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### EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Members,

We are indeed proud to record the outstanding achievement of Stan Vickers in outclassing the best walkers in Europe to win the gold medal at Stockholm in the European 20 kilos. Championship.

For this superb performance Stan has been awarded the "Tommy Green" trophy; it was never more gallantly earned.

Since our last edition great improvements have been shown in our track performances, the most notable being that of Dave Mitchell when winning the L.C.C. Junior 880 yards Championship in 1m.57.8s; a remarkable time for a junior. We hope Dave turns out to be a future middle distance star.

We are indebted to Alf Harley for much of the material contained in this issue, but it is regrettable that one on whose shoulders rests so much responsibility on behalf of the Club, should have need to add to his duties by writing articles for this magazine. If one who is so fully occupied already can find time to do this, then we hope others will feel how small is their own contribution to the running of a Club as large as ours.

### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fellow Members,

I should like to take this opportunity, through the medium of the Belgravian, to express my sincere thanks for the great honour you have paid me by electing me as your President, and I shall do all in my power to carry out the duties involved to the best of my ability. It is my hope that during the next twelve months I shall have the help of all members in putting the Club back on top, where it belongs, and this can only be done by regular training with the various packs which will be arranged by your Cross-Country Captain.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our European Champion, Stan Vickers, on his great walking performances during the past season.

Once again thanking you all very much for this honour.

F.R. Webb

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### Dates for your diary

Oct.25 Social and Dance	Jan.3 New Year's Carnival Dance
Nov.15 Annual Dinner & Dance	Jan.11 Children's Party(Sunday)
Dec.6 Social and Dance	Jan.24 Social and Dance

Further socials and dances will be arranged in February and March. Hoping to see you all enjoying yourselves at all of the above social functions. I look forward to your support.

Bert Jordon, Social Secretary,  
16, Cologne Rd., London, S.W.11

CLUB TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS. 14TH JUNE AT TOOTING BEC.

Tooting Bec gave us every encouragement on our return to its track by welcoming us with a lovely day and beautiful sunshine, bringing out our feminine admirers in all their bright best and enabling our noble band of officials to display themselves without jackets in impeccable whiteness in accordance with the well known advertisements.

Although entries were only average in number a very fine Championship meeting was held and some really excellent performances were witnessed. Outstanding amongst these were the doubles of Clive Ryan in the 100 and 220 yds. and John Davies in the 880yds and 1 mile. The forward running of R. Bhatia in the latter event was particularly pleasing. Stan Vickers was again at his scintillating best in the 2 miles walk in which he accomplished a new Club Championship best performance and, of course, won the style award.

In the junior events Dave Mitchell ( of whom we shall be hearing a great deal) won the 220, 440 and 880 yds. all in good times.

A programme of childrens races, presided over by Bill Lucas, gave a real family flavour and provided a welcome break for tea during the proceedings.

ResultsSenior

100 yds -	1 C. Ryan; 2 C.R. Jones; 3 D. Carter;	10.4s.
220 yds -	1 C. Ryan; 2 D. Carter; 3 D. Butler;	22.9s.
440 yds -	1 C.R. Jones; 2 C. Coxall; 3 R. Pepe;	51.2s.
Standards(54s.)	F. Wright, A. Jackson	
880 yds -	1 J. Davies; 2 R. Taylor; 3 M. Robinson;	1m.57.5s.
Standards(2m.4s.)	J. Heathfield, A. Jackson, D. Gordon	
1 mile -	J. Davies; 2 P. Newell; 3 R. Bhatia;	4m.18.7s.
Standards(4m.35s.)	C. Shippen	
Shot Put -	1 J. Whyte; 2 J. Ware; 3 M. Carlson;	34'9"
Javelin -	1 M. Carlson; 2 J. Ware; 3 W. Couzens;	170'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Discus -	1 J. Ware; 2 M. Ash; 3 W. Couzens;	94'4"
High Jump -	1 M. Ash; 2 P. Griffiths; 3 B. Coleman;	5'10"
Long Jump -	1 D. Ansell; 2 M. Ash; 3 B. Coleman	21'4"
120 yds. hurdles -	1 M. Ash; 2 B. Coleman;	16.1s.
2 miles walk -	1 S. Vickers; 2 E.W. Hall; 3 R.C. Hall;	13m.53.2s.
Standards(16m.30s.)	G. Checkley, B. Cornick, R. Middleton, S.C. James	

Junior

100 yds -	1 D. Crookes; 2 D. Wade;	11.9s.
220 yds -	1 D. Mitchell; 2 B. Kelbe; 3 D. Crookes;	24.7s.
440 yds -	1 D. Mitchell; No other runner finished	53.5s.
880 yds -	1 D. Mitchell; 2 D. Taylor; 3 B. Kelbe;	2m.0.2s.
Standards( 2m.10s.)	C. Thompson	
1 mile -	1 A. Black; 2 J. Thresher; 3 C. Thompson;	4m.37.1s.
High Jump -	1 P. Griffiths;	5'3"

Boys

100 yds -	1 D. Wade; 2 R. Porter; 3 R. Gearing;	12.7s.
		H.W.S.

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### H.G. Clayton

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Bert Clayton at the early age of 39 years; and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his Wife and three children.

Bert joined us in 1938 and in that year won the Horwood Cup Championship. In the early part of 1939 he was a member of our winning R.W.A. Junior Championship team at Manchester; and a few weeks later figured prominently in the R.W.A. 20 miles Championship at Mill Hill. In this he was nominated as a "B" team man but was able to assist our fourth "A" team man, Harry Thaxter, to complete a Belgrave team win; and was content to finish in 17th position himself, following Thaxter in.

During the war Bert served in the R.A.F. but in 1947 was again assisting our teams. He was in our 'placed' R.W.A. 20 miles teams in 1947-48-49-50 and in our winning team at Enfield in 1952. He was placed third in the R.W.A. 50 kilometres Championship at Sheffield in 1950 (when our team was second) and second the following year at Brighton when we were the Championship winners. Bert won our Club 20 miles Championship in 1950 and 1951; and scored in our winning Nijmegen Shield teams in 1948, 1950 and 1952.

