners of the team race, but only 2 points covered the next 4 teams---T.V.H. scraping second place by virtue of their last man's placing.

John Bicourt ran well to gain 4th place in a field of high quality, and he was ably supported by the fast improving Ron Hayes and Bill Bruce.

RESULT

1. R. Young (Hornchurch).....18:34	16. R. Hayes (Belgrave).....20:15
2. R. Hayman (Maldstone).....18:35	22. W. Bruce (").....20:38
3. C. Ridley (Dartford).....18:52	35. D. Hurd (").....22:01
4. J. Bicourt (Belgrave).....19:05	36. S. Bradshaw ").....22:05
5. C. Church (Walton).....19:14	37. I. Chandler ").....22:12
6. D. Snook (Q.P.H.).....19:17	40. R. Clark " (.....22:27

Teams:-

1. Walton A.C. (5,7,10).....22pts	4. Essex Beagles (6,8,22).....36pts
2. T.V.H. (9,12,14).....35pts	5. Hornchurch (1,11,25).....37pts
3. BELGRAVE (4,13,18).....36pts	11. BELGRAVE 'B'.....97pts

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## 'OPEN' YOUTHS RELAY — Oct. 19th.

### FINE WIN BY MITCHAM

Belgrave's seventh annual road relay for Youths was held on Oct. 19 at Wimbledon and attracted an entry of 46 teams. Coventry, the holders, who set a course record last year, were not represented, but it is doubtful whether a club in the country could have touched the Mitcham quartet on this occasion. Messrs. Perry, Strudwick, Badgery and Cope not only led from start to finish but they smashed Coventry's course record by no less than 48 seconds.

Bill Lucas set the race in motion on this windy autumnal Saturday and Mitcham, Ilford, Watford, Q.P.H. and Essex Beagles were soon fighting it out at the front. Derek Hurd was on this stage for Belgrave, but has not been running long enough yet to match this class of opposition. He is young enough to be eligible for next year's race so, with 12 months of conscientious training, could well be to the fore next time. On this occasion he finished 31st, 1:20 down on Perry of Mitcham.

From then on Mitcham increased their lead with every step to finish 1½ minutes ahead of the runners-up, Luton United.

Ron Hayes set about the opposition like a wild man on Stage two, carrying his bobbing head of unruly hair past no less than 12 opponents to send John Bicourt off in 19th place. John had the doubtful privilege of starting 2 seconds ahead of Kicks (V.P.H.) who took his team from 20th to 7th with fastest time of the day. John kept his sights on the Victoria Park lad all the way and passed nine other runners with a time that ranked him 9th of the day.

Bill Bruce then did a last-leg stint reminiscent of fellow Scot, Bill Kerr; and to everyone's pleasure took two further places with a time faster even than Ron Hayes---which is no mean feat in these "days of Hayes"!

Our 9th place was no mean performance, and the lads can feel justly proud of their effort. If they persevere they will assuredly be the core of our future Senior teams.

Thanks, once again, to Ray Conway the organisation went off extremely well. The able assistance of Arthur Whitehead, of Denis Brickwood and his results team, and of the many officials, was invaluable. The line-up of officials would have done credit to an international meeting.

### Innocent Wisdom!

Genuinely heard at the sports section of a London Book store. Middle-aged woman, to her companion, "Here we are my dear, 'The Sport of Race Walking'--- isn't that to do with sprinting?"!!!

**RESULT.**

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Mitcham A.C.....     | 45:49 |
| 2. Luton United.....    | 47:17 |
| 3. Ponders End A.C..... | 47:26 |
| 4. Westbury H.....      | 48:19 |
| 5. Watford H.....       | 48:32 |
| 6. Bristol A.C.....     | 48:57 |

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| 9. BELGRAVE H 'A'.....  | 49:28 |
| 37. BELGRAVE H 'B'..... | 54:04 |

**Fastest Times:-**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. G. Kicks (VPH) 11:18. | 2. S. Badgery (Mit) 11:20. | 3. M. Pakey (Luton) 11:21   |
| 4. D. Cope (Mit) 11:24.  | 5. R. Young (Horn) 11:26.  | 6. D. Strudwick (Mit) 11:29 |

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## The North Surrey League

### Youths & Boys

**1st FIXTURE. WIMBLEDON---OCTOBER 26th**

A great win for John Bicourt, who beat old rivals Cope, Church and Badgery in fine style. These four were well away and a full minute separated the first and fifth-runners at the finish. Ron Hayes backed up very well indeed for 9th and with Hurd, Keyes and Bruce packing well in the late 'teens we were assured of second place in the team event.

**RESULT.**

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Bicourt..(BELS)....    | 15:12 |
| 2. Cope...(Mitcham)....   | 15:18 |
| 3. Church..(Walton)....   | 15:30 |
| 4. Badgery..(Mitcham).... | 15:45 |
| 5. Felix...{ " }....      | 16:12 |
| 6. Herring (H.H.H.)....   | 16:15 |
| 9. Hayes..(BELS).....     | 16:36 |
| 17. Hurd... (BELS).....   | 17:06 |

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| 19. Keyes.....(BELS).....   | 17:23 |
| 20. Bruce.....(").....      | 17:27 |
| 23. Bradshaw.....( " )..... | 17:42 |
| 25. Major.....( " ).....    | 17:47 |
| 27. Clark.....( " ).....    | 17:59 |
| 31. Chandler.....( " )..... | 18:18 |
| 36. Nelson.....( " ).....   | 18:47 |
| 42. Freeman.....( " ).....  | 20:53 |
| 44. Ockendon.....( " )..... | 22:09 |

**Teams:-**

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Mitcham AC..... | 36pts |
| 2. BELGRAVE H..... | 63pts |
| 3. Walton A.C..... | 79pts |

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 4. H.H.H.....       | 84 pts  |
| 5. Hercules AC..... | 93 pts  |
| 6. Surrey A.C.....  | 117 pts |

**SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Held on Wednesday 27th November from Belgrave Hall, this championship proved successful for certain of our Belgrave youngsters. Representing Tulse Hill School, Tappy, Bindar, and Keys finished 3rd, 6th and 7th respectively. Unfortunately, it was six to score and although Tulse Hill tied with Grants School at 55 pts apiece, the title was decided by the position of the 6th scorer and the trophy went to Grants.

## REIGATE ;

**PRIORY YOUTHS RELAY---November 2nd**

A disappointing result for Belgrave; although the opposition was the strongest in the South.

Unfortunately, Adrian Major was not at his best and we were well down after stage 1. Ron Hayes made ground with a good run on stage two and John Bicourt, with 3rd fastest time of the day, took us up to 6th and within striking distance of 4th. However, we had played our best cards, and Derek Hurd was left with the unenviable task of facing some hot opposition on the last stage. Despite Derek's hard fight we had to be content with 10th position.

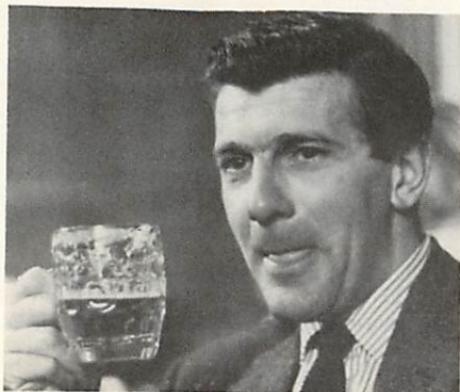
**RESULT.**

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ponders End A.C..... | 33:09 |
| 2. Windsor & Eton.....  | 33:37 |
| 3. Mitcham A.C.....     | 33:44 |
| 10. BELGRAVE H.....     | 35:08 |

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|---------------|------|----------------|------|
| 'A'           |      | 'B'            |      |
| A. Major..... | 9:17 | S. Bradshaw... | 9:23 |
| R. Hayes..... | 8:36 | R. Clarke..... | 9:-  |
| J. Bicourt... | 8:05 |                |      |
| D. Hurd.....  | 9:03 |                |      |

:For Youths '3' see page 15.

## SOCIALLY YOURS



On the 12th October our two supporters coaches for the London-Brighton relay were well filled, and as you will have read elsewhere in the Belgravian everybody had much to be excited about.

This jubilation was continued at the reception, where the Bels supporters made themselves well heard.

