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## EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

For another history-making year Alf Harley, our President, continues to hold the senior reins of office. The results of last year showed that all members responded to his fine leadership and we know that we shall all again be infected with the incentive that Alf shows in all matters that help to lift our club to the high standards of clubship that we all enjoy. We again pledge him our wholehearted support and in evidence of this our runners and walkers commenced the season brilliantly by winning the Chelmsford Relay and the Highgate Harriers Open Walk. We feel sure that these successes are only forerunners to another successful season under Alf's leadership.

The season of Christmas is upon us, a season of goodwill and good fellowship. Within Belgrave we are happy to know that these sentiments prevail throughout the year and always, but nevertheless we take the opportunity of wishing all members, supporters and all Association and other Clubs connected with our sporting activities, A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

YOUR EDITORS.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

May I thank in all sincerity the members of the club for electing me to the Presidency for a second year. The confidence reposed in me is much appreciated and I shall do my utmost to justify it in the months that follow.

The new club year has opened well and we may be sure it will continue that way. Already our runners have given us splendid wins in the Southern Brighton Relay, Surrey C.C.C.C. Road Relay Championship and Chelmsford Relay, and numbers turning out from Wimbledon are most satisfactory. The walkers have also recorded creditable team wins, have had three of their number advised that they are on the Olympic Selectors' List, and the club is undoubtedly set for one of the best year's ever in walking events. Our track and field men will have little opportunity for some months (except at our annual Boxing Day Meeting which continues a tradition from 1887) to show their mettle, but some very special arrangements for winter coaching have been made and the benefits should be apparent when the track season again comes along. Many of our juniors too, will be carrying their winning habits into senior status.

In fact, we may still say that Belgrave is as yet in no danger of being robbed of the distinction of being the most progressive and meritorious of all amateur athletic clubs. Week after week, the successes continue—and of more importance, the spirit which gives origin and inspiration to the successes is maintained and reinforced.

The evident vitality of our well attended Annual General Meeting, and the infectious enthusiasm of our Dinner-Dance are splendid auguries for the future. Here may I express personal thanks and congratulations to Tom Carter and his helpers on the finest club dinner yet, and one, I should imagine, unsurpassed among athletic clubs by reason of its splend

attendance, first-class organisation, and the excellence of the prevailing enthusiasm and sincerity for Belgrave and all that it means to us.

I have always believed that when everything is going well, the congratulations pouring in, the successes repeating themselves, that then is the time to turn a critical eye inward on to ourselves to ensure that we are not living in a fool's paradise and to see where redoubled efforts are needed.

Our Annual General Meeting has given us an excellent team of Assistant Secretaries, Captains, Vice Captains and other officials, and they will all be anxious to do even better than they have done in the past for the club, well knowing that without the fullest co-operation of every member they will be denied the ultimate aim they desire and deserve. I therefore appeal to every member for the maximum amount of co-operation in every field of club activity—by giving it freely, you help others to help you and snowball-wise the greater benefit results all round.

I would conclude by thanking all who worked and competed and co-operated so wholeheartedly during the last club year, and ask for just a little more per individual from a larger membership than ever this year and Belgrave will be an even greater credit to us and our sport.

All best wishes in all your endeavours.

Sincerely and Belgravically,

ALFRED A. HARLEY, President.

#### FROM THE HON. TREASURER

Members by now should be aware of the new system of receipts as announced in the Club's Annual Report and at the A.G.M. It is that the Club Handbook should also be a membership card and that the receipt for the 1951/52 subscription (due as from September 16th, 1951) should be fixed to the back cover of the handbook and for this reason the new receipts have gummed backs. There will be a special gummed attachment for Honorary and Life Members and Vice-Presidents. These will also be fixed on to the handbooks before posting.

I must thank all those who have recently sent subscriptions or letters. I have been far too busy to reply to them all except those where a reply was definitely needed. Many have sent current subscriptions but have not yet received receipts—these will arrive duly stuck to the handbooks. All receipts for the current year will have a gummed back and if forwarded to you after you have received your handbook PLEASE STICK THEM TO THE BACK COVER OF THE HANDBOOK STRAIGHT AWAY IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. Any subscriptions received in the form of arrears will be acknowledged by the old type of receipt.

After this involved explanation, HOW DO YOU STAND? If in doubt, please drop me a line and I will let you know whether you are clear on the books or not. It is of the utmost importance that everyone should meet whatever obligations they have to the club. Those who were at the A.G.M. should be well aware of the ever increasing cost of running a club like ours and I am sure that no one would wish us to cut down our activities. So KEEP THOSE SUBS ROLLING IN. Help the Supporters' Club as much as you can. Enter Club Handicaps (not forgetting to try your luck at events you don't normally support and you may find that you have unsuspected prowess not to mention a possible raising of the club's standard of performance).

WHAT ABOUT CLUB SOCIALS? The cost of these popular functions to the club is fairly constant whether we have fifty or a hundred present, but the extra income from a few more "regulars" and friends will, of course, save the Club Social Committee from financial embarrassment. Talking of Sub-Committees, we in Belgrave can take pride in the fact that we have a capable one to take care of the finances. Our present position can be described as a good one which reflects the soundness of their deliberations over the years. That their advice will continue to be sound we can be confident.

G. S. DOUBLEDAY.

## BELGRAVE VICE-PRESIDENT'S HEROISM



MR. & MRS. F. STONE

(By kind permission of "The Star")

P.C. F. Stone, Assistant Warrant Officer at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court (better known to our older members as Fred Stone) was at Bow Street Police Court presented with a cheque for £15 from the Police Reward Fund for an act of courage which resulted in the arrest of two smash and grab raiders in Sloane Street, S.W., on April 17th, 1951.

Fred was on duty in plain clothes when a car drew up outside a jeweller's shop. One of the occupants jumped out and after smashing the window snatched a valuable bracelet. He was seized by P.C. Stone who was savagely attacked by the two men with iron bars. Although severely injured he clung to one of the men until assistance arrived. The other escaped but was later arrested. The men subsequently appeared at the Central Criminal Court and received prison sentences of 8 years and 6 years respectively.

"No more striking example of heroism has ever come before this court," said Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sir Laurence Dunne who made the presentation.

Some of our older members will recollect that he was awarded the King's Police Medal in 1928 for rescuing a man from the Thames at Westminster and the British Empire Medal in 1941 for helping to remove persons from a cellar in a bombed building which had collapsed.

Those in a position to judge such cases have little doubt that his latest action will earn further recognition, for example, a bar to his King's Police Medal and it is not too much to say that his name is likely to rank as one of the most gallant English policemen of all time.

As a result of his injuries he has since been retired from the Police Force and is at present employed at Westminster Hospital.

Belgrave can indeed be proud of him.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With a good attendance of about 130 members the meeting commenced at 3.15 p.m. Before business was proceeded with a two minutes' silence was observed to the memory of those members who had passed away during the year.

It was pleasing to see amongst the gathering, our founder-member, Mr. Martyn, and other very old members. A letter of apology was received from Mr. F. Bull, who has been a member for 58 years. After the Minutes of the previous A.G.M. and the Secretary's Report had been received and adopted we passed to the Hon. Treasurer's Report, which was most ably presented by Gordon Doubleday. The applause that followed his report showed that members appreciated the great work he had done during his first year of office. Jimmy Bellchamber stressed the importance of economy and pointed out most forcibly that although we were strong financially this happy state of affairs was likely to become strained if we continued at the same rate of expenditure. He reminded us that 40 years ago our balance was only 11s. 5d., and that we had done very well indeed to get to our present financial strength. Nevertheless, he insisted that we should begin to economise wherever possible. Many questions were asked and satisfactorily answered and the Hon. Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Syd Roberts then proposed Jack Bidgood for Life Membership and in seconding him, Jimmy Bellchamber gave a brief résumé of Jack's athletic career. Joe Coleman then proposed Bill Lucas for the same honour and in doing so described Bill's career in a most illuminating manner. Dave Shepherd in this case was the seconder. Both these gentlemen were elected unanimously and both in a few words thanked the Club for the honour bestowed on them.

