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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Members,

A VERY HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

We are honoured to become your editors at the same time as the election of your new President Tom Carter, to whom we are indebted for his typically modest article.

What greater pleasure could be given to this wonderful veteran of so many individual and team successes in Belgrave colours, than for us to regain our supremacy over the cross-country clubs of Britain?

We are already London County Cross-Country Champions and we are pleased to see the great form of Jack Brown, Charlie Walker and Charlie Dabbs. Let us see how many more titles we can annexe during 1957.

Owing to our inability to edit non-existent material, we were almost driven to publishing our personal memoirs. Whilst this would doubtless prove most indigestible reading, it does seriously show how much we depend on articles contributed by section leaders and in fact by any members.

We welcome material from any source, sent to us within reasonable time of the event to which it refers.

With your co-operation we hope to be able to maintain the high standard of editorship set by our predecessors.

Your Editors.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Belgravians,

Thank you all for the great honour which you have bestowed upon me in making me your President for this year.

To me, this wonderful Club of ours has no equal, for what other club can point to so many successes in all branches of athletics.

There is no need for me to remind any of you as to these achievements, all you have to do is to read about them in your winter handbook or ask any oldtimer (I know!) of Belgrave who would willingly devote a few weeks to telling you.

I should like to draw members attention to our motto, "Semper Paratus" which means "Always Ready". To me this means always ready for anything for our Club; I hope that this means the same to you also.

Something that I should like to see done, is that of the turning out of teams in club vests. When representing the Club, be proud of it, let rival club performers fear the sight of claret and gold vests and Persil-white shorts.

I cannot close these few remarks without mentioning our two Olympic representatives; congratulations Eric and Vic.

When you read these few words of them, you will know how well they have performed and have given of their best.

Here's to a successful year and once again thank you for making me a very happy and proud Belgravian.

C.T. CARTER. President.

ON THE TRACK

Once again I am accepting, with mental reservations, the unenviable job of Track Captain. I say reservations, because I am not really satisfied that the 1956 track season, though successful, has not been accompanied by the support which I expect of Belgravians; in fact I wondered at times whether it was worth the trouble trying to instil some enthusiasm into you.

Perhaps my forthright approach to you was not the correct one, but like the leopard, I don't suppose I will change my spots. My one thought is to try to assist you on the track, to get you to enjoy ATHLETICS, to coerce you to run, throw or jump for the club. This of course, should be unnecessary, for it is always an honour to represent a club such as ours.

We need more endeavour and fewer excuses, then we shall show all that Belgrave is the best club in the country.

The talent is within our ranks, it only needs self-confidence and club spirit to bring out the best in all of you. Remember, you are the club, you Seniors, Juniors & Youths. Your officials do their best on your behalf, give them full support and their task will be lightened, for without that it is sheer hard work.

I look forward to a more successful season in 1957, but we can only achieve this if all give their unstinted support, both in home and away fixtures and in major trophy competitions.

Frank Simmons

MATCH v. H.H.H. AUG. 13th.

Neither club was at full strength, but everyone had an enjoyable evening. Competition was keen between what might be termed the lesser lights of both sides. Belgrave emerged the winners of both Senior and Junior matches.

F.Simmons

MATCH v. S.L.H. AUG. 18th.

Once again holidays were responsible for absences on both sides. However, we were able to win the Senior match after some hard fought events.

Result. Seniors: Belgrave 84pts. S.L.H. 71pts  
Juniors: S.L.H. 44pts. Belgrave 28pts

Where were those juniors who complain of lack of fixtures?

F.Simmons

MATCH v. Q.P.H. AUG. 20th.

Lack of support lost us this match. It is beyond my comprehension why so many seem to avoid partaking in matches such as this, for here surely the better class athlete can help his club-mates with less ability, and at the same time have an enjoyable run without the need to "bash it" to win. We must re-learn that lost art once typical of Belgrave, especially in the longer track events, namely "TEAM RUNNING".

There were too many watchers and too few competitors, and if the entry for the 880yds. handicap was any criterion then the support does not warrant the inclusion of events such as these.

L.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS SEPT. 8th.

Club members performed with distinction at Hurlingham, a most noteworthy achievement being Jack Brown's record breaking run in the three miles. Where would he be now had he taken the plunge into three-miling a few years back? It is gratifying to see Pete Newell getting back into top form again.

Results: 1 mile; 2nd. J.E.Davies; 3rd. P.G.Newell.  
3 miles; 1st. J.W.Brown, 13m. 55.4s.  
Long Jump; 1st. P.Luxon.  
Weight; 2nd. T.Gaworski.

Taken from a press report.

VANCOUVER TROPHY SEPT. 15th.

For the first time this season we were without our full team of sprinters and this, coupled with absences in the field events section contributed to our losing this trophy.

However, our lads put up some sterling performances, the most notable being a record 5000 metres in 14m. 21.8s. by Jack Brown.

Mal Ash won the pole vault, high jump and 120yds. hurdles and was placed in the triple jump- what an asset this boy is!

John Davies won the 800 metres in 1m.57.6s. whilst Gerry Leroy was unlucky not get into the final.

Newell and Stroud were 4th. and 7th. respectively in the 1500 metres, Newell's time being 3m.58s.

Alan Jackson and Dudley Gordon were finalists in the 400m. and a welcome entry in the 400m. hurdles was Brian Coleman.