Later, at the "Black Swan", the Poly and Surrey A.C. found to their surprise that Gerry and the Pace-makers were still in very good voice the high spirits prevailed to the Social on the 26th October when we had well over 100 people in attendance. Most of us will remember the

No. 1 song in the hit parade for a long time—"Do you Love Me" sung by "Allan Mead and the Noddors". All in all a very good social; here's hoping this gaiety will be carried on to the next one on the 7th December at Belgrave Hall where in addition to our usual great evening, the "Belgrave Film Corporation" will be showing a full length version of this year's successful run in the London-Brighton Relay. Also on this evening we are having a session of Square Dancing with one of the best callers in the South. At the end of the month don't forget the Xmas Party Dance; a good evening with all the usual festivities and a top class band. This is on the 28th December at Belgrave Hall. Children's Party---Will parents with children 11 years and under note that the party is on the 5th January at the hall. Please let me have the names sex and age if you wish your children to come along. The usual list will be in the hall or you can drop me a line direct. Well thats about all for now, by the time you read this the Dinner, I hope, will have been held to the satisfaction of all.

Thanks once again for your support and to my Social Committee, I would like to say that I appreciate all the hard work they have put in this year.

Ted Pallant



**PHOTO** (Ed. Lacey): Derek Boosey, after a season of injury, triple jumps for Great Britain in the match against Sweden at White City on Sept 14th. Derek was second with a Club record leap of 51'-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "--only 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " behind winner Alsop.

## THE CLUB DINNER

Held on November 16th at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, this year's occasion was attended by 219 members and friends of Belgrave. Thanks to Ted Pallant and his social committee the evening was a great success.

Our principal guests this year were Mr. L. Golding, A.A.A. team manager and representing the Southern Counties C.C.A., Mr. R. Goodman of the Southern Counties A.A.A., Mr. J. Martell of Surrey County A.A.A., Mr. L. Woodcock of the R.W.A. and Mr. W. Coyne of the London Association of Athletic Clubs. Other guests included Mrs. Savage, and the evergreen Harry Evans. It should be noted of course that our own Sid Roberts, who was also present is the current President of the R.W.A..

Mr. Ron Goodman, who hails from H.H.H., in proposing the toast "The Club" jocularly questioned the use of the definite pronoun, but admitted later that he had actually come round to admiring past runners like Bert Foster and Arthur Penny and, of the present team, was even beginning to like Charlie Walker! Full of praise for our success over Portsmouth on the Brighton Road, he had great pleasure in changing the toast to "Winners of the London Brighton Relay" - a diplomatic move which left his allegiance to Herne Hill untarnished! Jack Goswell, replying for the club, gave an excellent review of recent successes, an assessment of present strength and finished on an optimistic note for the future.

John Thresher's maiden speech was made in a toast to 'Our Guests' He handled this with the same technique and judgment that one associates with his running, and he can feel sure that this was the first of many such appearances. It was good to see that the improving strength of our athletes is reflected in the enthusiasm of our club committee and that our hard-worked Hon. Sec. Alf Harley was able to have an evening off.

Les Golding, and John Martell replied on behalf of the Guests. The latter, who is Editor of the Surrey County Newsletter 'SCAN' hoped that our new President, in his capacity as team manager, would celebrate his year of office by taking the County Cross Country team to victory in the Inter-Counties Championship which will be held on home ground at Epsom in January.

Our immediate Past-President, Dave Shepherd, then proposed a toast to the President. The essence of his 'This is Your Life' speech was similar to that given elsewhere in this gazette. Dave, of course, applied his usual humorous trimmings and did not fail to mention that Bill Lucas was the only man in the President's household; following this with some 'inside' information on Bill's domestic aptitudes!

The President's reply, after a few appropriate comments in Dave Shepherd's direction, was an optimistic appraisal of his hopes and forecasts for the coming year. "There is no reason," said Bill, "why we should not add the National Relay title to our Southern Brighton success. I also hope to see us win the Southern and even the National Cross Country Championships - Junior titles as well. Yes, Coventry, Portsmouth and Derby - Here we come!". He also considered our strong walking section, "who had kept Belgrave's name to the fore during lean years" well enough equipped to regain the R.W.A. 20 and 50 kilos titles and looked forward to several trophy wins by our track section. He was convinced that 1964 would be a memorable year for both Club and Country and hoped that Belgrave would, once again, supply at least one athlete to the Olympic Games team for Tokyo. Bill Lucas closed his speech with the presentation of a plaque to the retiring President, Dave Shepherd.

Clive Shippen (toastmaster) and Charlie Manning (M.C.) were both 'performing' for the first time and it was not long after speeches that the latter had the dancing in full swing. Showing a remarkable zest for his task, Charlie really hotted up the festivities with his non-stop novelties and threw in everything bar circuit training! It was good to see a larger element of younger members this year and, if 'Noddy' Edwards was anyone to go by, they had a really high time.

So another Dinner came to a close. This annual festive occasion, which brings together those Belgravians who have worn Glaret & Gold a full life span apart, and where members from all walks of life join in an evening of true Belgrave flavour, had ended. Yet the spirit of the President's message, of the re-unions and of the festivities was still with the 219 when they arrived home in the early hours of Sunday morning. All except, perhaps, 'Noddy' Edwards!

Danny Wiseman clocked 51.5 in winning the Cambridge Freshman's trials in October and in the Oxford/Cambridge Freshman's match he finished 2nd to Oxford's K. Willing, with 51.6. Further University news is that Chris Ryan will be going up to Cambridge next year.

# WALKING

We are indebted to DON BARTLIFF for most of the information in the following pages and to RON LINSTEAD who has provided the action photos. Anyone requiring copies of photos should contact RON at 69, Alexandra Road, S.W.19.

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Three new names are appearing regularly in recent results---Bob Picton (20) Mike Hamlin (20) and Chas Capener (19). Jack Goswell is enthusiastic about their potential and considers that with Gerry Cameron (still only 20) we have a quartet worth watching.

We hear that STAN VICKERS has just left the Hospital for Tropical Diseases after being detained for observation. Stan has been suffering with re-curring dysentery for some time. We wish him a quick recovery and look forward to seeing him at some of our future fixtures.

Dave King is moving up to 20's this year and J.W.G. thinks we will see a greatly improved performer as a result. Dave is another to live at Bournemouth and shows remarkable keenness to travel as regularly as he does--- this is an attribute which will serve him well in his quest for long-distance honours.

It is good to see Bill Wright back in the fold again. He appeared regularly when at London University but was then lost for a time. He is now living at Basildon and hopes to appear regularly once again.

Bill, of course, is the son of an old friend, Percy Wright, who is now a headmaster at a Southampton School.

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## Hastings - Brighton :

SATURDAY 17th August, 1963.

Over a tough 38 miles course from Hastings to Brighton the Bels once again fought out a close battle with their Surrey W.C. rivals only to concede victory by 4 points in the team race. The individual places were very keenly disputed for most of the race. After leading for the first 9 miles Colin Young (Essex B.) was caught by a group of four walkers which included Ray Hall and Ken Bailey (Bels). These five battles for the lead until 28 miles when Dennis Read (Stey A.C.) answered the challenge but the pace was too hot for Ken Bailey and Colin Young who were forced to drop back. Ray fought hard to catch Read going into Brighton but although he managed to shake off Ken Mason, he couldn't catch the Steyning man and had to be content with second place. Ken Bailey walked another fine race for 5th place. Don Bartliff was 13th and completed the scoring team of three, but this was not quite good enough to beat S.W.C. who finished five men before our three. Ray Hall also took third place in the individual handicap.

### RESULTS:

|                        |         |                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| 1. D. Read (Stey.A.C.) | 5:41:0  | 13. D. Bartliff (Bels) | 6:19:38 |
| 2. R. Hall (Bels)      | 5:44:16 | 16. P. Dunoon "        | 6:23:54 |
| 3. K. Mason (S.W.C.)   | 5:46:17 | 20. J. Morris "        | 6:33:33 |
| 5. K. Bailey (Bels)    | 5:54:11 | 25. B. Eglington "     | 6:37:16 |
|                        |         | 53. P. Wilson "        | 7:30.41 |

Teams: 1.S.W.C. 14 pts. 2. Bels 18 pts. 3. W. Green 39 pts.

