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## Annual General Meeting 2008

Around forty members attended Belgrave Hall on Wednesday 17 September to listen to the Hon. Secretary’s and Hon. Treasurer’s reports before electing prolific race walker John Hall President of Belgrave Harriers for 2008-2009. Graham Parr and George Flanagan were made Life Members.

There were few changes in our administrative line-up but one of note was that Alan Mead stood down after fourteen years as Committee Chairman, with John Powell moving into that post.

## John Hall, President 2008-2009

John Hall joined Belgrave Harriers in 1971 and soon became a scoring member in walking teams and has done so ever since - far too many to mention, *writes Carl Lawton*.

He has competed on a regular basis since then, not only in Belgrave colours, but those of Middlesex (and for a brief spell Sussex) and the Civil Service, turning in some meritorious performances over all distances from the one mile at Crystal Palace to the London to Brighton.

In his county of Middlesex he has won more titles in a single event than any other athlete and was the County President four years ago. He has probably won more athletics medals in Civil Service championships than anyone else, having picked up a few running team medals as well as being “in the frame” in track and road walks since the mid-1970s and having regained the track title this year. He has been a vice-President of the Civil Service Athletic Association for many years and has recently been made Vice-President of the Southern Area of the Race Walking Association.

Regrettably National Team medals do not fill his wall but this year he was able to add the National 50kms to his tally.

He has competed with honour at international veterans meetings in recent years, the highlight being victory in the M55 20k walk at the European Veterans Championship in 35 degrees Celsius heat in Poznan, Poland in 2006.

John served on Belgrave Committee in his younger days but since moving to Enfield fills his time supporting the local allotments and is now Chairman of the Friends of Enfield Playing Fields, which has lately involved him in trying to save the Donkey Lane athletics track.

In his spare time he has been walking secretary for Middlesex County for over 10 years, for the Civil Service for over 30 years and has now added the British Masters Athletics Federation walking duties to his portfolio.

He continues as the Secretary to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Athletic Club, which he founded over 20 years ago, despite having retired over three years ago from the Civil Service after 34 years of toil.

What other spare time he has is taken up with walks in the Lake District and Scotland, being an expert on “Munros”, a regular in the Tanners Hatch Marathons and a member of Saracens rugby football club. He has supported Belgrave at many National League meetings over the years and recalls being at the promotion match when the Bels at last achieved British League status.

John has just been elected onto the Race Walking Association Judges Panel and has been a Life Member of Belgrave for many years.



President John Hall tackles the Calonne Road incline in the 2008 Belgrave Open 7 miles Walk. Photo by Alan Mead

## Track & Field

The XXIX Olympic Games, Beijing, 15-24 August

### Beijing - so near yet so far

Belgravians Goldie Sayers and Phillips Idowu both came so close to achieving their dreams in the Birds Nest Stadium in Beijing.



Goldie narrowly missed out on a medal in the women's javelin final, the 26-year-old finishing fourth just 38cm behind bronze medallist Christina Obergfoll of Germany.

She threw a new personal best and British record of 65.75m in the first round to take her into third place and was again over 65m in the fourth round, but could not quite find the extra distance required to reclaim third and take the bronze medal.

And while Goldie was in that cruellest position, just out of the medals, Phillips was in and out of the lead twice in the triple jump, finishing up disconsolate with the silver medal.

He opened with 17.51m to take the lead and lost it in round two when Portugal's Nelson Évora jumped 5cm further. Phillips came back with 17.62m, a season's best, in round three while Évora's effort was judged a foul. But the Portuguese was not yet done as reached out to 17.67m in round four and try as he could, Phillips could not get back. One always felt that even 18 metres was a possibility - but it would not come.

Disappointed Goldie and Phillips may have been but they can be assured that their Belgrave club-mates are mighty proud of them.

17 Aug. Women's 400mH: 7h2 M Carey (Ireland) 57.99.  
18 Aug. Men's 400m: 4h7 D Gillick (Ireland) 45.83.  
18 Aug. Men's TJ: 1QA (1 overall) P Idowu 17.44/1.0.  
19 Aug. Women's JT: 2QB (5 overall) G Sayers 62.99  
21 Aug. Women's JT: 4 G Sayers 65.75 (65.75, 59.40, 62.92, 59.72, 65.03, 56.83).  
21 Aug. Men's TJ: 2 P Idowu 17.62/0.9 (17.51/-0.3, 17.31/0.0, 17.62/0.9, pass, 17.26/0.2, 16.41/0.2).

British Athletics League Premier Division, Match 3, Barnet Cophall Stadium, 2 August 2008

### British League - deep in the mire

#### Injury epidemic brings us down

Belgrave has eight sub 10.8 sprinters but on the day before this match only two were available for competition. On match day this had fallen to just James Ellington as Darren Chin had pulled an abductor doing Friday evening start practice. But worse still was to come; James had a trapped sciatic nerve which reduced his stride length. As a result of these woes the sprints produced meagre points and we couldn't even get a

sprint relay squad to the start line. And it didn't end there. Set Osho, running the B100, tweaked a back injury and pulled out of the A400m. New member Ryan Preddy sportingly moved up to cover but not surprisingly struggled to match exalted company. Junior Melvyn Anukum was drafted into the B400m at the last moment and also ran in a scratch long relay team which did well to manage fifth spot.

Matt Douglas pulled a hamstring in the A400H and limped at walking pace for a few precious points. Jean-Charles Roghi ran well for third place in the B400H.

And the injuries weren't confined to the sprinters as Scot Thompson pulled out of the shot after his first throw which aggravated an old injury and multi-eventer Louis Evling Jones struggled through the long and high jumps with Achilles tendon problems – yet somehow managed to gain a fine second spot in the B110H after William Sharman had continued with his third win in the A event for us this season. At last some good sprint points.

#### Traffic problems didn't help

Those who travelled early to this joint fixture found the traffic easy but just one hour later and the M1 and M25 were gridlocked. The hammer was a bit later than usual in the programme and Mick Jones got stuck in this traffic, finally giving up and returning home as we informed him by phone that the final cut after the third round had taken place. Mark Allen only got one throw in and finished way down in the A event. Earlier, Scot Thomson arrived after the discus had started so missed that event and Samson Oni arrived after the start of the high jump and competed without warm up. The team managers had seen nothing like it in 30 years!