Election of officers proceeded apace with one or two changes from the original set-up and the full list is printed in the fixture card which all members should have by now. Various and varied matters were discussed under the heading of other business and the London to Brighton Long Distance Championship Cup was presented to Hugh McGreechan and Honours badges to Hugh, R. Taylor, H. Shields, J. Bromley and A. Bergvalds.

The meeting closed at 6.40 p.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the President.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

### The impressions of one of our guests

So dawned the 20th October, 1951, the day set for the Belgrave Harriers' Annual Dinner and Dance, which my wife and I were attending for the first time.

During the afternoon we prepared ourselves for what we understood to be a great event and eventually made our way to Lyons' Corner House, Coventry Street, W. On arriving there, the news that the attendance was nearly 50 per cent. up on last year, confirmed the popularity of the venue and shortly after 7 p.m. the amazing number of 312 sat down to a delightful, tasty and well-served four-course dinner with coffee.

Following the dinner we had the usual speeches one expects at such functions which were rendered in a short, crisp, humorous manner to the delight of the listeners, the responses being made in the same entertaining way.

The evening then continued with dancing until 11.30 p.m., the variations of style including "Old Tyme" and Latin-American to the strains of music of Les Reeve and his band. So ended what must be one of Belgrave's greatest successes, a really enjoyable time being had by all.

Congratulations, Belgrave, on a very successful and enjoyable evening, and in the words of one of your speakers, "May you go from strength to strength."

## JUNIOR MATCH AT MITCHAM

We had quite a good crowd of juniors present for these races, which were held at the "News of the World" Sports Ground on July 4th.

J. Thomas and Ian Forrester were runners-up to Breacker, of Mitcham, in the 100 yards, and Frank Kemp was second in the 220 and appeared unable to negotiate the rather sharp bends at this track.

D. A. Wise ran really well to chase Brian Hewson home in the 880 yards, although the time was rather slow and Hewson seemed to be playing with the opposition.

Geoff Goode and Brian Trower were first two home in the mile and Trower also won the Javelin event, much to his surprise!

Jim Purdy won the High Jump and also gained third place in the Javelin, while Frank Kemp won the Shott Putt and it was a case of everyone having a go at everything!

The final points were: Mitcham A.C., 36; Belgrave H., 30; and think that all our lads enjoyed the evening's sport.

## SOUTHERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Broomfield Park, on July 7th, our only success was in the 440 yards, in which P. J. Casselton won his heat in 53 seconds, and then was third in the final, which was won in the amazing time of 49.1 seconds.

D. G. Maclean won his heat of the mile in 4 mins. 33.2 secs., but was unplaced in the final, which was won in 4 mins. 28.4 secs., and it is evident that having to run two miles in one afternoon does not agree with "Mac" and we also think that it is asking too much of our juniors.

Peter Hunt ran in the 200 yards Low Hurdles but was unlucky in that he had Duffy and Lawrence, who were first and third in the final, both running in his heat with two only to qualify.

Our 4 x 110 yards relay team were also unlucky in the fact that one of their runners was placed in the wrong lane by the marksman, which naturally resulted in a mix-up at the take-over, and they eventually finished fourth.

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING

This meeting was held at Wimbledon Stadium on July 7th, and some of our older members will no doubt recall that we had some running events on this track before the war.

The Wimbledon Council had asked us to put on a sports meeting as part of the Borough's Festival of Britain effort, and so we arranged for a North v. South of Thames match, and also included a couple of club handicap events.

Although it was a fine day and we had a good crowd of athletes present, the public were conspicuous by their absence, and so from a financial angle the meeting could not have been much of a success.

However, as a sports meeting we think it was a pretty good show and our officials also came along in good numbers and it was pleasing to see many of our old-time champions assisting in this direction.

In the match events we saw Holtum win the 100 yards with Craft second, and J. V. Beesley also ran a good second in the half-mile. Alan Sexton showed a return to form when he won the 220 yards, with Geoff Osmin in third place.

Ian Badiali was runner-up in the 440 yards, and in the one mile we saw Len Herbert and Bill Lucas outstride the opposition to come home together in first place. Harry Churcher won the walk with McMullen second, and the South won the team race.

In the three miles run we saw Roy Beckett, the present A.A.A. champion, giving a foretaste of things to come, when he ran away from his field to win in easy fashion, with Jack Charlesworth second and Len Adams third, and so the South scored yet another win in the team event.

The South representatives won all the four field events, and they also won both the sprint relay, in which the team was: Lowers, Sexton, Craft and Holtum, and the medley relay, in which we had Geoff Osmint and Jim Heathfield doing the two half-laps with Badiali finishing up over the final one lap to win a good race from the North representative.

The final match points were: South of Thames, 75; North of Thames, 36.

In the two club handicap events, the 150 yards sprint handicap was won by P. Cornish (11), with Ian Forrester (8) second, and Gordon Lowers (5) third. The one mile handicap saw Mick Porter (130) run a good race to catch Tom Morrell (200) and A. W. Saville (210) in a time which did not give the back-markers much chance.

### LONDON TO BRIGHTON AND BACK WALK—JULY 6th-7th

	h.	m.	s.
1. A. J. Stirling Wakeley ...	18	46	0
14. J. Wilson ...	21	59	30

In winning this race, Jack Stirling Wakeley also won the "Tommy Green" Cup for the Best Belgrave Athlete of the Year. Jack led throughout and finished a comfortable winner from a big and classy field of notable distance walkers. Joe Wilson did extremely well to finish the course inside first-class standard time.

### MATCH AT TADWORTH GREEN

Held on July 11th, this was the usual evening meeting with the Banstead Harriers, Epsom & Ewell, Redhill & Reigate and ourselves being the competing clubs.

We had quite a good turn-out with probably more juniors than seniors present and we were pleased to see Alan Sexton turning out for us.

Ian Badiali won the senior 440 and Bob Taylor was first home in the senior 880, while Alan Sexton, after being second in the senior 100, duly won the senior 220 yards.

Bob Wolton won the junior 440 and J. Thomas and J. D. Benstead had wins in the two junior sprint events.

Brian Trower won an exciting junior mile and our juniors also won their medley relay.

After the running, the teams adjourned to the Village Hall for "light" refreshment and it was quite an eye-opener to see how our juniors "knocked" it back!

### Birmingham Outer Circle—July 14th

Only four of our walkers journeyed to Birmingham for this annual event, but what we lost in team honours was compensated for in Bert Clayton's excellent performance in winning the individual scratch race. Harry Shields also walked extremely well to finish sixth, but our third and fourth placings were not quite good enough to get us a place.