## VIDS '25'

### MIDDLETON THIRD TO PAMICH!!

This race was marked by the appearance of Abdon Pamich (Italy) the European 50 Kilos Champion 1962, who was paying a short visit to this country. Although Ray Middleton (Bels) our National Champion was amongst the starters this race was just a training spin for him after a lay off, so it was left to Paul Nihil (S.W.C) to provide the main opposition to Pamich. Needless to say the Italian proved too fast over this distance for Nihil and ran out an easy winner in 3hrs 25mins a new course record. Ray Middleton finished 3rd in 3hrs 39mins 49secs without fully extending himself, and with Ken Bailey 5th and Ray Hall 7th also saving himself for the London to Brighton

a fortnight ahead, the Bels easily took the team race 9 points to a weakened S.W.C 19 points.

| RESULT                      | H | M  | S  | H  | M                | S           |
|-----------------------------|---|----|----|----|------------------|-------------|
| 1. A. Pamich (Italy).....   | 3 | 23 | 0  | 9  | D. Bartliff..... | 3...59...57 |
| 2. P. Nihill (S.W.C.).....  | 3 | 27 | 0  | 15 | B. Eglington.... | 4...15...52 |
| 3. R. Middleton (BELS)..... | 3 | 39 | 49 | 21 | J. Wilson.....   | 4...35...33 |
| 5. K. Bailey (BELS).....    | 3 | 42 | 18 | 24 | P. Wilson.....   | 4...42...39 |
| 7. R. Hall (BELS).....      | 3 | 46 | 27 |    |                  |             |

#### TEAMS

1. BELGRAVE H..9pts      2. Surrey WC..19pts      3. L/Vids..27pts

#### HIGHGATE HARRIERS ONE HOUR WALKS.

#### PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS-SAT. 21ST SEPT 1963.

These one-hour walks are divided into four sections, starting with the slower men in section 'D' and working up to the fast men in section 'A'. In the 'D' Section Mick Hamlin and Bob Picton two of our young members who are showing plenty of improvement won their 6 mile badges. In section 'C' we saw some fine walking from Steve Laker-Jones when he finished 2nd and covered 7mils 196yds thus winning his 7 mile Badge. Dave King who looks more like George Williams in style every time he comes up from Bournemouth, finished 3rd in section 'B' covering 7miles 604yds. In section 'A' both Ray Middleton and John Knifton walked well to cover over 7½ miles, but Vaughan Thomas unfortunately came under the judges eye after 2 miles and was disqualified when lying 2nd.

#### RESULTS 'D' SECTION

|                             |               |                          |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. D. Johnson (Lencs).....  | 7mils 20yds   | D. Logan (BELS).....     | 6mils 315yd |
| 2. J. Christian (H.H.)..... | 6mils 1687yds | A. East ( " ).....       | 6mils 175yd |
| 3. D. Griffen (Hornch)..... | 6mils 1645yds | J. Wilson ( " ).....     | 6mils 117yd |
| J. Morris (BELS).....       | 6mils 1016yds | D. Doubleday (BELS)..... | 5mils 1626y |
| M. Hamlin ( " ).....        | 6mils 688yds  | P. Wilson (BELS).....    | 5mils 1140y |
| R. Picton ( " ).....        | 6mils 453yds  |                          |             |

#### 'C' SECTION

|                                |               |                            |             |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. B. Hyland (L.Vids).....     | 7mils 254yds  | P. Duncan....(BELS).....   | 6mils 1430y |
| 2. S. Laker-Jones (BELS).....  | 7mils 196yds  | D. Fotheringham(BELS)..... | 6mils 1029y |
| 3. K. Halstead (Wind & E)..... | 7mils 139yds  | B. Eglington (BELS).....   | 6mils 959y  |
| G. Cameron (BELS).....         | 6mils 1564yds | W. Wright....( " ).....    | 6mils 518y  |

#### 'B' SECTION

|                              |              |                          |             |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. P. Fullager (S.W.C.)..... | 7mils 756yds | W. Belderson (BELS)..... | 6mils 1284y |
| 2. W. Newhill (C. God).....  | 7mils 663yds | G. Beecham...{ " }.....  | 6mils 885yd |
| 3. D. King (BELS).....       | 7mils 604yds |                          |             |

#### 'A' SECTION

|                             |               |                          |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. P. Nihill (S.W.C.).....  | 8mils 462yds  | R. Middleton (BELS)..... | 7mils 1220y |
| 2. J. Edginton (C.God)..... | 8mils 169yds  | J. Knifton...{ " }.....  | 7mils 990yd |
| 3. R. Hart (Roath L.).....  | 7mils 1707yds |                          |             |

#### TEAM RESULT

1. COVENTRY GODIVA.....44 POINTS
2. SURREY WALKING CLUB.....49 POINTS
3. BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....73 POINTS

In the Woodford Gn Open '5' on Sept 14th, John Knifton had a great tussle with Clark (Poly) and Godbeer (Camb.) Only 14 seconds covered them at the finish, with honours going to Clark by a 6 seconds margin over John.

Ray Middleton won the Civil Service 7 miles Championship at Imber Court on Nov 16th in 52:30. He did not have matters his own way though; Eric Hall giving him a tough struggle most of the distance and succumbing by only 11 seconds. Ray Hall was 10th (56:19), Jones 18th (58:50), Cameron 22nd (60:05), Keown 28th (61:12). Other members also took part in the match held in conjunction.

## LONDON - BRIGHTON WALK

14 SEC SEPARATES RAY HALL FROM BRIGHTON VICTORY.

At 7 AM on Saturday 7th September 1963, eight Belgravians lined up with the other starters opposite Big Ben at Westminster for the London to Brighton walk. As Don Thompson (Met WC) the winner for the previous 8 years and the Olympic 50 Kilos Champion 1960, was unable to compete this year owing to injury it was the first time for many years that the probable winner could not be selected at the start. But the Bels were very hopeful that our own Ray Hall, who was in very good form, could pull it off.

As the clock struck seven a group of six walkers including Ray and Ken Bailey (Bels) followed Colin Young (EB) who was second in 1961 and 1962 across Westminster Bridge, for what was to be the most keenly fought Brighton for many years. At 10 miles this group were still together, and the Bels were very nicely placed for team points, but luck was not with us because Don Bartliff had to retire at this point with a hip injury when lying in 10th position. Although John Morris, Bernard Eglinton, John Keown and Bob Farley fought hard to make up team places, this was to affect the team result considerably in the end.

When the leading group reached 15 miles at Coulsdon, Ken Bailey went into the lead and opened up a gap of about 100 yards in a brave attempt to hot up the pace and kill off some of the opposition. But Dennis Read (Steyning AC), the winner of the Hastings to Brighton three weeks earlier, soon went after him with Ray Hall close on his heels, and at Redhill (20 miles reached in 3hrs 2mins 25secs) these two were ahead of the field followed by Dennis Vale (S.W.C.). Read began to put on the pressure at Gatwick and he had Ray struggling to hold on at times. But like the fighter he is, he was still on Read's shoulder at Crawley: 30 miles reached in 4 hrs 39 mins 42 secs. At Peas Pottage it was still neck and neck with Vale (S.W.C.) still 3rd with Ken Bailey giving a good account of himself in 5th place, and the rest of the Bels including George Beecham who had been ill with asthma backing up well for team positions. As the leaders went down Handcross, Read showed his great ability to walk down steep hills and as this is not one of Ray's assets he opened up a gap which had extended to 1 min 6 secs at Bolney 39 miles reached in 6 hrs 1 min 30secs with Ray still 2nd and Vale (SWC) closing in 3rd place. At Hickstead 41 miles Read was 2 mins 15 secs ahead but now the course began to go up hill and this slowed him down somewhat. With great encouragement from Harry Shields on his cycle and from his attendant car Ray began to close the gap and at Dale Hill (46 miles reached in 7 hrs 8mins 57 secs) he was only 51 secs behind.

Now Read, a Sussex man, was in his own territory and heading for home, but still Ray chased him clipping off the seconds until at Preston Park with about two miles to go he was only 19secs behind. Can he do it? That was the question we asked ourselves as we waited on the front at Brighton. But in the end Ray had to give second best to Dennis Read who won in 8 hrs 6 mins 58secs with Ray just 14 secs behind in 8 hrs 7 mins 12 secs a truly magnificent effort and a race that will be remembered by those present for many years. Dennis Vale (SWC) was 3rd in 8 hrs 16 mins 45 secs, Ken Bailey walked a fine race to finish 5th in 8 hrs 37 mins 7 secs. John Morris was 18th in 9 hrs 21 mins 32 secs followed closely by Bernard Eglinton 20th in 9 hrs 23 mins 56 secs. This being our scoring four we now had to wait for Surrey W.C.'s fourth man to see if we had won the team race. But he just managed to scrape in and we lost by one point 28-29.