#### Fresh middle distance faces regain respectability

With several of our regular middle distance men unavailable a newish look distance squad produced a welcome rush of points. Phil Burkart stepped down a distance to get fourth spot in the A800m while Mark Pollard running round for points in the B800m fought hard for fifth. Mark went on to gain 2nd in the B1500m while Darren Gauson, making a welcome return, took the lead in the A1500m only to get pipped down the home straight. Simon Jones and James Kelly took a double victory in the A and B 5000 to produce maximum points and new member Graeme Hyett brought respectability to the 'chase, finishing close to his best in a good class field; but no B runner meant more squandered points.

Our sole pole vaulter Cameron Johnston fought hard for a season's best of 4.60m and spearman James Everard, body still aching from injury sustained while high jumping in BAL2, was close to 60m to place 4th.

But when the final count was announced, Belgrave were down in an unenviable seventh spot just a tantalising 24 points off fifth place. It was a case of "what might have been" on a day when nothing went right. Relegation beckons.

100m: 4 J Ellington 10.78/-1.8; 8 S Osho 11.61/-1.0. 200m: 8 J Ellington 22.38/-0.6; 5 W Sharman 22.02/+0.7. 400m: 8 R Preddy 48.90; 8 M Anukam 52.09. 800m: 4 P Burkart 1:52.93; 5 M Pollard 1:56.07. 1500m: 3 D Gauson 3:51.41; 2 M Pollard 3:58.00. 5000m: 1 S Jones 14:34.67; 1 J Kelly 14:52.93. 3000mSC: 7 G Hyett 9:47.71. 110mH: 1 W Sharman 13.95/-0.3; 2 L Evling Jones 14.71/-0.8. 400mH: 8 M Douglas 71.60; 3 J-C Roghi 54.37. 4x400m: 5 Belgrave 3:19.88 (R Preddy 49.2, J-C Roghi 50.4, Melvyn Anukam 50.9, S Osho 49.4). HJ: 2 S Oni 2.15; 7 L Evling-Jones 1.85. LJ: 6 L Evling-Jones 6.94/1.1; 5 G Wilson 6.94w/3.2. TJ: 4 G Wilson 13.90/-1.9; 5 D Wellstead 13.22/0.4. PV: 6 C Johnston 4.60. SP: 5 M Allen 15.57; 1 S Thompson 15.06. DT: 6 L Marar 49.43; 5 M Allen 43.90. JT: 4 J Everard 59.94; 6 S Thompson 40.98. HT: 7 M Allen 50.57.

Match: 1 Newham & Essex Beagles 363; 2 Woodford Green wEL 314; 3 Enfield & Haringey 313; 4 Shaftesbury Barnet H 306; 5 Birchfield H 255; 6 City of Manchester 231; 7 Belgrave H 231; 8 Windsor, Slough, Eton & Hounslow 128.

Standings after three matches: 1 Newham & Essex Beagles 24 1038.5; 2 Woodford Green with Essex Ladies 20 951; 3 City of Manchester 16 864; 4 Enfield & Haringey AC 12 826; 5 Birchfield H 12 767.5; 6 Shaftesbury Barnet H 11 790.5; 7 Belgrave H 10 775.5; 8 Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow 3 489.

British Athletics League Premier Division, Match 4,  
Barnet Copthall Stadium, 13 August 2008

## Down and out of the Premiership!

### Big problems and the match hadn't started yet

Our poor result in Match 3 meant that the chances of avoiding relegation were slim. We would need a full strength team to be confident of bouncing back and we already knew that Mark Allen would be unavailable due to family commitments. Imagine the state of the team managers when in the week before this match first Scot Thompson pulled out and then Louis Evling-Jones – both due to injury. Bearing in mind these three have been our big points scorers (together they contributed 79 points in Match 2) then you get the scale of the problem. It would have been easy to roll over and call it a day but the call went out and the troops responded.

### New faces and golden oldies help out

Our first new face was Sam Colgate who had been given clearance to vault for Belgrave thanks to the positive support of his previous club Woking AC. Sam responded by equalling his season's best to win the B event while Cameron Johnston matched with good points in the A. So, great points in the pole vault and a good start. Very senior veteran Chris Privett provided support in the hammer, discus and shot to scrape precious B points while veteran Abi Ekoku cancelled other plans and arrived to give us further points in the A discus and shot. Abi has not trained or thrown a discus for over twelve months and his near 47m effort was truly impressive. Mick Jones (yes another veteran) arrived early and gained an excellent fourth spot in the A hammer.

### Then the ups and downs

With all our specialist long jumpers injured Gary Wilson and Dave Wellstead were drafted into the long jump which benefited from following winds of up to 5.5m/sec. Unfortunately they both trailed in last in the A and B in what turned out to be a high class competition won with a windy 8.12 metres! While the jumpers benefited from a huge following wind the sprinters in the home straight were finding an equally large headwind daunting. Nonetheless Wade Bennett-Jackson powered to a fine second spot in the A 100 and fourth place in the A 200. William Sharman completed his fourth win of the season in the sprint hurdles and gained third spot in the B 200. The 800m provided fast races but we achieved good points with Steve Davies finishing fourth in the A race and Neil Speaight second in the B event. Steve then went on to gain a good second in the A 1500m while Mark Pollard also gained a valuable second place in the B 1500 in his best track race of the season.

Making his 2008 League debut in his most detested event, the 3000m steeplechase, Will Cockerell joined Graham Hyett to scrape further valuable points but once again the 400m provided scant pickings.

### And the roller coaster continued

Still in seventh spot we gained important points from the 1500m and then a third in the A 5000m from Simon Jones with James Kelly repeating his Match 3 win in the B 5000. Then Samson Oni won the A high jump with 2.25m which ironically was the same height Tom Parsons was to clear the following day to reach the Beijing Olympic final. Ryan Dinham, who has been injured for 18 months and is about to resume training also turned up to support as best he could and was drafted into the B high jump, 100m B and 110H B but could not make the contribution we needed. But he came, and his support was much appreciated by all. And our final debutant for the season was Wes Smith who 11 months ago broke his arm while throwing the javelin. Now recovered from surgery Wes flew in from Finland for his first competition since the accident and tentatively threw just

under 53m to back up James Everard who gained a useful fourth in the A javelin. And suddenly the team was in fifth place ahead of rivals Shaftesbury Barnet and Birchfield.

