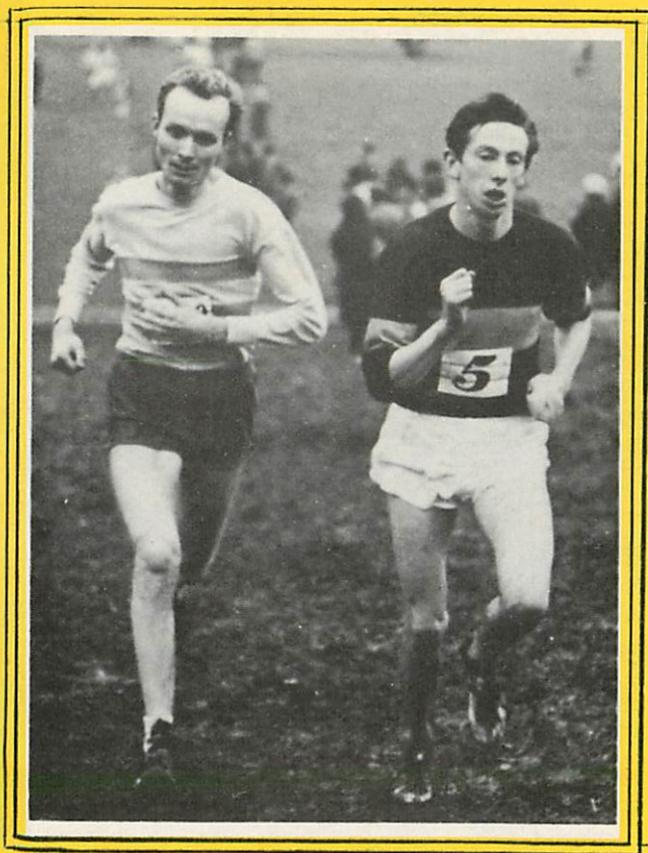


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**FRONT COVER:** (Ed. Leacy) Tony Faldrough, one of Britain's leading juniors, fights his way past Graham (Windsor) in the Southern championships to finish 3rd. Two weeks later he was 5th in the 'National'.



**FRONTISPIECE:** (C. Shippen) The start of the Club '54'.



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## EDITORIAL

We are delighted to welcome to Belgrave all those members of Kingston A.C. who have taken the advice of their officers and joined us after the closure of their local club. Our old friend Ben Lullum will still be looking after his charges at Norbiton, but now in the name of Belgrave. Norbiton track is a stronghold of Surrey A.C. so Ben will need all the support he can get. The more "claret and gold" we have on show there the better, so those of our members who live in the vicinity would do well to seek out Ben Lullum and make full use of his coaching experience, particularly sprinters, and remember - wear those club vests!

To those members of Kingston A.C. who have not yet made up their mind which club to join, we would say that Belgrave's fixture list is second to none (summer and winter) and that no one is refused a run at any inter-club match. So if you want the competition it's there for the taking.

On the subject of club vests, there were several instances this last winter of Belgravians competing in colours other than claret and gold. This is to be deplored. Tommy Robertson, immediate past - President of Surrey County raised this matter at the last Surrey Supper after seeing a relay the previous week where the variety of vests on show completely confused the onlooker. One team had only one member wearing his club vest. Mr. Robertson appealed to the Surrey clubs to reverse this undesirable trend. We in turn ask all Belgravians to take note, and would like to see section captains and secretaries ensuring that their teams line up properly attired.

## DAN PATIENCE

It is with real regret that we have to record the death of DAN PATIENCE on February 28th at Inverness. Dan had a leg amputated about 18 months ago, since when his health had deteriorated rapidly. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dan's widow and his son aged 15, and daughter of 12 years.

Dan Patience, a regular serving soldier in the Scots Guards with his three brothers, was a great favourite with all during the 1930's and was a scoring member in our first winning English Cross-Country Championship team in 1935, and again in 1939. We take our leave of a grand sportsman, a splendid runner and a great Belgravian.

Vice-President of the Club and doyen of all road-runners, Ernest Neville was 80 years old in July last year. As a token of their respect and affection, the R.R.C. held a dinner party in his honour at the House of Commons dining rooms. Alf Harley, on behalf of Belgrave Harriers, sent the following self-explanatory telegram:-  
"Sincere congratulations from President, Officers, Committee & Members of Belgrave Harriers and best wishes for at least another twenty years of your enthusiasm, competence, benevolence and distinction."

## HON. SEC'S NOTES

The unfortunate loss of Dan Patience does bring back recollections of that March day at Beaconsfield in 1935 when Belgrave won their first E.C.C.U. Championship. 295 ran and our team scored :- Bert Footer (11) Dan Patience (14) Jim Ginty (15) Alf Taylor (18) Tom Carter (19) Harry Shields (20) - 97 points against 154 of Salford Harriers and 156 of Surrey A.C.. Our team packing was remarkable - six men placed between 11th and 20th scoring positions!

In 1939 we won again, scoring 122 points on this occasion. There were 392 runners in the field and our scoring men were:- Ted Stimpson (3) Arthur Penny (5) Tom Carter (17) Bert Footer (28) Harry Shields (34) Dan Patience (35) Further wins came in 1946 and 1948, and we had the excellent record of winning or placed team medals in ten consecutive championships, 1933 - 1939 and 1946 - 1948.

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So much for the past! What of the future? In the larger fields of today, and with the changed scoring arrangements now in force, larger team scores are inevitable. It is obvious however, that six men in sixty places can win the Championship - if they are reasonably spread i.e. one in the first 10, one in 11 - 20, one in 21 - 30 and so on. Is this so impossible? We could all name the runners who could take up these positions for us - or better maybe thirty years after we first won, we can win again!

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Our combined record in Youths, Juniors and Senior E.C.C.U. Championships this year was second only to one other Club - Coventry Godiva H. We were 12th in the Youths Race (of 120 Clubs); 9th in the Junior (of 105 Clubs) and 8th in the Senior (of 133 Clubs) - a really splendid combined effort in which we can take great pride. In addition, our congratulations go to Gerry North on his sixth place in the Senior and on International selection; to Tony Fairclough - 5th in the Junior Championship; and to John Bicourt, seventh in the Youths event. All this magnificent running in fields of fantastic size; and its promise for the future.

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Our Club Open 20 miles Run will be held on Saturday July 18th at Wimbledon and your support is requested. Offers of help should go to the Race Hon. Sec. Charlie Manning, 1b Morton Road, Morden Surrey.

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Club Track and Field Championships will be held at Hurlingham Track on Saturday June 6th. In addition to providing a fine afternoon's sport, this is the opportunity for a gathering together of all members young and old. Make a note in your diary right away.

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We welcome back to our Coaching List Bel Lulham, who will give special service to our members in the Kingston area. We have many new members residing in this district and we are sure they will prove loyal and outstanding members of this Club.

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In the recent ballot for the Committee of the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association our General Hon. Sec. was placed equal third in the voting. Lea Cohen was 5th and Harry Shields equal 14th of the twenty elected members. Bill Lucas, our President, represents the Southern Counties Cross-Country Association and Frank Jarvis the Race Walking Association, Southern Area.

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Our sincere good wishes for lots of happiness in the future to Frank Simmons on his recent marriage and our thanks for all he has done and is doing for the Club, often under the adverse influence of indifferent health.

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We acknowledge gratefully messages of goodwill recently received from Vice President Albert Macher, walking champion of 40 years ago Harold King, our 1938 Empire Games quarter miler Eddie Pack, Vice President Ranjit Bhatia from Delhi, and from our old masseur Tom Eaton living in the Reading area, & from Vice President George Powell at present living at Broadstairs.

A.A.H.

# WELCOME!

We are very pleased to welcome the following members who have joined us this year. Please read your Handbook and remember that all the officials listed therein will be only too pleased to help you.

The County or Country shown in brackets indicates the athlete's place of birth. If the athlete resides in a different county, then two years' continuous residence must be established if he wishes to "adopt" the county in which he lives.