1. H. Clayton ...	3. 44.00
6. H. Shields ...	4. 1.45
30. F. Rolfe ...	4. 27.04
31. J. Robins ...	4. 27.27

Scratch Team Race.—1, Highgate, 27 points; 4, Belgrave, 63 points,

### A.A.A. 2 miles—July 13th

1.	R. Hardy	...	...	13.43.2
2.	G Gregory	...	...	14.00.8
5.	D. McMullen	...	...	14.35.6

### A.A.A. 7 miles—July 14th

1.	R. Hardy	.....	...	51.14.6
3.	H. Churcher	...	...	54.04

### L.A.C. INTER-CLUB RELAYS

These were held at the White City on July 17th, and our turn-out was not up to our real standard and we were especially weak in the field events. As these were on the aggregate of two performers from each club, and in most of them we only had one competitor, it will be readily understood why our final total of points was on the low side.

Our best team performance was in the 4 x 1 mile for the "Victory Trophy" and our team of Ray Tooby, John Bromley, Bill Lucas and Charles Walker finished a good second to the Poly and beat such clubs as Walton A.C., who had Nankeville running their final "leg," Cambridge H., South London H., Herne Hill H., Southgate H., Thames Valley H., and Woodford Green A.C.

The best individual performance by a club member was in the High Jump, where our Nigerian, E. M. Bare, cleared 6 ft. 2 in., to record the best jump of the evening, and it was a pity that he had no one to support him for this event.

A. Bergvalds came along for the Weight and Doug. Whitehead threw the Javelin, while P. Luxon turned up for the Long Jump but had to withdraw owing to an injured leg.

We also fielded teams in the sprint relay and the 4 x 440 yards, but they were not strong enough to qualify for the finals in these events.

### MATCH AT WORTHING

An inter-club contest for the "George H. Hogsflesh Memorial Cup" was held on July 21st, in which we were competing for the first time.

The joint holders of the trophy were Southgate H., and Dorking St. Paul's A.C., and John Parlett turned out for the latter club in the one mile and medley relay.

We made a good start when Frank Craft won the 100 yards match event, and then Ian Badiali was first home in the 880, while Bill Lucas finished third in the one mile, after being content to amble in behind Parlett, only to get beaten up the straight for second place.

Bill made amends, however, by winning the three miles in easy fashion, and Jim Heathfield ran a fine race to win the 440 yards, with Alan Picton gaining third place in the 220 final.

All these performances, plus the fact that Bergvalds, E. M. Bare, George Powell and Les Christmas had been picking up useful points in the field events, meant that we were in the lead as regards scoring for the trophy and when our team were second in the mile medley relay, in which we had the lead, only for John Parlett to catch our quarter man near home to score an exciting win, we found that we had won the Cup at our first attempt.

Also on the programme were a series of junior events, and in these our lads did fairly well with Ian Forrester winning the 100 yards, F. J. Wright second in the 440, and J. Thomas being third in the 220 yards. Our juniors were also second in their medley relay event and here again we had the lead, only for our quarter man to be overtaken near the finish.

Final points for the Trophy were : 1, Belgrave H., 39; Dorking St. Paul's, 31; Southgate H., 23; Worthing H. and Portsmouth A.C., each 15; Epsom & Ewell H., 7; Gosport & Royal Navy, each 5.

Points for the junior match were : 1, Portsmouth A.C., 32; Worthing H., 28½; Belgrave H., 22; Dorking St. Paul's, 17½; Gosport A.C., 15; Epsom & Ewell H., 14.

It was a very enjoyable day out beside the sea and I am sure our coach-load of supporters are looking forward to this fixture again next season.

### MATCH AT DORKING

Held on July 23rd, this match was not too strongly supported, particularly as regards the field events.

Several of our junior members turned up, however, and they performed very well in the events in which they competed.

Alan Law was a tower of strength with a second place in both the weight and discus and Bob Wolton ran well in the 440 yards, to finish less than a yard behind Dicky Bartlett.

Our relay team of Peter Hunt, Eric Bishop, Alan Law and Dicky Bartlett ran exceedingly well to finish only about five yards behind the Dorking boys, who were subsequently disqualified for a faulty baton-change, which gave us first place with Horsham Blue Star second.

Jim Heathfield was second in the 880, and Reg Bolam was third in the one mile, but the final match points were : Dorking St. Paul's A.C., 67; Belgrave H., 28; Horsham Blue Star H., 12.

Tea, sandwiches and cakes were supplied by the home team and these were much appreciated by our lads.

### MATCH AT CHARLTON PARK

On August 1st we had senior and junior matches with the local club—Cambridge Harriers.

Once again our numbers were not too many and we only had one runner in the two miles run, which was supposed to be a team event!

Gordon Lowers ran second in the 100 yards, with Eric Bishop gaining third place in the 440 yards.

In the middle-distance events we did better, with Ian Badiali winning the quarter, Jack Brown the half-mile and Bill Lucas the mile, a very creditable trio of wins.

A. Bergvalds won the Discus and was second in the Weight, while D. G. Maclean jumped for us in the High Jump and Gordon Lowers turned out in the Long Jump and Javelin events.

We fared much better in the junior match, with Frank Kemp having a dual sprint victory, as did P. J. Casselton in the 440 and 880 yards. Don Maclean won the one mile and Alan Law won both the Weight and Discus events, and was second in the Javelin, and then he won the Long Jump to round off a very busy evening.

Points in the senior match were : Cambridge H., 72; Belgrave H., 32; and for the junior match : Belgrave H., 56; Cambridge H., 39.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

At Tooting, on August 4th, a good crowd was present to witness a very good afternoon's sport and one which saw several new club records established.

The 100 yards saw a new title-holder in Frank Craft, who has now gone to Australia, worse luck, and he beat "Ginger" Holtum, with Alan Sexton in third place. The holder, Denis Merrett, was unable to run owing to injury.

Frank Kemp retained his 100 yards junior title with P. J. Casselton second and Ian Forrester third.

The 100 yards boys' race saw Ken Eales score an easy win and it was interesting to see the sons of Jack and Joe Flower, two old club champions, competing in this event.

D. A. Wise scored a good win in the junior 880 and Ian Badiali, our new member from India, scored a popular win in the senior half-mile. His time of 1 min. 59.4 secs. was the second best time ever recorded and he is a decided asset to our ranks.

G. H. Gregory won the two miles walk, with D. McMullen second and E. A. Smith third, and it seems rather rough on "Mac" that with Harry Churcher not competing we have yet another fine walker to step into his shoes and so keep "Mac" in his usual second position in these events.

Frank Kemp again won the 220 yards junior, with J. Thomas second and Alan Law third, while Alan Sexton regained the senior 220 title, with Frank Craft second and Basil Walden third.

Derek Godfrey lost his junior 440 title to Peter Casselton, but it was a very good race and both these lads are champions of the future.

The senior 440 saw Ian Badiali gain a second title in quite fast time, and Jim Heathfield was a good second with Bob Wolton a plucky third.

Don Maclean won the junior mile, as expected, and from the way he went off he seemed quite determined to make sure that Geoff Goode had no reserves of speed left. Brian Trower was third and here again the time was very good for juniors.

The one mile senior was the race of the afternoon, with a very strong field turning out, but Jack Brown, the holder, ran a well-judged race to come away over the last 200 yards to beat Len Herbert and Chas. Walker. His time of 4 mins. 18 secs. was a new club record and must make some of the "ancients" think a bit when they consider the times we used to do in the old days.

The field events saw a new club record set up in the High Jump when E. M. Bare cleared 6 feet. A. Bergvalds also set up a new club record in the Discus Throw and again in the Weight and he is a most consistent performer and deserves his successes.

Jim Purdy in the junior High Jump set up new figures and Doug. Whitehead in the Javelin also did well.