It will be seen from the foregoing that Bert was a great team walker; and in addition to the strength he brought to our Championship teams he was a valuable team man in other events also. Living at Eastleigh, he travelled considerable distances for his racing, but always did so cheerfully and enthusiastically and endeared himself to a very wide circle of friends. We have lost a great sportsman and a great Belgravian - we are the richer for having known him so well, the poorer for his passing from our midst.

A.A.H.

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### The R.W.A. 50 kilometres Championship

For the first time ever this Championship was held from our Headquarters and our thanks from the Club are due to all those who helped with the organisation of the race, which reflected great credit on Belgrave. Jack Goswell and Arthur Whitehead were, as usual, in the forefront of the arrangements but there were many others who gave assistance and made this a memorable Championship from the organisation point of view.

The course consisted of five laps of the approximately one mile lap of the Common at the head of Lauriston Road, followed by four laps of our normal course (of 6 miles 1114 yards each) taking in Park Side, Tibbetts Corner, Robin Hood Way, Coombe Lane, Cope Hill and finishing at Lauriston House.

There were 96 starters and Eric Hall was soon prominent among the leaders and, in fact, held the lead for a while soon after the 20 kilometres mark. At half-distance Misson (Met.W.C.) had taken the lead with Johnson (Sheffield) near at hand followed by Don Thompson (Met) and Eric, taking things reasonably easy, fourth. A few kilometres later Thompson went into the lead and rapidly went away from the field to record the fastest time yet over the 50 kilometres distance in this country. Misson whilst not quite so fast as his club mate also forged away from the field, and Eric Hall took over third position from a tiring Johnson, who was also experiencing foot trouble. Eric, realising the impossibility of cutting into the lead of the two Metropolitan walkers ahead of him, was well content with his position and the excellent start it gave to our team in their efforts to retain the Championship title. Metropolitan succeeded in taking fourth individual place with Nigel Thompson, thus having three men in the first four, but adequate backing for them was missing. Eventually their fourth man finished in 41st scoring position.

Our strength is, of course, in numbers and solid team work

and this was well exemplified by our supporting walkers. George Checkley did not have one of his happiest races, yet stuck to his task and, walking a tremendously fast last lap, finished in eighth position. Ray Hall started well and finished well, but there were times in between when he was very far from happy. His ninth position was of the greatest value to the team; and we are all confident that he will be a "placed" man at this distance one day. Our team was completed by Hugh McGreechan, in twelfth position, who walked a typically sound race. Four men in twelve is normally good enough to win a Championship and so it was, and our third successive win was accomplished. Near at hand was George Beecham (17th) to take over, should it become necessary.

To conclude, we may derive great pleasure from this further Championship win, from the success which attended our organisation of the Championship entrusted to us and in Eric Hall's third placing which confirmed the extreme versatility and excellence of his walking at varying distances.

		h.	m.	s.
1	D.J. Thompson - (Met. W.C.)	4.	21.	50
2	T.W. Misson - (do.)	4.	25.	29
3	E.W. Hall - (Belgrave H.)	4.	37.	04
8	G. Checkley - do.	4.	47.	46
9	R.C. Hall - do.	4.	49.	17
12	H. McGreechan - do.	4.	52.	20
17	G. Beecham - do.	5.	02.	41
29	H.W. Shields - do.	5.	15.	44
39	C. Yescombe - do.	5.	23.	46
44	B. Eglinton - do.	5.	26.	30
45	J. Wilson - do.	5.	26.	45
1	Belgrave Harriers (3,8,9,12)	32	pts.	
2	Metropolitan W.C. (1,2,4,41)	48	"	
3	Sheffield U.H. (5,16,18,20)	59	"	

A.A.H.

#### CLUB RECORDS

The following records have been achieved by Club members since the last issue:-

<u>YOUTHS</u>	High jump - J. Roche 5'6" - June 1958 (3rd place London Schools Championships 15-17 yrs.)
<u>JUNIOR</u>	1 mile walk - J. Knifton 7m.8.9s. July 1958 200 yds. hurdles - J. Sams 23.1s. July 1958 (A.A.A. Junior best performance)
<u>SENIOR</u>	2 miles walk - S. Vickers 13m.33.4s. July 1958 Marathon - L.C. Bishop 2h.30m.39s. June 1958 Hop, step and jump - N.O. Caves 46'5" July 1958

Colin Collis

#### BROCKMAN TROPHY MEETING 7TH JUNE

Organised by Herne Hill Harriers, this meeting is always very hotly contested, and in consequence the standard of performance is particularly high. Although our field events representatives were few in number they certainly made their presence felt and in the very first event, the hammer throw, Percy Porter won with a throw of 157'5". Norman Caves won the hop, step and jump with 43'3" while in the pole vault Mal Ash did well to secure fourth place.

Our track runners were more numerous, although in some of the events they were completely outclassed, notably the 880 yds, in which P. Pepe was unable to qualify for the final, and the 6 miles in which Eric Gebbett finished sixth. However, John Davies and Pat Newell came to the rescue with two very fine efforts, John finishing second to Gordon Pirie in the 1500 metres with a time

of 3m.59 ls. and Pat chased John Disley home in the 3 miles to finish less than two seconds behind in 14m.59 6s. and incidentally beat Langridge of S.L.H. who is no mean performer. Clive Shippen, our budding steeplechase star, was third in the 3000 metres event with a time of 10m.12s.

Mal Ash was unluckily not to qualify in his heat of the 120 yds hurdles which was won in a very fast time while C.R. Jones ran into fourth place in the 220 yds final. In the 4 x 440 yds relay our quartet were fourth, behind Blackheath, London A.C. and T.V.H. Our final place in the contest was sixth.

