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EDITORIAL.

This edition might well be called the "Flying Bomb Number," as much of what is recorded took place whilst Southern England, and particularly London, was under attack by these missiles. In conjunction with Polytechnic Harriers, a full and ambitious programme had been arranged. A number of fixtures had to be cancelled, whilst the remainder were contested by scratch teams from either side. This was not surprising as Police and Civil Defence were fully occupied. A number of members were able to find or make the time to turn out for the Club, and we are all grateful to those who helped to keep Belgrave to the fore during most trying times.

A glance at the Club address book shows that we have many members living in some of the most heavily damaged areas. No serious injuries to members have been reported, but many of our members' homes have been damaged, some completely destroyed. To all who have suffered the Club offers their deepest sympathy, and we hope that lost and damaged homes will be quickly restored. We also extend condolences to those who have lost relatives and friends.

Those who were fortunate enough to be able to come along to meetings were rewarded with some keen competition and it was pleasing to note the good performances of some of our newer members. Two of our members won Southern Junior Championships. John Brown put in a well-judged finish to win the 880 yards in 2 mins. 9.5 secs. In the One Mile, Derrick Burfitt produced a burst of speed at the finish which nobody could match to win in 4 mins. 39 secs. His nearest rival, Chard (T.V.H.), had previously beaten him by a very narrow margin in the corresponding Middlesex County event. Those who have seen Derrick in action will agree that with steady training and a carefully graded racing programme he should develop into a champion. This was said of him after his brilliant performances over the country last season, and, having seen him perform on the track, we repeat it with greater confidence.

With the prospect of some early demobilisations we look forward to welcoming back our members serving in H.M. Forces. We also hope to gain new members from this quarter as there are probably a number of men in the Forces who will wish to continue with some form of physical training when they return home. It is here that ALL members can help by pointing out to such persons the excellent facilities which Belgrave has to offer—of the keen racing, the good times and the good fellowship of which we are justly proud. And when you have "got your man" and he asks what he has to do to become a member, don't be stumped, get him to fill up a Club Membership Nomination Form; these are distributed most willingly by the Hon. Secretary.

Finally, we ask members to give their utmost support to away fixtures. We are always pleased to entertain other clubs at Wimbledon and we should show our appreciation by returning the compliment. Travelling arrangements can be found out from the captains and section secretaries.

Recently a letter was received from the parents of a member serving overseas. Enclosed was a full subscription for a year. Such donations as this are greatly appreciated by the Club, as serving members are not required to pay according to the decision of the Club in the early days of the war. That these members do contribute to Club Funds is evidence of their desire to see a flourishing Belgrave when they return. We can assure them that we are doing our best to ensure that Belgrave will continue to occupy its prominent place in Southern and National, and, we hope, International, sport.

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As will be seen from the results—we combined with Polytechnic Harriers once again, and we thank them for their valuable help and support. We hope that next season conditions will favour Belgrave *versus* Poly. instead of Belgrave and Poly. We have no doubt that when the boys come home the Poly. will continue to add to their many successes of the past, and that they will look back with pleasure on their association with Belgrave. It has been hinted that as a perpetuation of our wartime co-operation we have an annual match, possibly on the Continent, the team being drawn from both Belgrave and Poly. This idea was contained in a letter from Doug. Wilson to the Club. Doug. had written to the Club to thank us for the part we had played in staging his successful attempt on the one and a half mile British Record. He was most sincere in his wish that the bonds between us should not disappear when we and the Poly. follow our own fortunes.

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Our young Belgian friend, Etienne Gailley has left town. In a most charming letter he thanked the Club for all we had done for him during his few months' stay. For our part we were proud to count him as one of us, and all were impressed by the great improvement he made training with us. He was a good sport and if he maintains his improvement, he is a very strong runner, we expect to see him near the top in future Belgian C.C. and long distance track races. We do not know of his whereabouts and wish him the Best of Luck. He hopes to see us again soon.

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In a recent article in the *Sunday Express*, the writer expressed confidence that Britain's young athletes will soon be amongst the world's best. Amongst those mentioned, we were favoured by the mention of seven members:—Broadbent, Clay, Frost, Brown, Marchant, Burfitt and Main.

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We continue to receive colossal sports programmes from the U.S.A. from Max Quackenbos. In addition to the names of competitors there are advertisements, cartoons and action photographs of the stars. The A.A.U. still holds Championships and other big meetings like the Wanamaker and Knights of St. Columbus are still held. Quack is still giving a good account of himself at 2 and 3 miles, and has often beaten ten minutes for 2 miles, his best effort being when he was beaten by inches in a shade under 9.38. He won the 2 miles at the Collegiate Track and Field Memorial Day Meeting in 10.01.7. He was 3rd in the A.A.U. Junior 5,000 metres race and 6th in the Senior Event. He is always pleased to hear news of the Club and to know that we can still show the way. He sends his regards and best wishes to all.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended on the tragic death of Harry Hall, the esteemed Hon. Secretary of the Southern Counties Cross Country Association and representative of the English Cross Country Union.

His charming personality, knowledge and ability, is a loss which can well be said as almost irreplaceable. He was for many years chief of the Thames Hare and Hounds, attributed the oldest cross country club, to whose name he brought continued honour.

The cremation, held at Putney Vale Cemetery, was attended by many representatives of various Associations and Clubs, in which Belgrave members were represented.

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Correspondence has been returned from the following members:— A. A. Bird (Dicky-Hammersmith), N. Dyne (S.W.16), F. R. Mellish (S.W.1), R. J. Powell (Bishops Stortford), Wally Watts (Kingston), S. B. G. Wilson (W.12) and Dick Dumbrell (A.P.T.C. and S.W.4). Will anyone who has knowledge of the whereabouts of these members please inform the Hon. Secretary.

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The Club gratefully acknowledges vests from Bill Luther (Erith), Cyril Pateman (Ceylon and S.W.19), H. G. Verney and Oscar Horwood; Oscar's offering included a zebra-patterned one! Many thanks, everybody. The appeal for old Club vests, and any other athletic gear for which the owner has no further use, is still on, and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to accept any more offers.

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Thanks are due to George Clay for his reports which have been appearing in the *Wimbledon Borough News*. Ernie Duffett continues to do good work in this direction with local papers in the Croydon district.

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The Building Fund Supporters Club is still doing very well. Thanks are again due mainly to Les Cohen (and his wife) who do an enormous amount of work in this connection. We congratulate Les and Mrs. Cohen, not only on the results of their efforts for the Fund, but upon the recent birth of a daughter.

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Syd. Roberts is again our representative on the R.W.A. Southern Committee.

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Our Social Secretary, Charlie Jones, has been trying hard to arrange another Dance. He has been instrumental in getting a date at the Victoria Coach Station, and it is hoped that the Dance on 12th December will be well supported. Social Events are excellent opportunities for getting to know each other, so turn up and enjoy yourselves and help the Club.

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The A.A.A. has an eye on the future and has formed a Committee which will deal with Reconstruction and all branches of Athletics. We are pleased to say that Frank Thomson, whose improved health happily continues, is on this Committee. Frank has an almost unrivalled knowledge of Running, Walking and Field Events and all Belgravians will congratulate him on his selection.

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The Club welcomes the following new members, and trusts that they will have a long and happy association with us:—J. R. M. Bird (Slough), J. R. Brampton (S.W.18), R. R. H. Chipperfield (S.W.18), B. A. Lee (Twickenham), R. C. Negus (S.W.16), R. Plummer (S.E.16), J. H. Scammell (E.12), Wm. Young (S.W.6), J. R. Weames (Whitton), Roy Barnade (Kingston), H. E. Stanford (S.W.11), F. W. R. V. Jacques (S.W.6), D. R. Pitt (Thornton Heath), L. Whittle (Manchester), Michael David Boyden (born May 23rd, 1944) and Phillip Anthony Thomas (born February 4th, 1944).

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held at Belgrave Hall on 28th October, the President, Harry Evans, being in the Chair. Before the proceedings opened the meeting stood in silence for a few moments in honour of the memory of those members who had fallen since the last A.G.M.

The Hon. Secretary, Harry Parker, gave his report, and, thanks to the many Club Officers to whom he paid tribute, the Club was still in the forefront. The report was adopted with acclamation. Bill Webb then reported on the Club's Finances. Thanks to the Supporters' Club, and in turn, to the good work of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cohen, our finances were in a sound state. This report was adopted.

The Committee's recommendations for election to Life Membership were Charlie Cook and Harry Shields. These were elected. Frank Thomson, in proposing the name of Charlie Cook, mentioned his connections with the Club, dating back over fifty years, and of the help he had given our sprinters, and, of course, of his good services as time-keeper. Alf Taylor, in proposing Harry Shields, listed many of his great performances in Club Teams, and mentioned that Harry has been a great worker on the official side, as Assistant Editor of the *Belgravian*, as Track Captain and Committee member.

The new Officers were then elected, their names can be seen at the front of this magazine. The meeting expressed appreciation of Harry Evans' spell as President. We have been through difficult and troublesome times, and we have been fortunate to have a man of Harry's calibre in the Chair. The new President, Dick Savage, is well-known to all. For many years Dick has done some of the less glamorous jobs for the Club—trail-layer, pointsman and sports official. If there's been a Club meeting he has always been willing to do whatever job came to hand, and we are all glad to see him gain the highest honour that the Club can bestow. We hope that his term of office will see the Club launched into its post-war plans!

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Fellow Members,

I am most gratified to have the honour of writing to you as President, an honour which exceeded my expectations and shows your great appreciation of the service I have been able to render the Club, and enjoyed every moment of it.

It is with pride that I have been a member of this Club for over 30 years, and although in our early days we were not so successful in Competition, the spirit of the Belgrave H. has always prevailed. It is, in my estimation, a Club second to none. With the majority of our Members so far away, we who are left, I know, feel a keen responsibility in carrying forward and retaining the name of Belgrave to the Athletic World, and

this task has been made easy for us by the good and clean sportsmanship which all members have by tradition learned on their entry into our ranks. I hope and trust that before my term of office ends, those of you who are serving away will be in the position to resume once again your association with the Club. I, personally, will look forward most eagerly to this belated meeting and pray that never again will such association and friendship be severed by inhuman disturbance of normal activities. It will of course be, that in some cases this association and friendship will not be resumed, as there are those who have lost their lives for the just cause of Freedom. Whilst they were amongst us they gave of their best, and their comradeship will always be remembered as of the highest value.