RESULTS

|                          | H   | M    | S  | H                           | M    | S      |
|--------------------------|-----|------|----|-----------------------------|------|--------|
| 1. D. Read (Stey AC).... | 8.. | 6..  | 58 | 18. J. Morris (BELS).....   | 9..  | 21..32 |
| 2. R. Hall (BELS).....   | 8.. | 7..  | 12 | 20. B. Eglinton (BELS)..... | 9..  | 23..56 |
| 3. D. Vale (S.W.C.)....  | 8.. | 16.. | 45 | 22. G. Farley (BELS).....   | 9..  | 25..09 |
| 4. C. Young (Ex B).....  | 8.. | 31.. | 32 | 31. J. Keown (BELS).....    | 9..  | 44..15 |
| 5. K. Bailey (BELS)..... | 8.. | 37.. | 70 | G. Beecham (BELS).....      | 10.. | 8...6  |

TEAMS

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| 1. S.W.C.   | 28 Pts |
| 2. BELGRAVE | 29 Pts |
| 3. W/GREEN  | 53 Pts |

BELGRAVE CUP (CLUB CHAMP'SHIP) HELDIN CONJUNCTION

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. R. HALL.....  | 8HRS 7MINS 12 SECS |
| 2. K. BAILEY.... | 8HRS 37MINS 7 SECS |
| 3. J. MORRIS.... | 9HRS 21MINS 32SECS |





October 26th

Ray Middleton and John Knifton walked particularly well to finish 2nd and 6th in a field of 190. Apart from this the result was disappointing. We received a bad blow at 1 1/2 miles when Dave King was "pulled" in his first ever encounter with West Hill; this put us out of the scratch team race. Internationals Nihill and Fogg were others to come under the judges ban.

Steve Laker-Jones walked well, and it was good to see Bob Barnes making a come-back after 2 years of studies. Charlie Capener was taking part in his first Open '7'. Bill Belderson was first M.P.A.A. member not gaining another award and Percy Wilson was 3rd in the Vets handicap.

RESULT

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. K. Matthews (RSCWC).....49:40     | 81. G.B. Cameron.....'B'..62:23   |
| 2. R.C. Middleton (BELGRAVE)...53:18 | 93. J. F. Keown.....'C'..63:44    |
| 3. J.S. Godbeer (Camb. H).....53:43  | 95. M.R. Hamlin.....'C'..63:48    |
| 4. R. Clark (Poly).....53:50         | 105. W. K. Wright.....'B'..64:59  |
| 5. J. Spencer (Sheffield Utd)..54:02 | 124. C. Capener.....'C'..67:14    |
| 6. J. Knifton (BELGRAVE).....54:13   | 146. J. Wilson.....'A'..68:59     |
|                                      | 148. C. Yescombe.....Indiv..69:37 |
| 40.S.L/Jones..'A'.....58:03          | 152. D. Logan.....'B'..70:02      |
| 44.R.C.Hall..'A'.....58:29           | 155. P. Wilson.....'B'..70:44     |
| 61.R.L. Barnes..'A'.....59:03        | 160. A. East.....'C'..72:02       |
| 64.W.A. Belderson 'A'.....60:40      | 166. F. Denny.....'C'..73:37      |
| 72.G. Checkley.'B'.....61:37         |                                   |

Teams:-

1. Sheffield (4,9,12,16)..41pts 2.Poly (3,8,13,17)..41pts 3.BELS 'A'..74pts  
190 started, 174 finished. 24 teams closed in.

## ENFIELD '7'

November 9th

Ray Middleton was, once more, again to the front for Belgrave. He had a great scrap with Bob Clark (Poly) before Clark got away in the final stages to beat Ray by a mere 2 seconds. However, the Poly man was not the winner, for Nihill (SWC) had raced away to an untouchable lead and was home nearly 2 mins ahead of the following pair.

Knifton and Laker-Jones were not in the best of form this time and Belgrave had to be content with 3rd place in the team event. Our most improved performer was undoubtedly Mike Hamlin who is moving steadily up the results.

RESULT

|                                    |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. P. Nihill..(SWC.).....52:37     | 62. G. Cameron.....61:52      |
| 2. R. Clark...(Poly).....54:20     | 63. S. James.....63:24        |
| 3. R.C. Middleton (BELS).....54:22 | 68. J. Keown.....64:04        |
| 4. P. McCullagh (Met.).....54:55   | 74. M. Hamlin.....64:35       |
| 5. M. Fullager (SWC).....55:22     | 80. W. Wright.....65:40       |
| 6. K. Easlea (Enfield).....55:47   | 87. D. Fotheringham.....66:33 |
|                                    | 101. A. East.....69:02        |
| 17.D. King.....57:23               | 102. C. Capener.....69:06     |
| 18.J. Knifton.....57:25            | 109. J. Wilson.....70:09      |
| 24.R. Hall.....58:05               | 117. P. Wilson.....71:10      |
| 31.R. Barnes.....58:43             | 120. G. Doubleday.....72:02   |
| 50.S. L/Jones.....60:26            | 126. C. Yescombe.....72:16    |
| 54.W. Belderson.....61:40          | 133. J. Scammell.....76:12    |

Teams:

1. Surrey W.C..(1,4,7,12)24pts 2.Polytechnic H.(2,6,11,19)38pts  
3. BELGRAVE H.....(3,15,16,22)....56pts.

George Williams, who had retired from walking, taken to running and retired from running (after some quick success) all in the space of 18 months, suffered a broken collar-bone last August. During this spell of incapacity he decided to return to the walking game and after a few short strolls raced in the Chippenham-Calne 'Open'. It was a tribute to his natural ability that he should finish 23rd and be our 3rd scoring man.

George is now married and still lives in Bournemouth. He expects to be up for the Club '10' and hopes to have a season of serious walking next Summer.

# The 44th. Belgrave Open 'Seven'

Aif Harley reports

Our oldest annual promotion again attracted an excellent entry on Nov. 23rd and ensured in advance a first class competition. On a fine afternoon Paul Nihill of Surrey Walking Club, swept into an immediate lead which he steadily increased throughout the whole of the race from John Edgington, the International walker from Coventry and Peter McCullagh of Metropolitan W.C., Oxford University, and Australia. A little behind these three, Belgrave set about winning the scratch team race with a will. At the half-way stage the team event clearly lay between ourselves and Surrey Walking Club with but little in it, but in the closing stages our lads made sure of victory and called forth the praise and admiration of many experienced onlookers by the manner of it's performance. To score three men in consecutive positions, 3, 4, and 5, is team racing at it's best and with the fourth man not far away--and the fifth, if required--we welcomed back the Berman Cup with a six point margin over our traditional rivals Surrey Walking Club.

The handicap team race was another Belgrave--Surrey W.C. battle with our opponents taking first prize with an eleven seconds margin on aggregate handicap times.

Our president, Bill Lucas, started 174 competitors in this our 44th annual Open Walk and all with long memories considered one of the best of the long series. Belgrave supplied a good proportion of the entry as will be seen in the result, and apart from being well among the prize winners, we had the satisfaction of seeing several in action who will undoubtedly be of great value to our teams in year's to come. David King has already shown his worth and other relatively new names carrying our colours in promising fashion were HAMLIN, WRIGHT, HAITH, CAPENER, and PICTON. To these add the fast improving LAKER-JONES, GERRY CAMERON, and the future looks safe indeed. It is an interesting fact that we started 4 International walkers in our teams.

And so another very successful event was staged and carried through without hitch. Of course, we had the excellent support from walkers we usually enjoy and the assistance of the R.W.A. judges and Hon. Handicappers without whom we could not carry through our event; but we should not let occasions such as this pass without acknowledging the tremendous work of our Walk Hon. Secretary, JACK GOSWELL, and of all the Club men who give him such great support in so many ways before the race and on the day. Nor are we unmindful of the very generous donations to the prize fund which are always coming from our members.

The promotion of an event of this nature brings forth in good measure the Club spirit with which we are richly endowed-- without it one shudders to think what might happen!