#### POLYTECHNIC MARATHON AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

One hundred and ninety-four runners set out from Windsor Castle on the afternoon of June 28th for the annual dash to Chiswick via the country lanes of Berkshire and Buckingham.

Incorporated in the event this year were the A.A.A. and Southern Counties Marathon Championships and an additional attraction was the possibility of a trip to either Cardiff or Stockholm.

With the Club Championship his target, Eric Gebbett led the Belgrave contingent of nine runners for the first sixteen miles, which he covered in the rather fast time of 89m.25s. Shortly after this point he was overtaken by Len Bishop, the Club title holder, who was determined that his title would not be relinquished at any price. Eric hung on desperately for the next three miles, but Len's fighting qualities were never more in evidence than now, as he began to draw steadily away. Len eventually finished 13th in the new Club record time of 2h.30m.39s. and in fact was actually on the track at the same time as such distinguished marathon runners as E.L. Smith of Leeds and F. Norris of Bolton. Eric, in finishing 17th performed extremely well, and was comfortably inside the A.A.A. standard of 2h.35m.

The third Club runner to finish was Bob Plummer, who recorded his best ever time of 2h.36m.46s. to occupy 25th position. Bob has now regained the excellent form he was showing two years ago when he was laid low by a very troublesome knee injury.

The efforts of these three stalwarts won us the Southern A.A.A. Marathon team Championship which we last held in 1955.

Nearly ten minutes were to elapse before our next man, Geoff Pearson, put in an appearance, and his running enabled us to secure third place in the Open Team Race. Geoff doesn't turn out for the Club very often now but when he does he can always be relied upon to put up a stirring performance.

Our four remaining runners all completed the course, and special mention must be made of the running of J. MacDonald who was expected by many to be well outside three hours but in actual fact beat the new Club Standard of 2h.55m.

Result:-		h. m. s.		
13	L.C. Bishop	2.30.39	A.A.A.	standard
17	E.J.W. Gebbett	2.33.28	do.	do.
25	R.G. Plummer	2.36.46	Southern	do.
47	G.M. Pearson	2.46.02	do.	do.
53	H.A. Bishop	2.47.08	do.	do.
69	J. MacDonald	2.54.22	Club	do.
109	W. Wortley	3.15.23		
117	A.A. Byford	3.19.05		

Open Team Race:- 1 Derby & County 38, 2 Thames Valley Harriers 59  
3 Belgrave Harriers 64

Southern do. :- 1 Belgrave Harriers 17, 2 Thames Valley Harriers 20  
3 Walton A.C. 24

In the Kinnaid Meeting 2 miles invitation walk, Stan Vickers won in 15m.48.2s., Eric Hall was third in 14m.39.6s. and Ray Hall sixth in 15m.0.6s.

CLUB HANDICAP MEETING JUNE 18TH

The handicaps were, on this occasion, particularly well supported—a very encouraging sign.

300 yds.

1	T. Cook (75)	33.8s.
2	A. Birdseye(48)	34.0
3	A. Jackson (15)	35.1

## 16 ran

1 1/2 miles

1	K. Miller (220)	6m.36s.
2	C.T. Carter(450)	6m.36s.
3	M. Jones (400)	6m.43s.

## 14 ran

600 yds

1	F. Wright (65)	65.9s.
2	R. Hilton (90)	67.8
3	B. Mitchell(75)	68.4

## 17 ran

1 mile novices

1	Vernon	4m.52s.
2	Marston	4m.52.4s.
3	Davies	4m.57s.

## 7 ran

2 miles walk

1	S.C. James (1.40)	14.05	7	H.W. Shields (3.05)	14.03
2	J.F. Knifton(1.35)	14.17	8	D. Logan (4.30)	13.46 2nd
3	B.J. Cornick(1.35)	14.33	9	A.E. East (4.30)	14.04
4	J.G. Coleman(2.00)	14.23	10	C.H. Speechley(4.30)	14.08
5	C. MacLennan(3.00)	13.49 3rd	11	B.J. Knifton (5.10)	13.31 1st
6	B. Eglinton (2.40)	14.10			

INTER-CLUB MATCH WIMBLEDON PARK JUNE 26TH

The weather conditions were appalling, but the turn out by Club members was very good indeed. Clubs taking part were Wimbledon A.C., R.A.F. (Chessington), Polytechnic Harriers and Belgrave.

100 yds

1	C. Ryan (Bel.)	10.2
2	C.R. Jones (do.)	10.3
3	R.A. Woodland(W.A.C.)	10.4

440 yds

1	R. Martin (Bel.)	52.4
2	P. Pepe (do.)	54.6
3	Sgt. Foley (RAF)	55.8

1 mile

1	R. Bhatia(Bel.)	4m25.2
2	L. Orton (do.)	4m.28
3	Briggs(Poly)	4m.33

High Jump

1	C.E. Clair (Bel.)	5'3 1/2"
2	Griffith (do.)	5'2 1/2"
3	G.A. Moulden(WAC)	5'0 1/2"

Discus

1	Sgt. Farley(RAF)	89'10"
2	C.E. Clair(Bel.)	88'6"
3	W. Couzens (do.)	82'3"

220 yds

1	B. Morris (Bel.)	No time.
2	C.R. Jones (Bel.)	
3	R.A. Woodland(WAC)	

880 yds

1	G. Ward (Poly)	1m.58s.
2	P. Pepe (Bel.)	1m.58.5s.
3	F. Wright (do.)	1m.59s.

Javelin

1	C.E. Clair(Bel.)	153'6"
2	B. Gage (WAC)	145'3"
3	M. Carlson(Bel.)	142'10"

Long Jump

1	D. Ansell (Bel.)	20'4 1/2"
2	Melcolm (RAF)	19'5"
5	C.E. Clair(Bel.)	17'6"

Shot

1.	Dunn (RAF)	31'3 1/2"
2	C.E. Clair(Bel.)	30'8 1/2"
4	M. Carlson(do.)	30'1 1/2"

Result:-

1	Belgrave Harriers	133 pts
2	RAF (Chessington)	89 "
3	Wimbledon A.C.	83 "
4	Polytechnic Harriers	32 "

Stan Vickers set up a new record for the event when winning the Southern Counties 2 miles walk at Uxbridge in 13m.49.6s. Third was G. Williams in 14m.32s.