In the 3000m. walk our Olympic men Stan Vickers and Eric Hall filled 1st. and 3rd. places.

F.Simmons

JUNIOR MATCH v. HERCULES A.C. SEPT. 22nd.

We were indebted to a stalwart six juniors who turned out for this match and to Bob Taylor who once again organised our forces, such as they were.

Terry Tupper and Clive Ryan took part in four events achieving a first, two seconds and two third places between them and enabling us to finish third in the 4 x 110yds. relay.

F.Simmons.

FIELD EVENTS

Just when he had lifted the Field Events Section to the highest position it has held since its formation, Bill Merryman was obliged to relinquish his post as Captain of the section. His was the honour of seeing us win, under his captaincy, the coveted SWORD TROPHY.

We are indebted to Bill for the devotion he gave to his task and we know that Charlie Jones his successor will continue to uphold our name in this increasingly popular branch of athletics.

FLOODLIT MEETING - 24TH. OCTOBER

On a cold damp evening at Tooting Bec, the first inter-club "Floodlit Meeting" was held for the "Melbourne Trophy". We had entered three teams, Senior, Junior and Youths.

Inability to turn out Junior and Youths sprinters weakened us, but those who ran in the longer events gave of their best, indeed, once again they demonstrated to our Seniors the art of Team running.

It was a source of satisfaction to their advisers, and to me, to see our lads running as a team, as Belgrave used to run, our juniors packing in their one mile race 4th, 5th and 8th and the youths in their's, 5th, 7th and 8th, gaining minor team placings. This shows signs of better running when these boys have had more experience, they were the youngest teams running and it should be noted that they all wore their "Belgrave Vest" proudly. We were weakened again in the senior events, Ron Holtum having the flu and Jack Brown unable to be present. Bob Taylor tried to contact Charlie Walker but failed.

However, after much persuasion Bill Bird made our three in the 3000 metres team race, but not being at his best he finished well down. Ray Tooby ran well to be placed third (How about that Club Vest Ray?) and George Davidson was fifth. We were third in the team race. In the absence of Holtum I decided on a gamble and ran Clive Ryan in our senior 4 x 110yds. team. This team of C.R. Jones, D. Carter, Ian Forrester and Clive ran well to finish second to the Poly, who had Shenton on the last leg, Clive hanging on for dear life for second place and gaining some valuable experience against top class sprinters.

Our 4 x 220yds. team again finished second to the Poly, being beaten by 8yds.

The forward running of D. Carter in both sprints and the running of Roy Glenn who is always ready to have a bash should give us hopes for next season.

The tit-bit for us, was the mile medley relay. Dudley Gordon ran his best quarter ever. Not knowing who was in front of him, he just "went" and surprised us all with his determined running, handing over second to Dennis Butler for the first furlong. Dennis gave us the lead but Pat Fox, inexperienced as he was, lost ground and handed over to John Davies 40yds. down. John set about his task in workmanlike style, running in his usual relaxed way, he reduced the lead on the first lap and in the back straight of the final lap came away to give us a win. John's time was 1min.55.8secs, truly wonderful running on such a cold night. Our field events lads performed well, M. Ash and D. Ansell gained first team points in the long jump and Ash and C.R. Jones second points in the high jump.

We finished third in the competition as a whole, points being added from matches. It was surprising the number of our members who always seem to appear just too late to be asked to run, or have the flimsiest excuses as to why they cannot, yet are always willing to "hold" a watch on somebody else and then criticise them when they were not willing to have a go themselves.

Frank Simmons.

#### DO NOT DESPAIR

During the last few years a considerable number of promising members have disappeared from competition long before age should have caught up with them. What is the cause? Is it married life, studies or just a spell of poor form, resulting in loss of interest. Perhaps they just felt they were too old.

It needn't be thought that because one has reached the age of 30 or even 40 one is necessarily past it. Indeed there are instances too numerous to mention of athletes well past 40 putting up class performances. Our own Charlie Smart being a good example.

So don't despair those of you who think you are past it, try those shoes on again and take a few gentle training runs. What could be more enjoyable than a spin on Wimbledon Common on a Saturday afternoon? You will probably surprise yourself and a good many others too.

ROAD RUNNINGPOLYTECHNIC MARATHON and CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

As a complete result did not appear in the last issue of the magazine, we take the liberty of supplying the missing details.

In addition to Collis, Gebbett and Plummer whose positions and times were given, the following members completed the course:-  
44th. G.M. Pearson, 2hrs.42m.11s.; 46th. H.A. Bishop, 2hrs.42m.19s.  
68th. A. Penstone, 2hrs.52m.28s.; 85th. A.A. Byford, 2hrs.59m.34s.  
96th. J. MacDonald, 3hrs.4m.43s.; R.S. Fairman, 3hrs.13m.30s.

It can thus be seen that we had no less than seven runners inside three hours and five inside 2hrs.43m. This was a previously unthinkable achievement, and should make some of our older marathon men wonder what has happened.

S.L.H. 30miles road race.

Saturday Sept.8th. saw us with a full team at Old Coulsdon for this classic event and we were greeted by that elusive body called the sun.

The promoters very sportingly delayed the start to enable MacDonald, who had arrived late, to take part, and we finally got away at 2-45p.m.

At the end of the first lap Collin Collis and Eric Gebbett were running with the leading bunch of men, with W. Wortley, A. Penstone and A. Bishop not far behind, while A. Byford and J. MacDonald were some way back.