Complete results and times are given below:—

- 100 yds. Senior.—1, Craft; 2, Holtum; 3, Sexton. Time: 10.5 secs.  
100 yds. Junior.—1, Kemp; 2, Casselton; 3, Forrester. Time: 10.5 secs.  
100 yds. Boys.—1, K. N. Eales; 2, A. Burns; 3, G. Flower. Time: 11.2 secs.  
880 yds. Junior.—1, D. A. Wise; 2, H. E. Greene; 3, P. Courtney. Time: 2 mins. 6.3 secs.  
880 yds. Senior.—1, Badiali; 2, Bromley; 3, Taylor. Time: 1 min. 59.4 secs.  
2 Mile Walk.—1, Gregory; 2, McMullen; 3, Smith. Time: 14 mins. 23.8 secs.  
220 yds. Junior.—1, Kemp; 2, Thomas; 3, A. Law. Time: 23.6 secs.

220 yds. Senior.—1, Sexton; 2, Craft; 3, Walden. Time: 22.9 secs.  
 440 yds. Junior.—1, Casselton; 2, Godfrey; 3, Quinton. Time: 52.4 secs. (record).  
 440 yds. Senior.—1, Badiali; 2, Heathfield; 3, Wolton. Time: 51.7 secs.  
 1 Mile Junior.—1, Maclean; 2, Goode; 3, B. Trower. Time: 4 mins. 32.4 secs.  
 1 Mile Senior.—1, Brown; 2, Herbert; 3, Walker. Time: 4 mins. 18 secs. (record).  
 Weight.—1, Bergvalds; 2, Miska; 3, A. Law. Distance: 41 ft. 1½ ins. (record).  
 Discus.—1, Bergvalds; 2, Miska; 3, A. Law. Distance: 127 ft. 5 ins. (record).  
 Javelin.—1, Whitehead; 2, Melchior; 3, Bergvalds. Distance: 159 ft. 7 ins.  
 High Jump, Junior.—1, Purdy; 2, Latter; 3, Forrester. Height: 5 ft. 3 ins. (record).  
 High Jump, Senior.—1, Bare; 2, Bergvalds; 3, Steiner. Height: 6 ft. (record).  
 Long Jump, Senior.—1, Christmas; 2, Luxon; 3, A. Law. Distance: 19 ft. 9 ins.  
 Standard awards were as under:—  
 880 yds. Junior.—B. Trower.  
 880 yds. Senior.—J. Heathfield, L. Bishop.  
 220 yds. Senior.—R. Holtum.  
 440 yds. Junior.—E. Udall.  
 440 yds. Senior.—R. Bartlett.  
 1 Mile Junior.—G. Lines.  
 1 Mile Senior.—W. Lucas, J. Bromley, C. Stokell, R. Tooby, M. Porter, R. Bolam.  
 2 Mile Walk.—(1st class): nil.  
 (2nd class): S. James, G. Beecham, C. Sutton, B. Checkley, E. Hall,  
 A. Readman, J. Rutland, G. Waddingham, G. Oliver.  
 Javelin.—G. H. Powell.  
 Discus.—W. Sutton, C. Melchior.

### Chertsey British Legion Sports—August 6th 5 miles Open Walk

1.	D. McMullen	...	...	40.05
5.	S. James	...	...	42.36
6.	G. Checkley	...	...	42.46
11.	E. Hall	...	...	44.26
19.	D. Hills	...	...	47.13

### HAZELL TROPHY CONTEST

This was held at Aylesbury on August Monday and we did quite well in finishing second to the Polytechnic and only lost by 3 points.

In the 100 yards we had "Ginger" Holtum second and Alan Sexton third, while Chas. Walker was third in the 1 mile, and then Len Herbert was first home in the 2 miles run. In the team event for the latter race we were second to the Poly, and our team in the medley relay finished third to the Poly and Walton A.C.

As the trophy events were held in the evening, in order that the Poly and Walton "cracks" could get down from the White City meeting, it can be readily understood that had the events been held in the afternoon we should have scored an easy if somewhat "hollow" victory.

Final points for the trophy were: Polytechnic H., 30; Belgrave H., 27; Walton A.C., 24; Thames Valley H., 21; Finchley H., 8; Woodford Green A.C., 4.

Also on the programme was a Junior Inter-Club contest, and here again we finished second to the Polytechnic team.

Frank Kemp won the 100 yards, with Ian Forrester third, and Frank was also second in the 220 yards.

Don Maclean was second in the 880 and Geoff Goode occupied a similar position in the 1 mile.

Our medley relay team scored a great win in 3 mins. 51 secs., and the final match points were: Polytechnic H., 28; Belgrave H., 25; Thames Valley H., 13; St. Alban's A.C., 5; Victoria Park H., 4; Vale of Aylesbury A.C., 4; Woodford Green A.C., 3; North London H., 2.

### MATCH AT IMBER COURT

On August 11th we were not very strongly represented and our field event performers were conspicuous by their absence.

We did well in the 220 yards, with Merrett first and Alan Sexton third, while Ray Tooby won the half-mile and Mick Porter was third in the 1 mile.

Once again our 2-milers failed to appear and this must be a source of wonderment to the other clubs, when they consider our strength on the road and over the country.

Final points in the triangular match were Thames Valley H., 108; Metropolitan Police, 91; Belgrave H., 56.

### MATCH AT SOUTHALL

Held on the A.E.C. ground, this was an inter-club contest and if we had had any field event men present, we should have probably won this match.

Ian Badiali won the 440 yards, with Jim Heathfield second, and Dicky Bartlett was second in the 220, while Bill Lucas was first home in the 2 miles run, with Les Stokell second.

Our team of Bob Taylor, Ian Badiali, Jim Heathfield and Dicky Bartlett, won the medley relay race in 3 mins. 41.5 secs., which was quite a good effort.

Final positions in the match were : 1, Southgate H.; 2, Belgrave H.; 3, Shaftesbury H.; 4, Slough A.C.

### CLUB HANDICAP MEETING

Our usual August handicap meeting was held on the 13th and once again entries were not up to standard and one wonders if it is worth while putting on so many handicap events, when they are so poorly supported by our members.

We had two heats in the 100 yards, and the final was won by D. Goodchild, a fairly new member, with Ian Forrester second and Gordon Lowers third.

Alan Picton won the 600 yards with Maurice Jones second and Eddie Lacey third, while Arthur Bruce won the 3 miles run, with Archie Bedford second and Ken Stimpson third.

In the 880 yards (under 19) handicap, the winner was a new member in S. G. Boreham, while the two back-markers, Maclean and Wright, filled the other placed positions.

The 2 miles walk was won by E. Hall with Syd Jarlett second and A. Wesson third, while first prize in the Javelin Throw went to a junior member in R. K. Woodley.

Also on the programme was a 440 yards open to unattached novices, and this was won by J. Murphy, with Coxon second and Roffey third. We hope these lads have now joined the club and wish them every success for the future.

### FLOODLIT ATHLETICS

Quite recently we have had two of these meetings held at the White City Stadium, and both have proved that there is a good public for this form of meeting and it would appear that we shall have many more such meetings in future seasons.

We were interested in both these meetings, as quite a number of our members were competing and in the first one held by the City Charity people, Denis Merrett was in both sprint finals, being fourth in the 100 and third in the 220 yards.

In the 1 mile event we saw Jack Brown run a fine race to win in the new record time for this contest of 4 mins. 18.8 secs., and then in the 2 miles team race the individual winner proved to be young Ray Tooby, in the fast time of 9 mins. 17.2 secs.