KINNAIRD TROPHY AT CHISWICK, JUNE 28TH

This is a meeting in which we never seem to fare very well, and 1958 was no exception, our final position being sixth. There were, however, some good individual performances by Club members and the following are on record:- 440 yds in 49.6s. by Brian Morris, 1 mile in 14m.11.6s. by John Davies and a 5'10" high jump and a 21'10½" long jump by Mel Ash.

BELGRAVE INTER-CLUB WALKING CONTESTS

Battersea Park.

July 2nd.

5 MILES

1 T. Misson	Met.	37.33
2 R. Goodall	Wood.G.	38.28
3 G. Meadows	H.H.	38.46
4 R. Hall	Bel.	39.54
5 D. Thompson	Met.	40.23
6 G. Checkley	Bel.	41.03

4 MILES

1 E. Hall	Bel.	30.22
2 N. Thompson	Met.	31.19
3 C. Young	Ess.B.	31.27
4 R. Clark	Poly.	32.11
5 D. Griggs	S.W.C.	32.27
6 H. McGreechan	Bel.	32.40

3 MILES

1 S. Vickers	Bel.	20.54
2 B. Hawkins	Met.	22.10
3 A. McFarlane	Poly.	23.08
4 C. Fogg	Enfield	23.21
5 E. Barnes	H.H.	24.03
6 R. Middleton	Bel.	24.04

2 MILES

1 E. Smith	Bel.	15.06.6
2 J. Goodall	Wood.G.	15.14
3 J. Godbeer	Cam.H.	15.27
4 B. Cornick	Bel.	15.51
5 K. Eslea	Enfield	16.01
6 S. Mantor	"	16.04

Team result:-

	5m.	4m.	3m	2m	Total
1st Belgrave H.	44	47	47	49	187 pts
2nd Metropolitan	48	37	25	32	142 "
3rd Woodford Green	25	38	31	38	132 "
4th Highgate H.	24	28	39	32	123 "
5th Surrey W.C.	26	39	20	20	105 "
6th Polytechnic H.	39	29	24	10	102 "

CLUB HANDICAP MEETING JULY 23RD

Two Championships, three handicaps and an inter-schools relay were decided at Battersea Park on the above occasion. The main event was the Club 3 miles Championship for the Griffin Cup in which John Davies surprisingly, but decisively, beat P. Newell the holder.

3 MILES 1, J. Davies 14.25; 2, P. Newell 14.30; 3, K. Millar 15.18; 4, B. Hallowell 15.23; 5, A. Bedford 15.25; 6, A. Bruce 15.29

Standards:- 1st Class (15.35) B. Hallowell, A. Bedford, A. Bruce, J. Moore.

2nd Class (16.00) E. Gebbett, G. Stevens. 16 ran.

Hop Step & Jump 1, N. Caves 46'5" (New Club Record)  
2, Peterson 37'7½"

100 yds. Handicap 1, R. Holtum (2) 10.3s; 2, B. Morris (2½) 10.3;  
3, A. Jackson (5) 10.5 9 ran.

880 yds. Handicap 1, D. Crookes (110) 1m.48s; 2, T. Newell (85) 1.53;  
3, R. Mitchell (85) 1.54 14 ran.

Inter-Schools Relay 1, Trinity (Holders) 48.7s; 2, Aristotle 49.6;  
3, St. Walter St. Johns 49.8

2 miles walk Handicap 1, L. Butler (5.30) 13.01; 2, A. East (4.50)  
3, D. Logan (4.25)

MATCH v. VICTORIA PARK JULY 21ST

We had a fairly good turn out of Seniors for this match which was a four sided affair against Victoria Park, Deptford Park and Ilford A.C. but our Junior representation consisted of only one person. As the match was to be decided on the total number of points, both Senior and Junior, this placed us at a very great disadvantage. So much so, that in spite of winning seven Senior events we lost the match.

John Davies won both the half and one mile in 1m.57 6s. and 4m.23s. respectively, while Brian Morris had a narrow win in the 220 with a time of 22 7s.

There were two races over 440 yds, Charlie Jones being second (52 4) in the first one and Alan Jackson winning the second in 52 6

Dave Ansell won the 100 yds in 10 8s. and the long jump with 20'7". The match resulted in a win for Victoria Park with 104 pts. Ilford A.C. were second with 96, ourselves third with 80 and Deptford Park fourth with 71.

PETERBOROUGH MARATHON JULY 19TH

Support for this race has, in the past, been very poor, but this year saw a vast improvement with an entry of over eighty of whom sixty-four actually started. Despite this large entry the promoters only saw fit to give one set of team prizes although in fairness to them this fact was advertised freely before the race. However, one would have thought that this unexpectedly heavy support would have made them change their minds.

The rather slow times were due to the fact that the race was run throughout in blazing sunshine and with a temperature of 84 degrees.

10, R. Plummer 2h.55m.54s; 13, H.A. Bishop 3h.00m.18s;  
22, J. Macdonald 3h.12m.22s; 39, W. Coates 3h.46m.16s.

Teams:- 1st Leeds Harehills 26 pts; 2nd Belgrave Harriers 45 pts.

INTER-CLUB MATCH AT CHARLTON PARK JULY 26TH

This was a triangular affair involving ourselves, Cambridge Harriers and Herne Hill Harriers and once again John Davies won both the 880 yds. and 1 mile although the times were only moderate. Charlie Jones won both sprints in 10.2 and 23.0 and also the high jump with 5'2".