After 15miles Collin and Eric were still with the leaders in a time of 1h.29m.30s., but at 17miles Eric began to drop back and at the end of the third lap was some four minutes down. A. Bishop was now our third man and at this stage Wortley and Penstone dropped out, leaving us with five men still in the race.

On the last lap Collin held on to third place to finish in the magnificent time of 3hrs.2m.33s., while Eric moved up from ninth to sixth.

In spite of having two in the first six we could not prevent Thames Valley's powerful trio from winning the team race.

A. Byford was most unfortunate to miss standard by a mere half minute.

The actual winner was A. P. Keily of Derby & County A.C. in the record time of 2hrs. 59 mins. 8 secs.

56 started and 41 finished.

Finishing positions and times of our men :-

3rd.	C. Collis	3 hrs. 2 mins. 33 secs.
6th.	E. Gebbett	3 hrs. 9 mins. 40 secs.
21st.	H. A. Bishop	3 hrs. 26 mins. 46 secs.
27th.	A. A. Byford	3 hrs. 40 mins. 30 secs.
30th.	J. MacDonald	3 hrs. 49 mins. 13 secs.

Team result :-

1st.	Thames Valley,	15 pts.
2nd.	Belgrave,	30 pts.
3rd.	Walton A. C.	40 pts.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUNNING RACE

Yet another resounding success was achieved by the Road Running Section when they won the team event in this classic race. The runners concerned were the indomitable trio of A. Bishop J. MacDonald and W. Wortley who had finished second last year.

W. Wortley ran with the leaders for about 17 miles when

he began to fall back. A. Bishop and J. MacDonald started more soberly and at 10 miles Bishop began to go ahead. Passing 20 miles in 2 hrs. 16 mins. he was 4 mins. behind Wortley, while MacDonald was 3 mins. further back.

Wortley was by now beginning to have a rough time but was still under three hours at the marathon distance, and at 27 miles he was overtaken by Bishop. However, he continued to press on in true Belgrave fashion in spite of being reduced almost to a walk. Bishop although fading somewhat after 40 miles managed to hold on to 12th. place and so be our first men home.

Wortley and MacDonald were never far apart after 35 miles and finished, in that order, with less than one minute between them; the latter improving on his last year's time by no less than 40 minutes!

Our fourth runner A. Byford, did very well to complete the course in 30th. position but said afterwards that he had found it a very long journey.

The winner was R.F. Hopcroft of Thames Valley in the very good time of 5 hrs. 36 mins. 26 secs.

Finishing positions and times of our men :-

12th	H.A. Bishop	6 hrs. 39 mins. 26 secs.
14th	W. Wortley	6 hrs. 48 mins. 8 secs.
15th	J. MacDonald	6 hrs. 48 mins. 54 secs.

Team result :-

1st	Belgrave H.	21 pts.
2nd	Hull H.	28 pts.
3rd	Blackheath H.	36 pts.

Having won the Len Hurst Belt for the first time, every effort should be made next year to retain it. So what about it, you marathon men, remember it's only twice the distance and an easy course at that!

#### CLUB 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ MILES ROAD RACE 29th. SEPT.

Apart from the following results we have received no report of this important race, so we make no apology for the absence of a write up.

1. C. Dabbs	29.01	17. J. Burr	31.43
2. G. Davidson	29.03	18. J. Dooley	31.56
3. R. Tooby	29.09	19. A. Penstone	32.00
4. C. Collis	29.27	20. M. Browne	32.12
5. C. Walker	29.30	21. L. Rolls	32.37
6. E. Gebbett	29.35	22. E. Udall	32.42
7. D. Baulch	29.45	23. T. Tupper	33.01
8. G. Goode	29.47	24. D.W. Jones	33.15
9. J. Masters	30.12	25. C. Henn	33.40
10. E. Short	30.20	26. C. Abberton	33.52
11. G. Biscoe	30.32	27. W. Cousens	34.03
12. J. Heathfield	30.34	28. R. Bolem	34.20
13. D. Stroud	31.00	29. S. Szkucik	34.51
14. D. Maclean	31.00	30. A. Jordan	36.46
15. G. Stevens	31.22	31. D. Griffiths	38.16
16. J. Moore	31.28		

Handicap result :- 1st. A. Penstone ( 6.00 ) 26.00  
 2nd. C. Dabbs ( 2.00 ) 27.01  
 3rd. J. Heathfield ( 3.30 ) 27.04

CLUB 3 MILE ROAD YACHT HANDICAP 6th. OCT.

Once again we regret to say, no report of this race has been received. Surely someone could have sent us a brief description.