Tooby ran a really great race and as he beat Harry Hicks and Bill Lucas, both international runners, it would seem that next season Ray will be knocking on the door for international honours.

Also at this meeting we saw Harry Churcher walk away from his field in the 2 miles walk and Harry showed that he is still a power to be reckoned with in this branch of the sport.

The second meeting was the London v. Gothenburg match and the first event was a 7 miles walk and once again Harry Churcher gave the large crowd a thrill by keeping off the Swedish walker until just over the half-distance, when Harry had to give his much younger opponent best. Harry, however, held on to second position and his time of 52 mins. 28 secs. proves how well he walked.

Then came what was for the Belgrave members who were present, a very proud moment, when Len Herbert fought out a most thrilling finish with the Swedish runner to gain a fine victory in the 2 miles run with a time of 9 mins. 18.4 secs. This was the third time that Len has competed in this annual contest and now at the age of 38 he scored his first win in really magnificent style.

In the 1 mile match we saw Chas. Walker running as second string for London and right well did he do this when he beat the Swedish second string in an inches finish for third place.

Also on the programme was a 3,000 metres steeplechase, and John Bromley received an invite to compete in this and was running well up with the field when he came a cropper at the water jump on about the fifth lap and then gradually fell back.

We might say how pleased we were to see John Disley come into his own at last in this event and this just goes to prove how right his coach was.

#### **Friern Barnet Open 10,000 metres—August 25th**

1.	B. Hawkins (Met. C.C.)	...	46.18
7.	S. James	... ..	48.55
10.	S. Jarlett	... ..	49.34
15.	G. Oliver	... ..	49.53
16.	G. Waddingham	... ..	49.59
18.	C. Sutton	... ..	50.35
20.	E. Smith	... ..	50.38
32.	J. Tebbutt	... ..	52.53
33.	A. East	... ..	53.25
41.	J. Coton	... ..	55.31

Scratch Team : 3, Belgrave (James, Jarlett, Oliver, Waddingham).

Handicap Team : 3, Belgrave (Jarlett, Smith, James, Oliver).

#### **London Vidarians 25 miles Walk—August 25th**

This proved to be a proper "Belgrave Benefit," since our walkers took the biggest part of the prizes. We had a very good entry, which no doubt was accounted for by the fact that we were concentrating on another Brighton success and right from the outset practically all our men walked exceptionally well, with the exception of Harry Shields, who unfortunately

displeased a certain judge, and was ruled out. Hugh McGreechan once again showed how to go through the field on the second half of a long race and we finished with three scoring members in the first six. The same three also took first handicap team prizes, whilst our "B" team were third; added to this, Bert Clayton was third in the individual handicap, as well as winning the individual scratch race.

Complete times as follows:—

1.	H. Clayton	...	...	3.45.45
3.	J. Rutland	...	...	3.51.09
6.	H. McGreechan	...	...	3.56.32
10.	J. Bidgood	...	...	4.02.08
11.	A. Readman	...	...	4.03.10
15.	G. Checkley	...	...	4.07.06
17.	J. Wilson	...	...	4.10.28
20.	R. Frazer	...	...	4.15.51
31.	S. Spencer	...	...	4.29.49
34.	G. Atkinson	...	...	4.31.29
37.	G. Doubleday	...	...	4.33.35

Scratch Team : 1, Belgrave, 9 points (Clayton, Rutland, McGreechan).  
6, Belgrave "B," 46 points.

Handicap Team : 1, Belgrave "A," 10.48.26 (Clayton, Rutland, McGreechan). 3, Belgrave "B," 11.04.25.

Individual Handicap : 1, W. Wesson (2nd claim). 3, H. Clayton.

### THE BRIGHTON WALK—SEPTEMBER 8th

Of all the "near misses" which we have experienced in team races, the "Brighton" of 1951 will surely go down as the nearest of them all. With four men in the first twelve and the first team to finish, we had to be content with third place, only three points separating us from the winners.

With the exception of Bert Clayton, who was previously a doubtful starter, all our "A" Team turned up at Westminster on the morning of September 8th, plus a very plucky "B" Team, who hoped to gain nothing more than a few blisters, and everything looked fairly well set for us to bring the shield back once gain. All our walkers settled down to steady walking, with Hugh McGreechan as our first man. Close behind were Jack Rutland, Jack Bidgood, Jack Wakeley and Harry Shields. As early as Croydon, Jack Wakeley showed signs of trouble with his shoes and soon began losing ground. The other four kept going well and a check at Horley showed us a slight lead over Highgate, with Poly also quite close. Hugh then started putting the pressure on and rapidly gained places, but this was offset by McSweeney of Highgate and Bailey of Poly, who were also moving up very fast. Meanwhile, our next scoring three were hanging close together and undoubtedly helping each other along. A further check at Peas Pottage disclosed that we were then tying with Highgate at 35 points each, whilst Poly were third with 39 points. McSweeney and Bailey, however, still continued to make up a number of places and although Hugh McGreechan was increasing his speed and overtook three men, as two of them were individuals this did not affect the score to any great extent and at the Castle Hickstead, Highgate had a clear lead of about 10 points, with Poly second and us third. Hugh was then told to try and make up a couple more places, and walking at a pace, probably faster than anyone in the race he proceeded to overtake first Leveridge of the Beagles and then Megnin of Highgate, two very valuable points. In the meantime, the other three still kept well together and succeeded in overtaking one of the Poly men. Their efforts, however, did not reap the

full reward, although the result remained in doubt until after our four scoring members had finished. With Poly's fourth man in, their score was 2 points less than ours, which meant we had lost the shield, but we still had to wait for Highgate's fourth man, who eventually scored in 16th position to give Highgate team honours with 29 points, Poly second, with 30 points, and us third, with 32 points.

Hugh continued his fast pace and finished in fifth position in the excellent time of 8 hrs. 46 mins. 25 secs., thus winning the "Belgrave" Cup at his second attempt. Second and third places were shared by Jack Bidgood and Jack Rutland, whilst Harry Shields was only a couple of places behind.

Our other "A" Team men, Dick Frazer, Fred Rolfe and Joe Wilson, all finished in the thirties. A most surprising race was walked by John Downs, a member who we have seen but little of. After only having a couple of strolls, he tackled his first Brighton and completed the course in under 10 hours, finishing perfectly fit and without one blister. Congratulations, John, on a good show. Our remaining walkers, Alan Robins, Syd Spencer and Gordon Doubleday, all finished the course, whilst Ron Fairman was obliged to retire with blistered feet.

A good number of supporters and a grand team of attendants accompanied the walkers and it is quite certain, had much to do with the progress of our lads. The reinstitution of a double-decker bus worked exceptionally well and provided good transport for the cycles on the return journey.

In congratulating all the walkers on their splendid efforts, I think we should add a word of sympathy on their near success.

Placings and times of our members:—

		h.	m.	s.
5.	H. McGreechan ...	8	46	25
13.	J. Bidgood ...	8	58	49
14.	J. Rutland ...	8	58	49
17.	H. Shields ...	9	00	56
31.	R. Frazer ...	9	22	24
32.	F. Rolfe ...	9	23	16
36.	J. Wilson ...	9	27	08
47.	J. Downs ...	9	47	31
50.	S. Spencer ...	9	50	13
56.	J. Robins ...	9	58	57
71.	G. Doubleday ...	10	28	57

Team Race : 1, Highgate Harriers, 29 points; 3, Belgrave, 32 points.