The relays were getting close and once again it was proving difficult to put together a sprint relay squad. Determined to get the baton round for points the team management pulled Gary Wilson out of the first round of the triple jump. He had never run a 100m before let alone a relay so was placed on the last leg where he only had to receive the incoming baton. Wade led off, handing over to William Sharman on the back straight. William, boosted by a strong tail wind surged into the lead and handed to 400m man Ryan Thomas. Ryan ran a great bend and handed to Gary who took the baton, no problem, and proceeded to tear down the home straight with enormous strides to gain an unbelievable third spot against well rehearsed specialist sprint teams. Gary then returned to the TJ buoyed by his triumph and leaped a season's best to gain second in the A event. It was now very close. We had the beating of Birchfield but also needed to beat Shaftesbury Barnet who were busy gaining massive points winning both A and B triple jumps. Sadly our weakness in the long relay showed where we trailed in last of seven teams. At the last knockings we had failed to catch Shaftesbury by just six points. Disappointment reigned in the Belgrave camp but also there was a tinge of incredulity in so far as this mix and match team had come so close to pulling off an incredible escape.

Demoted we are. Unlucky in losing so many key men in this match we were. But in all honesty it was the general lack of success in earlier matches which had brought us to this point.

100m: 2 W Bennett-Jackson 10.68/-2.0; 8 R Dinham 15.05/-6.7. 200m: 4= W Bennett-Jackson 22.15/-4.7; 3 W Sharman 22.25/-3.2. 400m: 8 R Thomas 49.82; 6 P Burkart 50.42. 800m: 4 S Davies 1:50.40; 2 N Speaight 1:52.97. 1500m: 2 S Davies 3:52.94; 2 M Pollard 3:55.74. 5000m: 3 S Jones 14:43.29; 1 J Kelly 14:49.55. 3000mSC: 6 G Hyett 9:47.46; 6 W Cockerell 10:22.19. 110mH: 1 W Sharman 14.17/-4.2; 8 R Dinham 17.16/-3.9. 400mH: 7 S Reidy 55.68; 4 J-C Roghi 54.67. HJ: 1 S Oni 2.25; 8 R Dinham 1.50. LJ: 8 G Wilson 6.76w/3.4; 8 D Wellstead w/2.7. TJ: 2 G Wilson 14.73w/1.5; 6 D Wellstead 13.31w/2.5. PV: 4= C Johnston 4.60; 1 S Colgate 4.60. SP: 6 A Ekoku M40 13.76; 8 C Privett M45 9.88. DT: 6 A Ekoku M40 46.61; 7 C Privett M45 32.66. JT: 4 J Everard 57.78; 5 W Smith 52.97. HT: 4 M Jones M45 62.16; 7 C Privett M45 38.82. 4x100m: 3 Belgrave 41.75 (W Bennett-Jackson, W Sharman, R Thomas, G Wilson). 4x400m: 7 Belgrave 3:19.82 (P Burkart 50.9, N Speaight 50.2, M Anukam 50.2, R Thomas 48.6).

Match: 1 Newham & Essex Beagles 356; 2 Woodford Green wEL 304; 3 City of Manchester 291; 4 Enfield & Haringey 279; 5 Shaftesbury Barnet H 268; 6 Belgrave H 262; 7 Birchfield H 250; 8 Windsor, Slough, Eton & Hounslow 157.

Final standings after four matches: 1 Newham & Essex Beagles 32 1394.5; 2 Woodford Green with Essex Ladies 27 1255; 3 City of Manchester 22 1155; 4 Enfield & Haringey AC 17 1105; 5 Shaftesbury Barnet H 15 1058.5; 6 Birchfield H 14 1017.5; Relegated - 7 Belgrave H 13 1037.5; 8 Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow 4 646.

UK Women's League Division Two, Match 3,  
Sutton, 3 August 2008

## Relegation for the Belles too

Women. 100m: 7 L Huebner 12.73/1.9; 4 R Hatch 12.96/2.0. 200m: 7 R Pile 26.02/1.5; 5 L Huebner 26.38/0.9. 400m: 3 R Pile 57.60; 7 V Goodwin 66.02. 800m: 1 M Hutchison 2:07.68; 5 V Goodwin 2:24.87. 1500m: 8 S Murphy 5:02.92; 7 Z Vail 5:11.86. 3000m: 6 S Murphy 10:41.07; 7 M Heaton 11:37.34. 100mH: 7 H Douglas 15.19/1.3; 6 J Favell 15.61/1.2. 400mH: 3 H Douglas 60.90; 2 J Favell 65.22. HJ: 5= H Douglas 1.55; 6 M Nestor 1.40. LJ: 1 S Wellstead 5.99w/3.0; 1 R Hatch 4 R Hatch 4.82w/4.2. TJ: 3 M Nestor 10.83w/3.9; 2 1 R Hatch 10.73/0.6. PV: 3 S Smith 3.30. SP: 7 E Horn 9.96; 6 R Basford 8.73. DT: 8 R Basford 16.29; 8 H Mead 14.61. JT: 4 J Favell 31.64; 3 E Horn 29.72. HT: 8 H Mead 16.55; R Basford 3nt. 4x100m: 6 Belgrave 50.90 (J Favell, H Douglas, R Pile, L Huebner). 4x400m: 3 Belgrave 3:56.92 (M Hutchison 57.5, J Favell 61.8, H Douglas 58.8, R Pile 58.9).

1 Marshall Milton Keynes 185; 2 Team Southampton 168; 3 Victoria Pk City of Glasgow 160; 4 Havering Mayesbrook 159; 5 Cardiff 158; 6 Swansea 156.5; 7 Belgrave H 129.5; 8 Liverpool 121.

Final league positions: 1 Marshall Milton Keynes 19/494.5; 2 Liverpool H 17/481; 3 Team Southampton 16/465.5; 4 Victoria Pk City of Glasgow 15/483; 5 Cardiff 13/471; 6 Swansea H 13/466; Relegated - 7 Havering Mayesbrook 11 443.5; 8 Belgrave H 4/338.5.

## Road Running

Surrey County AA Road Relays, Wimbledon Park, 13 September 2008.

### Double win in the Surrey Road Relays

Don't we runners love it. The slight chill of the early morning gives way to a pleasantly warm afternoon and we've arrived at that point in the racing calendar when the Surrey Road Relays also give hint to proximity of Autumn and the "winter" season to follow.