Hugh Barrow	(Scotland)	Anthony Gwilliam	(Glos.)
J. F. Bone	(Surrey)	Colin Haylock	(Surrey)
David Davies	"	D. King	(Jamaica)
Robert Davies	"	James Vivian	(Middlesex)
Peter Eberle	(Switzerland)	John Walker	(Surrey)
Edward Geary	(Surrey)		
Philip Gibson	"		

Hon. Members: Ben Lullum of Kingston, A.F. Clements of Wimbledon.

2nd Claim Member: J. A. Nicholls (Wimbledon A.C.)

## A WORD FROM YOUR TRACK SECRETARY

This season we have an extremely full fixture list with an added interest to spice the latter half - the Club trip to Germany in August. Our first few fixtures are:-

25th April	- Battersea Park, Inter-Club.
2nd May	- Drayton Green, Gordon Stewart Trophy.
4th May	- Battersea Park, Club '6'
9/10th May	- Wimbledon Park, Surrey Relays.
13th May	- Battersea Park, Inter-Club
20th May	- Tooting Bec, Inter-Club.

Track Captain this year is to be Ron 'Ozog' Langheim and his Vice-Skippers are John Thresher and Alan Mead. Don't hesitate to contact any one of this trio or myself if you have any queries. We hope to support away fixtures with as good a team as we can muster and don't forget that there is no quicker way to fitness than regular competition. Do not be afraid of running yourselves silly, but help to make this a really successful track season. We have middle-distance strength and we must all be willing to run over 'strange' events in an effort to collect valuable points. We might even discover a potential Radford, Cooper or Lucking in this way. Wishing you all the best and plenty of medals in the weeks to come,  
Bob Taylor.

## XMAS 1963

25th December 1963. - Lauriston 30 minute Paarlaufl

1. D. Harvey & M. Burton (Mitcham A.C.)	6m.	937 yds.
2. P. Duggan & J. Halliday (Hercules A.C.)	6m.	869 yds.
3. R. Lovegrove & M. Kortenray (Wimbledon A.C.)	6m.	798 yds.
10. J. Davies & M. Shingles (Belgrave H.)	6m.	372 yds.
12. L. O'Hara & D. Baines (Belgrave H.)	6m.	287 yds.
14. A. Black & M. Reynolds (Belgrave H.)	6m.	148 yds.

### BOXING DAY MEETING

#### 2 mile handicap (track)

1. J. Hilton	(600 yds)	8:57:0
2. A. Mead	(620 yds)	9:17:0
3. I. Chandler	(620 yds)	9:20:0
4. J. Hampshire	(250 yds)	9:22:0
5. T. Hart	(210 yds)	9:25:0
6. F. Paget	(320 yds)	9:26:0

#### 2 lap road walk

1. R. C. Hall	(4:30 pen)	32:07
2. E. W. Hall	(6:20 pen)	32:20
3. B. Hooper	(2:45 pen)	32:21
4. R. Linstead	(3:30 pen)	32:36
5. J. Wilson	(-:25 pen)	33:43
6. P. Wilson	(- pen)	34:12

#### 120 yds

1. D. Rees	(8 yds)	12.5
2. D. Gordon	(8 yds)	12.6
3. P. Jones	(12 yds)	12.7
4. R. Dommett	(11 yds)	13.1

#### SHOT

1. C. Ryan	(11'6")	39'6"
2. R. Dommett	(13'0")	39'4"
3. M. Smithers	(13'9")	38'4"
3. T. Hart	(15'6")	38'4"

# A Farewell To BARRY SAWYER

by Ron Linstead

By the time this issue of the "Belgravian" appears, Barry Sawyer, our marathon champion and record holder will almost certainly be in South Africa preparing for the 54 mile Durban - Pietermaritzburg Comrades marathon to be run on 30th May. This is just stage I on his overall journey of emigration to New Zealand which is his ultimate destination and where he intends to settle. Certainly in the land of Lydiard and Snell he should have both the climate and the opportunity to train as hard as he likes and to develop his full potential.



(Photo: R. Linstead)

B.S.'s first love was chess and he was introduced to the Bels by an office colleague Alan Bishop back in 1959. Stuck at an office desk for most of his working day and having no physically strenuous hobby or pastime Barry wanted to keep himself reasonably fit. After a brief introduction to Denmark Road and the horse-rides on Wimbledon Common, he was quickly bitten by the athletic bug. Virtually brainwashed by the teachings of Arthur Newton he began gradually to increase his daily mileage setting himself a target of at least 100 miles per week. As a comparative "scrubber" he ran his first marathon in 1960 clocking an inauspicious 3:28 mins. Last year to illustrate the extent of his improvement he ran exactly an hour faster in the Poly Windsor - Chiswick race and collected the Club Championship in record time. He continued to improve and by October last year he was in tremendous form when setting a new world best for the strictly unofficial distance of 25 miles track in the R.R.C. Race at Stompond Lane, Walton.

At times Barry, who to the outsider seems a bit of a "cold fish", has been something of an inconsistent competitor and this has perhaps been accentuated by his determined insistence on sticking rigidly to his training schedule. On several occasions he has refused to rest when injured or possibly a little off colour, but a good measure of his enthusiasm is the fact that he commutes regularly between "the Hall" and his Aldershot home to fulfill the 2nd half of his double training session day.

Barry is a much travelled man and apart from competing in the Ben Nevis, Wattstown (Rhonda) and Isle of Man Races, he has visited several European countries including France, Italy, Germany and Russia. In these countries he has had a variety of jobs! He has worked as a snake killer, grape harvester and forester. It was, in fact, whilst in the U.S.S.R. that he met

his future wife who was, herself, some way from home as she is a S. African. They have decided that when married they would like to make their home on the other side of the world in New Zealand, where, as we have already said, from the athletic point of view, conditions should be ideal. Whether, in fact, Barry intends to continue with the sport remains to be seen but we shall all look forward to seeing him run well in the Comrades Race and we are hoping to hear from him in the near future. Certainly we all wish him and his fiancée all the very best and would say how good it has been knowing him for the past years. Good luck Barry!

R.L.

## A COUNTRYMAN'S Jottings .....

Belgrave's "subsidiary" club, Cadogan AC, whose membership is restricted to Belgravians with Middlesex qualifications, has been getting steadily stronger in recent years. Without the assistance of Laurie O'Hara and Bill Kerr Cadogan AC still managed 5th place in the Middlesex championships, whilst Belgrave's Surrey team could only manage 7th at Coulsdon. This would be an opportune time to resume the old Belgrave/Cadogan contests in Club Championships, which were such a feature of our earlier hey-days. In 1948, Cadogan won the Middlesex title and Belgrave the Surrey, and rivalry was dead keen; but the custom was dropped when the Club hit its lean spell in the mid-fifties.

Belgrave/Cadogan scores this season have been (6 to score)  
Club '7'---31/62, Club '10'---46/53, '53'---41/45.

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How good it is to see Trevor Hart's sudden rise from rags to riches. For several years Trevor has been "scrubbing", despite showing promise as a youth. An increase in mileage, some training sessions at the "Duke of Yorks" track with our leading runners and a determined approach soon produced the long-awaited "break-through", which took Trevor to 3rd place in the '7', 6th in the '10', 12th in the Middlesex Co., 27th in the 5th of Thames Senior, 78th in the 'Southern', 164th in the National and a 7th fastest time on his stage of the Brighton relay.

I wonder just how many of our members could follow suit if they adopted a similar approach.

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The inter-counties championship has long since passed but it was interesting at the time to see how the various clubs were represented. John Moore (157th) ran for Middlesex and was Belgrave's only representative. On a five-to-score basis the 'inter-club' result would have been Portsmouth AC 149, Surrey AC 204, Derby 208, Coventry 231 and Bristol 295. As it was; Lancashire (without Gerry North) retained their title with 88 points from Middlesex 209 pts and Warwickshire 261 pts. Surrey could only finish 11th yet we still couldn't get a runner in the team!