As President I will endeavour to fulfil this office to the best of my ability, knowing that I shall be greatly assisted by all officials who have worked hard during the last few years under very trying conditions, having always in mind that we are all members of the finest Club in England.

Yours sincerely,

DICK SAVAGE.

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"Sir" Harry Shields writes: "In expressing my appreciation for being made a Life Member, an honour which I had hoped for years past would one day be mine, I would take this opportunity to emphasise to our newer members what Belgrave has to offer apart from Athletics if they will only take advantage of it.

It offers you the comradeship both inside and outside of the Club of the finest types of fellows, with the opportunity to discuss other people's views and ideas.

It offers everyone the opportunity to sit on Committee, to develop their organising ability, to take responsibility which, if properly grasped, must be of the highest importance in future life.

Do not be afraid if you have ideas, on rambling, socials, etc., to criticise or bring them forward to the various officers of the Club. It may be something that you can organise yourself: discuss them with your fellow members.

Remember that Belgrave is only run by members similar to yourself."

Best wishes,

HARRY.

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Charlie Cook writes upon his election as a Life Member: "A very pleasant surprise. I appreciate the honour very much and I still hope to live a few more years so that I can still be useful to the Bels."

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NEWS OF MEMBERS.

Since the last issue we have learned, with great sorrow, of the following deaths:—

K. N. Wood (Lt., R.A.), died from wounds in Normandy. He was prominent in our South of the Thames teams, and was placed in the "Junior" race. He had many brilliant performances to his credit, including the winning of the Surrey Junior Cross-Country Championship. He was also an enthusiastic all-the-year-round bather in the Serpentine, where he had won prizes for swimming. Quiet and unassuming, he was held in high esteem by all.

Sgt. Ken Sheail was killed in action with the Hampshire Regiment in Italy, having previously been wounded there. He was a keen sportsman and athlete and his pleasing personality had won him many friends in the Club. His favourite distance was the 880 yards, and he had represented us in track events.

Frank Handley, of Manchester, was killed in action with the Irish Guards. We did not see him very often, nevertheless we mourn his death.

Lionel Penny, of the Recce Corps, was killed in action in Italy on 23rd September. He was one of our most promising cross-country runners, and no doubt would have developed into a first-class performer.

Prisoners of War news is scant. We are still awaiting to hear further news of *Les Bennett* who is still in Japanese hands.

Arthur Beales seems to have settled down to life in a prison camp, and has "made himself at home," if such a phrase applies!

Frank Halls, so we learn, was wounded in the legs before his capture. It is feared that he will not be able to race-walk again, but we hope that the prophets are wrong. We wish Frank a speedy recovery.

Dan and Alec Patience, whilst with the Scots Guards, were, it was recently learnt, taken prisoners during the fighting around the Anzio beachhead, and sent to Germany. From the report available, it appears that their older brother, George, with whom they were inseparable since the outbreak of war and have fought together during the whole of the North African and Sicilian Campaigns, was killed in the same engagement. All who knew the Patience brothers will appreciate the great affection they had for each other and our sincere sympathy is extended to them on their loss.

Pat Driscoll, posted as "missing" with his "fighter" ten days after D-day.

Reg Shepherd, we still very regretfully hear, is still amongst the missing. We sincerely trust that sooner or later good news will be forthcoming.

Alf Harley, now well-established near Rome, has been seeing the sights in the usual Harley fashion including visits to opera and partaking of Italian wine. His latest feat was when he climbed 660 steps up and into the dome of St. Peter's, the last section being through a narrow entrance and up a vertical ladder. No doubt he'll trot this one out on future climbs up Ranmore! Alf maintains correspondence with a number of members and is always pleased to hear what's happening. He sends a newspaper cutting headed "Army may get Parker"—so what?

Bert Footer has been right up in the front line in Normandy and would welcome a rest in the rear. He suggests a good night out in town as a cure for that jumpy feeling the boys get after a spell in the fighting zone. We wonder whether he has been in Paris. In a later letter he reports that he is over the Seine—and then he turns up at the Hall, fit and well.

Bill Sutton is now in Corsica in heavily wooded mountainous country with lots of fruit. Is near the sea and has been doing some swimming. The Americans nearby held an Open Sports Meeting, but Bill didn't know of it till afterwards, and missed a chance of some Shot Putting. It is rumoured that Bill has been awarded the Military Medal.

Frank Elson is now in France and doing a hundred and one odd jobs with the R.E.M.E., working round the clock, and has been commended. Is looking forward to the day when he can return to the Hall and lend a hand. Well said! Frank, there'll be plenty of work for willing hands when we get going after this show.

Jack Shotter has been taking a crack at the Japs in Burma. Played some Rugger and had enough wind left (thanks to his C.-C. training) to run back to the lines. Is hoping to go on leave to Simla, and says that conditions are so hard that leave is essential to maintain one's health and well-being.

Frank King points out that he is attached to Indian H.Q. and he has not been to India, for which he is duly and greatly thankful. Has been in the desert and Middle East, and is now in Italy. Is pleased to read of the Bel's successes.

Wally Ives has been in hospital in some remote part of India with dysentery, and is now fortunately well again and claims to be able to cast a shadow after meals. Wally writes us some very long and interesting letters and is looking forward to dusting one or two up in the next "Brighton." It is learned later that he is in "dock" again. Hard luck, Wally!

Tony Belchamber. His exact whereabouts are unknown, but he is believed to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of Burma. His brother, *Francis*, is still in Madagascar.

Len Coleman, writing from Nigeria, says of brother Joe, that after his (Joe's) efforts at Tooting he must have been the original conception of the bulldozer. No doubt we can leave Joe to settle that account. Len is still travelling around, presumably in search of a handicapper who hasn't heard of the Coleman fame. He has had six months' recuperative leave in South Africa and appears to have enjoyed himself thoroughly. Len is a great Belgravian and never forgets to send his "subs." along despite the fact that he is only 5 degrees off the equator.

Charlie Churcher doesn't get much racing at Shandhour, but takes some of the lads for walks and his advice is sought by prospective race-walkers. Needless to say, Charlie is only too pleased to pass on a few hints to them. Members will be sorry to learn that the Churcher's home at Tooting was damaged by a flying-bomb. Mrs. Churcher is another who has done good work for the Club—looking after the appetites of hungry Belgravians at a Tea and Social is no light task, and she is often present at walking events to give the lads words of encouragement.

Norman Graves is now over the water to do his first bit of Continental running. Before he left, he won the Herts County Three Miles Race in 16 mins. 25 secs. He hopes to be back running with the lads on Wimbledon Common before long; we hope to see you too, Norman.

Dick Towndrow writes that he is trying his French on the natives in their own country. We congratulate, or commiserate with him, whichever he considers suitable, on his promotion to corporal (nice work, Dick). Dick's been doing a bit of running out there but without the facilities of Belgrave Hall—no tea—no cake—no hot water. The only thing apparently not missing being sheer enthusiasm. Dick reports that Bill Rispin is somewhere in the neighbourhood.

Colin Sutton finished second to B. Singh in the All-India Olympics. These were held at Patiala, where the stadium and village were modelled on the 1936 Berlin idea. Singh 5 hrs. 14 min. 30 secs, and Colin 5 hrs. 21 min. 15 secs, both beat the previous record. The race was held on a long, straight, semi-desert road, and started at 9.30 a.m. Colin has recently become a Pilot Officer. Congrats on both performances, Colin!

Bert Clayton, having been overseas nearly three years, is hoping to come home in a few months' time. We'll all be pleased to see you, and hope to hear a few tales of Aden.

Jack Watts, another from Eastleigh (yes, the runners have heard about Eastleigh now, Jack) is now in Italy.

Bill Snell is on the move again, and is on the trail of Charlie Churcher. These two have often missed seeing each other by a narrow margin. Let's hope they manage it this time. Bill still sees Capt. Jack Flower occasionally.

Jim Beer is still out in India, and still keeps in touch with the Club through his parents.

Alan Lomas is a Sgt. Air Gunner in India. He called at the Hall at the end of the last C.-C. season, but found that most of the lads were at the track. He follows our fortunes in the local press which is forwarded to him. Finds the sultry weather too much for running.

Albert Sampson, now a sergeant, has been away from England for 3½ years and is now with C.M.F. At a Regimental Sports he won the 440, Mile and Three Miles. This does not surprise us as he was a good half-miler and had gained a Club standard for Three Miles. Is hoping to meet any other Bels. in the 8th.

Dennis Rodaway has recently been awarded the South Africa Star. Details are not known, meanwhile congratulations.

George Durrant has been so busy in India that he hasn't been able to do any running. Informs us that he is now over Junior age. Time marches on!

Jimmy Kemp is somewhere in East Africa and has crossed the equator "till I'm dizzy" but saw nothing of the imaginary line! Was detailed for a long-distance run—the 440 yards! Keep the flag flying, says Jimmy.

Dick Stride has been wounded in Italy, more news is awaited. Meanwhile, all the best for a quick recovery, Dick.

Cyril Pateman is a constant writer from Ceylon, saying how pleased he is to know that the Bels. are still to the fore.

Eric Keyworth, a Lieut. in the R.A.P.C., we learn from his wife, has been posted to Jerusalem.

Percy Wilson (Joe's brother) is now in Belgium.

Alf Miller was slightly wounded in Italy, and was pleased to have a Clubmate as a visitor—Alf Harley. We have recently learned with regret that he has been reported missing, probably a prisoner of war.

Len Herbert is to be congratulated upon becoming a father. We understand that both mother and daughter are progressing favourably.

Les Cohen also is congratulated for the same reason. Les kept his secret well as also did his friends, even though he went to sleep in his easy chair after a momentous night, and missed the train for an important inter-club.

Joe Thomas, who we last heard of in Nottingham, now has two pips up and is with C.M.F. He also has sent a cheque along for his own subscriptions and that of his son Philip Anthony. Congratulations and thanks, Joe.

Percy Wright is still continuing the good work with the B.N.L., and finds time to race, not only in S. Wales but manages an occasional visit to town. Is still collecting airgraphs for the "Overseas Cup," and is particularly keen to receive Xmas Airgraphs as they fetch a higher price; nevertheless, airgraphs of all types are readily accepted. So far he has realised nearly £5. Nice work, Percy!

Jack Rutland is still doing yeoman service by helping Percy with the printing of the B.N.L. Has recently been promoted sergeant: congrats, Jack. Is also an enthusiastic worker in promoting athletics in outlandish places. Has won an Open Mile Walk from scratch at Morpeth, and the following week he won a similar event at Penally.