Pos.	Name	Hcp. Time	Act. Time	Pos.	Name	Hcp. Time	Act. Time
1.	J. Hunter	13.08	17.58	27.	J. MacDonald	14.37	17.27
2.	H. Martin	13.24	18.24	28.	F.R. Webb	14.39	18.59
3.	W. Cousens	13.25	16.25	29.	M. Jones	14.39	16.59
4.	C. Shippen	13.38	16.08	30.	D. Maclean	14.40	15.30
5.	Markham	13.43	18.58	31.	M. O'Keefe	14.40	16.50
6.	T. Morrell	13.46	18.26	32.	S. Davies	14.42	18.42
7.	A. Jordan	13.47	18.17	33.	J.C. Smart	14.42	16.02
8.	S. Jefferson	13.52	18.12	34.	J. Heathfield	14.50	15.50
9.	R. Bolem	13.57	17.17	35.	D. Hooper	14.51	15.51
10.	C. Henn	13.58	16.38	36.	A. Penstone	14.53	16.45
11.	R. Conway	13.59	17.29	37.	D. Ansell	14.53	19.53
12.	S. Szkucik	14.06	17.36	38.	C. Walker	14.55	15.25
13.	K. Miller	14.08	16.23	39.	D. Baulch	14.56	15.41
14.	R. Glenn	14.11	16.51	40.	J. Moore	14.58	16.18
15.	G. Stevens	14.13	15.33	41.	S. Baker	15.12	19.52
16.	A. Bishop	14.15	16.15	42.	E. Short	15.17	16.07
17.	D. Crookes	14.16	17.46	43.	C. Roffey	15.19	16.29
18.	M. Browne	14.20	15.50	44.	A. Whitehead	15.19	17.39
19.	L. Bishop	14.24	15.14	45.	F. Bell	15.23	18.23
20.	L. Rolls	14.25	16.35	46.	A. Penney	15.27	18.27
21.	J. Masters	14.28	15.08	47.	F. Wright	15.34	17.49
22.	S. Boreham	14.31	16.11	48.	A. Welling	15.35	21.35
23.	G. Biscoe	14.34	15.34	49.	C. Manning	16.00	19.20
24.	D.W. Jones	14.34	16.44	50.	W. Jones	16.04	20.04
25.	J. Dooley	14.35	16.15	51.	B. Trower	16.04	17.14
26.	P. Courtney	14.35	15.55				

Fastest times :-

1st.	J. Masters	15.08
2nd.	L. Bishop	15.14
3rd.	C. Walker	15.25

CLUB FIVE MILES HANDICAP OCT. 27th.

The annual five miles cross-country handicap was held, on this occasion, in conjunction with a match versus Finchley Harriers. A very welcome reappearance was that of Len Marchant, who was representing the club for the first time since his reinstatement as an amateur. The first thirty places in the handicap race are given below :-

1.	Salvat, Finchley	28.13	16.	J. Boreham	30.49
2.	C.W. Walker	28.23	17.	K. Miller	30.49
3.	C. Dabbs	28.44	18.	R. Mitchell	31.29
4.	G. Davidson	28.57	19.	W. Cousens	31.33
5.	E. Gebbett	29.02	20.	F. Bradnum	31.35
6.	J. Burr	29.27	21.	J. MacDonald	31.40
7.	M. Browne	29.30	22.	A. Bishop	31.53
8.	C. Shippen	29.38	23.	E. Penney	31.54
9.	J. Dooley	29.59	24.	A. Penstone	32.00
10.	J. Heathfield	30.04	25.	R. Glenn	32.18
11.	J. Davies	30.06	26.	S. Szkucik	32.31
12.	G. Stevens	30.10	27.	E. Stimpson	32.48
13.	J. Moore	30.39	28.	R. Tobin	32.56
14.	L. Marchant	30.41	29.	K. Cuff	33.12
15.	D. Hooper	30.46	30.	R. Fox	33.24

Handicap result :- 1 J. Dooley(3.15) 26.44      Match result :-  
 2 M. Browne(2.45) 26.45      Belgrave 112 pts  
 3 E. Stimpson(6.00) 26.48      Finchley 284 pts

WALTON - 20TH OCTOBER, 1956.

This was to prove a great day for Belgrave Harriers, in the two events which were so admirably organised by Walton A. G. and The Road Runners Club. It is impossible to speak too highly of the accurate timekeeping and attention to detail which is always evident in events promoted by these two organisations.

THREE HOURS TRACK RACE

Ten runners, including our own Colin Collis and Wally Wortley, lined up for this event which was to prove a succession of new English Native Records.

10 miles in 51m.48secs. by Jack Heywood with Colin then fifth in 58m.6secs. and Wally in 61m.4secs. was to lead to a new English Amateur Native Record for 15 miles in 1hr.17m.25secs. by Heywood who then retired. Colin, with his sights set on the full 3hr. run was progressing carefully to complete 15 miles in 1.26.44, 20 miles in 1.55.57, and 25 miles in 2.25.48, truly wonderful pace running.

Wally had now retired. Eric Smith had also departed, with a new English Amateur Native Record to his credit for 25 miles of 2.21.19, leaving Colin in second place 3 mins. behind Arthur Kelly and himself leading Beale by the same margin.

The testing time had come and Colin was putting everything that willow frame of his possesses into his last 5 miles. For the first time he was to fall outside 6 minutes per mile but his work was done, for at 3 hours he had covered 30 miles 952 yards 2 feet, a truly magnificent performance having himself broken the then existing records for 25 miles, 30 miles and 3 hours. Arthur Kelly, the winner covered 31 miles 877 yards 11 ins.

10 MILES ROAD RACE

As the Manchester Guardian stated "Jack Brown of Belgrave Harriers.....made a startling entry into the ranks of short distance road runners when he took second place to O'Gorman in the Walton A.C. 10 miles event".

Thus we had two individuals finishing second at Walton on the same day. Jack and O'Gorman left the field after 2 miles and a rare tussle between these two resulted in O'Gorman leading Jack home by only 8 seconds in a new record time of 50m.17secs. beating the previous best by 38 seconds.