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I suppose statistics can be made to prove anything but it was still a fact that for all round strength in the three divisions of the National Championships only Coventry could better us. In the 'Southern' we took the trophy for the lowest aggregate of placings in Senior, Junior and Youths races with (3,2,6,1)11pts and we hoped to do likewise in the National, but Coventry (3,1,14)18pts easily beat our (8,9,12)29pts; though there is no trophy for the premier event. Sale (31,2,1)34pts were next, followed by Derby (2,22,15)39pts and our old rivals Birchfield (11,5,34)50pts. Portsmouth's days must surely be numbered, for they have not finished Junior or Youth teams for several years.

To see how realistic the above placings are, a points total of six individuals (2 Sen. 2 Jun. 2 Youths) gave a result of Coventry 193, Belgrave 227, Derby 291, Birchfield 312 and Sale 315; the same five teams in almost similar order. Belgravians our future has never been brighter!

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John Thresher has had a pretty good season. Apart from building up his reputation in the athletics world he also passed his final examinations and is now a Chartered Accountant. Nothing, it would seem, can stand for long in the way of this successful young man. Nonetheless

there seems to be one irritating exception----a man he just cannot best-- his driving examiner! John takes his test shortly for the 4th time.

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In this month's "Athletics Arena" a whole page was devoted to an article on "Arthur's Place" (Lauriston Cottage). To scores of cross-country runners Arthur Whitehead's hospitality has long been appreciated. For many years now the doors of Lauriston Cottage have never been closed to runners and this amenity has permitted several thousand additional man-miles to be put in across the delightful terrain of Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park.

With fixtures now occupying almost every Saturday of the year Sunday mornings at Arthur's have become an institution in themselves. The excited chatter about the previous day's fixtures; the exchange of club news with athletes from Wimbledon, Mitcham, Hercules and S.L.H; the pack runs of 10, 15, or 22 miles; the return to a hot shower; the seemingly inexhaustible supply of tea and biscuits in Arthur's lounge and his ever-attentive interest in all that goes on, is almost a way of life. The psychological effect of this benevolence enables each runner to go into a new week's training feeling mentally refreshed and full of determination-- which is more than many coaches are able to achieve.

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How does Belgrave's name stand in the North? Well, a local Huddersfield paper had this to say just before the National Championships at Leicester, "-----it will take a powerful team to dislodge the champions Coventry Godiva, with their seven internationals. Only Portsmouth and the London club, Belgrave, of the 133 teams entered, look capable of presenting a threat to the holders". Perhaps it was written a year too-soon for Belgrave!

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In the May 1963 edition of this magazine I listed the year's eleven leading events for cross-country runners, with previous performances and my forecasts for the season just ended. Apart from our abysmal effort in the Surrey Co. Cross-Country my estimates were not far adrift. We recorded five wins as against only one in the previous three seasons, and the steady rate of improvement goes on. I won't trouble to compile a similar list for next season as I feel sure we will win them all!

## ●●●●● Countryman

### The North Surrey League

The first of this season's four fixtures was reported in our last issue, and we went into the second race with a lead of 79 points over Walton.

#### Race 2

Walton were hosts for the 2nd event and the race was held over a stiff course at Esher on December 14th. Although we packed fairly well and provided the individual winner in Gerry North, Walton rose to the occasion on home ground and regained all but 13 of our points lead. Cocks ran well but Walker and Morrison were disappointing.

RESULT:(actual positions)

1. G. North (Bels)	10. C. Dabbs	16. D. Cocks	28. J. Hampshire
2. B. Collins (Surrey)	12. J. Thresher	23. T. Hart	36. J. Dear
3. R. Roath (Walton)	15. A. Black	27. C. Walker	40. A. Morrison

TRANS:(10 to score)

1. Walton A.C. 140 pts	3. Hercules A.C. 308 pts	5. Surrey A.C. 363pts
2. Belgrave H. 206 pts.	4. Mitcham A.C. 346 pts	6. H.H.H. 467pts

#### Race 3

Held at Kingston on December 28th, Surrey A.C. were the home club. Our turn-out was not at all good, with most of our leading runners absent. Walton produced a strong team again and we could do nothing to stop them taking an overall points lead in the competition. Falrclough showed us a glimpse of future form but our last 3 scorers were too far down to provide a useful points total.

**RESULT:**(actual positions)

1. J. Snowden (Surrey)	7. A. Fairclough	19. C. Walker	23. C. Steer
2. G. Burt (Walton)	15. L. O'Hara	20. J. Hampshire	27. J. Davies
3. A. Sawyer (Surrey)	17. A. Black	21. D. Cocks	30. B. Nett
			40. J. Dear

**TEAMS:**(10 to score)

1. Walton A.C. 167 pts	3. Hercules A.C. 269 pts	5. Mitcham A.C. 338 pts
2. Belgrave H. 219 pts	4. Surrey A.C. 317 pts	6. H.H.H. 520 pts

**Race 4**

As last year, the final fixture was held at Addington over Herne Hill's course. Walton went into the race with a 39 points lead but, on paper, we were still capable of snatching the title. All of our lads ran to form, apart from Bill Kerr who was currently struggling with a bad patch of form, but Walton won the day yet again and took a winning lead of 81 points. Their victory was earned by taking a coachload of their best men to each fixture - the only way to win an event of this sort. In the four fixtures 19 different runners filled our scoring positions.

This final race produced an excellent win for Gerry North and another sound performance by all-rounder Vaughan Thomas. Although Gerry won three of the races, he did not qualify for the individual award as he did not compete in all 4 races - this went to Walton's Bob Roath for the 2nd successive year.

**RESULT:**(actual position)

1. G. North (Bels)	6. J. Thresher	21. C. Walker	27. D. Cocks
2. J. Snowden (Surrey)	9. A. Fairclough	23. C. Steer	30. V. Thomas
3. A. Harris (Mitcham)	14. J. Moore	24. T. Hart	33. A. Morrison

**TEAMS:**(10 to score)

1. Walton A.C. 146 pts	3. Mitcham A.C. 334 pts	5. H.H.H. 406 pts
2. Belgrave H. 188 pts	4. Hercules A.C. 338 pts	6. Surrey A.C. 418 pts

**FINAL TABLE:**

1. Walton A.C.	672 pts	4. Mitcham A.C.	1317 pts
2. Belgrave H.	753 pts	5. Surrey A.C.	1488 pts
3. Hercules A.C.	1252 pts	6. H.H.H.	1838 pts

## County Championships

### Surrey - Farthing Downs, Coulsdon.

A cold, foggy day - and a dismal display by Belgrave. Although our proportion of Surrey members seems to be swindling we are surely not so depleted that we could only field 3 recognised first-team men plus an unfit Ron Linstead.

The poor turn-out seemed to have a psychological effect on Thresher, Walker and Black, and none was able to find that Championship 'bite'. All three, of course, were capable of making the County team. John and Alan got good starts but faded in the latter stages. Once again, it was apparent that our boys did not relish hill-climbing and Black, in particular, suffered at the ascents.

Arthur Bruce had another reliable steady run, but Ron Linstead was in a sorry state and in a bout of coughing, tore a rib muscle. Bob Glover stepped into the breach to complete our scoring six, but his 89th actual position was too far back to get us anywhere in the team result, and our 7th position must have been a worst ever performance.

**RESULT:**

1. B. Collins (Surrey A.C.)	41:52	15. J. Thresher	43:29	101. A. Bishop	52:10
2. J. Roberts (S.L.H.)	42:06	17. C. Walker	:41	103. G. Heathfield	:28
3. E. Watt (Surrey A.C.)	:17	18. A. Black	:42	106. G. Piddington	52:38
4. D. Harvey (Mitcham)	:24	41. A. Bruce	45:25		
5. P. Barber (S.L.H.)	:30	64. R. Linstead	46:57	Also finished:	
6. K. Hazeltine (Surrey)	:32	89. R. Glover	48:55	D. Maclean.	

**Teams:**(12 ran)

1. Walton A.C. 94 pts.	2. Surrey A.C. 97 pts.	3. S.L.H. 141 pts.
7. Belgrave 232 pts.		

### Middlesex - Trent Park.

Although without Kerr and O'Hara, our Middlesex members, running under the name of Cadogan A.C. went two better than their Surrey counterparts by finishing 5th. With Bill and Laurie running, we would have gained at least 3rd place - no mean feat for our "second-string" county.