Stan Botwright, in addition to successes in major events he won the quarter, high jump, and obstacle race at his station sports. He obligingly stood down from the sprints. We were unable to see much of Stan this summer and we hope that next summer we shall see him in action against Clay and Frost.

Len Marchant has been running well in R.A.F. teams. Against Cambridge U. he was beaten by a yard in 2mins. 3secs. In a match against C.D. he was second in 2mins. 3.5secs. At a Glasgow meeting he was third in both heat and final, both inside two minutes. At Kettering he won a Mile on a hilly track in 4mins. 43secs. We now learn he has followed the footsteps of Sir Richard Grenville and gone to the Azores, but far from going down, is training on a wonderful track.

Len Spooner has recently returned home after a long spell in Palestine, where he did such good work in putting walking on the map. He is now at Ilfracombe where he entertained Tom Carter lavishly when Tom was on holiday that way. Len is now a Lieutenant. Since his return he has won a walk over Devon Hills from a field of 80.

Len Fletcher doesn't anticipate race-walking again, due to the effects of synovitis, and living under canvas. In a long letter he recalls his famous tussles with Tommy Green and Co., and hopes to be able to lend a hand on the official side after the war.

"O.H.M.S." *Jones*, in spite of long hours, manages a five miles' run every week. His fellows think he's crackers—we don't! Perhaps they thought differently on Sports Day.

Frank Abberton is still with the R.A.F. in Salop., and is proud to tell the Midlanders that the Bels. are not only fine athletes but grand sportsmen. Hopes to get along one Saturday.

Laurie Jackson was wounded in Normandy by shrapnel from a mortar bomb, and spent a time in hospital at Bradford. His last copy of the mag. has a large hole in it—it was in his pocket when he stopped his "packet." We'll try and get the next copy on bullet-proof paper!

Ray Dunford with the R.A.F., is probably now on his way overseas.

Bill Jones was unable to have his annual spin in the Bradford Walk owing to damaged ribs. He is now well again and doing a bit of strolling round Leeds way.

Jimmy Green believes in starting early and is booking June 23rd of next year for his match with us at Gillingham. Will all "top-liners" and sports promoters kindly note and keep the date open.

Jack Shields has recently returned from Africa, and when on leave called at the Hall for a run with George Still. Hopes to get fit for C.-C. season.

Harold Greenwood is still busy in Oxfordshire. Was well to the fore in Battalion One Mile Handicap, having conceded starts to lads 20 years his junior.

Bill Nankeville, our Woking member, is now in the Army and getting plenty of P.T. to keep fit. Won most events at Coy. Sports. Is going on a Cookery Course.

Arthur Cook, our megaphone man, has been having foot trouble and is back at Blandford (Dorset) again. Asks after his old friends—hope this mag. will satisfy his thirst for knowledge.

Michael Broadbent had a flying accident last October and made a good recovery. Then he broke a finger. Has been running well, beating the Junior Midlands Champion in a 10.1 secs. 100 yards at Nottingham.

John Quinlan, now a R.N. telegraphist with Coastal Forces off the S. Coast, has been unable to do any running and now weighs 12½ stones. What about taking up the shot putt, John?

George Murray, another with an A.P.O. address, and is most likely overseas by now. Enquiring if there are any handicaps he can run in; says he's afraid he'll be a headache to Ernie Duffett! He has been transferred from the Beds. and Herts. Regt. to the R.A.

Ken Cuff is another lost to us for the time being. He is now in the Army and stationed near Aldershot, so we may have the pleasure of his company occasionally.

John Rowland who showed such improved form when training with "the team" is another whose services are temporarily lost to us. He has returned to his University at Aberdeen. He will, however, continue his running.

Doug. Woodhead, laying just outside Bury St. Edmunds, has been flying four-engined aircraft. His brother Roy, reports that he was taken ill on a trip over enemy territory. We hope to hear more and better news soon.

Harry Owen is a stoker on H.M.S. Gorgon, and was in the Second Front.

Gordon Blackhall is with R.A.O.C. in Salop. Has put on weight since being in the Army, and, incidentally, stands 6 ft. 4½ ins. in bare feet. Although a sprinter, he ran well in an Army C.-C. Race. Got a kick at football which resulted in fluid on the knee, which is now practically better.

Joe Flower, resplendent in R.A.F. uniform, plus wife and family, were enthusiastic spectators at the Club Handicap Meeting at Tooting on September 16th. How about a visit to the Hall, Joe? and a run over the Common? The lads will all be very pleased to see you there.

Bill True is still with the R.A.C., O.C.T.U., Sandhurst, and always pays us a visit when in town.

Charlie Smart is now over the water with the B.L.A.

C. R. Woodard is now a Surgeon-Lieutenant on H.M.S. *Fancy*.

Ernie Duffett lost his home through a direct hit from a flying-bomb. Mrs. Duffett and some of his children were buried in the debris and were rescued, fortunately without injury. Ernie (a War Reserve Policeman) was himself on duty at the time. We sympathise with them on the loss of their home and hope that they will soon find a new home and be comfortable again. Prospective "pot-hunters" are warned that Ernie has recovered his handicap sheets.

Charlie Cook had his home demolished by a flying-bomb and sustained minor injuries necessitating a short stay in hospital. He recuperated at Woking where he saw Wally Bayliss a good deal. Wally was most pleased to be able to make Charlie comfortable. Charlie managed to retrieve his "turnip."

John Brown lost his mother and a sister when their home was destroyed, and we extend to him our deepest sympathies. John himself was taken to hospital for a short while as he sustained minor injuries, chiefly cuts.

Frank Thomson, we are pleased to say, is much better in health, and has done good work with the scoring boards. Thanks, Frank, volunteers for official duties are always greatly appreciated by the Club.

Bill Fish attended some of our track meetings, yes, in spite of flying-bombs; it takes more than that to keep Bill away from the Club he has so willingly served. We are pleased to say that his health has been much better.

George Still has had his home badly damaged by a flying-bomb, this, of course, hasn't put an end to his capers. Keep it going, George!

Jack Carne writes from Worthing to send best wishes to all and he and his father wish to be remembered to all their old friends in the Club.

Eddie Jury is another who organises walks, and has got things going nicely down Portsmouth way. He has been getting some of his workmates at Southdown Motors to do some walking. What will his bosses say if he encourages some of their passengers to walk? On September 9th he was second in Gosport A.C. 2 Miles Radius Handicap off 250 yards, and on September 29th he clocked 16.49 for 2 Miles in an Inter-Club match in which he was 3rd to Frank Brown of Portsmouth City Police who clocked 13.59. As we go to press, we learn that Eddie was first in the Hants. County Ten Miles. We all hope that we shall be seeing you in some of the London fixtures again.

Stan Blunden is now up at Kidderminster (Worcs.) and has become a proud father. Congratulations to you, Stan and Mrs. Blunden. Has sought out some of the local runners and has competed at one or two meetings.

George Hoath, our L.F.F. member, has again been supreme over Ten Miles, winning at Reading and Bexleyheath.

Harry Parker, in addition to the donkey work of being Hon. Sec., is a good gardener for he grew a mammoth pumpkin which raised a considerable sum of money for a local charity.

Derrick Burfitt has to attend week-end classes so we won't be seeing much of him this winter. He intends to keep fit, however, under the watchful eye of Fred Ford.

Ken O'Kell was much amused by the implication in the last *Belgravian* that he was married, and emphatically denies being in this state. Our apologies to Ken and to the imaginary lady! Is still up at Manchester and is always pleased to hear news of athletic happenings in the South.

Bob Boyden now has another son, further congratulations to you Bob, and to Mrs. Boyden. Although he lives at Salfords (frequenter of the Brighton Road should recognise the name!) he has been one of our most regular competitors of late.

Tom Cotton informs us that his wife was injured when a flying bomb exploded a few yards away from her at Aldwych. After five weeks in hospital she is convalescing. Our sympathies, Tom, and our best wishes for Mrs. Cotton's complete recovery.

Cyril Turner, another of ours down Portsmouth way who has been lending a hand with local sports. Won a local 880 in 2 mins. 6 secs.

Sam Beer has had his home in S.E. London blasted and is decorating British Restaurants at Sheffield.

Charlie Redgrave and his Dad, "Bill," have lately had a worrying time as Mrs. Redgrave (Senr.) has recently undergone a serious operation. We are pleased to say that she is recovering and is now convalescent in the country. Charlie's father, "Bill," is little known to many members, but is one of our "back room boys." He has been a great help in bygone days as steward at Dances, programme seller, and was one of the biggest sellers of tickets in the days of Xmas and Derby Draws. Nowadays he is responsible for a large number of members of the Supporters' Club.

Bob McMullen (senr.), a champion walker of bygone years, nowadays plays golf to keep fit, and is often seen at walking events (usually on a cycle).

Eddie Heather, so the rumour goes, is now a father, who knows?

Alan Bridger hopes to be walking on the road again after the war, with special attention to the "Brighton" and other distance events.

Roy Woodhead wishes to be remembered to the boys and even in the Shetland Isles, where as a lance jack he is on a 12-week signal course, finds time to pursue entertainment, official and unofficial. Finds that running is not encouraged in his present unit. Bad luck, Roy, but perhaps if the girls run fast enough you'll get some "light" training.

George Cockburn is another whose services we have lost for the time being, having been called to the R.A.F. Who will forget the surprise he sprang on us at Middle Whitgift when he just pipped John Brown in the Mile!

Frank Webb writes a cheery letter from Port Alfred, South Africa. For want of something better to do he says he has been either playing or watching football, as running seems to be an unheard of sport. However, he hopes to get a move on in this direction very shortly. He also enquires the whereabouts of

Joe Daly. The last heard of Joe was that he was home on leave from Malta, G.C. His time was obviously very much occupied as he failed to turn up at the Club.

Ernie Musselbrook regrets his inability to come along owing to business. Has settled down to civilian life again after three years in the Army, for which he was awarded two red chevrons. Is still proud to be a Belgrave Harrier after over 30 years' membership.

Pat Parker has stated training for the cross-country season. If Pat could find the form which took him to fourth place in the "National" at Stratford in 1937 there would be nobody in the South to beat him. We should all be very pleased to see you up the front again, Pat. What about it?