Charlie Walker and Eric Gebbett ran extremely well to finish 12th and 13th - Charlie is returning to something like his best form. However, we had to go back to 30th position for our fourth scoring man, Dave Baulch, and consequently we were 3rd team with 47 points behind St. Albans A.C. 39 points and Walton A.C. 45 points. Considering that a field of 130 faced the starter, our lads performed extremely well. A special word of praise to Jim Heathfield, a newcomer to this distance on the roads who covered the course in 55m.55secs.

Positions.

2	J. Brown	50m.25s.	35	J. Burr	56m.02s.
12	C. Walker	53m.44s.	69	L. Bishop	59m.46s.
13	E. Gebbett	53m.47s.	70	E. A. Short	59m.46s.
30	D. Baulch	55m.44s.	104	H. A. Bishop	65m.54s.
33	J. Heathfield	55m.55s.			

ROAD RELAY RUNNINGLONDON TO BRIGHTON RELAY (SOUTHERN CLUBS) OCTOBER 13TH.

The "Gods" again smiled on us and provided us with another fine day for the second of our bi-annual visits to that famed Regency resort, Brighton. The reporters in the Sunday newspaper organising these races, gave us no chance of winning (as always) which in itself automatically assured us of at least a place. The better-informed thought we might be second to T.V.H, but Herne Hill, now appearing near the front with alarming regularity, proved them wrong by a mere 16 secs. However, this is anticipating our story, so let us proceed.

Len Bishop, in place of our regular first runner, P. Bagnall, who was injured, rose well above the form he had shown of late, giving us a reasonably good start finishing 6th behind Poly, H.H.H Aylesford, Hampstead, and St. Albans in that order.

Eric Gebbett, more used to 15 and 20 miles than a mere 5, soon proved that he has a turn of speed, quickly passing St. Albans and Hampstead. Poly unfortunately lost their way at the start of this leg, and dropped to 10th. At Wandsworth H.H.H led from Aylesford and Woodford with Eric not far away. An ominous cloud, in the form of Ken Norris of T.V.H was looming up, and not dismayed by their 10th position on the 1st. leg, he ripped through the field and headed the race before the take-over, as if the hounds of hell were at his heels. He established a lead of 89secs. and chopped 54secs. off the stage record. Eric was undeterred however, and ran steadily throughout to hand over 3rd. behind T.V.H and Woodford, having made up 3 places.

Charlie Dabus, on the long leg from Mitcham to Purley, had the misfortune to start only a few seconds ahead of Ken Caulder of Surrey, Sando, and Towl of H.H.H. Charlie wisely ran his own race, arriving in Purley in 6th. place, just over 2 minutes behind the leaders T.V.H

Came George Davidson and hopes that some of the leeway would be made up as George had run so well in the recent road race. Although by no means disgracing himself, he could make no impression and was forced to give way to Thorpe of St. Albans. The experience should be invaluable to George in the future.

Jumbo Masters, who we were glad to see out in the team again, set about the opposition through Redhill, passing St. Albans, now exhausted of their supply of good runners, and Surrey, handing over well within striking distance of all but T.V.H. Jumbo had put up the fastest time on his leg.

Ray Tooby, another of our experienced runners who had missed a few Brightons, took over on the flat 5mls. run to Lowfield Heath with three runners in sight. He ran steadily, but his effort lacked spirit, and we made no further headway. We were now 2½ mins down.

On the longest leg of all, Jack Brown ran a "blinder", making up 2 places and 30secs on T.V.H. His time was surpassed only by St. Albans' O'Gorman, at that time well behind us. Jack gave Heywood of H.H.H a fright and was unlucky not to catch him before Handcross. The traffic here was exceptionally thick and a slight contretemps with a large car might well have proved serious to our runners.

Pete Newall took over on the second longest leg from Hickstead, and although making good progress down Handcross Hill, later regretted this fast start, as many have before him. He quickly caught Ron Clarke, but experience soon prevailed, and Ron steadily pulled away. A game but very tired Newall handed his baton to Geoff Goode at "The Castle" 3mins behind T.V.H and 1½mins behind H.H.H but still in 3rd position.

Geoff was another newcomer to the Brighton trail, and after a good start seemed to be suffering badly on what is thought to be a fairly easy leg, but which is in fact a "snorter" as the writer, in company with other distinguished Club members can well vouch for. However, Geoff pulled himself together and moved well over the last mile in sight of the South Downs.

At the foot of Dale Hill, Charlie Walker waited, as usual, wasting much energy asking all and sundry, "what do you think?" Would Charlie pull one out of the bag and put us back in the

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RELAY (cont'd).

running for 2nd place? By now the winners were almost a foregone conclusion. It was certainly Walker's day when, 97 secs. behind H.H.H., represented by promising J.Davis, he climbed Dale Hill like a champion, and with the aid of continuous encouragement from supporting occupants of cars, the most prominent being the President, he produced the fastest time of the day and took us to within 64 secs. of the "Hill". T.V.H. unfortunately, also had a good performer on this leg and only 6 secs. was pared from their lead, which mattered little as they were now over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile ahead.

Dave Baulch, whose running during the summer was a source of disappointment to many (including Mavis) set out to prove his fitness, and with a time of 17.40 on the last leg, a time beaten only by a few Belgravians, raised hopes of our finishing 2nd. Unfortunately the race could not be extended to Black Rock or we should certainly have pegged back those red and black hoops. As it was, a mere 100 yds. separated us from the 2nd team and Dave did the fastest of the day.