This was Will Cockerell's 10th Anniversary of running for the Bels. Our "Surrey" outfit back on 12 September 1998 was reported as, "... a mixture of lads from Middlesex, Kent, New Zealand and Morocco ..." and yet we still didn't quite complete a team. Thankfully we've moved on a bit.

As has been the custom of recent years, the Bels competed strongly in the men's race, pulling off a comfortable win – even though last leg man James Kelly went off course and ran for 20 seconds before deciding that he was in unfamiliar territory and had better return to the designated route. Luckily we were well clear and there was no risk of losing the gold medals but James did have to forfeit the honours for the fastest lap of the day. Had he not added the extra distance he would probably have been faster than his clocking of 2007 – 14:12 – and instead of being just one second faster than last year as a team, we would surely have gained a fairly rare sub-90 minute clocking.

The opening stage saw five Belgravians in action, all of them veterans, and hero of the day was undoubtedly one of those senior members – Knut Hegvold. Just short of his 47th birthday Knut set up the senior men with an outstanding second place on stage one, only six seconds off the lead. He then spent 30 minutes composing himself before setting out again to anchor the M40s, overtaking two men in the process to bring our veteran team home in first place.

Maybe next year we can make a foray into the M50 category as well – we have the men to do it.

The senior men's B team, admittedly not a bona fide Surrey outfit, also got into the action, just gaining second spot at the end of leg four, and it was good to get a women's team on the road when that possibility at one point seemed unlikely.

Many thanks to all those who continue to help keep this event on the fixture card – our normal Team Manager who acts as Race Secretary and produces the results, our own officials including Gordon Biscoe who pulls together the technical bods, Tom Pollak and members of Hercules Wimbledon AC who mark and marshal the course, and of course our stand in Team Manager Hazel Mead – apparently the "old boy" is in danger of getting the sack.

\* = non-Surrey

**Men.** 1 Belgrave H 1:30:28; 2 South London H 1:32:41; 3 Herne Hill H 1:33:15; 7 Belgrave H 'B' 1:36:33; 21 teams finished.

'A' - K Hegvold M45 (2) 14:54, L Greatorex (1) 15:07, R Ward (1) 14:53, T Weeks (1) 15:48, W Cockerell (1) 15:00, J Kelly (1) 14:46.

'B' - M Trees M40 (9) 15:46, P Willis\* (4) 15:14, J Webb (7) 15:56, M Byansi (2) 15:44, M Humphrey (6) 16:27, R Norville (7) 17:26.

'C' - D McMillan M60 (24) 21:44.

Fastest: 1 J Simpson (South London) 14:26; 2 J Hamblen (Walton) 14:38; 3 J McMullen (Thames H&H) 14:43; 4 J Kelly; 7 R Ward; 8 K Hegvold; 13 W Cockerell; 16 L Greatorex; 19 P Willis.

**Men Over 40.** 1 Belgrave H 1:04:52; 2 The Stragglers 1:05:01; 3 South London H 1:05:37; 7 teams finished

J Galley (2) 16:19; G Adams (3) 16:38, S Zealey (3) 16:44, K Hegvold (1) 15:11.

Fastest: 1 K Hegvold (Belgrave) 15:11; 2 G Nicolaci (The Stragglers) 15:42; 3 R Reeder (The Stragglers) 15:42; 8 J Galley.

**Women.** 1 South London H 1:10:32; 2 Hercules Wimbledon AC 1:12:34; 3 Ranelagh H 1:14:15; 17 Belgrave H 1:27:15; 20 teams finished.

M Noel\* W45 (10) 20:01, C Shanklyn (12) 21:34, J Beecroft (16) 23:36, C Eastham 22:04.

Fastest: 1 G Bruinvels (South London GH) 16:39; 2 M Jenkins (South London H) 17:25; 3 P Rutherford (W Windmilers) 17:28.

Aldershot Road Relays inc. SEAA Men's 6-Stage Road Relay, 27 September 2008.

### What a race - but Southern 6-Stage title stays with the Bels

The race was all but over and as Phil Wicks cruised down the last Rushmoor slope with that characteristic long loping stride, before turning at the bottom and then tackling the last drag up to the finish, one couldn't help imagining that his every other step seemed to be matched by a little celebratory jabbing punch of the air with a clenched right fist. It had been a terrific race and for Belgrave the result was perfect – a sixth win in seven years – but there had been plenty of drama. Aldershot had made a major bid for victory through Andy Vernon on stage four and with the Bels back in 7th at the beginning of that leg many onlookers must have thought that the Hampshire club were lining themselves up to regain the "Ian Logan Cup" that had last been in their hands after the race of '99.

A pretty safe bet for a winning Belgrave relay team were elsewhere – "Jonesy" and "Polly" training at altitude in Morocco, "Sp8y" in the USA, Jim Kelly also over the water for a family wedding, Steve Davies taking a break, and then, two days before the race, Jon Blackledge pulling out with a calf problem. It seemed that the chance of retaining our title had probably gone but medals were still a possibility and we certainly had the boys who would fight hard for a "placing". Of course every hit on the A team shuddered down to the Bs where more bad luck decreed that poor old "Wardy" should pick up a bug or something. After jogging round the block on race morning he had to make a decision to pull out. The odds were now against us getting a second team in the top 25 and thus qualifying a B squad for the Nationals – a bit of a disaster with so many of those absent Belgravians hoping to return for the big one at Sutton Park.

But let's get to the start line where in the warm late September sunshine ninety men were jostling for a position on the front rank with our own eighteen year-old Nick Goolab and super-vet Knut Hegvold setting their shoulders square against the best of them ...

#### Some very swift men

Both men were steadily away and after a minute or so of running, Nick was around 20th, looking comfortable. Newly installed at Birmingham University our mathematics student had gone easy in "freshers" week and his calculations as to race pace were spot on, for when the runners next appeared in the arena at the end of the first loop, covered in exactly nine minutes, a group of three had broken away including a blue Bedford vest, the red and black of Medway ... and Nick's claret and gold. Hall of Bedford eventually prevailed as Nick, in his own words, "hit a wall halfway round the second lap", but he held on well to give the Bels an unexpectedly high placing after one stage – 3rd – ahead of a fast finishing Matt Shone (Woodford Green). It was a fantastic run from the youngest member of our teams. Knut gave the Bs just the start they needed, placing 28th.