Fred Bentley has been invalided out of the Police after his accident in a plane. He has now started business at the Post Office, Blackmore, Liss, Hants. We all sympathise with you, Fred, and wish you the best of luck and health in your new venture. We need hardly tell you that you are in some fine walking country, and we hope that you will often take a stroll and think of some of the fine performances you have done for Belgrave. Some of our newer members are perhaps unacquainted with your performances in the R.W.A. 20 Miles and 50 Kilos. team races, and the Brighton walk. Also of how you missed a well-deserved place in the 1936 Olympic Team and of your gaining second place in the R.W.A. 20 Miles and 50 Kilos in 1938, and of your number of wins in the Police Barking to Southend walk.

Fred Rickards has been in the Police Nursing Home at Chigwell with gastritis. Our sympathies, Fred, and a speedy recovery. Rickards, like Bentley ("the two Freds") is another stalwart of our long distance walking teams of pre-war days. He had (in 1939) been in competitive walking for round about 25 years, and had been in winning teams in the R.W.A. 20 Miles, 50 Kilos and the Brighton Walk. Like Bentley, he had been placed in these events and missed the 1936 Olympic Team. In the trial (the R.W.A. 50 Kilos), Fred had several attacks of stomach trouble, causing delays, yet he fought his way on and put up a first class performance. The two Freds were great rivals, especially over the Barking-Southend walk, each had scored a number of wins, Rickards having the most to his credit and was winner on the last occasion in 1939. Two days after this last performance he won the Essex County Long Distance Championship over the same course. A race of over 30 miles on alternate days—what a man!

Cliff Hopes is evacuated to Manchester. He won the Surrey Army Cadets (Senior) 440 Yards in June.

J. H. Scamell, one of our walking stalwarts of a few years ago, was recently bombed out but escaped unhurt. His son, aged 21, has recently joined us.

All of our lads who have written to us from various parts have one message in common: "please convey my regards to all, and best wishes for the success of the Club." They are all pleased to hear news of the Club's doings, and are looking forward to the time when they will be back with us again.

FIELD EVENTS GOSSIP.

The activities of the Field Events men has, with those of the runners and walkers, suffered owing to the events pertaining during the summer. Nevertheless the high standard of Club performance has been kept up although none of the performances have approached those of past seasons.

Charlie Melchior and George Powell have again been the backbone of the Club with their Javelin performances allied to their participation in the Shot Putt and Discus. George Powell has shown a welcome return to his form of a few years ago by beating Charlie Melchior in one or two of the Javelin events. His best effort of the season was 163 ft. 10 ins. in the match at Gillingham.

Jerry Thompson has lent valuable support with his good efforts with the Shot and Discus. His best performance was over 38 feet in the Shot. In this event there has been an influx of three members who look as if they should improve in the future and prove their worth. They are Bishop, Norton and Doug.Vine.

In the High Jump, Guy Hendry has only been able to turn out once or twice owing to having taken up his duties in the R.A.F. He, however, has equalled his best effort of last year. There are also one or two promising juniors in this event who should improve, including Negus who is only 17 and did 5 ft. 1 in. in the Club Handicap.

Owing to pressure of work, Tom Wiley has not been able to turn out very often in the Long Jump. Owing to injury, Charlie Jones and Frank Simmons have not been able to turn out. Fred Clay has, however, put up a few good performances to gain points in this event. Machell and Negus, two Juniors, have shown promise also.

Perhaps the most promising Field Events man of the season is young Peter Nunn who, in his first Javelin competition against Dorking and Whitgift, threw 167 ft. 7 ins. with a junior Javelin. This throw would have gained him 2nd place in the Southern Counties Junior Championship. It is to be hoped that he will stick to this event and improve, thus following in the footsteps of the Club's long list of fine Javelin exponents.

Charlie Melchior and Jerry Thompson are to be congratulated on having been selected for representative teams during the season.

WITH THE WALKERS.

The activities of the walkers during the summer season have been somewhat curtailed owing to the "doodle-bugs," but in spite of the number of events that have been cancelled, our members have turned out whenever possible and continued to give a good account of themselves. Percy Wright still continues his good work with the B.N.L. and his promotions in South Wales, and is usually to be found amongst the first three. Eddie Jury seems to have established himself well down South and has taken over the management of a Hants 10 Miles Walk in October. A. Joels still continues as our most promising youngster and has been making his presence felt on the track during the summer, having been placed on more than one occasion. Another of our old walkers, J. Scammell, has made a re-appearance on the track, together with his son. They certainly made a good start by finishing 1st and 3rd respectively at Victoria Park in the L.C.C. Mile. We hope to see a lot more of both of them in the future. Our Police members are now experiencing a little more difficulty in turning out owing to a tightening up due to the shortage of man-power, but we can be sure they will turn up whenever possible. News continues to come from Frank Halls who is wounded and a prisoner in Italy, and Arthur Beales, a prisoner in Germany. News also continues to flow in from all parts of the world of our walkers in the Services.

We trust that this time next year we shall have them all back at Wimbledon training up for a full winter programme. Until then we send them best wishes for a safe and speedy return.

KENT COUNTY, 7 MILES, DARTFORD

6th MAY, 1944

1 W. L. Burgess (Surrey W.C.), 52.35; 4 J. Robbins, 60.20; 6 A. Joels, 60.55.

Sealed Handicap: 2 A. Joels (8 mins.).

HIGHGATE H. 20 MILES OPEN, PARLIAMENT HILL

6th MAY, 1944

1 N. A. L. Burt (Surrey W.C.), 2.54.16; 27 J. Wilson, 3.21.33; 37 F. W. Brunning, 3.30.16; 41 F. W. Chandler, 3.33.0.

A.A.A. 2 MILES OPEN, VICTORIA PARK

13th MAY, 1944

1 H. J. Rouse (365); 3 A. Joels (420). Time: 14.22.

A.A.A. 2 MILES OPEN, TOOTING BEC.

3rd JUNE, 1944

1 A. Joels (410); 2 H. Rouse (305). Time not known.

LYONS CLUB 5 MILES OPEN, SUDBURY

3rd JUNE, 1944

1 G. T. Galloway (Surrey W.C.), 39.4; 6 A. Readman, 42.23; 42 S. G. Spencer, 47.31; 49 J. Wakefield, 48.53; 52 F. W. Brunning, 49.19; 54 F. W. Chandler, 49.40; 59 R. Farrington, 52.4.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES AT SOUTHALL

10th JUNE, 1944

ONE MILE: 1 E. A. Staker (Highgate H.), 7.17; 4 E. A. Jackman, 7.55; 7 A. O. Tookey (Poly.), 8.11; 8 J. H. A. Robbins, 8.13; 13 S. G. Spencer, 8.51.

TWO MILES: 1 E. A. Staker (Highgate H.), 15.20; 2 R. D. McMullen, 15.25; 5 A. Readman, 16.17; 7 A. Joels, 16.42.

THREE MILES: 1 C. Megnin (Highgate H.), 24.01; 3 A. Readman, 25.11; 9 J. H. A. Robbins, 26.18; 12 E. A. Jackman, 26.40; 16 J. Wilson, 27.10; 17 S. G. Spencer, 27.33.

MATCH RESULT (First two men to score in each race): 1 Highgate H. 110 pts.; 4 Belgrave H. 89. 5 teams competed.

L.F.F. INTER-AREA 1 MILE MATCH, SOUTHALL

14th JUNE, 1944

E. A. Jackman 3rd in 7.50.

M.P.A.A. v. L.F.F., 2 MILES MATCH, IMBER COURT

17th JUNE, 1944

1 A. Readman (P.), 15.55; 8 J. H. A. Robbins (L.F.F.); 12 S. G. Spencer (P.); 13 F. W. Chandler (P.).

1 MILE OPEN HANDICAP, CWMCARN, MON.

17th JUNE, 1944

4th, P. G. Wright.

LONDON TRANSPORT 5 MILES OPEN, WALTHAMSTOW
24th JUNE, 1944

1 W. L. Burgess (Surrey W.C.), 39.42; 9 A. Readman, 42.12; 14 R. D. McMullen, 43.37; 31 S. G. Spencer, 46.18; 38 J. Wilson, 47.47; 43 F. W. Brunning, 48.24; 52 A. Martin, 52.26.

Handicap Team: 3rd (Bunning, Spencer, Readman).

L.C.C. S.E. BOROUGH'S 1 MILE, CHARLTON PARK
15th JULY, 1944

1 C. H. Martin (L.T. and T.), 7m. 01.8s.; 4 A. Joels; 6 J. H. A. Robbins.

4 MILES OPEN, CWMCARN, MON.
15th JULY, 1944

1 D. J. P. Richards (Newport H.), 32.14; 4 P. G. Wright; 5 G. S. Doubleday.

Sealed Handicap: P. G. Wright.

2 MILES INTER-CLUB MATCH, PARLIAMENT HILL
22nd JULY, 1944

1 N. A. Burt (Surrey W.C.), 14.49; 3 R. D. McMullen, 15.25; 25 J. Wilson, 17.58; 26 S. G. Spencer, 18.00.

2 MILES INTER-CLUB MATCH, SOUTHALL
29th JULY, 1944

1 N. A. L. Burt (Surrey W.C.), 15.03; 4 R. D. McMullen, 15.33; 23 J. Wilson, 17.56.

INTER-CLUB 5 MILES, PARLIAMENT HILL
7th AUGUST, 1944

1 W. L. Burgess (Surrey W.C.), 38.47; 6 R. D. McMullen, 41.01; 8 A. Readman, 42.06; 23 J. Wilson, 45.15; 24 S. G. Spencer, 45.33.

Team Result (3 to score): 1 Highgate H., 16 pts.; 4 Belgrave H., 37 pts. 5 teams finished.

L.C.C. E. and N.E. BOROUGH'S 1 MILE, VICTORIA PARK
12th AUGUST, 1944

1 J. G. Scammell, 8.06; 3 J. H. Scammell.

2 MILES RACE, PARLIAMENT HILL
26th AUGUST, 1944

1 C. Megnin (Highgate H.), 15.49; 2 H. J. Rouse, 16.35; 7 S. G. Spencer, 17.56.

SOUTHDOWN MOTORS v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

5½ MILES MATCH, PORTSMOUTH, 28th AUGUST, 1944

1 E. A. Jury, 51.45.

4 MILES OPEN, CARDIFF
7th AUGUST, 1944

1 D. J. P. Richards (Newport H.), 30.20; 2 P. G. Wright, 30.45
(second in Handicap, off 1 min.).
Later in the day:

5 MILES OPEN AT CWMBRAN (MON.)

1 D. J. P. Richards (Newport H.), 38.19; 2 P. G. Wright, 39.58.

1 MILE OPEN HANDICAP, NEWPORT
8th AUGUST, 1944

1 D. J. P. Richards (Newport H.), scr.; 3 P. G. Wright (65 yds.).
Time: 6 mins. 58.4 secs.

METROPOLITAN W.C. TRACK MEETING, PADDINGTON
2nd SEPTEMBER, 1944

1 Mile Open Handicap: 1 F. A. Brown (Portsmouth) scr.; 2 J. Rutland (120 yds.); 5 J. G. Scammell (220 yds.). Time: 6 mins. 43.6 secs.