Len Orton was well beaten by J. Heywood of Herne Hill in the 3 miles, Len's time being 15m4s.

In the shot and discus we didn't fare too well, collecting only 8 points to the Hill's 20 and Cambridge's 14.

The 440 yds. was easily won by Alan Jackson in 52.6, the second man being timed at 55.4.

We defeated Cambridge in the 4 x 110 yds relay, 45.4 to 46.8.

Senior match result:- Belgrave 74; Cambridge 60; Herne Hill 58.

Our Juniors were heavily defeated in their match and in fact only won one event, the mile, in which D. Crookes returned 4m.38.2s.

Eric Penny was third in the 440 yds and his time was 57.8s.

Junior match result:- Herne Hill 77; Cambridge 74; Belgrave 38.

MATCH v. SUTTON & CHEAM HARRIERS AT SUTTON AUG. 6TH

There was a very good turn out of both Juniors and Seniors for this mid-week fixture which, however, resulted in a win for Sutton and Cheam with 69 pts. to our 53.

Charlie Jones proved to be the mainstay of our team by winning both 100 and 220 yds in 10.3 and 23.2s. respectively, the long jump with 19'7½" and finishing third in both the shot and discus.

Alan Jackson won the 440 yds in the good time of 51.6s. and J. Thresher won the Junior 880 yds in 2m.4.5s.

The one black spot was the complete absence of our two-milers, indeed it is felt in some quarters that the Club does not possess any at all!

CLUB MEETING AT BATTERSEA PARK AUG. 9TH

The Club 6 miles Championship for the "Tom Carter Cup" was decided at this meeting and the winner was P. Newell, the holder, who had a fairly comfortable victory. The track was in very poor condition and the atmosphere was somewhat oppressive, hence the rather slow times. Result:-

1, P. Newell 30.48; 2, L.C. Bishop 31.26; 3, E. Gebbett 31.39  
4, A. Bedford 31.58; 5, J. Davies 32.25; 6, D. Baulch 32.28.

Standards:- First Class(31.30) Nil.

Second Class(32.30) A. Bedford, J. Davies, D. Baulch.

120 yds. Handicap.    1 C.R. Jones(2yds)    12-1s.  
                          2 D. Carter (2yds)  
                          3 A. Jackson(4yds)

600 yds. Handicap.    1 T. Newell (70yds)    67-0s.  
                          2 D. Gordon (55yds)    68-2s.  
                          3 P. Mitchell(65yds)    68-8s.

1 Mile Steeplechase Handicap.

1 M. Robinson(90)    4.35  
2 A. Black (60)    4.37  
3 B. Kolbe (180)    4.40

3 Miles Walk Handicap(Yacht)

1 J.F. Knifton 27.54(1.15)    4 D. Fotheringham  
2 R. Middleton 27.59(1.30)    5 J.G. Coleman  
3 A. East 28.22(5.45)    6 R.C. Hall

BELGRAVE OPEN 20 MILES RUN AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AUG.16TH

A smaller than usual field of 83 was sent on its way by the Deputy Mayor of Wimbledon in weather which, for a change, was not of the heat wave variety. In fact, conditions could be described as near perfect. Belgrave's contribution to this field consisted of two teams of six runners each.

Eric Gebbett was the early pacemaker from Beale of Shafts-bury and at twelve miles he was passed by Haslam(T.V.H.) and Salvat(Finchley). Len Bishop, who had been content to hang back in the early stages, now began to move up and at sixteen miles passed Eric at great speed. Maintaining his speed to the end of the race he finished a very good third in the Open Race and was a comfortable winner of the Club Championship.

Eric, although taken aback by this burst of speed was still an easy fourth, exactly two minutes ahead of the next man, Harry Dennis of T.V.H. With Bob Plummer running well for twelfth place our team was narrowly beaten by T.V.H.

Mention must be made of Ron Linstead and Joe Dooley, who were running in their first 20 mile race. To beat 2h.5m. on this course was a particularly good effort.

Once again Bill Bird and Arthur Whitehead plus their numerous assistants must be congratulated for the way the race was organised.

3	L.C. Bishop	1.53.12	26	G. Pearson	2.06.48
4	E. Gebbett	1.54.41	29	H.A. Bishop	2.09.25
12	R. Plummer	2.00.59	33	J. McDonald	2.11.10
15	J. Dooley	2.02.18	43	E.M. Bishop	2.16.47
18	R. Linstead	2.03.27	52	L. Rolls	2.25.20

Teams:- 1 Thames Valley Harriers 10 pts.  
2 Belgrave Harriers 'A' 13 "  
3 Orion Harriers 36 "  
4 Belgrave Harriers 'B' 45 "

The winning time was a new Club best Championship performance.

Also started:- K. Stimpson and J. Baker.

Standards (2h.15m.) J. Dooley, R. Linstead, G. Pearson,  
H.A. Bishop, J. McDonald

HASTINGS TO BRIGHTON 38 MILES OPEN WALK, AUG.16TH

1	G.E. Beechan	6.04.11	21	F.G. Rolfe	6.44.14
7	G.S. Cheekley	6.25.43	25	D. Eglinton	6.49.41
8	H. McGreechan	6.25.43	30	J. Wilson	6.58.02
18	C. Yescombe	6.41.49			

Teams:- 1 Belgrave H. 16; 2 Woodford Green 22; 3 Surrey W.C. 31

Attention all Walkers

Team Manager, Walking Hon. Secretary, Ticket seller and without doubt the most travelled and out-of-pocket Official in the Club. Who?.....Jack Goswell.

Do you honestly expect him to add to his already enormous responsibilities by writing articles? Obviously not, then some of you must endeavour to remedy the lack of walking articles in this magazine.

The result of the London to Brighton Walk is being held over until the next issue in the hope that someone will contribute a suitable write-up. We feel that an event of this importance should be given extensive coverage.