John Moore got a fair start and fought well to hold on to his place as last man in the County team (9th). Pat Newell backed up well and was always in the early 'teens but failed, for the umpteenth time, to get that County vest. Trevor Hart paced himself extremely well and moved through to pip

Newell in the final stages.

So Cadogan had three home in the Middlesex before Belgrave had one in the Surrey - and some say the Middlesex team was tougher!

**RESULT:**

1. J. Hogan (Poly)	42:05	9. J. Moore	Belgrave	45:37
2. M. Barratt (Ealing)	43:47	12. T. Hart	"	46:09
3. P. Mellor (Ponders E.)	44:40	13. P. Newell	"	:10
4. T. Briault	:43			
5. F. Seal	:43			
6. N. Fisher (Eton Manor)	:47			

<b>Teams:</b>	1. Ponders End	78 points
	2. Ealing H.	94 points
	3. Poly H.	124 pts
	5. Cadogan	197 pts

## DABBS' FINE WIN IN CLUB '10'

This was the first occasion on which Gerry North failed to win a Club race. However, Gerry had just recovered from a septic foot which had put him out of the Inter-Counties and this was his return to racing after a few weeks off. Dabbs and Sawyer set such a furious pace that Gerry eventually cracked, going from 3rd to 13th. Brother Geoff also appearing after a lay-off, retired in the early stages.

The Championship was held over a new lap of 2½ miles and the four circuits required gave our lads a fine knowledge of the course to be used the following week for the South of Thames Senior Championship. As the Club was also responsible for marking the South of Thames course, our marksmen etc. had an ideal dress-rehearsal also.

Dabbs and Sawyer went to the front right from the start and fought it out shoulder to shoulder. After one circuit, they had broken clear, with Walker, Black, Newell and Geoff North leading the remainder - Gerry was 10th and moving through.

After 2 laps, Geoff had retired and Gerry had moved up to join Black, Walker and Newell - a good 20 secs. behind Dabbs and Sawyer. Charlie must have sensed Gerry's effort for he piled on the pressure at the end of lap 3 and eased away from Barry going into the final circuit with a clear lead. Gerry was closing on Barry when he suddenly cracked and was soon back in the company of Black, Walker etc. Even the best athletes can't do without training and he gradually faded out to 13th. Meanwhile Charlie was going great guns and finished over a minute ahead of the 4th man. His run was particularly noteworthy for he also took the handicap award - no mean feat for a back-marker.

The first three were eligible for the following Saturday's big race so Belgravians had high hopes of a team win.

**RESULT:**

1. C. Dabbs	(1:30)	57:42	14. M. Shingles	(7:00)	64:06
2. B. Sawyer	(1:20)	58:03	15. P. Hilliar	(8:00)	66:11
3. A. Black	(2:00)	58:34	16. A. Bishop	(8:00)	68:50
4. C. Walker	(2:15)	58:43	17. D. Newell	(2:00)	68:50
5. P. Newell	(2:15)	58:46	18. G. Piddington	(11:00)	68:52
6. T. Hart	(3:00)	59:29	19. M. Reynolds	(12:30)	69:49
7. J. Brown	(3:30)	60:27	20. P. Wreach	(14:30)	72:02
8. J. Davies	(3:30)	60:32	21. P. Sutton	(14:00)	72:28
9. L. O'Hara	(2:30)	61:12	22. J. Macdonald	(14:00)	72:29
10. A. Bruce	(5:00)	61:31	23. P. King	(15:00)	73:37
11. W. Kerr	(1:00)	61:33	24. C. Manning	(19:00)	76:30
12. B. Nott	(5:00)	63:46	25. E. Hopkins	(16:00)	77:45
13. Gerry North (Scr.)		63:52	26 D. Maclean	(5:00)	84:05

Handicap: 1. C. Dabbs 56:12 2. C. Walker 56:28 3. T. Hart 56:29

## BELS. WIN STH. of THAMES SENIOR

**WIMBLEDON - FEBRUARY 1st**

It took 9 years to do it, but Belgrave have at last regained the South of Thames team trophy. Jackie Hampshire ran well enough to have scored in all but the first three teams, yet was Belgrave's 12th man home in 83rd place. Needless to say, we took the "twelve" cup!

There were 261 starters, and the course was a new 3-lap one over Wimbledon Common that took in part of the cemetery horse-ride, the Windmill "climb" and the "Avenue". Surrey A.C. were well away, with Walton close up, and after one circuit the Belts were third. Our opponents faded on the 2nd lap and the claret and gold vests began to take over. Dabbs moved thro' to 3rd, Thresher to the 'teens and Sawyer, Steer, Fairclough and Hart into the twenties.

On the final lap, Gibson of Surrey A.C. was well ahead and Charlie Dabbs who had now taken over 2nd place, had no hope of catching him. John Moore and Chris Steer moved thro8 in great style only just failing to catch Thresher. Twenty-five seconds covered 5 scorers after Dabbs - packing which no one could match. Hart, Kerr, and O'Hara didn't score!

**RESULT:**

1. W. D. Gibson (Surrey A.C.)	41:42	23. A. Black (Belgrave)	43:37
2. C. S. Dabbs (Belgrave)	42:23	27. T. Hart	44:02
3. A. J. Avila (S.L.H)	27	31. A. Fairclough	11
13. J. Thresher (Belgrave)	43:12	34. W. Kerr	14
16. J. Moore	16	45. L. O'Hara	44
17. C. Steer	20	78. A. Bruce	45:37
20. B. Sawyer	24	83. J. Hampshire	55

Teams: 1. Belgrave H.	(2,13,16,17,20,23)	91 points
2. Walton A.C.	(5,10,12,42,48,49)	166 points
3. Surrey A.C.	(1,4,26,36,60,70)	197 points



(Photos. E.R. Lacey)

Hart, Steer &amp; Fairclough

Thresher leads Collins, &amp; Milner.

## THE SOUTHERN C.C.

### *Belg. 3rd at Parliament Hill:*

For the 2nd year in succession, these championships were held at Parliament Hill Fields but, unlike last year, the conditions were more normal. A thick early morning mist cleared by midday and the going was good.

The Seniors were really in with a chance of 2nd place. It was obvious that Portsmouth at almost full strength were practically invincible, and so it proved, for they ran out good winners with the low score of 89 points.

At the end of the 1st of 3 laps, Gerry North was nicely placed in 4th position and running like a champion - no-one would have realised that the whole of the preceding week, he had been far from well and a man of lesser spirit would have stayed at home.

The rest of the team were packing well but too far back and we were in need of places if we were to beat South London who were performing far better than expected.

The next time round Gerry was up to 2nd and doing his utmost to catch Mel Batty who had taken an early lead. The points score had improved by 20 but we were still lagging about 40 behind S.L.H.

On the last lap, the positions remained about the same, Gerry was overhauling Batty rapidly in the final mile, but the remaining scorers could not pick up enough places to secure the 2nd team awards and S.L.H. kept their initial lead to take this position. Belgrave took 3rd place a mere one point ahead of Surrey A.C.

W.E.L.

**RESULT:**

1. M. R. Batty (Thurrock H.)	47:55	35. J. Thresher (Belgrave H.)	51:16
2. Gerald North (Belgrave H.)	48:00	50. A. Black "	51:49
3. M.R. Tulloch (Portsmouth)	48:27	54. J. Moore "	51:53
4. J. Cooke "	48:27	58. C. Walker "	52:06
5. D. Taylor (H.H.H.)	48:52	59. P. Newell "	52:09
6. T. Briault (Ponders End)	49:04	71. L. O'Hara "	52:32
7. M. Hyman (Portsmouth)	49:07	75. B. Sawyer "	52:36
8. J. Snowden (Surrey A.C.)	49:17	78. T. Hart "	52:40
9. D. Cooke (Portsmouth)	49:23	102. W. Kerr "	-
10. M. Wiggs (T.V.H.)	49:29	214. M. Shingles "	-

**TEAMS:**

1. Portsmouth A.C.	(3,4,7,9,26,40)	89 points
2. S.L.H.	(15,19,20,46,56,62)	218 points
3. Belgrave H.	(2,35,50,54,58,59)	258 points
4. Surrey A.C.	259 points	5. T.V.H. 276 points
		6. Walton A.C. 420 points.