We can be well satisfied with our effort. Experience has been given to newcomers to this event, which will help us next April, and now that S.L.H. have lost the great Gordon and we can improve on our team by the inclusion of Davies and Hallowell, it can be hoped that last year's 5th position in the National Relay can be bettered by at least 4 places.

<u>Result:</u>	1st.	Thames Valley Harriers	4h.34m.58s.
	2nd.	Herne Hill Harriers	4h.37m.33s.
	3rd.	Belgrave Harriers	4h.37m.49s.

Individual times:

L.C.Bishop	21.43	R.Tooby	26.45
E.Gebbett	26.00	J.Brown	33.27
C.Dabbs	29.42	P.Newall	30.22
G.Davidson	27.05	G.Goode	21.34
J.Masters	22.26	C.Walker	21.05
		D.Baulch	17.40

Olympian

CLUB RECORDS

The following new records have been attained during 1956;

880yds.	J.E.Davies	1 min.52.8 secs.	July.
Pole Vault	M.Ash	12' 9"	June
Weight	R.J.Harris	47' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	April
3 Miles	J.W.Brown	13min 52.45 secs	Sept.
Decathlon	M.Ash	5,178 points	Sept.
		Colin Collis.	

We must not lose sight of the records set up by Colin Collis during the 3hr race at Walton. Although he modestly says that they are not recognised distances, they are a challenge to our road runners

The Editors.

WALKING NOTESCHIPPENHAM TO CALNE 6 MILES.

Not quite the same star-studded field as in previous years tackled this tough course in lovely weather. We had eleven starters but were without Stan Vickers.

Wally Emery put a Belgrave vest in front early on, but unfortunately split his heel and had to retire. Belgrave men, it seemed, were everywhere, and if all had been eligible to score we would have won the team event; as it was we missed third place by one point and were only eight points behind Metropolitan Walking Club, the winners.

George Coleman added to his list of triumphs and missed the course record held by R. Hardy by only ten seconds. His opposition were disqualified early on and he won by 2m.39s. in 44m.19s. Next came Eric Hall followed by second claim member George Williams in 47m.38s. Ray Hall gained revenge on Ray Switzer, Norman Guilment smiled his way through and was last seen selling old football jerseys to the timekeepers. Dennis Russell showed us that he will get his seven-mile badge very soon. It was pleasing to see Doug Woods again and we hope that this is the first of many appearances Doug. Ray Switzer got another crafty fourth handicap and Ray Hall crept in at the last with tenth place while Charlie Speechley was only just behind. This shows an improvement on last year so what about next year lads, lets have our share of the pork pies which go with the first team prize.

1st. G. Coleman	H.H.	44.19	27th. N. Guilment	52.39
2nd. E. W.Hall		46.58	32nd. T. Clark	53.28
3rd. G. Williams		47.38	46th. D. Russell	54.55
12th. R. Hall		49.55	60th. C. Edwards	56.29
14th. R. Switzer		49.57	65th. C. Speechley	56.48
22nd. D. Stevens		51.53	70th. D. Woods	58.05

Eric Hall.

ST. DUNSTONS ONE HOUR WALKS  
Parliament Hill 22nd. Sept.

Quite a good muster of 26 members took part in the various sections. Highlight of "D" section was John Knifton's fine effort in finishing second with a distance of 6 mls. 795 yds. Ben, his father, competing on the same afternoon, must have been pleased with his 17 year-old son's performance. George Webb gained his 6 mile badge, whilst Bob Readman only just missed his 7 mile. Surely Bob has earned the name "Evergreen"- a grand effort. Ray Switzer, ably backed up by Ray Hall, Dave Stevens and Eric Froude gained his 7 mile badge in this section.

Peak of this meeting, is the "A" section, and we saw a grand performance by our lads. Stan Vickers led from the start, followed by George Coleman and at the mile they were 6 m.56s. and 7 m. 3s. respectively. Although Coleman got within 60 yds. of Stan, he could get no nearer and Stan went on to a meeting record of 8 mls. 120 yds. With fine efforts from Eric Hall, Ted Smith, George Checkley and Bob Newson, the latter practically killing himself to take Stan over the last couple of laps, we won the team race from Woodford Green.

Well done all concerned - a fine show.

J. Goswell.

WALKING NOTES.Match v M.P.A.A. Wimbledon, October 13th.

This event always marks the opening of our winter fixtures and although some of our lads had travelled to Chippenham for the open event, held on the same day, a field of 38 faced the starter.

After some early dashes to the front, a group, including Checkley and Newson, settled down in the lead. George Checkley walked really well to win in 40m.12s. with Bob Newson second, Syd James (whom we are pleased to see out again) third and Eric Froude, still improving, fourth. With quite a number of our lads representing M.P.A.A. we expected a close result, and scoring 18 a side we won by 392 points to 337.

The handicap was won by our youngest member John Knifton, so "look out the handicapper". George Webb was second and Bert Stevenson third. As this was the first time any of these chaps had won a pot everyone was well pleased. Fred Freeman won the prize for the first M.P.A.A. man home.