### FINAL TRACK MEETING

This was held at Tooting on September 15th, and we had the club 3 miles track championship with a number of handicap events. The latter were again not too well supported, but we had a big field for the 3 miles and this probably affected the entries for some of the other events.

Jack Brown, the holder, was a non-starter, but a small bunch of runners soon detached themselves from the rest of the field with Lucas, Herbert, Tooby, Bromley, Stokell, Bruce and Stearman more or less together. Herbert then went in front and gradually drew away from the rest, with Bromley and Lucas having a battle for the other placed positions. The time was a new club record for this event and showed that all our lads were running well for so late in the season.

The 880 yards handicap saw two new members out in front and both Murphy and Coxon are very useful additions to our ranks. Doug Briggs managed to gain third place in a fast-run race.

In the 220 yards handicap we had two heats and the final was won by J. D. Benstead with P. Cornish second and Frank Kemp third. The latter ran well off a back mark but is considering taking it easy for the next season or two.

The 1 mile (under 19) event saw the limit man retain his lead throughout, with Harry Greene making a good effort to overtake him. Peter Courtney was third and Don Maclean, who was the scratch man, seemed to be having a training run only.

In the 2 miles walk we saw our old friend Colin Sutton getting among the prizes once again and his trip abroad has evidently not impaired his speed.

We put on a 120 Hurdles event, but this only drew three competitors and John Briggs just failed to catch his limit man.

B. Miska won the Discus handicap from George Powell and the Hop, Step and Jump handicap was won by Ian Forrester.

Also on the programme was an 880 yards novices race, open to unattached competitors, but we only had three starters for this and one wonders if there are any unattached athletes about, especially as most lads seem to join a club while still at school.

Complete results are given below :—

120 yds. Hurdles.—1, J. Bromley (15); 2, P. J. Briggs (Scr.). Time: 16.6 secs.

880 yds.—1, Murphy (75); 2, Coxon (85); 3, Briggs (60). Time: 1 min. 53.4 secs.

2 Mile Walk.—1, Sutton (440); 2, Coton (580); 3, James (325). Time: 14 mins. 9 secs.

880 yds. Novices.—1, Avery; 2, Schroeder; 3, Crawley. Time: 2 mins. 20 secs.

Discus Throw.—1, Miska, 131 ft. 7 ins.; 2, Powell, 126 ft. 7½ ins.; 3, Bergvalds, 124 ft. 2½ ins.

220 yds.—1, Benstead (14); 2, Cornish (15); 3, Kemp (6). Time: 22.8 secs.

Triple Jump.—1, Forrester, 42 ft.; 2, Sells, 41 ft. 6½ ins.; 3, Parsons, 40 ft. 10 ins.

1 Mile Junior.—1, Bird (150); 2, Greene (30); 3, Courtney (50). Time: 4 mins. 36.4 secs.

3 Miles Run.—1, L. W. Herbert, 14 mins. 40.8 secs.; 2, J. Bromley, 14 mins. 54 secs.; 3, W. E. Lucas, 14 mins. 58 secs.

(Standards) 1st class.—R. C. Tooby, C. L. Stokell, A. H. Bruce, M. J. Stearman.

(Standards) 2nd class.—G. J. Goode, R. F. Bolam, C. N. Collis, L. A. Adams, E. Stimpson, S. Charlton, B. L. Hudson, L. C. Bishop, G. J. Stace.

## SURREY COUNTY ROAD RELAY

This was the fourth race to be held and once again we managed to win the "John Underhill" Memorial Trophy for the fourth time.

Our team was minus Len Herbert and Len Adams, not to mention Jack Broughton and Jimmy Wood, who are eligible for this event, so that although we were pressed rather closely by Herne Hill Harriers, who had Greene, of Reading, assisting them, we can be quite satisfied with the actual result.

John Bromley handed over in third place on the first "leg" and then Arthur Bruce took us into the lead with a really fine run and he did the fastest time of our team and indeed the third fastest of the afternoon.

The rest of our team managed to keep in front, although Chas. Walker allowed Green to hand over with him at the end of the third stage, but Archie Bedford, Eddie Short and Bill Lucas saw to it that we maintained our unbeaten record for this race.

Times of our runners were: Bromley, 14.31; Bruce, 14.20; Walker, 14.32; Bedford, 14.35; Short, 14.40; Lucas, 14.25.

Team result was: 1, Belgrave H., 87.03; 2, Herne Hill H., 87.18; 3, South London H., 90.12; 4, Surrey A.C., 91.02; 5, Mitcham A.C., 96.04; 6, Croydon H., 96.30; 7, Epsom & Ewell H., 97.07; 8, Godalming A.C., 98.40; 9, Sutton & Cheam H., 101.27.

**Pewsey Carnival 7 Miles Walk—September 22nd**

1.	G. Gregory	...	...	55.43
3.	H. Clayton	...	...	58.30
10.	P. Wright	...	...	61.45
31.	B. Eglington	...	...	68.11

Team Race.—1, Belgrave, 34 points.

**Highgate Harriers "One Hour" Meeting—September 22nd**

We did not support this meeting in great strength, but nevertheless managed to take third place in the team event. Distances of our members were as follows:—

				miles	yards
S. James	...	...	...	7	356
A. Readman	...	...	...	7	155
G. Oliver	...	...	...	6	1515
E. Smith	...	...	...	6	1472
A. East	...	...	...	6	1245
J. Robins	...	...	...	6	1023
S. Spencer	...	...	...	6	650
J. Coton	...	...	...	6	544
J. Goswell	...	...	...	5	1464

**CLUB 3 MILE ROAD RUN HANDICAP**

On September 29th a field of 73 runners faced the starter. As there were also many others out for training spins this meant that we had over a hundred club members attending Belgrave Hall for the opening run of the winter season, which is a very healthy sign.

George Still was first away as the limit man and he also finished the course in good style and it is really remarkable how George keeps going for year after year, seeing that he was in a "National" winning team in 1904.

The winner of the handicap race proved to be Mick Tween, with Peter Courtney close behind and Eddie Short just beating Len Adams for third place.

Fastest actual time was done by young Ray Tooby and owing to restrictions on space we are only able to give the first 25 positions, as under:—

Position	Name	Hcp. Time	Start	Act. Time	Position	Name	Hcp. Time	Start	Act. Time
1	M. H. Tween	13.44	2.55	16.39	14	B. L. Hudson	14.19	1.30	15.49
2	P. P. Courtney	13.49	2.20	16. 9	15	J. E. Godfrey	14.21	2.15	16.36
3	E. A. Short	13.56	1.10	15. 6	16	R. F. Bolam	14.24	1.20	15.44
4	L. A. Adams	13.57	1.20	15.17	17	P. G. Newell	14.26	1.15	15.41
5	E. M. Bishop	14. 3	2. 0	16. 3	18	A. W. Bedford	14.28	1. 0	15.28
6	W. Bird	14. 8	2.20	16.28	19	A. Smith	14.29	2.40	17. 9
7	D. Briggs	14. 9	2. 0	16. 9	20	R. G. Savage	14.35	3.40	18.15
8	M. J. Stearman	14.11	1.10	15.21	21	F. M. Mitchell	14.36	3.20	17.56
9	M. F. Porter	14.12	1.45	15.57	22	D. W. Jones	14.37	2.55	17.32
10	R. C. Tooby	14.15	0.50	15. 5	23	H. J. Pinchin	14.38	3. 0	17.38
11	A. H. Bruce	14.16	1.10	15.26	24	S. Jefferson	14.40	3.40	18.20
12	H. E. Footer	14.17	2.20	16.37	25	A. Housego	14.46	3.10	17.56
13	R. T. Taylor	14.18	1.15	15.33					

(69 finished the course.)