## RESULT

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. P. Nihill.....S.W.C.....51:08   | 91. W. Wright.....BELS 'C' 65:27 |
| 2. J. Edgington...C. God.....52:38 | 94. J. Morris..... " 'D' 65:40   |
| 3. P. McCullagh...M.W.C.....53:48  | 97. B. Eglinton... " 'A' 66:08   |
| 4. R. Clark.....Poly.....54:33     | 100. C. Yescombe... " 'C' 66:30  |
| 5. R. Middleton...BELS 'A'...54:33 | 104. D. Bertliff... " 'C' 66:41  |
| 6. E.W. Hall..... " ".....54:40    | 105. D. Fotheringham" 'C' 66:42  |
| 7. J. Knifton..... " ".....54:47   | 109. A. Haith..... " 'D' 66:53   |
|                                    | 112. C. Capener... " 'D' 67:15   |
| 15. D. King.....BELS 'A'...56:07   | 128. R. Picton..... " 'D' 68:31  |
| 22. R. Hall..... " ".....56:55     | 129. G. Beecham... " 'C' 68:34   |
| 32. S. Laker-Jones. " ".....58:24  | 132. A. East..... " 'D' 68:57    |
| 52. K. Bailey..... " 'B'...61:00   | 135. G. Doubleday... " 'D' 69:08 |
| 58. G. Cameron... " ".....61:24    | 142. D. Logan..... " 'B' 69:57   |
| 61. U. Belderson... " ".....61:35  | 143. J. Wilson..... " 'B' 70:22  |
| 67. G. Checkley... " ".....62:29   | 152. P. Wilson..... " 'B' 71:57  |
| 72. M. Hamlin..... " 'C'...63:12   | 159. F. Denny..... " 'D' 73:52   |

Scratch Team Result

|                                          |                            |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. BELGRAVE H. 'A' (3,4,5,11).....23pts  | 4. Met. W.C.....74pts      |
| 2. Surrey W.C. (1,6,7,15).....29pts      | 5. Cambridge H.....102pts  |
| 3. Polytechnic H. (2,10,14,21).....47pts | 6. Woodford Grn.....110pts |

**CAMBRIDGE '7'**December 7th

Another disappointing "Open" for Belgrave; of the four major 'sevens' only one found us as victors, and that was our own promotion. Once again, little went right. Apart from the Australian, McCullagh, who got away and won for his adopted club, Met. W.C., the remaining places were wide open. John Knifton was right up with the challengers and with Clark (Poly), Fullager (S.W.C) and John "Sprinting" for the tape he was disqualified just 50yds from the finish. Unfortunately we had already lost Bob Farley at 3½ miles---Bobsuffering his 2nd successive disqualification in "Opens". Haith and J. Wilson were others pulled by the judges.

Ray Hall walked well, and it was good to see Dave King concentrating on style and having a really "safe" walk. Capener did well again and Barnes is gradually getting back.

The race was held on the first bitterly cold day of the winter and several walkers seemed unhappy with the conditions. We started and finished 4 teams.

RESULT

|                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. A. McCullagh (Met).....53:31    | 62. M. Hamlin.....BELS.....63:00      |
| 2. R. Clark (Poly).....54:19       | 64. J. Keown..... " .....63:11        |
| 3. N. Fullager (SWC).....54:21     | 67. G. Checkley..... " .....64:08     |
| 4. A.G. Thomson (Met WC).....54:36 | 69. W. Wright..... " .....64:23       |
| 5. R. Haluza (Ess B).....54:54     | 73. B. Eglinton..... " .....65:25     |
| 6. D. Leby (Trowbridge).....54:58  | 75. D. Bartliff..... " .....65:33     |
| 14. R. Hall (BELS).....56:46       | 78. C. Yescombe..... " .....65:41     |
| 17. D. King ( " ).....57:03        | 81. D. Fotheringham..... " .....65:54 |
| 27. S. L/Jones.....BELS.....58:31  | 82. C. Capener..... " .....66:01      |
| 29. R. Barnes..... " .....58:59    | 95. R. Picton..... " .....68:23       |
| 39. K. Bailey..... " .....61:03    | 97. G. Doubleday..... " .....68:49    |
| 48. W. Belderson... " .....61:28   | 115. P. Wilson..... " .....71:34      |
| 49. G. Cameron..... " .....61:29   | 117. D. Logan..... " .....71:39       |
|                                    | 119. B. Stephenson... " .....73:06    |

Teams:-

|                            |                         |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. SWC (3,9,12,17)41pts    | 2. Poly(2,8,10,22)42pts | 3. Met(1,4,15,23) 43pts |
| 4. BELS(13,16,24,26) 79pts | 12. BELS 'B'.....256pts |                         |

**'FLASHBACK!'**

26 years.

**BEATEN BY INCHES!**

Bravo, Brickwood! And bravo, Allum! Brickwood, going strongly, reaches the tape to win the London-Brighton relay race for Mitcham A.C. Hard on his heels is Allum, last man for Belgrave Harriers. Belgrave had won the past three races, but, despite a gallant effort, they could not quite succeed this year. The winning club's time was 3 h. 52 m. 5 s. for the course of nearly forty-six miles.

# ROAD RUNNING

Gerry North had a tremendous tussle with Ron Hill (Bolton) and Dominic Kelly (Derby) in the Open '7' at the Waterloo Festival of road racing (Nov 9th-16th). With a half-mile to go Hill sprinted into a 10yds lead, and although North dropped Kelly by 20yds he was unable to gain an inch on Hill.

The race was a tremendous success and must be classified as the "Unofficial National Road Race Championship".

A mammoth total of 370 runners started, including 48 internationals. Tulloh was 4th, Turner 5th, Fowler 7th, Hyman 9th, Bullivant 12th, J. Taylor 20th and Ibbotson 25th. The Irish team, Donore Harriers, won the team race with Messitt 6th, O'Riordan 8th and Neville 10th---Portsmouth were second, Bristol third and Derby 4th.

Trevor Hart and Mel Thorpe joined Gerry to make up a team and finished 74th and 150th respectively; placing Belgrave 18th. Trevor's run was probably his best to date, and there were many notable runners behind him.

This is an event the Club would do well to support next year.

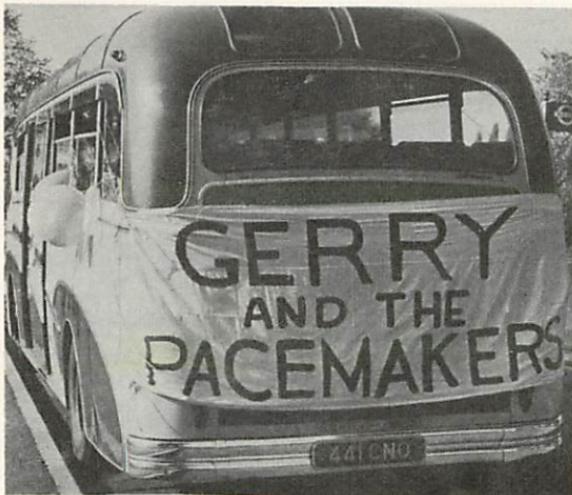
There is always a special welcome for Belgrave when we send a team to the Witney '12'. Organiser of this race, on behalf of the Smiths Sports and Social Club, is none other than our old international, Verne Blowfield. Most of us remember Verne for that classic National C.C. he nearly won in 1948—it was only in the closing stages that Sydney Wooderson passed him.

Gerry North was a good winner of this year's promotion from Adcocks (Coventry) and Edwards (Bristol) but despite Bill Kerr and Charlie Dabbs finishing 7th and 8th we were still pipped by Coventry in the team race.

Alan Bishop finished 15th in the S.L.H. '30' on August 31st, clocking a best ever 3:27:10. Wally Mortley was 24th in 3:39:41.

John Moore had a fine run in the Southall '10' on September 7th finishing 3th in 54:12. Winner was Macey (St. Albans) in 52:45.

A "ghost" Belgrave team ran in the Wimbledon '10' on the day of the Southern London-Brighton relay and finished 10th. Jack Brown was 27th in 55:18 Norman Stears 36th in 56:17, Pete Sadler 38th in 56:23 and Bob Glover 46th in 57:12.



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Rear view of a Belgrave supporter's coach, during the October London/Brighton relay.

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Photo: P. Pepe

# BELS. WIN L/B RUN

## GORDON DOUBLEDAY REPORTS:-

Belgrave won the London-Brighton team race again on September 28th. In a closely fought contest between Epsom, Wakefield and ourselves, the Epsom third string was forced to retire leaving us narrow winners.

The race started on the first stroke of Big Ben, at 7.00a.m. and the field of 41 starters commenced their 52½ miles run to Brighton. Norman Stairs & Wally Wortley carried our colours thro' South London at the head of the field, but the latter soon eased leaving Norman a minute clear at Croydon. Norman increased the tempo still further and had increased his lead to over 5 minutes at 20 miles. He then began to fade, but was still ahead at Crawley (30 miles) by 2½ minutes. Norman then hit a bad patch and was brought to a walk - Gomersall passing him at 34 miles - but he showed remarkable guts and determination by resuming his run some time later to finish 7th. Both he and Wally Wortley who had struggled on to 16th position, gained 2nd class standard.