L.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HURLINGHAM SEPT.6TH

The following successes were achieved by Club members :-  
2 miles walk, 1st, Eric Hall 14m.9s; 880 yds. Junior, 1st Dave Mitchell 1m.57.8s.(record); Long Jump, 1st Dave Ansell 21'9"; 3 miles, 2nd P. Newell 14m.30.2s; 440 yds, 2nd B. Morris 49.5s.

As a result of these and other efforts we won the "W.J.Pepper" Memorial Trophy.

S.L.H. 30 MILES ROAD RUN, SEPT.6TH

13	R. Plummer	3.16.38	23	H.A. Bishop	3.37.40
22	W. Wortley	3.37.16	27	J. McDonald	3.42.26

Belgrave Harriers were fourth in the team race.

On Saturday Sept.20th a small team visited Bishop's Stortford on a minor "pot hunt" with considerable success. The grass track was very soggy and in some parts was just plain muddy. Hence the rather slow times.

In the 100 yds. heats our only competitor, C.R. Jones, came through at about 75 yds. and won easily in 10.5s. Starting much faster in the final (from borrowed blocks) he was only inches down on the leader at 50 yds. Everyone, including the official winner, thought he had won with his dip finish, but the judges deemed otherwise and he was given second place. Times (non electrical) 10.7 & 10.8. The 220 yds heats went off uneventfully with Brian Morris and Charlie Jones qualifying easily for the final.

The next event concerning the Bels was the 440 yds which was run as a straight final, and taking part was our 4 x 440 relay team. Alan Jackson and P. Pepe started rather fast into the mud while Brian Morris and Frank Wright went off steadily. At the half-way mark Brian was leading slightly from Frank, but Pepe and "Jacko" found the heavy grass track not to their liking and decided to save their energies for the relay. Brian and Frank continued running very strongly and drew away from the field to finish first and second in 51.4 and 51.6 respectively.

Twenty-five minutes later came the 220 final. Charlie, in the fourth lane, started well, catching Brian coming off the bend and holding his lead to the finish. Brian, although feeling tired after his "quarter" finished close up in second place, giving the Bels another maximum. Time 23s.?

The "quarter" men next performed as a team in the 4 x 440 relay and showed their superiority by finishing more strongly than their opponents who, however, put up quite a fight. Belgrave first again, time 3m32s.

The team then headed back to civilization in cars, motor-bikes and scooters.

Some notes on the A.G.M. Sept.25th.

The A.G.M. opened (apart from the reading of previous minutes and noting apologies from absentees) with the Hon. Secretary's Report from which we were encouraged to learn that apart from a temporary setback in cross country and middle distance running (formerly our main strength) we nevertheless had reason to be proud of the Club's overall contribution to the sport. Thanks to our walkers and let's season form of our track relay men, our record last year was quite a good one.

The adoption of this report was temporarily delayed by the snarling interruption of a rather incoherent member who seemed rather concerned that a first claim Belgrevian had competed for another club. He quickly subsided - still muttering - on learning that his outburst was out of order at that stage.

We were then taken through the accounts and there followed the usual rather dry proceedings until we came to the election of officers, and this was marked by the efforts of current holders of office to transfer their mantels to other shoulders. We learned, among other things, that while the job of auditing the Club books was small, the journey from Chislehurst to Edmonton was long. This piece of information prompted a former Hon. Treasurer to jump to his feet and to question whether the audit had been properly carried out. His feigned criticism was an attempt to inject a note of humour into the otherwise rather dull proceedings, but he was perhaps rather unwise in attempting to draw a comparison between the somewhat more arduous and complicated accounting of his day with that at present obtaining. This brought quite a storm about his head from the platform, and whilst this forced him to hastily resume his seat with apology, he was re-assured by the accompanying applause that not all members were devoid of a sense of humour.

The election of a new committee followed uneventfully and it was not until "any other business" that the meeting once more briefly came to life. Again it was the incoherent member who seemed anxious to repeat his previous uninformed comments regarding the first claim Belgrevian, and went on to discuss the merits of our distance runners generally and our 3 and 6 milers in particular. Whilst most of this was rather incomprehensible, one could not escape the impression that the speaker was not altogether satisfied with their performances, but before he got very far, another member interrupted - rather violently it was thought - to discuss, not athletics, but some sort of ball game. It was all very bewildering.

The meeting ended having elected, among others, a new President, a new cross country captain, a new social secretary, a new committee, but not a new junior section secretary, probably the most important job of them all. Charlie Munro was elected to Life Membership.

One came away from the meeting with the feeling that without the presence of the General Hon. Sec. the A.G.M. could well have got out of hand. He has held this post for a long time and while he repeatedly expresses the view that a younger member should be considered to take over this important job, it is evident, that for the present at least, there is no one of sufficient stature to replace him.

A few words from your Track Hon. Secretary

I look forward to the 1959 season with confidence and the expectation that our teams will be much stronger in all departments. Particularly would I like to see more support from our two and three milers. This year we have missed the assistance of Chas. Walker, Dave Baulch, Brian Hallowell and others.

We must thank our second claim member, Len Orton, for his support at our fixtures. I understand that he will be returning to his first claim club Birchfield very soon and I feel sure that he carries our best wishes for his future, both in his athletics and his career.

D.M.S.

CLUB 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  MILES ROAD RACE SEPT 27TH

A spectacular return to form by Charlie Dabbs, a defiant battle against "father time" and injuries successfully overcome by Archie Bedford, and an extraordinary run by Clive Shippen were just a few of the highlights to emerge from this event, considered by some to be an unofficial "Brighton" trial.

With so little having been seen of our key road-relay men this summer there was considerable speculation as to how they would fare against the fitness of the long distance men and the speed of the middle distance track runners on this both tough and fast course. To add to the uncertainty Archie Bedford and Len Adams were reputed to be making a determined effort to regain their long lost places in the London-Brighton relay team.