**R.W.A. JUNIOR FIVE MILES CHAMPIONSHIP—SEPTEMBER 29th**

Although we had entered a team for this race, which is confined to the age group of 17-21, Gerry Warr unfortunately was unable to compete, thus leaving us with a bare three. Of these Michael Parks came under the judges ruling and was disqualified. Eric Hall finished in 15th position and George Beecham 24th, but we did not close in a team. It is hoped that some more youngsters will be recruited for this championship next year. Brian Shepherd, a second claim member, walked exceedingly well to finish 2nd to N. Read of Steyning A.C.

## FIVE MILES CLUB HANDICAP—SEPTEMBER 29th

1	Churcher, H.	36.32	13	Scamell	42.47
2	McMullen	37.38	14	True	42.52
3	Sutton	38.54	15	Coton	43.16
4	Oliver	39. 8	16	Doubleday	43.21
5	James	40. 1	17	Hill	43.51
6	Bellchamber	40. 1	18	Eglinton	44.35
7	Rutland	40. 9	19	Garwood	45. 6
8	East	40.31	20	Jeffrey	45.12
9	Bidgood	40.35	21	Wilson, P.	45.14
10	Shields	40.40	22	Joswell	47.44
11	Jarlett	41.19	23	Coleman	49.12
12	Wesson	41.31	24	Herring	50.36

Handicap result : 1. J. Bellchamber (4.30); 2. J. Scamell (7.15); 3. J. Bidgood (4.35), H. Shields (4.40).

## SOUTHERN BRIGHTON ROAD RELAY

This was the second race under the heading of "Southern" and it was a pity that the holders of the trophy, Thames Valley Harriers, saw fit not to enter a team for this year's contest.

However, there was an entry of 20 clubs for this race promoted by the "News of the World" and although he protested, the ribboned baton was handed to our representative, Bill Lucas, at the start.

At the first change-over it was carried, however, by the Blackheath runner Jack Braughton, who is second-claim to us, and Bill Lucas was in 4th place although his time of 29 min. 43 secs., compared well with previous times done by our runners on this rather long and difficult stage.

Chas Walker ran a good race on the next stage to take us up into 2nd place and was only 1 second slower than Morley of Blackheath who were still in the lead.

A change of lead then took place when the Aylesford man went in front to be followed by Archie Bedford with Blackheath now in third place.

Arthur Bruce was our next runner and he did well to beat the previous club record for this stage although Blackheath had now taken the lead again with Aylesford lying third behind us.

On the fifth stage Blackheath kept their lead and Les Stokell ran a dogged race to hang on to 2nd place and here again his time compared well with previous times recorded by our men, although nearly a minute slower than Charlie Smart's record breaking run for this "leg" last April.

Ray Tooby was on the short sixth stage and he cut into Blackheath's lead and his time of 10 min. 35 secs., was also a new club record for this 2 miles run.

On the long 7th stage we had Len Herbert and as we had expected, and also hoped, he overtook the Blackheath runner and gave us a lead of 25 seconds. Len's time of 30 min. 23 secs. beat the previous best club time by Tom Carter by three seconds.

Len Adams and Eddie Short maintained our lead on the 8th and 9th stages, although the latter had a bad time near the end of his run and the Blackheath man was only 9 seconds behind at the change-over.

On the last "leg" Jack Brown was really in form and he went right away from the rest of the field to give us our fifth win out of the last six races on the Brighton Road. His time of 17 min. 23 secs. was only three seconds behind Pat Parker's fine run in 1938, and was the fastest of the day beating Nankeville's time by 3 seconds.

Result :—1, Belgrave H., 3.52.48; 2, Blackheath H., 3.54.30; 3, Polytechnic H., 3.56.36; 4, Reading A.C., 3.57.34; 5, Herne Hill H., 3.59.11; 6, Walton A.C., 3.59.56.

## WITH OUR ROAD MEN

We had some of our lads competing in the Kent County 20 Miles Road Race, which has an open team race in conjunction, and the placings and times were—14, A. Whitehead, 2.7.57; 26, A. Smith, 2.13.41; 30, A. Penstone, 2.15.26; Bert Jordan also started but retired at about 12 miles.

We had a team go over to Ryde in the Isle of Wight for a 15 miles road race and they finished second to Mitcham A.C. in the team race. Positions of our men were—4, Tobin; 5, McDonald; 8, Stimpson; 10, Whitehead; 14, Penstone.

In the Mitcham A.C. 15 miles open road race we had quite a good number of our members competing and B. L. Hudson was first man home for us in 11th position, which was quite a good performance. Other placings were—18, C. Abberton; 21, McDonald; 23, E. Stimpson; 25, Footer; 34, A. Smith; 37, A. Jordan; 39, F. Mitchell; 43, Penstone; 44, T. Mitchell.

At Hadleigh on July 21st, Charlie Smart was first home in a 6 miles road race, and our team was second to Southend A.C. in the team race. Ted Stimpson was 8th, McDonald 12th, Tobin 13th, Footer 14th, and Bert Smith 18th.

Then at Watford on the 28th July, Ted Stimpson was third in a 10 miles open event and was unlucky in the fact that although he was in the lead when they entered the sports ground, he lost two places in the final lap of the track due mainly to being almost out on his feet owing to the hot weather conditions. Dick Tobin was 4th, Bert Footer 6th and Bert Smith 7th.

Ted Stimpson also ran a good race at Swindon in a 15 miles road race, when he finished second to A. A. Robertson, the International runner. With good support from McDonald and Tobin we took second team prizes to Reading A.C.

Some of our lads also went to the Peterborough Marathon on August 6th, and the placings were—9, C. Abberton 2.50.59; 19, A. Penstone, 3.7.2; 25, A. Whitehead, 3.37.54. Team result was—1, Blackheath H., 18; 2, Belgrave H., 53; 3, Hull H. & A.C., 56.

On the same day we had a team at Oxted in the 7 miles road handicap and they won the team event by finishing 4-5-6 to score 15 points as against the local club's 22, with Kent A.C. 26, and Mitcham A.C. 37. Young R. Linstead ran well to finish 4th, with Bert Jordan 5th, Bert Smith 6th, Jack Lacey 8th and Dick Savage 15th.

### “BELGRAVE FOR THE NATIONAL”

The cross-country season is now well advanced and we shall soon be holding the first of our club championships, which should give us an indication as to the strength of our teams for the coming “open” races.

It is from this time that we must really get down to hard work, as the courses are becoming heavier with the winter rain, etc., and we can no longer depend on the speed we attained during the track season to carry us through.

We must increase our distance and slowly build up additional stamina in order to cope with the harder courses and more rigorous conditions. It is now that the real cross-country runner shows his worth but unless he is prepared to train harder and more systematically he will find that his progress is impaired and that the more determined and stronger minded of his club-mates are leaving him behind.

It is no easy matter to forsake the comfort of the fireside on a winter's evening, especially in these days of television, to put in a five or seven miles or even longer training run but to those who may feel like giving way to an evening in an armchair I would commend the thought that this is to be Belgrave's year and that every evening or Saturday wasted, may mean just that one place in a major event which would make the difference between victory or defeat.

I want all club members, youths, juniors and seniors, to try to find time to put in at least one more training session each week, than you have done in previous years, and to pledge yourself to do all within your power to improve on your previous best placing in these major competitions.