1. G.S.Checkley	40.12	15. G.Webb	45.29
2. R.Newson	41.12	16. J.Keown	45.57
3. S.James	41.35	17. A.MacFarlane	45.59
4. E.Froude	41.56	18. G.Oliver	46.03
5. H.McGreechan	42.18	20. D.Logan	46.37
6. M.R.Nye	42.30	22. W.Ferguson	46.56
7. J.G.Coleman	43.03	24. R.Fairman	47.34
9. J.Knifton	43.25	27. G.Snook	48.32
10. C.Yescombe	43.46	29. A.East	48.58
12. J.Luck	44.33	31. J.Scammell	49.12
13. D.Fotheringham	45.01	33. B.Knifton	50.25
14. G.S.Doubleday	45.16	35. J.Sanderson	51.27

<u>Handicap.</u>	J.Knifton (7 mins.)	36.25
	G.Webb (8 mins.45s)	36.44
	B.Stevenson (11mins.)	37.11

J. Goswell.

R.W.A. JUNIOR 5 MILES  
BATTERSEA PARK (ROAD), OCTOBER 20TH.

There is always a small field for this championship owing to call up etc., but this year we had a good little team competing.

Ray Middleton, home from Ireland, walked well to finish 6th in 41m.21s., Dave Stevens (individual) was 7th, Nick Milsum 9th and Terry Clark, who walked a blinder on the last lap, was 12th and Trevor Luck 13th. Trowbridge A.C., with 1st and 2nd won the team event with 13 points although their third man was 20th. Belgrave were 2nd with 17 points thanks to Terry Clark's effort, as we tied with Metropolitan W.C. and placing depended upon the third man.

Our future looks bright with these rapidly improving lads.

J. Goswell.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS OPEN 7 MILES  
PARLIAMENT HILL OCTOBER 27TH.

We had 40 individuals and finished 4 teams in this first open of the season out of a field of 181.

Our lads showed steady improvement and we were glad to see Dave McMullen and Syd James to the fore. Ted Smith was our first man home in (10th) followed by McMullen, Checkley and Newson, 12th, 15th and 16th. We thus finished 2nd in the Scratch Race despite not having our 2 Olympic men. A number of new lads, trying the course for the first time, performed very well and should, with training, move up quite soon.

## HIGHGATE OPEN 7 (contd)

10	E.A.Smith	"A"	56.07	96	G.S.Doubleday	"B"	64.07
12	R.D.McMullen	A	57.14	104	G.Webb	C	48
15	G.S.Checkley	A	14	112	D.F.Woods	D	65.38
16	R.Newson	A	14	118	G.E.Beecham	A	66.11
18	R.C.Hall	Ind.	54	139	D.Stevenson	D	68.12
27	S.C.James	A	58.55	140	S.C.Spencer	D	16
52.	T.Luck	B	61.09	141	R.W.Fairman	C	68.19
59	J.Knifton	B	32	149	W.J.Ferguson	C	57
60	D.J.Stevens	Ind.	35	151	J.G.Scammell	D	69.37
67	J.G.Coleman	A	62.31	152	R.W.Ritchie	D	39
70	C.Yescombe	E	44	155	C.F.Snook	D	43
72	D.Russell	B	45	158	J.Sanderson	Ind.	70.56
82	C.Edwards	C	63.13	160	A.H.East	D	71.16
88	D.Fotheringham	B	63.23	165	D.Logan	C	72.52
94.	J.F.Keown	C	56.	166	D.Boniface	Ind.	52.

Teams:1 Highgate "A" 31pts  
 2 Belgrave "A" 41pts  
 3 Met. W.C 53pts.

J. Goswell.

PRE-OLYMPIC WALK 10 MILES - BRIGHTON 3rd.NOV.

Although this race was not taken too seriously, everybody was anxious to see how Stan Vickers had recovered from his leg trouble. In the previous weeks, rumours had flown thick and fast concerning him. After watching Stan and Eric Hall in this trial, we feel sure they will be a credit to their Country and Club, at Melbourne.

Stan kept with Hardy and Coleman in the lead until 8-8½ mls but then dropped 5 yards or so. He recovered again and was with the leaders when they went off course after being misdirected, and lost at least ¼ ml. After retracing their steps, they decided to walk back together to the stadium.

K. Matthews, who had been some 500 yards behind when the leaders went off course, was only a few yards behind at the stadium, and whilst lapping the track, decided to pass the three men, which really meant nothing; they were content to stroll in chatting together. Their time 77.16 for over 10 mls indicates the early speed of the race. Eric Hall had walked a very well controlled effort and gradually moved through the field to finish as the 1st Kilos man home in 79.47 for 10 mls.

We can be justly proud of Stan and Eric, who fully justified their selection. Good luck to them both!

J. Goswell.

ENFIELD OPEN 7MLS. ENFIELD 10th. NOV.

For this event, which is usually a smaller field than the Highgate, 156 started. We had 33 entries with 4 teams, and all Olympic men were at Melbourne.

Despite this we were confident, and were always well placed in the scratch race. After a close fight with Woodford to the half-way, our lads made a good effort in the second half to win the team race in an Open for the first time for some years by 24pts. to Woodfords 29pts.

Ted Smith, showing his true form, was 4th, Syd James 12th, Checkley 5th, McMullen 7th and Newson 13th. After this we can hope to regain the Berman Cup in our own Open on Nov 24th.

Mention must be made of Eric Froude's effort in gaining 2nd. place in the individual handicap, John Knifton 46th, Trevor Luck 37th (just outside 1hr.) and Hugh McGreechan's showing of some of his old form. Our older members performed well; Charlie Speechley, now 67 years old, was 99th, Fred Brinning, after a lapse of a few years, was out again, and Joe Scammell was still walking very well, despite his age.