Third place and right in the firing line of some very swift men was possibly not a position that sat comfortably with Shaun Moralee. He was almost instantly up into second, gunning down the Medway man, but had the Beagles' Keith Gerrard, Harrow's Adam Bowden, Blackheath's Andy Rayner and Mitch Goose of the CoNAC Boyz homing in on him. Shaun was 9:15 at halfway but faded on the second lap to slip to 9th place and was not at all happy with himself afterwards; and to

rub salt into the wound, just a minute behind, the Cockerpillar climbed seven places for the Baby Bs with a time ten seconds faster. Up front the Beagles were now in charge.

### **An exceptional début**

Last man into the A team after Jonathan Blackledge's injury was Graeme Hyett. This man tells us that the longer and harder and muddier it is, the more he likes it. Roll on the National Cross at Parliament Hill then! But on a benign Rushmoor course fractionally under 6k Graeme was fine, pushing hard over his second lap to gain two places and ducking under 19 minutes. Good work. Yet another change up the front saw Basingstoke move ahead through Steve Rees-Jones. The Bs continued to make good progress thanks to Hassan Raidi, back in Belgrave racing strip after a long injury absence. Hassan claimed five more bodies and our second team was 16th.

So what would new man Dan Mulhare do? With an 8:04 3000m on his CV (set during the Cork City Sports this summer) and 8th place in the BUSA Cross Country Champs. just ahead of James Kelly, our hopes were high. What followed was extraordinary and set the race up for a grandstand finish. Aldershot's Andy Vernon set out in 6th with the Bels in 7th just three seconds down and Kent's Jermaine Mays in 8th a further four seconds back. As Vernon tore through the field, Dan followed in his wake ... and Jermaine tried desperately to catch the Belgrave man. Lapped runners and the five teams at the head of the race were equally rocked by the turbulence as the AFD man burst into the lead and Dan ran himself almost into oblivion to claim second place with an exceptional 17:58 début. The Beagles clung on to third with the redoubtable Jermaine right on their heels before he walked away shaking his head in disbelief that he'd actually lost ground to the courageous and "unknown" Dan, who was now lying on the tarmac gasping for air.

### **Not to be denied**

Over to The Skipper for stage five, nursing an oncoming cold but determined, as captain, not to let the team down. Beagler Dan Pettit made up ground on "Sharpy" and the two were locked together for much of the stage, working off each other as they slowly pulled back Aldershot's colours, carried by Eliot Robinson. No change in the order then but the medals had been sorted as Stephen judged his effort to perfection, moving away from Pettit on the second lap and making inroads into AFD's advantage. "Come on 'Sharpy', give me a little bit more," muttered our anchor man Phil Wicks as he made his way to the take-over area.

Keeping hopes alive for the Bs, Mal Byansi and Pete Willis both ran well on stages four and five. We were 21st and needed our last man, a far-from-his-best Mark Humphrey, to run out of his socks. The stage was set for excitement for both our teams.

No mean runner, Ben Moreau, for Aldershot, set out with 11 seconds in hand over Phil who is still not training at anything like full intensity due to his knee niggles; but our man was not to be denied. The gap came down, the inevitable happened, and the Bels went clear on the first circuit. It was over, barring accidents, and by the time photographer Mark Shearman clicked his shutter for the winning photo, jauntily addressing our TM with the words, "So the Bels are not dead and buried then", the 11 second deficit had been reversed. Well done Phil – third fastest on the day and up to second on our all-time list for the course, sandwiched neatly between Mark Miles and Marty Dent.

What a fabulous race, with the Aldershot and Belgrave men fighting to the end. And then came the icing on the cake – Mark Humphrey had yielded just one place in his two lap struggle and the Bs were into the National.

1 Belgrave H 1:50:24; 2 Aldershot F&D AC 1:50:35; 3 Newham & Essex Beagles 1:52:03; 4 Winchester & D AC 1:52:41; 5 Kent AC 1:53:25; 6 Woodford Green wEL 1:53:38; ... 22 Belgrave H 'B' 1:59:26; ... 90 teams started; 74 finished plus 1 more disqualified.

A – N Goolab (team position 3, ranking on stage 3)18:12; S Moralee (9, 18) 19:17; G Hyett (7, 9) 18:58; D Mulhare (2, 2) 17:58; S Sharp (2, 5) 18:18; P Wicks (1, 1) 17:41.

B – K Hegvold M45 (28, 28) 19:34; W Cockerell (21, 14) 19:07; H Raidi (16, 13) 19:13; M Byansi (20, 34) 20:36; P Willis (21, 16) 19:42; M Humphrey (22, 45) 21:14.

Fastest: 1 S Overall (Blackheath & B H) 17:26; 2 A Vernon (Aldershot F&D AC) 17:36; 3 P Wicks (Belgrave H) 17:41; 4 D Mulhare (Belgrave H) 17:58; 5 N Hall (Bedford & C AC) 18:00; 6 K Gerrard (Newham & Essex Beagles) 18:01; ... 14 N Goolab 18:12.

## **News**

### **City2Surf**

Marty Dent, unlucky to have missed out on Olympic selection for Australia in 2008, won this year's 16km City2Surf with a time of 41 minutes 12 seconds, the first Australian to win since 1997.

The 29-year-old Canberra public servant who ran at the 2006 Commonwealth Games was one of the favourites for the event.



It was Marty's 5th appearance in the race. His first was outside the first thousand (although we think he was only 13 yrs old then) and in his second race he was about 200 plus. He has been in the first ten on two occasions.

He broke the leading pack on Heartbreak Hill taking a Tanzanian and Shelley (AUS) with him. At 10km he really piled it on to finally cross the line clear by about 25 seconds. His winning time was a personal best, beating his previous best by 8 seconds. And his prize – a couple of business class tickets to London as guests of Singapore Airlines – which he plans to use to take part in the 2009 London Marathon.

### **Phil Wicks 3rd in New York**

The 26th Annual JP Morgan Chase Challenge Final was held in New York over the standard 3.5 mile course and saw a fierce race. The South African Transnet Rail Engineering team retained their title for the fifth consecutive year – but the Africans were challenged for the individual honours by Legal & General's (and Belgrave's) Phil Wicks.

Phil sat in the pack for the first 2 miles but took up the pace going into the last 800 metres. With 400 metres to go Tshamano Setone of Transnet and Olebogeng Masire of Goldfields regained the lead with the former just nipping the win by one second – 16:03 to 16:04 and Phil's 16:08.