**THE NATIONAL C.C.***North 6th at Leicester*

A great day for our leading individual in each age group---- Messrs. North, Fairclough and Bicourt----but a disappointing one for our teams. The Seniors were 8th, the Juniors 9th and the Youths 12th.

All Belgravians were tipping Gerry North for a win and had high hopes of Belgrave finishing their scoring six inside the first hundred. These hopes were dented slightly when it was discovered that Charlie Debbs was still haunted with the injury he sustained just after his great South of Thames run, and Bill Kerr had still not recovered his form, but confidence still ran high.



North, Batty and Hill lead at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

(Photo: E.D. Lacey)

The Senior race was run over 3 laps of a fast, but undulating, grass-land course, and a record field of 800 multi-coloured vests swept down from the high-level start on a journey of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Gerry North was not too well away and at a half-mile was about 40th. A quarter-mile later he was 24th and when next seen, at the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles mark, he was 4th right on

the heels of Batty, Hill and Cooke. As this leading quartet turned into a loop near the end of the first lap Gerry went into the lead and looked in fine fettle. Our supporters' hopes were dashed when the runners re-appeared to start the second circuit. Batty was clear, with Cooke and Hill together 20yds behind, next came Turner followed by Heatley and then Gerry. Most onlookers thought North had had a fall to lose 70yds in such a short time, but it turned out that he was hit harder than anyone by Batty's burst to the front and was literally put back on his heels. He recovered well on the second lap, passing Heatley easily and catching Turner to start the final circuit in 4th place. The effort was too great however, for in his fight to hold off Turner he suffered once again a bad patch and was very thankful for finishing 6th and make the International team again---Turner went on to 2nd with a great finish.

Our next man home was John Thresher (64th) who stayed in the sixties for most of the race. His was a fine effort and a personal best for his Senior and Junior outings. As usual, he thrashed himself thro'out.

Berry Sawyer finished fresher than anyone---mainly due to inadequate footwear---and Laurie O'Hara ran a very sound race at 132. Geoff North (137) did not make the first 100 as expected but did quite well on a limited training period. Trevor Hart was unlucky not to score in his first National appearance---Pat Newell (160) pipping him by 4 places---but he had the consolation of knowing that only Portsmouth and Derby had their 7th man higher placed. In fact, the forward running of our non-scorers won us the "Charles Otway Memorial Cup" for the team finishing nine runners with the lowest number of points (excluding the first 3 teams) With Dabbs, Kerr and Fairclough to come in next year our chances of reaching the first three will be better than for many years.

#### RESULT:

1. M. Betty (Thurrock)	64. J. Thresher	1. Portsmouth-----124pt
2. D. Turner (Liverpool)	108. B. Sawyer	2. Derby-----201pt
3. R. Hill (Bolton)	132. L. O'Hara	3. Coventry-----261pt
4. J. Cooke (Portsmouth)	137. Geoff. North	4. S.L.H.-----313pt
5. B. Heatley (Coventry)	160. P. Newell	5. Bristol-----363pt
6. Gerald North(BELGRAVE)	164. T. Hart	6. Manchester-----468pt
7. B. Tulloh (Portsmouth)	210. C. Walker	7. Rotherham-----519pt
8. E. Strong (Bristol)	255. A. Black	8. BELGRAVE-----607pt
9. D. Kelly (Derby)		(78 teams closed in)

## THE '5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>' CHAMPIONSHIP

### Kerr Wins Wimbledon Cup

Bill Kerr showed his old form once again on March 21st when he retained the 'Wimbledon Cup' with the fast time of 27:55. This was particularly pleasing for Bill had been experiencing a patch of bad form for several weeks. However, once more, we saw that stylish action in full swing and he was in control of the race throughout.

Trevor Hart set a fast pace round the first lap of the "top", but Fairclough, Geoff North, Kerr, Moore, Black, O'Hara and Walker were in close attendance. Steer was 10 yds. in arrears with Cocks and Brown further behind. After another lap of the Common, Geoff North forged ahead in an effort to break the leading bunch, but as they swung round to descend Copse Hill, only 20 yds. covered the first nine. Chris Steer had now caught the leaders and was moving steadily to the front.

On the turn into Cambridge Road for the long ascent Kerr, Fairclough, Steer and North were closely packed with a lead of 15 yds. over the next 5 who were now strung out over 50 yds. A full  $\frac{1}{2}$  minute behind was Dave Cocks who ran solo for all but the first mile.

Bill Kerr gradually turned on the pressure and first Chris then Geoff were dropped, leaving Tony Fairclough alone to fight the flying scotsman. Tony went up the steep climb in great style but was obliged to concede 15 yds. or so to Bill.

During the final circuit of the Common the gap closed momentarily, but over the last half mile, Kerr stretched his lead to 40 yds.

Tony's run was magnificent and was quite easily a Junior record; it was fitting he should also take the handicap. Hart and Moore ran a large part of the race shoulder to shoulder and finished strongly, although the fastest

finish was Alan Black, who almost caught these two in the final yards. Chris Steer faded after being dropped by the leaders but hung on well to clinch his "Brighton" place. Charlie Walker was hit by "stitch" with 1½ miles to go (it didn't stop him talking!) and dropped half a minute in the final mile.

Surprise of the race, apart from Fairclough's second place, was the withdrawal of Pat Newell. Pat forfeited a place in the "Brighton" team by his unfortunate retirement, which was caused by a week of indifferent health, but with Gerry North, Thresher and Sawyer to come in with the first nine, none of our first 12 could be reasonably displaced.

Although 6 of last October's winning "Brighton" team did not figure in the results, no less than 9 men broke 29 minutes - another record, and a fine omen for the future.

#### RESULT

1. W. Kerr	(0.45)	27:55	20. D. Maclean	(3.00)	31:13
2. A. Fairclough	(1:15)	28:01	21. A. Ware	(4.00)	:25
3. Geoff North	(0.45)	:19	22. J. Dear	(3.00)	:28
4. T. Hart	(1:20)	:26	23. E. Short	(3:30)	32:28
5. J. Moore	(1:30)	:28	24. A. Williams	(5:00)	:34
6. A. Black	(1:10)	:31	25. G. Biscoe	(5:00)	:43
7. L. O'Hara	(1:15)	:33	26. J. Hilton	(5:30)	:59
8. C. Steer	(1:40)	:34	27. J. Macdonald	(6:00)	33:04
9. C. Walker	(1:30)	:55	28. D. Newell	(6:00)	:38
10. D. Cocks	(2:00)	29:23	29. P. Edwards	(4:30)	:55
11. J. Brown	(1:45)	:28	30. N. Arnold	(6:30)	34:06
12. A. Bruce	(2:00)	:39	31. C. Henn	(6:30)	:11
13. J. Bicourt	(2:00)	:56	32. R. Clark	(7:00)	:24
14. A. Morrison	(2:15)	30:01	33. R. Langheim	(6:00)	:59
15. J. Hampshire	(2:15)	:31	34. P. Sutton	(7:30)	35:17
16. P. Hilliar	(3:00)	:32	35. E. Pallett	(6:30)	:32
17. J. Davies	(1:45)	:39	36. A. Mead	(7:00)	:33
18. M. Shingles	(3:30)	:43	37. J. Jarvis	(6:30)	:56
19. J. Lever	(3:20)	:50			

Handicap: 1. A. Fairclough 2. C. Steer 3. J. Moore.

## 25 Years Ago

THE 'NATIONAL' 1939 - Worsley Park, Manchester. A course of 5 laps had been planned and 45 teams lined up for the start. Our lads were reasonably well away and at 1½ miles Stimpson and Penny were near the leaders, with our other runners well placed. Mitcham did not seem to be making much of a show and the Northern shouts were for Sutton Harriers whose red and white jerseys certainly seemed prominent. At 5½ miles rough calculation showed us to be leading by a few points from Birchfield. As they came round to start the last lap we still led but the Birchfield crowd were urging on their team to gain positions.