5 Miles Open Handicap (Road): 3 A. F. Joels, nett time 38.0, handicap allowance 5.50; 7 R. D. McMullen, 39.19, 1.35; 15 J. E. Rutland, 40.23, 1.50; 17 H. J. Rouse, 40.30, 2.50; 22 S. G. Spencer, 40.47, 7.10.

L.C.C. S.W. BOROUGH'S' 1 MILE, TOOTING
9th SEPTEMBER, 1944

1 R. D. McMullen; 2 H. J. Rouse; 5 W. M. Young; 6 J. Wilson.
Time: 7.23.

L.C.C. 1 MILE FINAL, PARLIAMENT HILL
23rd SEPTEMBER, 1944

1 C. H. Martin, 7 mins. 0.6 secs; 5 R. D. McMullen, 7.25; 7 H. J. Rouse, 7.36.

TRACK RESULTS

v. LONDON FIRE FORCE, DARTFORD HARRIERS AND REID
AND SIGRIST. JUNIOR MATCH v. DARTFORD HARRIERS
TOOTING, 20th MAY, 1944

At this meeting we found a number of our members competing for Reid and Sigrist, or did they call themselves Hawkers'? Anyway, this new Club sported white vests with a big "H" and gave us some keen competition.

Results:

100 yards (Seniors) first race: 1 Metcalfe (B.); 2 Frost (R.S.); 3 Gibbs (L.F.F.). Time 11.2 secs.

100 yards (Seniors) second race: 1 Clay (R.S.); 2 McKeown (B); 3 Pallett (L.F.F.); 4 Goodwin (D.). Time 11.1 secs.

100 yards (Juniors): 1 Fisher (B.); 2 Norton (B.); 3 Coe (D).
Time 11.8 secs.

220 yards (Seniors) first race: 1 Frost (R.S.); 2 Metcalfe (B.); 3 Garnham (L.F.F.); 4 Mason (D.). Time 24.4 secs.

220 yards (Seniors) second race: 1 McKeown (B.); 2 Gibbs (L.F.F.); 3 Farrow (D.); 4 Levett (R.S.). Time 24.9 secs.

220 yards (Juniors): 1 Fisher (B.); 2 Goodwin (D); 3 Soby (D).
Time 24.5 secs.

440 yards (Seniors): 1 Clay (R.S.); 2 Fry (D.); 3 Underhill (L.F.F.); 4 Watts (B.). Time 53.4 secs.

440 yards (Juniors): 1 Bishop (B.); 2 Coe (D.); 3 Haines (B).
Time 58 secs.

880 yards (Seniors): 1 Fry (D.); 2 Underhill (L.F.F.); 3 Gonner (B.); 4 Pascoe (B.); 5 Beer; 9 Morris. Time 2 mins. 6.7 secs.

880 yards (Juniors): 1 Brown (B.); 2 Pym (B.); 3 Clifton (D).
Time 2 mins. 14.6 secs.

1 mile (Seniors): 1 Main (B.); 2 Pascoe (B.); 3 Dale (L.F.F.); 4 Allen (L.F.F.). Time 4 mins. 41.1 secs. Shields and Shaw were non-scorers, but had a private "dust-up" and finished in that order.

1 mile (Juniors): 1 Burfitt (B.); 2 Adams (D.); 3 Warham (D).
Time 4 mins. 43 secs.

2 miles: 1 Carter (B.); 2 Bewlay (L.F.F.); 3 Cohen (B.); 4 Rawlinson (R.S.).

Long Jump (Seniors): 1 Pallett (L.F.F.), 20 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Clay (R.S.), 19 ft. 2½ ins.; 3 Stirling (B.), 17 ft. 0 ins.; 4 Griffith (R.S.), 15 ft. 11½ ins.

Long Jump (Juniors): 1 Stirling (B.); 2 Farrier (D.); 3 Hendry (B.).

Putting the Shot: 1 Thompson (B.), 36 ft. 11¼ ins.; 2 Worrard (L.F.F.), 33 ft. 1 in.; 3 Pallett (L.F.F.); 4 Norton (B.), 31 ft. 1 in.; 6 Melchior (B.), 30 ft. 4¼ ins.

Throwing the Discus: 1 Abbott (R.S.); 2 Pallett (L.F.F.); 3 Exeter (D.); 4 Edwards (R.S.); 5 Melchior (B.), 84 ft. 7 ins.; 6 Powell (B.), 84 ft. 6½ ins.; 7 Thompson, 84 ft. 5 ins.; 8 Worrard (L.F.F.), 82 ft. 6 ins.

Throwing the Javelin: 1 Melchior (B.), 140 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Powell (B), 135 ft.; 3 Pallett (L.F.F.); 4 Openshaw (D.).

Relay (Juniors) 4 at 220 yards: 1 Dartford H.; 2 Belgrave H.
Time 1 min. 34.2 secs.

Final Results. Seniors (scoring 5, 3, 2, 1): 1 Belgrave H., 51 pts.; 2 L.F.F., 35 pts.; 3 Reid and Sigrist, 30 pts.; 4 Dartford H., 16 pts.

Juniors (scoring 3, 2, 1 and 3 pts. for relay): 1 Belgrave H., 24 pts.; 2 Dartford H., 15 pts.

JUNIOR MATCH v. WHITGIFT SCHOOL, CROYDON

26th MAY, 1944

An evening fixture with keen racing. Everybody enjoyed themselves and Thanks to the School for the "Refreshing" entertainment afterwards.

Results:

100 yards: 1 Grieve (W.); 2 Norton (B.); 4 Hopes (B.). Time 10.4 secs.

220 yards: 1 Grieve (W.); 3 Hopes (B.); Norton, our first string, pulled a muscle and had to retire. Time 25 secs.

440 yards: 1 Heathfield (B.); 2 Bishop (B.); 4 Cuff (B.). Time 56.1 secs.

880 yards: 1 Fenner (W.); 2 Bates (B.); 5 Hendry (B.); 6 Pollard (B.). Time 2 mins. 9 secs.

1 mile: 1 Brown (B.); 2 Cockburn (B.); 3 N. Walker (B.). Time 5 mins. dead. A fine race, Cockburn leading most of the way and having a neck and neck finish with Brown.

High Jump: 3rd Pollard, 4 ft. 6 ins.

Weight: 1 Norton (B.), 33 ft. 10 ins.; 3 Bishop (B.); 4 Cuff (B.).

Long Jump: 1 Rozier (W.), 17 ft. 2 ins.; 3 Cuff (B.), 15 ft.

Relay (4 x 110 yards): 1 Whitgift; 2 Belgrave (Heathfield, Bates, Hopes and Bishop). Time 50 secs.

Results: 1 Whitgift Middle School, 31 pts.; 2 Belgrave Harriers, 20 pts.

TOOTING BEC, JUNE 10th, 1944

At this meeting, the Seniors entertained the Police, West Middlesex Triangle and Southgate H., and the Juniors renewed last year's rivalries with Whitgift School and Dorking. A full programme, and the results show that our boys were getting into shape for some of the big matches we had hoped to stage later in the season. Both teams won by fair margins, but our guests were unable to field competitors in all events. Had they been able to, the final results would have been closer.

Results:

100 yards (Seniors): 1 Clay (B.); 2 Frost (B.); 3 Liffen (P.); 4 Matthews (P.). Time 11.0 secs.

100 yards (Seniors, but not counting in match): 1 Metcalfe (Poly.); 2 Pallett (M.P.); 3 Clarke (M.P.); 4 Scott (M.P.); 5 Watts (B.); 6 Harrison (B.). Time 11.0 secs.

100 yards (Juniors): 1 Grieve (W.); 2 Davey (B.); 3 Randall (D.); 4 Dean (W.); 5 Pringle (B.). Time 10.9 secs.

100 yards (Juniors, not counting in match): 1 Garrett; 2 Macheli; 3 Higgins; 4 Driscoll; all of Belgrave. Time 11.0 secs.

220 yards (Seniors, first race): 1 Frost (B.); 2 Metcalfe (S.); 3 Liffen (P.); 4 Tanner (W.M.T.). Time 23.8 secs.

220 yards (Seniors, second race): 1 Clarke (M.P.); 2 Whitehorn (W.M.T.); 3 Hayes (B.); 4 Harrison (B.). Time 25.5 secs.

220 yards (Juniors): 1 Grieve (W.); 2 Fisher (B.); 3 Randall (D.). Time 24.4 secs.

440 yards (Seniors): 1 Achille (B.); 2 Watts (B.); 3 Plowman (S.); 4 Menhennick (W.M.T.); 5 Peacock (B.). Time 55.8 secs.

440 yards (Juniors): 1 Pugh (B.); 2 Fisher (D.); 3 Bishop (B.). Time 54 secs.

880 yards (Seniors): 1 Wilson (B.); 2 Chard (W.M.T.); 3 Edwards (S.); 4 Hicks (S.); 5 Spencer (M.P.). Time 1 min. 58.7 secs.

880 yards (Junior): 1 Parlett (D.); 2 Brown (B.); 3 Fenner (W.); 4 Bates (B.); 5 Pymm (W.); 6 Stirling (B.). Time 2 mins. 5.7 secs.

1 mile (Senior): 1 Pettit (M.P.); 2 Main (B.); 3 Scott (B.); 4 Pascoe (S.). Time 4 mins. 37.3 secs.

1 mile (Juniors): 1 N. Walker (B.); 2 Stevens (D.); 3 Crisp (W.). Time 5 mins. 1 sec.

2 miles (Seniors): 1 Nankivell (S.); 2 Cohen (B.); 3 Bingham (W.M.T.); 4 Eyers (W.M.T.); 7 Gailley; 10 Shields; 12 Morrell; 13 Eeles. Time 9 mins. 54.5 secs.