Phil was pleased to be much closer to them than last year in a personal record for the distance.

Legal & General placed 4th, behind Transnet, Google and General Electric (Chicago), with their team including another Belgravian in Tim Chidgey and our old friend Stuart Major.

## *Welcome*

To the following new members who joined us during August and September:

Joanna Routledge, road running and cross country.  
Russell Dessaix-Chin, track, road running and cross country.  
Alex Luce, road running and cross country.

## Results Roundup

### Track & Field

#### August 2008

- 2 Amsterdam Open, Netherlands.**  
Men. 1500m: 5rA S Davies 3:43.77.
- 2 Men's Southern League, Bromley.**  
Men. TJ: n/s K Adedoyin 13.73.
- 9 BMC Nike Grand Prix Final, Eton.**  
Men. 800m: 4rA G Oudney 1:52.12; 1rD P Burkart 1:52.49; 7rD J van der Toorn 1:55.01. 1500m: 3rA S Davies 3:48.75; 7rA N Speaight 3:50.26; 2rC D Gauson 3:50.62; 11rC M Pollard 3:58.59. 5000m: 7rA S Jones 14:11.78.  
Women. 800m: 1rB M Hutchison 2:07.39.
- 9 UK Challenge Final, Eton.**  
Men. 100m: 4 W Bennett-Jackson 10.50/1.5. 110mH: 1 W Sharman 13.67/0.6. 400mH: 6 S Reidy 55.54. HJ: =5 S Oni 2.07. PV: 5 C Johnston 4.31.
- 9 Welsh Throwing Circle T6, Brecon.**  
Men. HT: 1 M Richards (Swansea) 55.45.
- 9 London Inter-Club Challenge, Parliament Hill.**  
200m: 2r4 M Peacock 24.87/-3.6. 400m: 2r1 JC Roghi 51.7; 1r3 M Peacock 54.40; 6r3 R Norville 58.01. LJ: 1 G Wilson 7.05.  
Women. 400m: 7r3 (mx) R Pile 59.50. 800m: (mx) 3r1 V Goodwin 2:25.84.
- 10 U23 Home International, Derby.**  
Men. 100m: 1A W Bennett-Jackson (Eng) 10.56/-0.6. 200m: 1B W Bennett-Jackson (Eng) 21.80/-1.0. SP: 3A B Morse (Wal) 14.42. DT: 1A B Morse (Wal) 52.48.
- 10 Inter-County Match, Kingsmeadow.**  
Men. 100m: 6B M Peacock (Mdx) 12.15w/2.4. 400m: 3A R Thomas (Sry) 48.98. 110mH: 5B C Minn (Ssx) 18.43. 400mH: 5A C Minn (Ssx) 57.13. TJ: 2A K Adedoyin (Sry) 14.01w/2.6 (13.99/1.1); 2B D Wellstead (Sry) 13.93w/3.1 (13.04/1.8). PV: 2A C Johnston (Sry) 4.20. DT: 3B C Privett M45 (Sry) 34.93. HT: 1B C Privett M45 (Sry) 44.39; 3B M Peacock (Mdx) 20.97.
- 13 Mizuno Mile, Peterborough.**  
Men. 3 S Davies 4:02.7; 4 N Speaight 4:03.2; 12 J Blackledge 4:09.9.
- 13 Rosenheim League Final, Tooting.**  
Men. 100m: 5 C Minn 11.5; 5/s race 2 P Walker U20 11.8; 3r4 B Davies 12.6. 200m: 6 P Walker U20 24.4; 5r2 B Davies 25.3. 400m: 2 M Anukam U20 51.3. 800m: 2 S Reidy 2:01.8; 1r1 R Norville 2:08.8. 1500m: 9 M Humphrey 4:42.5; 12 R Norville 5:00.0. 3000m: 4 M Trees M45 9:04.9; mx 17r1 R Trees SW 12:02.0; 18 J Beecroft SW 12:38.8. 110mH: 1 C Minn 16.0. 4x200m: 5 Belgrave 1:36.8 (B Davies, P Walker U20, S Reidy, M Anukam U20). HJ: 1 T Gardner U20 1.90. TJ: 1 D Wellstead 13.78. SP: 2 R Collier 12.14. JT: 6 P Mayfield 38.97.  
Teams. 1 Kingston & Poly H 67; 2 Belgrave H 66; 3 Herne Hill H 63; 4 Walton AC 54; 5 Croydon H 53; 6 Hercules Wimbledon AC 50; 7 St. Mary's Richmond 38; 8 Serpentine R 29.
- 13 Watford Open Meeting.**  
Men. 100m: 3r8 K McCarthy 11.73w/2.8; 2r9 S Marcus 11.68/0.7. 400m: 3r7 K McCarthy 51.53. 3000m: 5r2 J Fairbourn 8:59.44.
- 20 Cambridge H Open Meeting, Eltham.**  
Men. 400m: 3r1 M Anukam U20 51.76. BMC Regional 800m: 3rA J van der Toorn 1:53.92.
- 23 Herne Hill H Open Meeting, Tooting.**  
Men. 100m: 1r6 P Walker U20 11.69/0.3; 1r10 M Anukam U20 11.47/0.8; 6r13 R Murkin M40 13.93/0.6. 200m: 1r6 M Anukam U20 22.95/1.2. 800m: 4r3 A Sentance 2:17.66. HJ: 4 P Mayfield 1.50. TJ: 1 D Wellstead 13.16; 5 A Sentance 10.92. PV: 5 P Mayfield 2.70. SP: 8 R Murkin M40 7.52. DT: 6 P Mayfield 27.39.  
U17. TJ: 5 T Gardner 11.80. SP: 3 T Gardner 10.35.
- 24 Veterans' AC Champs., Kingsmeadow.**  
W55. SP/DT/JT/HT: 1 V Thompson 10.62 (CBP)/24.55/24.51/30.10.
- 24 London Heathside Open Meeting, Finsbury Park.**  
Men. 200m: 1r3 M Anukam U20 22.9.
- 25 Tom Lintern Open Meeting, Crawley.**  
Men. PV: 3 C Johnston 4.40.  
Women. PV: 1 S Smith 3.40.
- 26 BMC Gold Standard Races, Stretford.**  
Men. 800m: 3rA J van der Toorn 1:53.27; 3000m: 7r1 J Fairbourn 8:59.17.
- 31 Aviva Grand Prix, Gateshead.**  
Men. 400m: 4 D Gillick 46.28. TJ: 4 P Idowu 16.42/1.0.  
Women. JT: 1 G Sayers 61.62.