Then to the finish....first man home was Jack Holden of Tipton, a worthy winner. Our first man home was Ted Stimpson in fourth position, scoring 3 for team purposes. He had improved from 14th to 4th position over the last lap, passing seasoned runners as though they were not in the race. His effort was an amazing one and our team had an excellent start. Then came Arthur Penny (5) another to rise to the occasion on an awful day. A few seconds later and Tom Carter (17) appeared, followed a little later by our Captain Bert Potter (28) who had gained place after place in the 2nd half of the race.

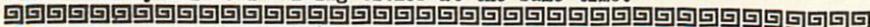
We now wanted two others to complete our team and three claret and gold vests came along together. Harry Shields and Dan Patience managed to catch and beat A. W. Jerman on the line and we had won the "National" for the 2nd time! Jerman was slightly unlucky not to score in a winning team in his last 'National'.....Our other two runners, Bert Shaw (50) and Mick Walker (65) backed up well, and every one of our runners can look back upon this day of days with pleasure.

#### Team Result.

1. Belgrave Harriers (3,5,17,28,34,35)	122 points
2. Birchfield Harriers (13,15,18,23,26,39)	134 points
3. Mitcham Athletic C. (10,22,27,30,37,57)	183 points

"In the Inter-Counties Cross-Country Championship, held at Harpenden in Herts, C. T. Carter & A.W. Penny scored in the winning Surrey team. D. Patience and H. W. Shields helped Middlesex to be runners up, whilst E. S. Stimpson also appeared in the Middlesex team."

"Belgrave Harriers became the first Club to hold both the English Cross-Country and Road-Walking titles at the same time."



# POSTBAG

Some interesting letters arrived in recent weeks :-

MAL ROBINSON writes from the University of Southwestern Louisiana to say that he will set forth on the 6,000 mile journey to Belgrave-Land next June for a 3 month vacation. Twelve months ago Mal thought he would be returning in 1964 as our leading middle-distance man, but now realises this might not be the case "... this is a good thing and most healthy for the Club" he says.

He continues "I have just finished my 3rd cross-country season in the U.S. In six races I won all but one .... ironically, it was the only one that was truly cross-country." His best performance was in his final race, held on the road, when he covered an accurately measured 4.3 mile course in 19:19:25 - an average of 4:30 a mile! Mal finished off the old year by finishing 4th in the "Sugar Bowl" 5,000 metres with 14:41 - 21 secs. outside his target. He sends his regards to all the lads and is looking forward to seeing two or three Belgravians in the Olympic team for Tokyo.

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RANJIT BHATIA also sends best wishes from Delhi. He heard a lot of Belgrave news earlier this year when Dan Tunstall-Pedoe of Blackheath joined him at Delhi University for 3 months on a Nuffield scholarship. They represented the University Runners Club in an invitation 5,000 metres with Ranjit finishing 3rd and Dan 6th. He writes..."The local athletes were delighted to see a London Club athlete in action and one hopes that other men coming to Delhi will follow Dan's example."

Ranjit is extremely pleased to see the improving form of the Bels is gaining results and is convinced that 1964 will be even better than 1963 - "I am getting down to hard training," he continues, and we suspect that a sizeable portion of Belgrave inspiration has managed to traverse the 6,000 miles to Delhi to prompt him to show such determination. Oh, by the way, we have since heard of Ranjit's marriage. It remains to be seen whether Belgrave inspiration can prove as powerful when confronted with the feminine charm of Mrs. Bhatia!

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 Twenty Five years old TONY WARE has taken up a post as lecturer in Chemistry at Loughborough College and expects to settle in Leicestershire. He is still running, although his only race up to the time of writing was the Competh-Newcastle 13½ when he finished 73rd in 79:50.

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 One of Tom Carter's Juniors, BOB BROWN, writes from Derby where he is at college. He has been taking part in plenty of sport but not very much in the way of running training! He is the College's Cross-Country Secretary and Vice-Captain but admits his form is not yet up to standard. He writes "I'm finding my Belgrave track-suit top very useful for putting off other runners before the start of a race - the trouble is that my running isn't yet up to the standard people expect!"

Bob turned up for the "National" at Leicester to make up our Junior team and has since declined a Club offer to meet his travelling expenses.

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ERIC HALL writes from Cheshire, and it hardly seems possible that this great club-man has been away from Belgrave territory for nearly 3 years. He had his third crack at the Northern '10' and finished 3rd, whereupon an "in touch" official said how delighted they were to welcome him to the North! So much for fame. His come-back is going very nicely and, although he didn't say so, we suspect he has an eye on Tokyo--- Walkers beware!

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HUGH BARROW sends his regards to all, particularly that "nut-case" fellow Scotsman, Bill Kerr. Hugh has been troubled with a persistent leg injury this winter which caused him to miss the Scottish National and a BAAAB trip to LYON for a 2,000 metres indoor race. However, his injury now seems to have cleared up and he hopes to be fit in May and at peak for the AAA mile.

# Junior Section

This last cross-country season has proved reasonably successful, though somehow the team results have not come up to the standard that everyone had wished for. At some time or another many of those competing have hit peak form but have found their colleagues lacking on that occasion. For consistency however, and on occasions, downright brilliance, the top honours must go to Tony "warm-up is my training" Fairclough (J) and John Bicourt (Y). These two, as can be seen from the results, have been the backbone of their respective sections - they both ran particularly well in leading our junior and youth teams home on the National Cross-Country Championship. Chris "the beard" Steer (J) has had a good season and must be commended on his South of Thames Senior performance. Alan Morrison, Dave Cocks, and Jack Hampshire have been other regular members of the junior team and have had good and indifferent runs alike. The 6th member of the team has changed so many times owing to injuries and lapses of form that perhaps it is easiest to remark simply that Chris Davies and Bernard Merry appeared to have been up there more often than the others.

The boys section, so far as cross-country running is concerned, is just developing, but their few races have shown extremely encouraging results. Roger Keyes - who won the London Schools C.C. Champs - has been ably backed up by Jim Tappy and N. Binda.

In the Youths, Adrian Major, Ron Hayes, Bill Bruce and more recently Derek Hurd have shown considerable potential and if they maintain their progress they could well be strengthening the senior ranks in a few years time. It is only to be hoped that these runners will attempt to improve upon their performances and that all those not mentioned will do their utmost to displace them.

*Howard Satchell*

The 1964 Boys and Youths Medal Competitions start on May 13th at Battersea Park. It is important that you attend all of the competition fixtures.

George Piddington has been doing a grand job in looking after our Boys. Our young members will always be sure to find George at Battersea Park Track during the summer season, on Tuesday evenings from 6.15pm and on Sunday mornings from 10.30am.

## T.V.H. BOYS C.C. RACES

George Piddington reports:-

On December 28th we had a team entered in the T.V.H. Cross-Country race. For some of the boys it was their very first major race and showing by the performances put up we have some up and coming young talent in the club. There were two classes of race, one for 14-16 years and one for 12-14 years. As well as a complete team in the younger age group we had two boys running in the older age group---Corey Rawlings and John Ockendon finishing in 50th and 77th positions with times of 11-14 and 13-32. The winner was A. Simmons of Luton with a time of 9-27 for the course of just under 2 miles.

In the 12-14 years race the Bels did very well to be placed 5th in the team race. Best performance was shown by Arnold Bent who only just 13 years old produced the best run of the day for the club in finishing 15th.

### RESULT

1. P. Tucker....TVH ..10:05	1. T.V.H.....17pts
15.A. Bent.....BELS...11:44	2. Sale.....29
24.J. Frost.... " ...12:09	3. Swindon.....68
25.N. Bacon.... " ...12:13	5. BELGRAVE.....94
30.D. Pretty... " ...14:18	

John Mitchell recorded a fine winning leap of 19:1/8' in the Youths long-jump at the Southern Indoor Champs. at Stanmore on Jan 10th.

## The North Surrey League

### Youths & Boys

Mitcham were hot favourites for the overall title and indeed, took each of the four races as well. The first event was reported in the last issue of the 'Belgravian' and in the fight for 2nd place Belgrave held a 16 pts lead over Walton.