High Jump (Seniors): 1 Dowling (M.P.), 5 ft. 7 ins.; 2 Macdonald (M.P.), 5 ft. 6 ins.; 3 Courouleau (Poly.), 5 ft. 5 ins.; 4 Bently (W.M.T.),

High Jump (Juniors): 1 Black (B.), 5 ft. 2 ins.; 2 Hendry (B.); 3 Randall (D.).

Long Jump (Seniors): 1 Pallett (M.P.), 20 ft. 4 ins.; 2 Dowling (M.P.); 3 Clay (B.), 18ft. 2ins.

Long Jump: (Juniors): 1 Randall (D.), 18 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.; Stirling (B.), 17 ft. 3 ins.; 7 Higgins (B.), 15 ft. 2 ins.

Putting the Shot (Seniors): 1 Moody (M.P.), 41 ft. 3 ins.; 2 Lewis (B.), 37 ft. 3 ins.; 3 Grigg (M.P.), 34 ft. 11 ins.; 4 Cook (W.M.T.); 6 Melchior, 31 ft. 1 in.

Putting the Shot (Juniors): 1 Norton (B.), 32 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.; 2 Randall (D.); 3 Bishop (B.), 28 ft. 4 ins.

Throwing the Discus (Seniors): 1 Grigg (M.P.), 120 ft. 3 ins.; 2 Lewis (B.), 118 ft. 9 ins.; 3 McClellan (M.P.); 5 Melchior (B.), 84 ft. 0 ins.; 6 Powell (B.), 83 ft. 1 in.

Throwing the Javelin (Seniors): 1 Melchior (B.), 160 ft. 3 ins.; 2 Powell (B.), 129 ft. 7 ins.; 3 Fleming (M.P.), 118 ft. 6 ins.; 4 MacDougall (W.M.T.).

Throwing the Javelin (Juniors): 1 Dunn (B.), 167 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.; 2 Garrett (B.), 134 ft. 6 ins.; 3 Fowler (D.), 119 ft. 5 ins.

Senior Relay (1 mile medley): 1 Belgrave (Marchant, Clay, Watts, Hayes). Time 3 mins. 49.8 secs.

Junior Relay (4 x 220 yards): 1 Whitgift; 3 Belgrave. Time 48.8 secs.

Match Results:

Seniors: 1 Belgrave, 60 pts.; 2 Met. Police, 48 pts.; 3 (a tie) West Middlesex Triangle and Southgate H. each scored 17 pts.

Juniors: 1 Belgrave, 31 pts.; 2 Dorking St. Paul's, 18 pts.; 3 Whitgift Middle School, 11 pts.

v. REIDSIG, TYRIANS AND THE GUARDS, NEW MALDEN

17th JUNE, 1944

Once again we found familiar faces in the Reidsig Team, and we were pleased to be competing against Tyrians and the Guards again.

Results:

100 yards (first race): 1 Clay (R.); 2 Metcalfe (B.); 3 Norman (T.). Time 10.2 secs.

100 yards (second race): 1 Hampshire (T.); 2 Frost (R.); 3 Lt. Creed (G.). Time 10.2 secs.

220 yards (first race): 1 Frost (R.); 2 Metcalfe (B.); 3, Bolch (G.). Time 23.7 secs.

220 yards (second race): 1 Fyfe (T.); 2 Clay (R.); 3 Hayes (B.). Time 24.0 secs.

440 yards (first race): 1 Day (T.); 2 Garner (R.); 3 Love (G.); 4 Harrison (B.). Time 53.1 secs.

440 yards (second race): 1 Watson (G.); 2 Ewart (T.); 3 Strutt (R.); 4 Caers (B. & P.). 54.3 secs.

880 yards: 1 Marchant (B.); 2 Watson (G.); 4 Edwards (B.). Time 2 mins. 6.1 secs.

1 mile: 1 Saunders (T.); 2 Main (B.); 3 Scott (B. & P.); 4 Chudd (G.). Time 4 mins. 39.9 secs.

2 miles: 1 Carter (B.) and Nankeville (T.) dead-heat; 3 Rawlinson (R.); 4 Naylor (T.).

High Jump: 1 Achille (B.); 2 Saunders (T.); 3 Green (A.). 5 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump: 1 James (T.); 2 Steel (B.); 3 Achille (B.); 4 Clay (R.). 20 ft. 3 ins.

Discus: 1 Brewer (T.); 2 Williams (G.); 3 Cooper (G.). 121 ft. 9½ ins.

Shot: 1 Brewer (T.); 2 Thompson (B.); 3 Cooper (G.). 38 ft. 9 ins.

Final Scores: 1 Tyrians, 58 pts.; 2 Belgrave, 39 pts.; 3 Guards, 29 pts.; 4 Reidsig, 25 pts.

BROOMFIELD PARK

24th JUNE, 1944

At this meeting Belgrave and the home team, Southgate, were not well-represented, and Tyrians romped home easy winners. The final scores were Tyrians 37 pts., Belgrave 7 and Southgate 1. There were only five track events and no field events, also an Open 2 Miles Team Race, in which we had many competitors, in fact most of our representatives were Two-Milers.

Results:

100 yards: 1 Simpson (T.); 2 Metcalfe (P.); 3 Clay (B.). Time 10.2 secs.

220 yards: 1 Hampshire (T.); 3 Clay (B.); 4 Hayes (B.). Time 23.9 secs.

440 yards: 4 Bishop (B.). Time 54.7 secs.

880 yards: 1 Dive (T.); 4 Bishop (B.); 5 Watts. Time 2 mins 4.7 secs. The winner was a coloured runner and champion of British Guiana and a beautiful stylist.

2 Miles Team Race: The local crack, E. J. Nankivell won in 9 mins. 55.5 secs. Our positions were: 4th, Green; 5th, Lucas; 9th, Eeles; 11th, Shields; 12th, Doubleday; 14th, Boyden; 17th, Walker (N.).

Teams: 1 R.A.P.C., 11 pts.; 2 Belgrave, 18 pts.

v. WALTON A.C. AND WEST MIDDLESEX TRIANGLE AT WALTON, 15th JULY, 1944

The star performer at this meeting was Len Herbert who set up a new track record in the Two Miles. Len's success was largely due to a fine burst of speed at the finish. Another fine effort was by Fred Clay, who pulled up yards on his opponents in the relay.

Results:

100 yards (first race): 1 Frost (B.); 2 Clay (B.). Time 10.2 secs.

100 yards (second race): 1 Pallett (W.A.C.); 2 Wiley (B.).

220 yards (first race): 1 Frost (B.); 2 Buchanan (W.A.C.). Time 23.2 secs.

220 yards (second race): 1 Clay (B.); 2 Day (W.M.T.). Time 24.0 secs.

440 yards: 1 Kuy (W.M.T.); 2 Harding (B.); 3 Nankivell (B.). Time 55.4 secs.

880 yards: 1 D. Main (B.); 3 Nankivell (B.). Time 2 mins. 4.2 secs.

1 mile: 1 Marchant (B.); 2 Scott (W.A.C.). Time 4 mins. 33.7 secs.

2 miles: 1 Herbert (B.); 2 Nankivell (B.). Time 9 mins. 38.5 secs. New track record.

Long Jump: 1 Pallett (W.A.C.); 2 Wiley (B.); 3 Clay (B.). 22 ft. 4½ ins.

Relay (4 at 110y ards): 1 Bels.; 2 Walton. Time 47 secs.

Match Result: 1 Walton A.C., 104 pts.; 2 Belgrave H., 89 pts.

JUNIOR MATCH v. SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS

TOOTING BEC, 29th JULY, 1944

With only one event, the Relay, to be held, Bels. were leading by 27 pts. to 25. The visitors won this event and scored 3 pts. to our 1, and so the result of the match was a tie. Scoring was 3, 2, 1 for the other events.

Results:

100 yards: 1 Grieve (S.L.H.); 2 Fisher (B.). Time 10.6 secs.

220 yards: 1 Fisher (B.); 2 Pratt (S.L.H.). Time 24.3 secs.

440 yards: 1 Akehurst (S.L.H.); 3 Bishop (B.). Time 54.5 secs.

880 yards: 1 Nicholls (B.); 2 London (B.); 3 Akehurst (S.L.H.). Time 2 mins. 7.9 secs.

1 mile: 1 Richards (S.L.H.); 2 Walker, N. (B.); 3 Daniels (B.). Time 4 mins. 42.8 secs.

High Jump: 1 Negus (B.), 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump: 1 Machell (B.), 15 ft. 3½ ins.; 2 Negus (B.), 14 ft. 10½ ins.

Putting the Shot (Junior Weight): 1 Smith (S.L.H.), 34 ft. 4ins.; 2 Bishop (B.), 30 ft. 11¼ ins.; 3 Machell (B.), 27 ft. 6ins.

Javelin: 1 White (S.L.H.) (Junior Javelin), 153 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Powell (B.) (Senior Javelin), 126 ft. 10 ins.

Relay: 1 S.L.H.; 2 Bels.

2 miles (not in match): 1 McDougal; 2 Rowlands; 3 Eeles; 4 Walker (F.A.); 5 Boyden; 6 Doubleday. Time 10 mins. 29.8 secs.

v. R.A.C. O.C.T.U., SANDHURST

5th AUGUST, 1944

A fairly even match, but thanks to our gaining individual winners in most events we won by seven points. Jack Frost gained a "double" in the sprints. Tom Wiley, who has been unable to compete much this season, showed us that he is still fit by gaining us valuable points in the Field Events, and helping us to win the Relay. We hope that Parker's Mile in 4.40 is a taste of things to come.

Results:

100 yards: 1 Frost; 2 McKeown; 3, Machell. Time 10.3 secs.

220 yards: 1 Frost; 3 Metcalfe. Time 23.3 secs.

440 yards: 1 Denroche; 4 Bishop. Time 51.5 secs.

880 yards: 1 Main; 4 Morris; 5 White (L.). Time 2 mins. 5.2 secs.

1 mile: 1 R.A.C.; 2 Parker; 4 Morell; 5 Shaw and Walker. Time 4 mins. 35 secs.

2 miles: 1 Carter; 2 Rowlands; 3 Lucas; 4 Eccles; 5 Boyden; 6 Shields. Time 9 mins. 55 secs.

High Jump: 1 R.A.C., 4 ft. 11 ins.; 3 Wiley, 4 ft. 10 ins.; 4 Jones, 4 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump: 1 Wiley, 19 ft. 2 ins.; 4 Machell, 15 ft. 6 ins.