#### September 2008

- 7 Hibberd Trophy, Stevenage.**  
Men. 400mH: 1 S Reidy 55.2.
- 7 Woking YA Meeting, Woking.**  
U17M. HJ 1 T Gardner 1.95.
- 13 Surrey County AA Multi-Events Champs, Horsham.**

Men. Decathlon: 3 P Mayfield (4112 (12.69/-0.2, 5.00/1.9, 10.27, 1.59, 58.97, 22.56/-0.5, 32.33, 2.90, 41.28, 5:47.11).

### Race Walking

#### August 2008

- 9 Enfield League 20k, Enfield.**  
Men. 1 C Thomson (Sarnia) 1:44:03; M Culshaw (10k) 1:01:53.  
Women. 1 M Noel W40 2:10:06.
- 10 Inter-County Match, Kingsmeadow.**  
Men. 3000m: 4 J Hall M55 15:14.38; 7 C Lawton M60 16:12.27; 9 M Culshaw M40 16:58.94.
- 12 VAC 5 miles, Battersea Pk.**  
Men. 1 A Thomson (VAC) 45:10; 2 C Lawton M60 45:27; 5 M Scammell M50 47:05; 6 M Culshaw M40 47:49; 9 P King M55 49:24.
- 13 Civil Service 3k Track Walk Champs, Solihull.**  
Men. 1 J Hall M55 15:12.6.  
Women. 1 M Noel W40 18:22.8.
- 23 BMAF Champs., Northampton.**  
Men. 30k: 1 L Finch (Col H) 2:37:36 (1:40:50 at 20k); 6 J Hall M55 3:02:42 (1:58:32).  
Women. 30k: 1 M Noel W45 3:15:22 (2:07:46 at 20k).
- 24 Veterans' AC Champs., Kingsmeadow.**  
Men. 3000m: 1 M Easton (Surrey WC) 13:48.7; 3 C Lawton M60 16:06.7.
- 31 Inter-Regional U20 Match, Abingdon.**  
Men. 3000m: 1 A Wright 13:37.77.

#### September 2008

- 6 UK Race Walking Challenge Final, Lee Valley.**  
Men. 10k. 1 D King (Colchester) 43:52; 15 J Hall M55 53:48.
- 20 English Schools Champs., Birmingham.**  
Men. 5000m: 1 B Wears (Cleveland) 21:31.54; 2 A Wright (Somerset) 22:40.30.
- 24 PSUK/Civil Service Champs., Birmingham.**  
Men's 10k. 1 M Williams (Tamworth) 48:52; 4 J Hall M55 53:19.  
Women's 5k. 1 L Bradley (Sheffield) 29:34; 2 M Noel W45 30:12.

#### October 2008

- 4 Surrey Walking Club Gazette Cup 4 miles, Monks Hill.**  
Men. 1 M Easton (Surrey) 31:38; 10 C Lawton 38:18; 12 P King 39:07.
- 11 Enfield League 5k.**  
Men. 1 S Davies (Ilford) 23:09; 5 J Hall M55 26:29; 4 C Lawton M60 28:47; 16 M Culshaw M40 29:15; 20 P King M55 29:57.
- 18 Cambridge H Winter League 5k, Bexley.**  
Men. 1 T Bosworth (Tonbridge) 23:42; 4 C Lawton M60 28:32; 7 P King M55 29:50.  
Teams: 1 Ilford; 2 Tonbridge; 3 Belgrave.

### Road & Country

#### August 2008

- 2 Wimbledon Common Time Trial 5k, 2 August 2008.**  
Men. 1 G Garnier (Thames H&H) 16:47; 33 H Corbett M50 21:13.
- 3 Sturminster Half Marathon, 3 August 2008.**  
Men. 1 W Chinghanhu (Poole) 1:08:41; 84 P Cross M50 1:33:49.
- 6 Yateley 10k.**  
Men. 1 M Trees M45 33:56.
- 10 Bearbrook Joggers 10k, Aylesbury.**  
Men. 1 S Rees-Jones (Basingstoke) 31:37; 77 P Cross M50 41:39.
- 10 Runners Daily Belgrave Bolt 5k.**  
Men. 1 J Simpson (South London) 15:36; 2 R Ward 15:48; 5 J Fairbourn 16:08; 7 P Willis 16:16; 20 T Weeks 17:08; 23 W Cockerell 17:14; 39 J Webb 18:25; 67 A Barden M40 19:36; 94 J Pritchard 21:06.  
Women. 1 J Heslop (Clapham Chasers) 17:02; 41 M Evans 23:16.
- 12 VAC 5k Champs, Battersea Pk.**  
Men. 6 T O'Neill M55 18:48.
- 17 Pewsey Vale Half Marathon.**  
Men. 1 M Blackmore (Bitton) 1:14:35; 105 P Cross M50 1:43:35.
- 14 Radcliffe AC 5 miles, Radcliffe.**  
Men. 1 D Norman (Altrincham) 26:24; 4 P Freary M40 27:25.
- 16 Richmond Park 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 B Osborn (Stragglers) 17:11; 9 T O'Neill M55 19:05.
- 17 Burnham Beeches Half Marathon, Farnham Common.**  
Men. 1 P Tucker (B&B) 1:10:01; 5 A Stewart 1:14:46; 132 P Cross M50 1:32:15.
- 20 Capenhurst 5k.**  
Men. 1 P Freary M40 15:59.
- 23 Banstead Woods 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 R Ward 16:26; 5 G Adams M40 18:20.
- 23 Bushy Park 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 G Smith (unatt) 16:21; 173 D Anderson M50 22:39.
- 30 Wimbledon Common 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 A Penney (Herc. Wim) 16:53; 4 M Humphrey 18:01.