Alan Bishop, one of the 'regulars' in this field, ran his usual steady, reliable race to complete the team and give us a one-point win from Wakefield H.

After the race competitors, attendants and officials were entertained to tea by the Mayor and Corporation of Brighton, after which the presentations were made.

### RESULT:

|                               |         |                      |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| 1. B. Gomersall (Leeds H.H.)  | 5:47:55 | 7. N. Stairs (Bels)  | 6:27:34 |
| 2. P. A. M-Dyer (Welwyn A.C.) | 5:49:20 | 16. W. Wortley "     | 6:58:02 |
| 3. D. W. Turner (Epsom & E)   | 5:50:11 | 25. A. Bishop "      | 7:45:07 |
| Teams: 1. Belgrave (3,5,8)    | 16 pts  | 2. Wakefield (4,6,7) | 17 pts. |

## World Best For SAWYER

### R.R.C. 25 MILES TRACK RUN---WALTON

Another episode in the annals of Belgrave Harriers was recorded at Stompond Lane track, Walton, on October 19th---writes Gordon Doubleday---when Barry Sawyer, at the peak of form, set a new World's best mark for 25 miles of 2:17:10.

Twelve runners started and Barry went straight to the front with Tarrant (Salford) and Rooke (Middlesborough). At 15 miles they were still together, nearly 2 mins ahead of Howe (Blackpool) and Haslam (Bolton), but 5 miles later Rooke had lost contact. Sawyer and Tarrant battled furiously for a further 3½ miles when the latter was forced to retire. This left Barry 7 laps to go with about 4 minutes in hand on a schedule to beat the existing record. He soon reeled these off and with a spirited final burst claimed his new World's Best Mark.

The field had been lapped. A great run.

Barry's intermediate times were:-

| 5M    | 10M     | 15M     | 20M     | 25M     |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 26:50 | 53:40   | 1:20:58 | 1:48:21 | 2:17:10 |
|       | (26:50) | (27:18) | (27:23) | (28:49) |

His distance for 2 hours running was 22M,29Y,1'-8"

Fred Howe of Blackpool continued for a further 5 miles to set a World's best mark for 30 miles of 2:48:00.8, a first class effort.

Whilst Barry was running, his 100 laps were being faithfully recorded by Jack Baker---having a rest before competing in the 10miles road race later in the day.

Vocal support was forthcoming from Gerry North who also ran in the afternoon's road race--which he duly won.

The track races were promoted by the R.R.C. in conjunction with

Walton AC.

### RESULT

|                  |                                             |                          |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>25 MILES:</b> | 1. B. Sawyer .....(BELGRAVE H).....         | 2:17:10 (w.b.p.)         |
|                  | 2. F. Howe.....(Blackpool A.C.).....        | 2:18:37                  |
|                  | 3. T. Rooke.....(Middlesbr' AC).....        | 2:19:52                  |
|                  | 4. J. Haslam.....(Bolton Utd H).....        | 2:21:15                  |
|                  | 5. T. Buckingham.....(Leamington A.C.)..... | 2:33:05                  |
|                  | 6. A. Blatchford....(Epsom & E. H.).....    | 2:37:29                  |
| <b>30 MILES</b>  | 1. F. Howe 2:48:00.8(w.b.p.)                | 2. J. Haslam 2:52:29     |
|                  | 3. T. Buckingham 3:10:50,                   | 4. A. Blatchford 3:18:54 |

# NORTH WINS WALTON 10

## NORTH SKIS RECORD

After cheering Barry Sawyer on to a Worlds Best Performance 25 miles track run during the morning, Gerry North had sufficient energy left in the afternoon to pulverise a record field of 151 in the 10 miles road race.

Gerry went ahead after 1½ miles and no one could hold him. The gap opened to a minute and, despite the fight for second place, was not reduced. Dabbs was always in sight of the leading group but Bill Kerr was still feeling the effects of his 'Brighton' run the previous week and was not at his best. Nevertheless, with 3 to score Belgrave would have won, but four it was, so we had to go back to Charlie Walker who had missed the start and run thro' the field to 26th---a good run, but just far enough back to let Bristol in to 1st place.

## RESULT

|                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. G. North (BELGRAVE H).....49:56    | 9. C. Dabbs..(BELS).....51:41  |
| 2. D. Haith (TVH).....50:53           | 13. W. Kerr..( " ).....52:21   |
| 3. G. Burt (1st Btn Paras.).....51:04 | 26. C. Walker..( " ).....53:33 |
| 4. J. Alder (Morpeth).....51:12       | 36. J. Moore..( " ).....55:01  |

## Teams:-

|                         |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Bristol AC.....42pts | 2. BELGRAVE H.....45pts | 3. Walton AC.....49pts |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|

Pat Newell was our only runner in the Rochester Road Race on Nov 16th, finishing 16th with 26:15 in a good class field. Batty was the winner, from Strong and Gibson.

Bill Kerr was 2nd in the Faversham '5' on November 30th. In a hard tussle with "Kipper" Herring of Blackheath he clocked 27:41---47secs behind Herring, but nearly 2 minutes ahead of the 3rd man.

Tony Fairclough has laid claim to a Club Honours badge by his performance in the Bracknell "10".

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Administration. He, on standing, informed the gathering of what type of athlete Bill was, words which Bill could not say about himself, he continued to talk of the Club and its work together with the willingness to help other athletic clubs. The President then became the inter-link and asked Ron. Langheim to speak of training methods. Ron spoke of various ways of training developed over the years, Ron. did mention of a certain house on Wimbledon Common where these training devotees met and reclined in baths full of scented water and using exotic soap, he did say, that it was possible that training was second to the scented bath, which amused the meeting. Bill came in again with some comments 'that hard training and strenuous work deserved nice baths' and brought in Arthur Penny to tell of training and running in his day of Internationals. Arthur was in great form, his anecdotes were legion, in particular, his escapades with Bert Footer together with the full history of the 'syrup of figs' and methods of training that have no relation to training of to-day. The audience were amused, they understood the language, here Arthur produced his British Commonwealth Games Victory plaque and International Badges for the men to examine. These were received with great interest. Jack Bidgood was the next to speak of his experiences and spoke, in particular, on the merits of Race Walking and Belgrave Harriers great record in this branch of athletics, then on to Brian Nott who spoke on British athletes and their chances in the Olympic Games next year.

Suddenly it was time to close the meeting, Bill asked for another 10 minutes, but this could not be, the meeting had to close at 7.30 p.m.

The film of the Brighton Run which Charlie Manning and Chris. Steer had brought along to show could not be screened.

The secretary and chairman in expressing the Club's thanks asked if the Belgrave Harriers would make a return visit, to continue the talks and to answer questions. This was agreed to, most willingly, by the President and members of the panel.

Athletic journals and some Club handbooks were left in the Clubroom. With many hand-shakes the panel left the room under the care of the Assistant Governor for a safe exit, they then had some refreshments at the local inn where the party was joined by the Prison Chaplain.

It was agreed by all concerned that the evening had been most satisfying and well - worth while. An evening to be remembered.

# SELLING BELGRAVE HARRIERS

by Frank Jarvis

In the murkiness of a November evening, a small party of Belgravians met outside a building; grim and forbidding in its outline on a sunny day, but seen through the dismal fog that was descending over South-West London that evening, this edifice seemed to have 'You are not welcome' in its bricks and mortar. It was easy to conjure up memories of school moralists teaching 'right from wrong'. One member of the party examined his inner-self for any dishonesty, but comforted himself with the fact that he had been invited to attend.

A few weeks ago a letter was received from the Secretary of the Sportsmen Club, Wandsworth Prison, with an invitation to the Committee to send a panel of officials to the Prison to discuss Athletics and the Belgrave Harriers. In response to this request it was agreed that such a panel under the direction of the President, Bill Lucas would attend on 27th November. The group made up of Bill Lucas, Jack Bidgood, Frank Jarvis, Ron. Langheim, Brian Nott, Charlie Manning and Chris. Steer and Arthur Penny duly met outside the gates. The Assistant Governor was there to greet the party and after introductions, gave a general picture of the proceedings; that the Sportsmen Club would organise the meeting and having listened would, undoubtedly, ask endless questions, (apparently, the gentlemen of this prospective audience are avid readers of newspapers, in particular, news relating to athletics). This preamble being completed, the group stepped forward into the prison and the gates were locked behind them.