Discus: 1 R.A.C., 95 ft.; 2 Thompson, 94 ft.; 3 Powell, 93 ft.

Weight: 1 Thompson, 36 ft. 2 ins.; 4 Powell.

Javelin: 1 Powell, 155 ft.; Wiley, 126 ft.

Mile Medley Relay: McKeown and Wiley (220); Denroche (440); Morris (880). Won on the post. Time 3 mins. 55 secs.

Result: 1 Belgrave, 60 points; 2 R.A.C., 53 points

v. WEST MIDDLESEX TRIANGLE AND WALTON A.C.

TOOTING, AUGUST 12th, 1944

This was an ideal day for a meeting, but unfortunately only a few were able to appear. Our only winner on the track was Burfitt, who cantered home an easy winner in the Mile. Norman Graves made a plucky effort in the Two Miles, but was unable to hold Stent of Finchley over the last lap.

Before giving results here are the names of those present: Team Manager, Dick Savage; Timekeeper, Walter Inge; Starter, George Fell; Judges, Alf Taylor, Joe Wilson, Fred Brunning and George Powell; Recorder, "Lilian"; Megaphone, "Doub"; Onlookers, Bill Fish, Mrs. Alf Taylor and son.

Results:

100 yards: 1 Wigley (W.M.T.); 4 McKeown (B.); 5 Machell (B.). Time 10.7 secs.

220 yards: 1 Wigley (W.M.T.); 3 McKeown (B.); 6 Stirling (B.). Time 24.2 secs.

440 yards: 1 Kuy (W.M.T.); 2 Heathfield (B.); 4 Bishop (B.). Time 54.8 secs.

880 yards: 1 Kuy (W.M.T.); 2 J. Brown (B.); 4 Carnie (B.). Time 2 mins. 11 secs.

1 mile: 1 Burfitt (B.); 5 N. Walker (B.). Time 4 mins. 38 secs.

2 miles: 1 Stent (W.M.T.); 2 Graves (B.); 5 Shaw (B.); 6 Boyden (B.); 7 Doubleday (B.). Time 10 mins. 9 secs.

High Jump: 1 Essex (W.M.T.), 5 ft. 0 in.; 3 Stirling (B.) and Powell (B.).

Long Jump: 1 Whitehorne (W.M.T.), 16 ft. 7½ ins.; 4 Stirling (B.), 15 ft. 9½ ins.; 5 Powell (B.), 15 ft. 0 ins.

Putting the Shot: 1 Essex (W.M.T.), 31 ft. 3 ins.; 2 Powell (B.), 27 ft. 3 ins.; 3 Bishop (B.), 25 ft. 5 ins.

Throwing the Discus: 1 Beaton (W.M.T.), 93 ft. 9 ins.; 2 Powell (B.), 88 ft. 8 ins.

Throwing the Javelin: 1 Powell (B.), 153 ft. 8 ins.; 5 F. A. Walker (B.), 113 ft. 8 ins.

Relay (4 x 110 yards): 1 W.M.T.; 3 Belgrave H. (McKeown, Bishop, Heathfield, Stirling).

Match Result: 1 W.M.T., 63½ pts.; 2 Belgrave H., 36 pts.

The Hon. Secretary heartily wishes to thank **ALL** those who did turn up and assist, especially the Recorder, whose only regret was that she couldn't help the Bels. to win, although she did her best!

GILLINGHAM

26th AUGUST, 1944

Owing to a variety of reasons the Bels. could only muster a few to compete with a team raised by our own Jimmy Green. Those who did go enjoyed the meeting and the spread which followed. Regarding the latter aspect, we are sorry to say that a departure was made from all precedent and tradition—there was actually some food left on the table. Perhaps rationing has made us more frugal in our habits. Perhaps next year we will get a bigger muster and show Jimmy what we can really do in the eating line. No doubt the presence or absence of the Track Captain is a deciding factor!

Results:

100 yards: 1 Frost (B.); 5 Metcalfe (B.). Time 10.4 secs.

220 yards: 1 Frost (B.); 3 Metcalfe (B.); 4 Clay (B.). Time 23.9 secs.

440 yards: 1 Denroche (B.); 4 Bishop (B.). Time 51.4 secs.

880 yards: 1 Fry; 3 Main (B.); 4 Brown (B.). Time 2 mins. 1 sec.

1 mile: 1 Chard; 4 Rowland (B.). Time 4 mins. 38.2 secs.

2 miles: 1 Green (his own team); 2 Lucas (B.); 3 Brown (B.); 4 Eeles (B.); 5 Rowland (B.). Time 10 mins. 13.2 secs.

1 mile Walk: 1 McMullen, 7 mins. 27 secs.; 2 Joels, 7 mins. 45 secs. 5 finished.

120 yards Hurdles: 1 Caers (B.); 4 Courouleau (B. & P.). Time 15.6 secs.

High Jump: 1 Courouleau (B.), 5 ft. 3¼ ins.

Long Jump: 1 Bird, 19 ft. 7 ins.; 2 Courouleau (B. & P.), 19 ft. 1 in.; 3 Powell (B.), 16 ft. 10 ins.

Discus: 1 Grigg, 126 ft. 6 ins.; 3 Melchior (B.), 89 ft. 2 ins.; 4 Powell (B.), 83 ft. 8 ins.

Shot: 1 Grigg, 36 ft. 1 in.; 2 Thompson (B.), 36 ft. 0 ins.

Javelin: 1 Powell (B.), 163 ft. 6 ins.; 2 Melchior (B.), 153 ft. 8 ins.

Mile Medley Relay: 1st, Belgrave (Brown, Clay, Fisher, Denroche). Time 3.55.8.

Match Result: 1 J. Green's Team, 44½ pts.; 2 Belgrave, 35½ pts.

METROPOLITAN POLICE A.A., IMBER COURT

9th SEPTEMBER, 1944

Neither side was well represented, but a good afternoon's sport was had. A few of our lads found sufficient energy to have a swim afterwards, and everybody stopped to tea—a pleasant feature of visits to Imber Court which the Police are still able to retain. In the sprint, after several false starts, Liffen just beat Jack Frost, but Jack reversed the positions in the furlong by about a yard and a half. In the quarter Heathfield came away about a furlong from home to score an easy win. The half was rather slow, John Brown striding home as he liked over the last lap. The Police had no distance men for the One and Two Miles, so a One Mile was held, with Bob Boyden and Tom Morrell scoring for our hosts. Scott was an easy winner from Stan Eeles. Our Field Events men have always had keen contests with the Police—I believe they almost regard their section as a match on its own, and we usually get keen and close competition. We missed David Grigg's opposition in the Shot and Discus, but Brewer amply deputised for him. David reported that his foot, recently injured by an accident (a javelin), was progressing. Pierre Courouleau gained a double in the jumps, with Charlie Jones gaining odd points. The final tally was Belgrave 62 pts., M.P.A.A. 48 pts.

Results:

100 yards: 1 Liffen (P.); 2 Frost (B.); 3 Mc Keown (B.). Time 10.6 secs.

220 yards: 1 Frost (B.); 2 Liffen (P.); 3 McKeown (B.). Time 24.1 secs.

440 yards: 1 Heathfield (B.); 3 Bishop (B.); 5 Brown (J) (B.). Time 55.4 secs.

880 yards: 1 Brown (J.) (B.); 3 Bates (B.). Time 2 mins. 20 secs.

1 mile: 1 Scott (B.); 2 Eeles (B.); 3 Boyden (P.); 4 Morrell (P.); 5 Doubleday (B.); 6 Taylor (B.). Time 4 mins. 53.3 secs.

Discus: 1 Brewer (P.), 126 ft. 10 ins.; 3 Melchior (B.), 92 ft. 9 ins.; 4 Powell (B.).

Shot: 1 Brewer (P.), 36 ft. 0 ins.; 2 Melchior (B.), 30 ft. 3 ins.; 4 Powell (B.).

Javelin: 1 Melchior (B.), 148 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Powell (B.), 136 ft. 11 ins.

High Jump: 1 Courouleau (B.), 5 ft. 5 ins.; 3 Jones (B.), 4 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump: 1 Courouleau (B.), 19 ft. 1 in.; 4 Jones, 16 ft. 7½ ins.

CLUB HANDICAP MEETING, TOOTING BEC

16th SEPTEMBER, 1944

This was well supported and showed that Club Handicaps are still popular. The highlight of the meeting was the lowering of A Shrubb's British Record for 1½ Miles by Doug. Wilson of the Poly. He has been supreme at Two and Three Miles, and a week prior to his record attempt he won a Two Miles in the Midlands only 2 secs. outside Jack Emery's British Record. We, of Belgrave, offer our heartiest congrats. to Doug., and claim special interest in his performance as he has done a lot to foster and maintain relations between Belgrave and Poly.

Results (handicap allowances in brackets):

100 yards. Heat 1: 1 Vine (7); 2 McKeown (3); 3 Machell (7½). Time 10.6 secs.

Heat 2: 1 Negus (8); 2 Jessop (20); 3 Crawley (16). Time 10.7 secs.

Final: 1 Vine; 2 Negus; 3 McKeown. Time 10.5 secs.

300 yards. Heat 1: 1 Bates (18); 2 Bishop (22); 3 Clay. Time 34 secs.

Heat 2: 1 Heathfield (20); 2 D. Vine; 3 Freestone (30). Time 33.2 secs.

Final: 1 Heathfield; 2 Bishop; 3 Freestone. Time 33 secs.

880 yards: 1 Bishop (60); 2 Brown (30); 3 Heathfield (55). Time 1 min. 56.2 secs.

2 Miles' Run: 1 Lucas (100); 2 Carter (20); 3 Marchant. Time 9 mins. 45 secs.

2 Miles' Walk: 1 McMullen (200); 2 Rouse (285); 3 Joels (355). Time 14 mins. 35 secs.

High Jump: 1 Negus (7 ins.), 5 ft. 8 ins.; 2 Jones (8 ins.), 5 ft. 7 ins.; 3 Courouleau (scr.), 5 ft. 5 ins.

Long Jump: 1 Negus (4 ft. 3 ins.), 21 ft. 2 ins.; 2 Courouleau (1 ft. 9 ins.), 20 ft. 8 ins.; 3 Powell (4 ft. 6 ins.), 20 ft. 7 ins.

Weight: 1 Bishop (10 ft. 6 ins.), 38 ft. 9½ ins.; 2 Courouleau (7 ft.), 37 ft. 3½ ins.; 3 Vine (9 ft.), 37 ft. 3 ins.