I know that we have sufficient promise in our younger members for them to win their respective championships, and also know that Micky Pyer has confidence in them to do this.

When that feeling of apathy comes upon you and you cannot make up your mind whether to go out training or to turn up for that club fixture, please remember that without perfect team work we cannot expect to win races. No one man can take us to victory—it depends upon you all for even though you may not be in the scoring team you can still do your bit to help to peg back the opposition by backing up as close to the rest of the team as possible.

The club officials will give you every encouragement in your quest for team selection and even if you do not make the grade this season, you are building up the stamina, speed and experience for forthcoming years.

From now onwards I want you to have one slogan in mind "Belgrave for the National," and whether you are running in our team or giving vocal support, to have no doubts about the capabilities of the club to win this event, as we have done in the past.

If any of you have any difficulties about your training or require information of any sort, how to placate the wife, etc., please see me and I will endeavour to put you on the right track. A word in the right direction may clear up your troubles and assist you with your training methods.

In conclusion, I would impress upon all members the necessity for attending all club fixtures, both home and away. They are designed to help you to reach a peak of fitness at the right time and are spaced at intervals so that no harm can be done by over-racing.

Don't leave it to only a few members to keep the club to the fore, remember our slogan and give your utmost support to the club at all times.

BILL LUCAS (C.C. Captain).

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The Club expresses deepest sympathy with Ron Patience and his wife in the sad loss of their young son, aged nine, who was killed while at play.

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## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Belgrave Hall

The new "House" Sub-Committee again crave your indulgence for conditions prevailing at the Hall. Every effort is being made to obtain the necessary licences for rebuilding. We ask, therefore, that you bear with us and hope that by the winter season of 1952 we will have reached at least part of our objective, i.e., completely rebuilding the hall.

Meanwhile your committee are willing to discuss any suggestions offered by you to improve the amenities at Wimbledon. Come now, don't keep your grumbles to yourselves, let us share in them. In this way we hope to be able to please everybody.

I would ask all members to make full use of the telephone now installed in the outside lobby. The charge is now 3d. and the number WIM. 6857.

TOM MORRELL, Hon. Sec., House Sub-Committee.

### **Clothing Section**

I would like to bring to your notice a marked decline in the sale of club clothing. This is very much in evidence at Club meetings both on the track and over the country. I always regard it as an honour to wear the club colours and do so on every possible occasion. Imagine my amazement when a few weeks ago at Wimbledon, a member asked "Where did you get that tie?" Well, when I got up, I told him in no uncertain manner that club ties, unique in colour and design are 10/6 each and real value for money. They can be worn with any style of suiting and can be purchased from me.

Look around the hall any Saturday and what do you see? You don't know? Then I will tell you. The strangest collection of vests ever worn by a bunch of athletes. Let's get together and put this matter right. Club vests can be obtained from me in YOUR SIZE. Chest measurements 34-36-38 and 40. Badges for vests and track suits are 2/6 each.

Two further articles of club wear are metal badges, 2/- each, and sets of letters for track suits at 5/6 per set.

I am now operating payment cards for any member wishing to use them. These will be treated in strict confidence and I hope you will not hesitate to take advantage of the facilities offered. The only stipulation is that the goods cannot be delivered until payment is complete.

Any of the above mentioned articles can be had direct from me, by post if necessary, providing you enclose the extra for postage.

T. MORRELL (Asst. Hon. Treasurer),  
3, Florian Road, Putney, S.W.15.

### **Boxing Day Meeting**

This traditional meeting of ours will be held as usual this year. This meeting is unique for the attraction it holds for both old and young and some of our very old and enthusiastic members. So if you wish to renew old friendships, come along and, in addition, enjoy some good racing.

### **Social**

Our new Social Hon. Secretary Jack Lacey has arranged a Dance at the Chenil Galleries, Chelsea, on Saturday, January 12th, 1952. Tickets 3/6 each. Come along and support this Dance and your hard working Social Secretary—and bring your OWN girl friend.

We are pleased to report that our President, Alf Harley, has been elected President of the R.W.A. for the current year. We know Alf will be a worthy addition to the famous names which have previously graced this office.

At the A.G.M. of the South of Thames C.C.A. Ernie Duffett was elected President for the current year and so follows in the path of two former Belgrave Presidents, Harry Hare and the late Harry Parker.

### **Fixture Cards**

HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?—The treasurer has already explained to you the new system of issuing gummed receipts. There are hundreds of books waiting to be sent out. The quickest way to get yours is to send your subs into the Treasurer straight away and in return you will receive a new handbook complete with receipt on the back.

If you are fortunate enough to have got your handbook without paying your subs, remember that it is not complete WITHOUT THAT RECEIPT. So—PAY UP—LICK UP—AND STICK UP.

### **Children's Party**

The Children's Party will again be held at Belgrave Hall on Sunday, December 30th. Donations towards the cost of the Party should be sent to J. A. Lacey.

## Here and There

Those members who knew the late Bob Martin, one of our foremost distance walkers will be pleased to hear that his daughter Sheila is following in his footsteps and on November 3rd was 2nd in the Women's 2 miles National Junior Championship at Regents Park.

On July 21st Geoff. Gregory won the Amesbury Carnival 2 miles handicap in 14.33.2.

On August 18th Bert Clayton was 2nd in the Old Basing 2 miles Open Handicap.

Congratulations to Alan Sexton on his brilliant running in Rome for British Services in International Events and more recently his successes in Cambridge University Freshmen's Sports. We hope and expect him to gain his "blue" in a few months time and we hope his studies will permit him to turn out for us in the more important inter-club and other meetings of the year.

Teddy Gordon sends best wishes to all members.

We regret to report the illness of Oscar Horwood and we send wishes for a speedy recovery and assure him we do still remember his wonderful work for the Club thirty years ago.

An interesting and pleasing presentation was made at the finish of the recent Southern London to Brighton road relay when the "News of the World" very kindly presented to the "Bels," the plinth of the old Gold Cup, which is now awarded for the "National" event.

On this plinth are the names of such famous clubs as Birchfield H. (5 times), Hallamshire H. (twice); Salford H. (twice), Mitcham A.C. (3 times), while Belgrave appears on it 6 times.

It was for this latter reason that the "News of the World" decided to hand us the plinth for safe keeping and we shall treasure it with the respect it deserves.

We are glad to know that Bob Duffett, the son of our Running Hon. Secretary has now fully recovered from his flying accident, when he and a friend crashed in an "Auster" plane, while on a trip to Amsterdam to see his parents, who were over there on holiday.

We were pleased to hear from Brian Rice, one of our promising junior members, who is now with the Training Battalion R.A.S.C. and he says that he hopes to be able to turn out for the club during the present cross-country season.

At our Club Dinner we were pleased to see "Splinter" Tranter now home from Singapore, and hope that we shall see him turning out on the track next season.

Congratulations to Les Stokell and Mrs. Stokell on the birth of a daughter and if we get many more female additions to the club strength, we shall have to consider starting a ladies' section, shades of Footer!

Jack Shotter, Captain in the Regular Army, is now in Middle East and sends best wishes to all his friends at "Belgrave Hall."

*DON'T FORGET*

# *THE DANCE*

*at The Chenil Galleries,  
Kings Road, Chelsea  
adjoining Chelsea Town Hall*

*on Saturday, January 12th, 1952  
at 7-30 p.m.*

*Tickets 3/6 each*

*may be obtained from any member of  
the Social Committee*

*BOOK NOW*