So, on a fine day and in ideal conditions, our new President, Frank Webb, sent the 40 odd runners on their way. After one lap of the Common very little had been decided despite the faster than usual start; Pat Newell slightly led a peck of about eight runners, with a few more in close attendance. No sooner had the second lap commenced than Pat decided to increase the tempo, only Dave Baulch attempting to go with him. However, on leaving the Common for Copse Hill Pat was way ahead and increasing his lead with every stride; the role of peck leader being taken over by Eric Gebbett.

On entering Cambridge Road with the hills still to come this group had been reduced to Gebbett, Walker, Baulch, Robinson and Shippen. Dave dropped back at the approach to the first hill and Malcolm likewise at the turn into the second; the remaining three staying together until approximately 400 yds. to go when Clive Shippen sprinted ahead to gain second place, 25 yds. ahead of Charlie Walker, with Eric a further 35 yds. down. Charlie Dabbs proved his unexpected fitness by finishing strongly, only 10 sec. behind Gebbett. Pat Newell must be congratulated on his fine solo effort; he ran comfortably throughout and was at no time fully extended.

Bob Glover ran in this event for the first time last March when he returned a time of 30.35. His time today? 29.38! Establishing himself as a runner of note in such a short time makes one wonder how much potential he has yet to realise. Special mention should also be made of Archie Bedford on his most welcome return to form, and of a fine performance by young Radford.

The handicap was won by Ken Stimpson who produced a time considerably faster than his usual. Second place went to Glover and a deserved third to Dennis Jones who is running better than ever before.

Once more we are on the brink of another winter season and if all of today's competitors take an active part in the programme, it should be a successful one; and 1959 could take us out of the "fifties" on the same triumphant note with which we entered them nearly ten seasons ago. Belgrave possesses almost unlimited depth but, as yet, no stars. An enthusiastic winter season could well remedy this weakness.

To those who are dubious of working hard over the country it might well be worth mentioning names like Herb Elliott, Derek Ibbottson and John Merriman. Ibbottson's "failure" this season followed a winter of negligible cross-country work, whereas his triumphant summer of 1957 was produced by a winter in which he won major international cross-country races during an extremely active season.

## SUPPORT YOUR WINTER FIXTURES !!!

1	P. Newell	28.47	9	A. Bedford	29.42
2	C. Shippen	29.09	10	J. Moore	29.44
3	C.W. Walker	29.14	11	J. Masters	30.21
4	E. Gebbett	29.21	12	L. Adams	30.24
5	C. Dabbs	29.31	13	J. Radford	30.27
6	D. Baulch	29.34	14	B. Hallowell	30.33
7	R. Glover	29.38	15	J. Dooley	30.43
8	M. Robinson	29.40	16	J. Davies	30.58

17	L.C. Bishop	31.02	28	J. Collier	32.25
18	K. Miller	31.10	29	P. Matthews	32.40
19	G. Stevens	31.19	30	G. Peget	33.18
20	D.W. Jones	31.27	31	J. Thresher	34.06
21	L. Orton	31.31	32	E. Penny	34.35
22	G. Biscoe	31.59	33	E. Pallent	35.17
23	T. Hert	32.05	34	D.C. Newell	35.36
24	A. Peckings	32.05	35	D. Russell	36.22
25	K.G. Stimpson	32.20	36	G. Baker	37.00
26	D. Crookes	32.23	37	C. Fairfield	38.26
27	R. Conway	32.24	38	C. Manning	38.56

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN, SEPT. 27TH.

(Promoted by the Road Runners Club)

On the first stroke of seven, some forty-eight runners, including four Belgravians, started from Westminster. The weather, a little cold and damp at the start, developed into a good day for this type of race.

At five miles our four, Alan Bishop, Joe MacDonald, Bob Plummer and Wally Wortley were running together at just inside seven minutes a mile. At ten miles Bob was nearly a minute ahead of our other three who came through steadily. The next ten miles on towards Redhill saw Bob still running strongly whilst our others had spread themselves out a little, the order being Wally, Alan and Mac. Times of our runners at 20 miles:- Bob(2h.15m.27s.), Wally (2.22.28.), Alan(2.22.38.) and Mac(2.22.53.). At thirty miles Wally had some trouble with his back and stopped for a while and was passed by Alan and Mac, Alan having a lead of over four minutes on Mac. On to Handcross, with eighteen miles still to go, Bob was still going well and Wally was losing ground to Mac.

The road after Handcross, in spite of its downward trend, has often troubled the best and Bob and Alan both had bad patches along this stretch. Alan told me afterwards that he was short of training and in consequence he had several miles of slow running.

So to the finish, Bob Plummer, full of running again, was tenth in 6h.22m.2s., his best ever with a First Class Standard. The team race (3 to score) was already won by T.V.H. with fourteen points, but we had hopes of a place. Wally Wortley, who was still three minutes behind Mac. at Pyecombe and had passed Alan two or three miles back, had made a grand recovery and finished strongly in fifteenth position with a time of 7h.00m.33s. Joe MacDonald was next man in in 7h.02m.53s. he had had a hard run over the last few miles and seemed very glad to finish.

Our team was in with 31 points, but Derby & County and Orion had two men well placed and could still beat us. Derby's third man made their score 22 points, so it was Belgrave or Orion for third place. Meanwhile Alan Bishop had finished nineteenth in 7h.15m.39s. and although not scoring added a point to the Orion score which, when their third man did arrive, equalled our own. With our third man in front of Orion's third man we were awarded the third team prizes. Alan was not unrewarded, as he gained a Second Class Standard as did Wally and Mac.

The day was rounded off by having tea with the Mayor of Brighton (who has threatened to run in next years' race) and the presentation of well earned awards.