Discus: 1 Courouleau (15 ft.), 101 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Powell (3 ft. 6 ins.), 92 ft. 10 ins.; 3 Melchior (2 ft. 6 ins.), 90 ft. 11 ins.

Javelin: 1 Machell (65 ft.), 163 ft.; 2 Bishop (65 ft.), 160 ft. 3½ ins.; 3 Boyden (70 ft.) 157 ft. 1 in.

WORTHING, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1944

In the One Mile Open Team Race, Main and Burfitt were soon taking the field along at a merry pace. About two laps from home, Burfitt put on speed and went away to win on his own in 4 mins. 46 secs. The track was six laps to the mile. In the One Mile Medley Relay Main ran the quarter—an unusual racing distance for him, but held on grimly in third place to hand over to McKeown who maintained his place for the first furlong. Frost took the second furlong and gained a place with a splendid burst of speed, almost catching the leader. Len Marchant made a gallant attempt to hold the well-known Poly. runner, Doug. Wilson, over the last leg of half a mile, but was unable to maintain the fast pace and was beaten for second place in the run home.

Our runners in the One Mile Team Race were:—1 D. Burfitt, 2 D. Main, 6 L. Marchant, 7 J. Green, 8 G. Lucas (B.), 9 C. T. Carter (C.), 11 J. Brown (B.), 16 S. Eccles (B.), 17 R. Boyden (C.), 24 A. Bishop (C.), 25 G. Morris (C).

Teams (3 to score): 1 Belgrave A., 9 pts.; 2 Finchley H., 18 pts. B team were 4th.

MARATHON NOTES

In two out of three of the long distance runs, we had two men well placed but lacked a third owing to retirements. In the other race, the Kent County Open Twenty Miles, held at Dartford on May 6th, our runners came out on top. Micky Walker ran a brilliant well-judged race to win by nearly four minutes in 1 hr. 59 mins. 26 secs. Sid Ring was 5th in 2.6.15 and Fred White completed the team in 8th position in 2.7.38. Doubleday was 11th in 2.9.24 and Dick Towndrow was 15th in 2.11.26. Jim Watson, running for the Police, was 25th in 2.28.37. Team scores were: 1 Belgrave, 14 pts.; 2 Polytechnic H., 20 pts.

Interesting spectators at this race were Pat Parker, complete with a huge cloth cap, a dog and gun, Alan Bridger and Harold King.

In the Finchley "20," 22nd April, Micky Walker was second in 2.5.11, the winner's time being 2.2.59. White was 7th in 2.13.31.

In the Poly. Marathon, 17th June, Ring was 3rd in 3.1.35, and White 8th in 3.9.49, both excellent performances after a couple of nights with little sleep. Walker and Doubleday retired at 18 miles.

White competed in the Reading Ten on 7th August, and finished third. We congratulate Fred on finishing in all the distance runs in which he competed.

One of our marathon men, on hearing the view expressed that "Two Ten Mile races in a year were enough for anybody," was, to say the least, flabbergasted! His view of a ten miles' run was that it was "Just a mid-week spin to keep the old legs in trim," and that he ran scores of ten milers during the year. Presumably a case of "One man's meat!"

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Our Two-milers have made visits to the Midlands to renew old rivalries with Birchfield H. Close scores have resulted, and on balance we gained the rubber. Congratulations to those who made the journeys to show them what the South can do.

Results:

Walsall, July 31st. 2 Main; 4 Carter; 7 Green (P.); 8 Cohen. Belgrave beat Birchfield by 1 point.

Wolverhampton, August 7th. 1 Herbert (L.W.); 3 Carter; 5 Cohen; 6 Green. Belgrave beat Birchfield by 4 points.

Erdington, 9th September. 4 Herbert (L.W.); 6 Carter; 7 Main. Birchfield beat Belgrave by 1 point.

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At Joe Binks' British Games, held on Whit Monday, David Main was third in the One Mile scratch, being eleven yards behind the winner, J. W. L. Alford, who clocked 4 mins. 29.4 secs. Stan Botwright was second in the 440 yards, 2 yards behind A. S. Wint of W. Indies, 50.3 secs. McKeown was second in the Youths' 880 yards, won in 2 mins. 6.2 secs. Clay and Frost qualified for the final of the sprint but were unplaced.

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STROLLING

One of the features of our Club life from earliest days has been the strolling habit, usually indulged at week-ends, but also frequently the basis of some grand holiday periods. Of course, wherever young people foregather, possessing energy and a liking for fresh air, it is second nature for them to escape from town environment into the lovely country which abounds within easy reach of most of our towns, and to enjoy a day's foot-slogging over hill and dale. So it has been for generations and it is to be hoped it will always continue. Every Sunday crowds leave Sheffield, Manchester, London and most other towns for the scenic delights nearby, and for the sense of well-being which only those who have enjoyed a day's varied strolling can ever know.

So it has been with Belgrave members. With them, strolling probably began as an additional and pleasant form of training and as such appealed to both walkers and runners. One of our greatest strollers is probably Jimmy Belchamber who at one time regularly spent his holidays walking from his native Sussex to the Cotswolds and back; and many of the Club's older members can tell interesting stories of their strolls in days gone by.

The late Bob Ricketts, the Club President, gave a lead to Club strolling, as in many other fields, when he introduced Sunday morning strolling from Putney Bridge. These strolls were thoroughly enjoyable and were usually a non-stop four hours steady walking through the Wimbledon, Kingston, Hampton Court, Teddington Weir, Richmond Park neighbourhoods and back to Putney Bridge. Harry Hare (who led following Bob Ricketts' death) George Cooper, Bill Rice, George Still, Bert Footer and later the writer were among the "usuals," although at one time or another some hundreds of Belgravians must have enjoyed these strolls. At a later date it was decided to have two schools of strollers, the morning party continuing as before; whilst others decided to go farther afield and enjoy a full day in the country. Of these strolls, of those who attended, and their adventures, much has been written. We have read of their appetites, their thirsts, their arguments, and of the miles they covered, and scenes they enjoyed; and through most of the exploits the name of Footer looms large. The Cotswolds, the Peak district, the Isle of Wight, the South Downs, the Chiltern Hills, and, of course, the North Downs of Surrey and Kent have heard the thunder of Belgrave boots and voices—and parties at holiday time in pre-war days have ventured to Switzerland, Germany, France and Denmark.

Now most of us stroll in unaccustomed places while only the few visit the old familiar haunts. My recent strolling has been in Pompeii, to the crater of Vesuvius, through Rome and other pleasant walking and climbing in the Italian mainland. Charlie Churcher takes his walks in Palestine; Percy Wright along Welsh valleys and over Welsh mountains. So we are all scattered—but before long we hope we shall all be reunited.

There can be little doubt that our strolls developed into something more than mere pleasant walking through first-rate country. The friendly discussions, exchanges of views, broadening of outlook and spirit of comradeship did much to foster Club spirit and ideals (and may it be whispered, assist in the formation of Club policy!); and it would be a very great pity if in post-war days we could not be sure of a continuance of these grand days of the past.

When the Club's future activities and plans come to be discussed we cannot afford to omit the subject of Strolling—unofficially though it began and largely continued. Serious thought should be given to the re-institution of the all-night stroll from Croydon to Brighton. Every Sunday there should be a stroll arranged for those who wish to join in. At holiday times it is to be hoped that Belgravians will again find their pleasures together in walking through England's green and pleasant land; and even beyond when conditions allow.

So let us look about us for a man with personality and ability who will undertake such organising duties as may be necessary. The Club of the future and many of its members will owe him a great debt of gratitude.

And if I may hark back to a previous article in these columns, let us not forget to arrange an occasional "Reunion Stroll," when the strollers of the past, together with those of the present can get together over a familiar route and those experiences and tales of the past can again be told and weave themselves into the pattern of Belgrave strolling tradition.

A. A. HARLEY.

WINTER FIXTURES, 1944-1945

Oct. 7	H	R	3 Mile Road Handicap.
14	H	R	Southern Counties 5 miles.
21	A	W	Highgate Open.
28	H	R	Finchley H.; Dartford H.; Sutton and Cheam A.C.
Nov. 4	A	R	Tyrian Club, Roehampton.
	A	W	Enfield Open.
11	A	R	Southern Counties 5 miles at Hayes, Kent.
18	H	R	5 miles Club Handicap. Met. Police A.C.
25	A	R	Dartford H. at Dartford.
Dec. 2	H	R	Training Run.
9	A	R	Southern Counties 5 miles, Ruislip.
	H	W	N.F.S. Open Walk, Belgrave Hall.
12	Tue.		DANCE. Victoria Coach Station.
16	H	R	Savage Shield Race (Junior).
	H	R	Tyrian Club; Thames Valley H.
23	A	R	Finchley H.; Ruislip.
23	H	R	2nd Cadet Bn. East Surrey Regt.
26	A	W	Worthing Open.
30	H	W	Surrey Walking Club Open.
Jan. 6	H	R	Surrey and Middlesex County Races.
13	A	R	N.F.S. and Met. Police, Hayes.
20	A	R	Thames Valley H., Cranford.
	H	R	Southern Counties Pre-Services Race.
27	A	R	R.A.C., O.C.T.U., Sandhurst.
	A	W	Met. Police Open.
Feb. 3	H	R	7 miles Club Handicap, N.F.S.
10	A	R	Walton A.C. at Esher.
	H	W	Horwood Cup Walk (Junior).
17	H	R	Southern Counties 7½; (B) Team v. Walton A.C.
	A	W	Woodford Green Open.
24	H	R	Training Run.
	A	W	Tramways Open.
Mch. 3	A	R	Southern Counties Junior, Epsom.
10	H	R	A.T.C. Cross Country Championship.
17	H	W	CLUB OPEN WALK.
	A	R	Walton A.C., Esher.
24	A	W	Surrey, Middlesex and Kent County Walks.
	A	R	Southern Counties 7½, Epsom.
	H	R	London Federation of Boys' Clubs.
31	H	R	Southern Counties v. Army Units.
31	A	W	British Workers Open 10.
Apl. 7	H	R	Training Run.
14	H	R	Southern Counties Army Relay Race.
14	A	W	Metropolitan W.C. Open 15.
28	A	R	Finchley "20."
May 5	A	W	Highgate Open 20.
June 23	A	R	Match v. Gillingham.

H—Home; A—Away; R—Run; W—Walk.