#### Race 2 - Walton, Dec. 14th

Over a stiff course, Bicourt was unable to repeat his fine win in the first race, but held on well to finish a useful 4th. Ron Hayes ran his best race to date to finish 9th with Adrian Major only one place behind. Despite the forward running of our first three, Walton piped us for 2nd place by 4 points, thus reducing our final margin to 12 points.

#### RESULT: (actual positions)

1. D. Cope (Mitcham A.C.)	4. J. Bicourt	19. D. Hurd
2. C. Church (Walton A.C.)	9. R. Hayes	20. R. Keys
3. R. Perry (Mitcham A.C.)	10. A. Major	

#### TEAMS: (5 to score)

1. Mitcham A.C.	37 points	3. Belgrave H.	62 pts	5. H.H.H.	114 pts
2. Walton A.C.	58 points	4. Hercules A.C.	84 pts	6. Surrey A.C.	129 pts

#### Race 3 - Kingston, Dec. 28th

With Surrey A.C. as hosts, this race was held in Richmond Park. Of Bicourt's 3 arch rivals, Cope, Badgery and Church, the latter only was shown John's heels. Our supporting runners did not support Bicourt as well as in the previous two races and Walton moved into 2nd place on a 3 races total by 1 point. Mitcham were easy winners again.

#### RESULT: (actual positions)

1. D. Badgery (Mitcham A.C.)	12. R. Hayes	25. D. Hurd
2. D. Cope	15. A. Major	27. I. Chandler
3. J. Bicourt (Belgrave H.)		

#### TEAMS: (5 to score)

1. Mitcham A.C.	40 pts.	3. Belgrave H.	79 pts	5. H.H.H.	95 pts
2. Walton A.C.	66 pts.	4. Hercules	84 pts	6. Surrey A.C.	101 pts

#### Race 4 - Addington, Feb. 8th

With Mitcham assured of the final title, the race was on for runners-up between Walton and Belgrave. Although Bicourt was forced to give way to his 3 rivals once more, our next 4 runners really rose to the occasion and packed so well they even shock the supposedly invincible Mitcham team. Our 2nd place was assured, one position and 25 points better than last year. This was mainly due to the regular appearances of our scoring men.

The individual award went to Cope (Mitcham) with individual placing of 2,1,2,1. Bicourt (1,4,3,4) and Church (3,2,5,2) were runners-up.

#### RESULT: (actual positions)

1. D. Cope (Mitcham A.C.)	4. J. Bicourt	12. R. Hayes
2. C. Church (Walton A.C.)	10. A. Major	15. D. Hurd.
3. S. Badgery (Mitcham A.C.)	11. R. Keys	

#### TEAMS: (5 to score)

1. Mitcham A.C.	42 pts	3. Walton A.C.	75 pts	5. Hercules A.C.	106 pts
2. Belgrave H.	50 pts	4. H.H.H.	93 pts	6. Surrey A.C.	140 pts

#### FINAL TABLE:

1. Mitcham A.C.	154 points	4. Hercules A.C.	367 points
2. Belgrave H.	254 points	5. H.H.H.	386 points
3. Walton A.C.	278 points	6. Surrey A.C.	487 points

## Juniors Lose Surrey Title

#### WIMBLEDON - 11th January.

The Surrey County Youths and Junior Championships were held this year from our own Headquarters and both our teams responded in magnificent fashion - the Juniors finishing 2nd and the Youths 3rd.

Some were a little disappointed at the Juniors result, as we were holders and last year's team were still eligible, but considering we were without Chris Steer thro' illness, the team did very well to hold Hercules to a mere 9 points. Jackie Hampshire ran particularly well to be our 2nd scoring man in 12th place; how this lad always rises to the big occasion!

Belgravians were hoping to see Tony Fairclough take the County title but a heavy fall in the first lap pushed him back from 4th to 24th and

although he fought back to 2nd place, he was passed by two Mitcham men in the final straight. He was decidedly unlucky not to get a silver medal. Surrey's four leading Youths, Badgery, Cope, Bicourt and Church, were all set for their usual battle in the Youths Championship, but Badgery went right away to leave the other three and Perry of Mitcham to fight it out for the minor placings. These four had a tremendous tussle and only 5 secs. separated them at the finish - John taking the bronze medal.

Adrian Major also had a fine run to finish 10th and was ably supported by Ron Hayes (19th) and Derek Hurd (27th) to give us a comfortable 3rd place.

RESULTS.

<u>JUNIOR</u>		<u>YOUTHS</u>	
1. M. Gregory (Walton A.C.)	29:00	1. S. Badgery (Mitcham A.C.)	15:42
2. M. Burton (Mitcham A.C.)	:14	2. D. Cope "	16:31
3. G. Biscoe "	:14	3. J. Bicourt (Belgrave H.)	:33
4. A. Fairclough (Belgrave)	:17	4. C. Church (Walton A.C.)	:34
5. R. Holt (Hercules A.C.)	:18	5. R. Perry (Mitcham A.C.)	:36
6. M. Kortenaar (Wimbledon)	:26	6. C. Beauvais (Walton A.C.)	:48
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12. J. Hampshire (Bels)	30:35	10. A. Major (Bels)	17:07
13. D. Cocks "	:37	19. R. Hayes "	:38
19. A. Morrison "	31:03	27. D. Hurd "	:59
39. J. Davis "	33:13	41. J. Chandler "	18:45
61. M. Edwards "	35:36	47. R. Clark "	19:02
69. B. Merry "	37:12	71. B. Freeman "	22:19
<u>TEAMS:</u>		<u>TEAMS:</u>	
1. Hercules A.C. (4,6,10,15)	35 pts	1. Mitcham A.C. (1,2,5,9)	17 pts
2. Belgrave H. (3,11,12,18)	44 pts	2. Walton A.C. (4,6,12,18)	40 pts
3. Mitcham A.C. (1,2,16,30)	49 pts	3. Belgrave H. (3,8,15,20)	46 pts.
(11 teams closed in)		(9 teams closed in)	

## THE SOUTHERN C. C.

### *Great Run by Fairclough*

PARLIAMENT HILL - February 15th

The Southern Championships for Juniors and Youths were held on the same day as the Senior event (reported elsewhere). The day's proceedings started with the Youths' race over one lap of three miles and we were hoping that John Bicourt would repeat his excellent performance of 1963 when he finished 3rd. Unfortunately, John never really got going and had to be content with 18th - still a first class effort in a very large field. John was well backed up by Adrian Major, 39th, Derek Hurd 54th, and Ron Hayes 75th - the team did well to take 6th place with 186 points.

RESULT:

1. R. Young (Hornchurch H.)	16:37	18. J. Bicourt (Belgrave)	18:02
2. C. Church (Walton A.C.)	17:14	39. A. Major "	:29
3. A. McReath (Eastleigh A.C.)	:15	54. D. Hurd "	:50
4. R. Hayman (Maidstone A.C.)	:16	75. R. Hayes "	-
5. C. Beauvais (Walton A.C.)	:17	170. W. Bruce "	-

TEAMS:

1. Mitcham A.C. (6,9,12,14,)	41 pts	3. T.V.H. (21,34,41,43)	139 pts
2. Walton A.C. (2,5,55,62)	124 pts	6. Belgrave H. (18,39,54,75)	186 pts

The Juniors were well fancied by Belgravians for a Championship title, but, after 1 mile, first and second individual places were held by Windsor & Eton runners and with Mitcham also handily placed, we had a fight on our hands. However, all of our runners got a good start with Fairclough 7th, Morrison & Steer 18th and Cocks 24th at one mile. A mile and half later, Tony had improved to 4th and the rest of our scorers had moved inside the first 18 - our last position of the race.

At halfway, Tony had moved up to 3rd and Chris slipped a place to 12th. Dave Cocks and Alan Morrison were now in the twenties and it was touch and go between Windsor and ourselves. Fairclough kept his 3rd place to the end, but the others lost a few very valuable places and Windsor piped us by 8 points.

Our team positions of 6th (Youths) and 2nd (Juniors) and 3rd (Seniors) enabled us to be the first holders of the LEN BEADLE trophy for the lowest aggregate of team positions.

W.E.L.