## ENFIELD OPEN 7 MLS. (contd)

4	E.A.Smith	"A"	55.47	76	D.Russell	B	63.24
5	G.S.Checkley	A	49	79	G.S.Doubleday	B	39
7	R.D.McMullen	A	56.45	87	J.F.Keown	C	65.03
12	S.C.James	A	57.54	90	D.Fotheringham	B	14
13	R.Newson	A	55	99	G.H.Speechley	C	66.21
16	E.Froude	Ind.	58	109	W.J.Ferguson	C	67.05
28	H.McGreechan	A	59 11	116	B.Stevenson	C	53
37	T.Luck	A	60.14	130	S.C.Spencer	C	68.55
46	J.F.Knifton	B	61.00	132	G.Place	C	69.09
52	J.G.Coleman	A	28	138	J.G.Scammell	D	70.03
64	C.Yescoombe	B	62.28	141	J.Sanderson	D	71.30
65	G.E.Beecham	B	28	146	B.Boniface	D	73.20
68	C.Edwards	B	41	147	W.F.Brunning	D	75.27

Teams; 1st. Belgrave "A" 24pts.  
 2nd. Woodford "A" 29pts.  
 3rd. Highgate "A" 55pts.

J. Goswell.

John Bromley wins big walk.

We are indebted to a member of Thames Valley Harriers for the report of a Walking Race from Singapore to Jahore, a distance of just over 17 miles, which was won by none other than John Bromley former steeplechaser and Brighton Relay runner in the very good time of 2 hrs. 56 mins.

This race, which was promoted by the Singapore Free Press, was held on a Sunday morning, when no less than 650 competitors lined up for the start at 6am.

According to press cuttings, John won this race last year, but has apparently kept his achievement up his sleeve as this appears to be the first intimation that he has turned to road walking. We do like to hear of the activities of our members who are overseas and hope that any others who are carrying on the good work will let us know about it.

Of the 650 starters, 430 finished the course, and John received once again the handsome trophy presented for annual competition by Messrs Bata, the shoe people, and the prize of a cinecamera presented by Twentieth Century Fox Films Ltd.

Well done John. Bill True is making note of the result in case you continue walking on your return to this country.

S.C.R.

JOTTINGS

Congratulations to Colin Collis on the birth of a daughter Linda on October 23rd. we wonder what he is using for sleep nowadays.

Two welcome re-appearances in action- Stan Davies and Ron Linstead, both recovered from illness that has kept them out of running for some time.

Seen in Road Runners Gazette.... "new members... V.S.Blowfield" We feel sure this must be our Vic, and we wish him the success he achieved on the track and country.

In the same publication tribute is paid to the organisation of the Belgrade 20 ml. Road Race, appropriate acknowledgment we feel, of the work put in by Arthur Whitehead.

Len Bishop is now a married man, and will of course be doing even more training. We'll watch it! (E.M. & H.A.)

In our next issue we hope to include an article on Melbourne. In the meantime, well done Stan & Eric!

Bob Plummer running as an individual in the MITCHELDEAN 14 set up a new course record when winning this event in the fine time of 1hr.17m.44s.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL JUNIORS AND YOUTHS

This article is primarily for the benefit of the Youth and Junior Section of our club, of which you, the members, have nominated me as Secretary.

There are a few points I would like to make which I feel some of you would like to know.

**ONE.** is that I am always ready to listen to any suggestion as regards the functions of our sections.

**TWO.** I am endeavouring to form one, or more training packs during the Winter months; at the moment, we are training from Wimbledon on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7-0 pm. and Saturday afternoons.

I am grading the packs to enable runners of varying ability to enjoy these runs and also to develop each individual without his being run off his legs. This is most important as every Champion will tell you pack running is the foundation of Team running by which we can endeavour to win the Major Events during the Cross Country Season.

There are two results which apply to our Section:-

3 Mile Road Race at Wimbledon 29.9.56

1. A.W.Black - 15.41.
2. K. Miller - 16.33.
3. A. Ware - 16.45.

K. Miller is a new member and shows every promise.

4 Lap Road Relay at Bettersea Park 21.10.56.

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| Winning Team | - | Mitcham A.C. |
| Second Team  | - | " "          |
| Third Team   | - | Belgrave.    |

This race was organised by M. Pyer. and was arranged to give our younger members a chance to show what they could do. Their ages ranged from 12½ to 15½ years.

One of our members, E. Penny, recorded second fastest time over the course, which is approximately 1½ miles.

His time was 8 mins. 49secs. which is very good running, but a Mitcham lad did even better- his time being 8 mins. 42 secs.

A. W. Penny.  
(Secretary)  
Junior Section.

STIRRINGS

It is a pity that some Cross-Country Runners (not Night-School Students) who manage the journey to run at Wimbledon some evenings, have apparently forgotten the whereabouts of Belgrave Hall on Club Nights.

Members may be assured that if they bring their shampoo on Tuesday or Thursday we can arrange for the extractor fan to be dismantled and converted into a hair dryer.

An assurance has been received that in the later cross-country events, runners at present so allergic to their Belgrave vests when representing their Club will wear them. Do they mean when they should be in their County vests?

It is heartbreaking to learn that the official reason for not supporting an away road relay where free overnight accommodation had been promised was given as the reluctance of runners to miss their Sunday morning training run!!!