It may be of interest to tellof the following - Wandsworth Prison has a residential population of about 1400, none of whom is a first offender. The Sportsmen Club is made up of 25 inmates, it is completely self-contained, no prison official takes part in any of its organisation, the only check made is when the outgoing letter of invitation is censored and countersigned for the benefit of the recipient. The Club is controlled by its Committee of three - Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Any ungentlemanly conduct or any behaviour which could bring the Club into disrepute is a serious matter and would cause the member concerned to be expelled from the enjoyments of the club.

There is a number of more than 300 inmates that wish to become members of the Sportsmen Club, so, as the Secretary said, the standard of membership is very high and no misbehaviour occurs. On the occasions when speakers are invited to attend, each member of the Club is entitled to bring a guest (another inmate), if this guest causes trouble, his host suffers the penalty.

The number of members is restricted to 25 because of the difficulties that would be met in moving more than that number from one part of the building to another. For the visit of the Belgrave Harriers a 'full house' of 50 had gathered. On entering the room the members stood and hand-clapped a warm welcome. At the end of the room were placed chairs on which were tagged the names of the various members of the panel; the value of this was, of course, that as the speaker stood to expound stories, his name would be known to all.

It had been arranged with the Secretary, that the panel and meeting would be under the Chairmanship of Bill Lucas.

Dinners and Social affairs are, as a rule, the right places to attend if one wishes to gather information about your Club or organisation and its members which is not common knowledge, and this visit to the prison was no exception.

The opening address of the President was packed full of interest, from his opening lines he had the panel and audience sitting tight. His epitome of the affairs of the Belgrave Harriers, from the start of the Club up to the recent Brighton Relay was a masterpiece of delivery and full of information. (It is respectfully suggested, that Bill Lucas could mark his year of Office, by having this address printed and distributed to all members and future Belgravians for their information and to tell them what type of Club the Belgrave Harriers is and its service to Athletics).

As the summary was being given, the audience was most attentive; no movement of chairs; no coughing, it appeared that the listeners were intent on hearing every word. Gently, Bill steered his words to introduce the first speaker, Frank Jarvis, to talk on the Club

# The North Surrey League

Wimbledon---October 26th 1963

A very fine afternoon with above average temperature for the first major fixture from Belgrave Hall in the 1963/4 season, and as a result the times were fast. About 150 runners faced the starter for the combined Senior and Junior race over a two lap course. At the end of the first lap Roath (Walton) Snowden (Surrey) and Tony Milner (Walton) were contesting the lead with our own Gerry North a little way behind, but by no means out of touch. When the runners appeared again for the finish Gerry was well out in front followed by Roath, Snowden and Milner. Of our other runners Barry Sawyer, Charlie Dabbs and John Thresher performed well and John Moore was also prominent in a very strong field.

A Club handicap was held in conjunction and D.C. Brown, from a mark of 8 minutes, took first place, with Ted Pallent (9mins) second and Peter Pepe, better known as a hurdler, and receiving six minutes, third.

In the points scoring Belgrave took a comfortable lead in the first of the four fixtures, and providing our runners turn out in full strength we should reverse the defeat of last year suffered at the hands of Walton.

RESULT.

W. E. L.

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|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. BELGRAVE.....(1,5,7,9,13,14,18,19,21,33).....     | 140 pts |
| 2. Walton.....(2,4,20,22,23,24,26,28,34,36).....     | 219 pts |
| 3. Mitcham.....(6,8,12,29,35,38,39,42,43,47).....    | 299 pts |
| 4. Hercules.....(10,11,15,31,37,44,45,46,48,50)....  | 337 pts |
| 5. Surrey.....(3,16,27,30,41,51,53,55,56,58)....     | 390 pts |
| 6. Herne Hill....(17,25,32,40,49,52,54,57,59,60),... | 445 pts |

The result of the sealed handicap race, allowances, and actual times, was as follows:-

|                            |       |                           |       |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. G. North.....(SCR)      | 26:51 | 26. P. Pepe.....(6.0)     | 32:18 |
| 2. B. Sawyer.....(1.0)     | 27:39 | 27. C. Keavey....(6.0)    | 32:49 |
| 3. C. Dabbs.....(1.0)      | 27:42 | 28. M. Coningham..(4.0)   | 32:52 |
| 4. J. Thresher.....(1.0)   | 27:48 | 29. G. Piddington(4.0)    | 33:08 |
| 5. A. Black.....(1.15)     | 28:17 | 30. P. Binns.....(4.30)   | 33:29 |
| 6. J. Moore.....(1.45)     | 28:25 | 31. J. Hilton.....(6.30)  | 33:32 |
| 7. C. Walker.....(1.20)    | 28:36 | 32. C. Henn.....(6.30)    | 33:37 |
| 8. J. Brown.....(1.45)     | 28:41 | 33. J. Macdonald..(6.0)   | 33:47 |
| 9. A. Fairclough....(1.30) | 28:54 | 34. B. Merry.....(6.30)   | 33:49 |
| 10. D. Cocks.....(2.15)    | 29:23 | 35. D.C. Brown... (8.0)   | 33:51 |
| 11. J. Davies.....(2.0)    | 29:23 | 36. R. Conway....(5.0)    | 34:14 |
| 12. C. Stear.....(2.0)     | 29:52 | 37. W. Fairfield (7.30)   | 34:26 |
| 13. B. Nott.....(2.30)     | 29:52 | 38. J. Heathfield(7.0)    | 34:27 |
| 14. T. Hart.....(3.30)     | 30:07 | 39. A. Mead.....(7.0)     | 34:43 |
| 15. A. Morrison.....(3.0)  | 30:12 | 40. K. Stimpson... (6.30) | 34:45 |
| 16. F. Paget.....(4.0)     | 30:22 | 41. P. Sutton....(8.15)   | 34:51 |
| 17. J. Hampshire....(3.0)  | 30:37 | 42. E. Pallent... (9.0)   | 35:02 |
| 18. K. Miller.....(3.0)    | 31:10 | 43. . Phelan.....(6.0)    | 35:21 |
| 19. P. Hilliar.....(3.30)  | 31:20 | 44. P. King.....(9.0)     | 35:27 |
| 20. R. Glover.....(4.0)    | 31:20 | 45. R. Hopkins... (8.30)  | 35:29 |
| 21. J. Dear.....(3.15)     | 31:20 | 46. J. Jarvis....(7.0)    | 35:40 |
| 22. D.W. Jones.....(4.45)  | 31:35 | 47. P. Wrench....(6.0)    | 35:51 |
| 23. P. Edwards.....(5.0)   | 31:38 | 48. M. Smithers..(8.0)    | 35:52 |
| 24. R. Thorpe.....(2.30)   | 31:55 | 49. J. Beker.....(9.0)    | 37:14 |
| 25. L. Bishop.....(4.30)   | 31:58 | 50. J. Plummer... (9.0)   | 37:37 |

In a 'B' team match against Westminster Bank at Epsom on October 19th. Tony Fairclough won by half a minute from Vaughan Thomas who was having his first running competition since retiring from the walking world! It will be interesting to see how he progresses.

Following Vaughan home were, Brian Nott, Dave Cocks, Jackie Hampshire and Pete Sadler. Belgrave beat Westminster Bank 72-160.

**REIGATE RELAY: — —****CHRIS STEER REPORTS:-**

The popular Priory Relays, organized by Redhill and Reigate A.C. once again attracted a large entry and Belgrave's 'A' team, although unable to repeat last year's performance, were far from disgraced in sixth place.

The first leg was taken by Dave Cocks, fresh(?) from a brilliant track season, who used his speed to good effect and handed over in about tenth place. Jackie Hampshire on the second leg kept in close contact with the teams in front, and Chris Steer moved up five places to sixth on the third leg but, by this time, the leaders were well ahead and, with no stars to call on, the possibility of a 'place' looked somewhat unlikely. Nevertheless, Tony Fairclough ran a good fourth leg to close up on the fifth team (Hercules). Trevor Hart, showing a welcome return to form, and John Davies maintained sixth position quite comfortably. Belgrave 'B' team finished fifteenth, Pat Sadler having a good run with 10m 24s.

Surrey AC retained the team title thanks to storming runs by Dave Gibson and John Snowden on the last two laps.