- 30 **Bushy Park 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 P Tulba (Basingstoke &MH) 15:42; 14 G Adams M40 18:08.
- 31 **London Nike+ Human Race 10k, Wembley.**  
Men. 1 J Clark (?) 31:55; 9 J Fairbourn 33:49; M Whiting 39:47.  
Women. 1 L Andreucci (?) 36:22; J Beecroft 58:50.
- 31 **City to Surf 12k, Perth Western Australia.**  
Men. 1 M Dent 35:31; 2 R Dessaix-Chin 36:19.
- 31 **Arundel Castle 10k.**  
Men. 1 J Baker (Chichester) 35:19; 96 P Cross 44:46.
- September 2008**
- 6 **Wimbledon Common 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 L White (Hercules Wimb.) 17:03; 2 W Cockerell 17:05; 17 M Humphrey 18:51; 19 R Norville 18:54.
- 7 **Great Scottish Run Half Marathon, Glasgow.**  
Men. 1 E Mutai (Kenya) 1:01:10; 25 H Raidi 1:11:13.  
Women. 1 W Tula (Ethiopia) 1:01:00; 6 B Dagne 1:13:59; 26 H Smethurst W40 1:27:06.
- 7 **HSBC Cardiff 10k.**  
Men. 1 T Humphries (C&S) 29:45; 6 K Tadesse 31:09.
- 7 **adidas Women's 5k Challenge, Hyde Park.**  
Women. 1 M Defar (Ethiopia) 15:01; 16 C Bryson 17:21.
- 7 **Kent Coastal Half Marathon.**  
Men. 1 N Smith (Anster) 1:19:04; 33 P Cross 1-M50 1:37:10.
- 13 **Bushy Park 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 D Symons (Thames H&H) 16:55; 16 B Barton M40 18:39.
- 13 **Tesco Grand Prix, Prague, Czech Republic.**  
Men. 1 V Rybak (Ukraine) 29:45; 4 P Wicks 30:07; 10 N Speaight 31:11.
- 14 **Bristol Half Marathon.**  
Men. 1 T Payne (Winchester) 1:05:48; 33 K Gadd 1:16:57; 697 P Cross M50 1:33:36.  
Women. 1 B Dagne 1:14:18.
- 14 **Ashted 10k.**  
Men. 1 D Moore (Thames H&H) 39:31; 3 M Webb M40 39:53.
- 14 **Robin Hood Half Marathon.**  
Men. 1 E Cherop (Kenya) 65:28; 8 K Tadesse 69:23.
- 20 **R4W Windsor 8k.**  
Women. 1 C Bryson 28:33.
- 20 **Cairns Cup 5k, Greenock.**  
Men. 1 G Hyett 15:02.
- 20 **Cardiff Blackweir Park 5k Time Trial.**  
Women. 1 L Newing (Bristol &W) 19:22; 49 R Basford 28:41.
- 20 **Bushy Pk 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 W Cockerell 16:29.
- 20 **Bramhall Pk 5k Time Trial.**  
Men. 1 P Freary 16:46.
- 21 **Beckley 10k, Rye.**  
Men. 1 A Keeley (1066 Joggers) 38:22; 11 P Cross 1-M50 43:18.
- 21 **Building Industry Windsor Half Marathon.**  
Men. 1 K Tadesse 1:09:33.  
Women. 1 L McAlister (Bristol &W) 1:16:16; 2 B Dagne 1:18:37.
- 25 **Bloomberg 10 x 1 mile, City of London.**  
Men. Fastest: S Overall (Blackheath &B) 4:21; 8 P Wicks 4:31; 9 T Chidgey 4:32.
- 28 **Berlin Marathon.**  
Men. 1 H Gebrselassie (Ethiopia) 2:03:59; 37 K Tadesse 2:27:08; 6692 L Rehn M45 3:31:47.  
Women. 1 I Mikitenko (Germany) 2:19:19; 101 H Smethurst W40 3:09:52; 557 K Reynolds W35 3:36:21.
- 28 **Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon.**  
Men. 1 S Rigby (Folkestone) 1:15:26; 62 P Cross M50 1:33:14.

### “Jack” Brown 1925-2008

Belgrave Harriers regret to announce the death of John “Jack” Brown who passed away on 24 September in his 84th year. He had spent his last years in a nursing home.

“Jack” became a Belgravian in July 1942 at the age of 17 and became a fierce middle and longer distance runner right through to the early 1960s. His best 6 miles time was set in 1955 – 29:54.8 – and he ran 13:52.4 for 3 miles in 1956. In his later veteran years he became a member of Cambridge Harriers. A fuller appreciation of Jack’s career will appear in due course.

## Belgrave in 1948

Much is being said, and written, about the last occasion on which the Olympic Games were held in Britain and, over the next 3 years plus, there will be much more. The “Belgravian”, restricted by paper shortages to just two issues a year, noted, in 1947, that nine members might be selected. On the same page it added that “nearly 200 members are interested in £500 worth of tickets and were awaiting news of allocation”.

The number of new members was such that it was impossible to find room for their names but clearly this was part of the pre Olympic interest in sport generally and of participating in an activity fulfilling the desire of many to keep active.

At the Club’s Diamond Jubilee Dinner, in November 1947, the “speech of the evening” was made by Doctor Chris Woodard, a Vice President and Hon Medical Adviser to the Club. In his opinion “British Athletics faced near disaster in 1948, through lack of proper food and either wrong attention, or no attention of athletical injuries, from which so many of our Olympic prospects suffer. He stressed his points with considerable skill and force, and obviously his audience were behind him and listening with rapt attention. He went on to accuse the Athletic Officials of dilatoriness in obtaining food parcels from the Empire for Olympic possibles.

When he resumed his seat the applause was very warm and continued for some time”

The response came in a speech by one of the guests, Mr Jack Crump who was to become of the prominent officials of the AAAs for many years. He thought that the Doctor had exaggerated the state of things and that the athletes were being looked after better than ever before. Food parcels would be coming in plenty and had been obtained as early as possible.

In the event, of the nine members named in 1947 only two, Harry Churcher and Bill Nankeville, made the team but Bill Lucas was selected for the 5,000m. Other members of the British team had been Belgravians during the war including Doug Wilson, Rene Howell and Jack Braughton. Among the visiting teams Canada had a Belgravian as team manager but the Belgian marathon bronze medallist Etienne Gailly became one of the heroes of 1948. Etienne was first into the stadium but was overtaken by the winner, Cabrera of Argentina and then by Tom Richards of Britain.

During the war years Etienne raced for the Club in several matches against Tom who ran for SLH.



James Kelly raced in all four British Athletics League 5000 metre events last summer, twice winning the B races. For the winter season he was elected Captain of the Cambridge University Hare & Hounds and placed third in the Varsity race held on Wimbledon Common. Photo by Pat Mead