	Crawley	Handcross	Bolney	Pycombe		
	30.6m.	35.1m.	39.25m.	46.5m.	h. m. s.	
10	R.G. Plummer	3.25.13	3.55.45	4.23.01	5.30.00	6.22.02
15	W. Wortley	3.48.28	4.36.31	5.08.40	6.10.10	7.00.33
16	J. McDonald	3.46.25	4.28.35	4.58.59	6.07.06	7.02.21
19	H.A. Bishop	3.42.05	4.24.04	4.58.59	6.16.00	7.15.39

Teams:-	1.	Thames Valley Harriers	14	pts.
	2.	Derby and County A.C.	22	"
	3.	Belgrave Harriers	31	"

HON. SECRETARY'S CORNER

We congratulate Ted Good on recovering from a very serious illness and wish him well for many years yet. Ted was sustained in his battle for life by the fighting spirit he acquired fifty years earlier in the Club teams and, he writes, in his delirious condition he re-fought his team battles over and over again and they gave him the desire and strength to win through, and satisfy his doctors.

Ted joined the Club in 1897. He was then a young man who listened to his foreman (a Belgrave Hon. Secretary) talking of sporting walkers at lunch time, and enquired how he could join Belgrave. He was told that the first step was to sign a nomination form and submit it with a shilling entry fee. To do this, Ted who lived at Chelsea and worked at Baker Street, got up earlier each morning and walked to work, thus saving the two-pence a day allowed him by his mother for workman's fare. Thus in a week he saved his nomination fee and became a member in 1897 (when his wages were 10/- weekly for a sixty-hour week!), and was elected to Life Membership 54 years ago.

Ted Good, who was an Hon. Editor in 1908, now lives at Brighton; and weather permitting, tries to get to the finish of all the big athletic events in the hopes of seeing a Belgrave win.

Eric Hell's versatility as a walker can never have been surpassed in the history of the sport; and his record in 1958 of not having been further back than fifth in any of the five major championships (three on the road and two on the track) must be unique. The performances are :-

R.W.A. 10 miles Championship	-	2nd
R.W.A. 20 "	"	- 5th
R.W.A. 50 kilos.	"	- 3rd
A.A.A. 2 miles	"	- 4th
A.A.A. 7 "	"	- 2nd

What a magnificent record!

Our heartiest congratulations go to John Sams on winning the A.A.A. and Southern 200 yards Hurdles Championships, and the L.C.C. Junior 100 yards Championship. John may be booked for the Army soon but we look forward to seeing him in our senior teams in the years ahead, and have every confidence that his ambition to win an A.A.A. 440 yards Hurdles Championship will be realised one day.

Another junior whose future looks bright is Dave Mitchell who put up a personal best time in winning the L.C.C. Junior Half Mile Championship very cleverly from a good class field.

We derived a great deal of pleasure in winning the "W.J. Pepper Memorial Cup" for the Club gaining the greatest aggregate of points in the L.C.C. Championships; for Bill Pepper had very close associations with our Club going back many years. Our former President, Bob Ricketts and Bill were great friends, and Bill always had a very warm spot in his very warm heart for Belgrave.

We were also pleased in the manner of winning, for our Runners, Field Events men, Walkers and Juniors all shared in the effort - which is Club spirit at its best.

There was also pleasure in seeing our teams finish second and fourth respectively in the 4 x 110 yards and 4 x 440 yards A.A.A. Relay Championships. Only two clubs could qualify for both finals, and we were one of them!

John Palmer has resumed light training and we would hope that perhaps in twelve months time he will be claiming a place in our teams. After showing great promise as a Junior, John did his National Service with the Army in Germany, where he had many close races with J. Merriman who has subsequently distinguished himself

both on track and cross-country in the highest company. Most unfortunately, John Palmer was found to have a kidney complaint on his return to civil life, and this has necessitated long treatment which appears to have been successful, as was forecast. Meanwhile every time Merriman runs it serves to underline the potentialities of our John Palmer; and we hope his cure will be complete and permanent.

The "Tommy Green" Cup for the best athletic performance of the year by a Club member has been awarded to Stan Vickers for his magnificent win in the 20,000 metres European Games Walk. Could there be any argument?

The following comments from Harold Whitlock, a former Olympic and European Games Champion himself, who acted as Chief Walking Judge at Stockholm will be read with pride by all Belgravians.

"I arrived back with the British Team last evening after a good week in Stockholm. The team was one of the happiest that have taken part in any of these events. That was the opinion of the athletes themselves, and much of the credit must go to the officials with the team for their handling of the group.

Without doubt the Team's success sprung from the inspiration given them by Stan Vickers, whose performance was the best piece of race-walking I have ever seen. He was always the master, even when behind the leaders in the initial stages, and when he decided to go they just could not match him, and in trying to do so two of them suffered disqualification. Belgrave have good reason to be very proud of Stan and I can tell you that I, too, felt very proud when the judges congratulated me on his success and said that he was without doubt the best walker in every respect. As an Ambassador of British walking he is likely to open up avenues that have eluded us in the past, such is his prestige among the walking nations".

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#### Socially Speaking.....

On taking over the Office of Social Secretary I would like to say a few words and to ask you for your support at all social functions during the coming year.

No matter how much time and hard work is put into the arrangement of a social function such as a Dance, Dinner or Coaches for the Brighton Relay etc., it cannot be a success without your full support and encouragement. So come along and enjoy the companionship of fellow Belgravians.

#### Social Dances

Social Dances at Belgrave Hall have been arranged to take place approximately once a month, the first being on October 25th and the last in March. A licensed bar will be available on each occasion and a first class band will be engaged. Refreshments at moderate prices will also be obtainable. Games will be organised and there will be spot prizes to be won.

#### Sausage and Mash Supper

It is hoped to have a sausage and mash supper available to members and their friends after the afternoon's activities on the days of socials and dances. A list will be posted on the notice board at the hall two or three weeks before each dance and you can assist us a great deal by placing your name thereon and indicating how many persons will be making up your party. This will greatly assist us in knowing how many to cater for.

#### Annual Dinner and Dance

Tickets are still obtainable for this very important function which is to be held at Barrington House, Gresham St. E.C.2. on Saturday, November 15th. and the price - 21/- each.

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