Once again the time-keeping was suspect and several of the times were shuffled about--in one report Tony Fairclough was credited with third fastest time! I think the times in this report are reasonably accurate but it seems a pity that such a popular event should be marred yet again in such a way.

**RESULT**

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Surrey AC.....       | 59:36 |
| 2. Hercules.....        | 60:18 |
| 3. Mitcham AC.....      | 60:42 |
| 4. Horsham B.S.....     | 60:48 |
| 5. Guildford & God..... | 60:54 |
| 6. BELGRAVE H.....      | 61:19 |
| 15. " 'B'.....          | 64:47 |
| 36. " 'C'.....          |       |
| 40. " 'D'.....          |       |

**Bels 'A'**

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Cocks.....      | 10:04 |
| Hampshire.....  | 10:27 |
| Steer.....      | 9:57  |
| Fairclough..... | 10:01 |
| Hart.....       | 10:26 |
| Davies.....     | 10:24 |

**Bels 'B'**

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Morrison..... | 10:40 |
| Thorpe.....   | 10:39 |
| Shingles..... | 10:37 |
| Sadler.....   | 10:24 |
| Paget.....    | 11:29 |
| Hillier.....  | 10:50 |

**Fastest Laps:-** 1. Gibson (Sy)9:35, 2. Snowden(Sy)9:36, 3. Luxford(Hor)9:45  
4. May (Mit) 9:45, 5. Robinson (Guild) 9:45, 6. Harwood (Guild) 9:46.

**South of Thames Junior**

Reading, Nov. 9th

Belgrave were sixth in this year's race.

The numerous barring clauses left us hard-pushed to find a suitable 'A' team and only five of a possible eight were able to start. Twenty-two runners were there to support our remaining teams, however, so there were plenty of Belgrave vests about.

The race was held over a 4 lap course of 1½ miles each lap, and after the first lap Chris Steer was setting the pace with the leading group. Hopes of an individual win diminished on lap 2 when Chris faded to 11th, and disappeared the following time round, by which time he was 16th. With John Moore then 20th, Dave Cocks 49th and Jackie Hampshire moving through in the 70's, there was still an outside chance of a team place, but Chris then had a bad bout of "stitch" which sent him back 40 places in the space of a mile, and with our other runners roughly holding their positions we had to be content with 6th place.

John Moore ran well, moving from 25th to 19th over a course a little too short for his liking, and if he, Cocks and Steer show anything like the form expected of them during the next 12 months then they also will be barred from this event next year. So there is plenty of scope you youngsters for gaining some glory!

John Dear (a useful prospect), Mike Shingles and Fred Paget were the only others to show noticeably good form.

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There is an alteration to denote in the Fixture list. On January 18th the match will be at home and will be against Polytechnic H and St. Mary's College.

RESULT

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Walton AC.....(5,18,29,41)..93   | 4. S.L.H.....(7,23,54,63)..147      |
| 2. Renalagh H.....(20,21,26,35)102  | 5. Reading AC.....(8,40,49,65)..162 |
| 3. Windsor & E.....(1,2,11,96)..110 | 6. BELGRAVE H....(19,47,55,76)..197 |

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 19. Moore     | 113. Paget    | 250. Lawrence    | 285. Pallant | Also finished<br>Hopkins, Mead<br>&<br>Manning. |
| 47. Cocks     | 143. Morrison | 265. Piddington  | 299. Wrench  |                                                 |
| 55. Steer     | 195. Stairs   | 273. Hilton      | 300. Jarvis  |                                                 |
| 76. Hampshire | 211. Pepe     | 278. Brown(D.C.) | 302. Sutton  |                                                 |
| 80. Shingles  | 219. Penny    | 281. Henn        | 314. Arnold  |                                                 |
| 99. Dear      | 249. McDonald | 283. Merry       | 325. Plummer |                                                 |

**THE L.C.C.**

Over the rugged Parliament Hill course Belgrave won the London C.C. title. Surprise of the day was the brilliant form of young Tony Fairclough who was 6th in the overall individual event and at the same time led our team to victory in the team event. Our scoring quartet was completed by Dabbs, Moore and Kerr and our 'shadow squad' managed to make eighth position, which put them ahead of several 'A' teams, notably H.H.H., Q.P.H. and Shaftesbury.

RESULT:

|                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. J. Hogan (Poly).....29:43         | 17. J. Thresher (BELS).....32:14      |
| 2. J. Snowden (Individual).....30:16 | 24. C. Steer (BELS B).....32:50       |
| 3. J. Roberts ( " " ).....30:28      | 26. A. Black (BELS B).....32:57       |
| 6. A. Fairclough (BELS).....31:15    | 30. B. Sawyer (BELS).....33:09        |
| 7. C. Dabbs (BELS).....31:23         | 32. J. Hampshire (BELS B).....33:15   |
| 13. J. Moore (BELS).....31:50        | 44. M. D. Shingles (Individual) 34:05 |
| 16. W. Kerr (BELS).....32:11         | 47. F. Paget (BELS B).....34:17       |

TEAMS

|                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. BELGRAVE H (2,3,8,11).....24 pts   | 3. Polytechnic H (1,9,10,14)....34pts |
| 2. Hercules A.C.(4,5,7,17).....33 pts | 8. BELGRAVE 'B'.....140pts            |

**DABBS WINS CLUB '7'**SATURDAY 7th December

The Club 7½ championship was held in well-nigh perfect cross-country conditions. Bright sunlight, crisp-cold air and the going not too soft. Gerry North was running on the continent and this left the race wide open. At the start a small bunch, consisting of Dabbs, Moore, Thresher and Fairclough headed the field as the first of the three laps was embarked upon. At the village on the end of the first lap, Dabbs was 30 yards clear of "surprise package" Trevor Hart, with Moore and Fairclough in close attendance. Hart's appearance in 2nd position surprised many people and the sceptics in the crowd doubted that he could maintain his position. Next time round, Dabbs had increased his lead to 80 yards but Hart was still hanging onto the second spot although Moore was now looking dangerous. 'Our Trev' was not the only one surprising the forecasters because Authur Bruce was in a bunch of runners behind the leaders and sharing a most welcome return to form. Half-way round on the final lap, Moore passed Hart but found Dabbs with too much of a lead to be able to dispute the leadership. Chas. Walker in his first run since the 'Brighton' finished a good sixth but Bill Kerr after a hard week's training, gave no indication of how fit he really is.

RESULT

|                   |        |       |                   |         |       |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| 1. C. Dabbs       | (1:10) | 41:27 | 19. C. Keavey     | (8:30)  | 49:15 |
| 2. J. Moore       | (2:15) | 42:3  | 20. J. Hilton     | (9:30)  | 49:28 |
| 3. T. Hart        | (5:00) | 42:18 | 21. J. Heathfield | (10:15) | 49:41 |
| 4. A. Black       | (1:45) | 42:58 | 22. M. Shingles   | (5:15)  | 49:51 |
| 5. J. Thresher    | (1:20) | 43:15 | 23. J. MacDonald  | (9:30)  | 49:58 |
| 6. C. Walker      | (2:10) | 43:41 | 24. W. Fairfield  | (11:00) | 50:06 |
| 7. A. Bruce       | (4:45) | 43:42 | 25. M. Reynolds   | (11:00) | 50:06 |
| 8. A. Fairclough  | (2:40) | 44:13 | 26. D. Newell     | (10:00) | 50:11 |
| 9. R. Thorpe      | (4:00) | 45:4  | 27. E. Pallant    | (11:00) | 50:27 |
| 10. J. Dear       | (5:15) | 46:0  | 28. P. King       | (11:00) | 50:49 |
| 11. W. Kerr       | (5:45) | 46:1  | 29. C. Henn       | (9:30)  | 51:03 |
| 12. R. Glover     | (6:00) | 46:48 | 30. P. Wrench     | (10:30) | 51:07 |
| 13. D. W. Jones   | (6:30) | 46:55 | 31. P. Sutton     | (11:00) | 51:36 |
| 14. A. Bishop     | (6:30) | 47:13 | 32. B. Hopkins    | (11:00) | 52:42 |
| 15. E. Penny      | (7:30) | 48:9  | 33. R. Langheim   | (9:15)  | 53:35 |
| 16. J. Davis      | (6:30) | 48:11 | 34. J. Plummer    | (13:00) | 53:36 |
| 17. E. Short      | (7:30) | 48:36 | 35. R. Conway     | (9:00)  | 54:26 |
| 18. G. Piddington | (7:00) | 48:54 |                   |         |       |