JUNIOR RESULT

1. P. Yates (Windsor & Eton)	32:48	15. C. Steer (Belgrave H.)	35:01
2. A. Watters (Wycombe P)	33:45	26. D. Cocks "	:31
3. A. Fairclough (Belgrave H.)	:56	31. A. Morrison "	:56
4. R. Craham (Windsor & Eton)	34:09	52. J. Hampshire "	36:50
5. M. Dunphy (Hercules)	:21	184. J. Davis "	-

TEAMS:

1. Windsor & Eton	(1,4,23,39)	67 points
2. Belgrave H.	(3,15,26,31)	75 points
3. Mitcham A.C.	(12,18,22,41)	93 points
4. Hercules A.C.	139 pts	
5. Shaftesbury H.	196 pts	
6. Eastleigh	239 pts	

## THE NATIONAL C.C.

### *Bicourt & Fairclough Excell*

Tony Fairclough and John Bicourt both chose February 29th 1964 to run their best-ever races. Their respective placings of 5th & 7th were truly great, particularly when one considers that there were about 450 starters in each race.

The Youths were first away and John Bicourt kept clear of the ruck to be handily placed in 10th position at 4 mile. The first 3 positions were already determined with that outstanding youth, Aitken, well clear of Romaine & Young. Painfully, over the next 2 miles, John moved up one place until, with the finish in sight, he came within striking distance of a pack of four. And strike he did. Hand over fist he closed on the quartet scrambling up to the finish and just managed to split them in two a few yards from the line---another 30 yards would have seen him an easy 5th.



TOP LEFT: Adrian Major (55) leads Church (Walton).

(Photos: C. Skippen)

BOTTOM LEFT: John Bicourt chases S. Grace (Sale) at the 1 mile mark.

RIGHT: Ron Hayes, third man home for the Bels.

Adrian Major had a good run to finish 62nd and Ron Hayes produced his usual sound performance to be our 3rd man. Derek Murd completed our scoring four. The team ran well, and their 13th place out of the 66 team that closed in deserves high praise.

YOUTHS RESULT

1. D. Aitken (Airedale)	7. J. Bicourt	1. Sale H.....58pts
2. P. Romaine (Spalding)	62. A. Major	2. Mitcham AG..... 61pts
3. R. Young (Hornchurch)	111. R. Hayes	3. Norfolk Gazelles...17pts
4. S. Badgery (Mitcham)	183. D. Hurd	4. T.V.H.....188pts
5. A. Ashton (Reading)	330. R. Clark	5. Reading AG.....217pts
6. J. Caine (Gateshead)	345. W. Bruce	6. Hallamshire H.....271pts
		12. BELGRAVE H.....363pts

With Bicourt 7th in the Youths, North 6th in the Senior, what could Fairclough do in the Junior? Could he make us the only club to have a man in the first 10 of each race? Most important of course, could he spearhead our Junior team to victory?---a team quite capable, on their day, of beating all-comers.

As things turned out, it was definitely Tony's day and, even more definitely, not the team's. Fairclough worked terribly hard on his first lap working his way past several star runners to 5th at 2 miles. At this stage Yates & Hammond were shoulder to shoulder at the front, with Walker & Watters also having a personal duel 60 yards behind. Tony set his sights on this latter pair and rounded off a tremendous first lap by streaking past them up the finishing slope to a loud 'ooh!' from the crowd. Shortly afterwards the steepest hill of the circuit had to be climbed and it was here that Tony lost his third place to Walker & Watters. The Worcester/Wycombe pair gradually drew away leaving Tony isolated in 5th place with 2 miles to go. Fortunately, his nearest rivals were a good 20 seconds away and although they halved the distance Tony was still a clear-cut 5th---this being 1 up on North and 2 up on Bicourt.

Of the rest, Steer had a good start but never looked happy, losing ground all the way, and although he ran his heart out he conceded at least a dozen places in the finishing straight alone. Alan Morrison also faded, but his 107th was relatively better; whilst Dave Cock's 145th was particularly disappointing. Bob Brown, despite a heavily bandaged hand came down from Derby to complete our six, and although losing a shoe into the bargain finished a gallant, but tired, 372.

This our strongest Junior team for many years ran their last race in this grade of competition. A place would have been a nice note to finish on, but we at least know that our team's potential is the match of the medal-winners', and we must therefore work to see this realised in senior competition.

JUNIOR RESULT

1. P. Yates (Windsor)	83. C. Steer	1. Coventry God H.....117
2. J. Hammond (Coventry)	107. A. Morrison	2. Sale H.....130
3. D. Walker (Worcester)	130. J. Hampshire	3. Hallamshire H.....182
4. A. Watters (Wycombe)	145. D. Cocks	4. Manchester DLC.....248
5. A. Fairclough (BELGRAVE)	372. R. Brown	5. Birchfield H.....274
6. A. Evans (Hallam. H)		6. Hercules AC.....300
7. A. Rushmer (Oldbury)	(57 teams closed in)	9. BELGRAVE H.....325

**JUNIOR '5'**FAIRCLOUGH RETAINS "SAVAGE" SHIELD

Although Tony Fairclough won the Club '5' again he did not have matters his own way, thanks to a fine effort by Chris Steer who led for well over half-way.

An excellent turn-out of two dozen youths and Juniors set off at a fast pace over two laps of the South of Thames circuit. Steer, Fairclough, Bicourt and Cocks were soon clear of the field but it was not long before the latter pair were also dropped.

At the halfway mark, Chris was 5 yards clear of Tony and trying desperately to make the most of his final chance to win this fine shield. A bout of 'stitch' halfway round the last lap forced him to ease though, and Tony raced into the lead to finish very strongly, 23 seconds ahead. A disappointed Steer got his revenge the following week (by 51 secs.) but would much have preferred to hold this title for a year.

John Biccourt, the only youth in the first six, did very well to lead the rest of the field home, and showed promise of great things in the "Southern" and "National". Adrian Major was the 2nd youth home (7th) and is fast joining the "elite".

**RESULT**

1. A. Fairclough (Scr)	29:03	13. I. Chandler	(4:15)	34:02	
2. C. Steer	(0:30) 29:26	14. R. Clark	(4:15)	:23	
3. J. Biccourt	(0:45) 30:10	15. H. Satchell	(4:00)	:28	
4. D. Cocks	(0:30) 30:18	16. P. Edwards	(3:30)	:39	
5. J. Hampshire	(0:30) :44	17. J. Jarvis	(5:00)	:52	
6. A. Morrison	(1:30) 31:42	18. C. Haylock	(5:00)	:56	
7. A. Major	(3:00) :47	19. A. Mead	(5:00)	35:50	
8. R. Hayes	(2:45) 32:05	20. P. Gibson	(5:00)	36:18	
9. D. Hurd	(3:45) :46	21. D. Wiseman	(5:30)	:54	
10. J. Davis	(3:00) 33:11	22. C. Bradshaw	(4:30)	37:15	
11. M. Edwards	(3:00) :53	23. R. Nelson.	(5:00)	:51	
12. W. Bruce	(4:00) :57				
<b>Handicap</b> 1. A. Major	28:47	2. C. Steer	28:56	3. D. Hurd	29:01

**Mitcham A.C. Relays:**22nd March

The Mitcham A.C. Youths and Boys Road Relays were both won by the Host Club as expected but our leading quartet of youths ran extremely well to finish an excellent 2nd. In the Boys event, there was a similar result with us again finishing 2nd to the blue-vested Mitcham youngsters.

This is a 4-man relay and each leg is 2 miles in length, although judging from the times recorded, some of which were close to 9 mins. it would seem that 1 1/2 miles would be a nearer figure. Derek Hurd carried the baton first for us but suffered towards the handover and set Biccourt off in 6th position. By this time the Mitcham 1st quartet were in the lead and continued to make ground. John, our most experienced man, brought us up to 3rd only 3 secs. behind Mitcham 'B' and in so doing clocked 4th fastest time of the time. Ron Hayes maintained the good work and galloped into 2nd place some 25 secs. ahead of the Mitcham reserve team, running 6th fastest time. Adrian Major set off, knowing that he was unlikely to make any impression on Badgery of Mitcham, but determined to hold on to 2nd place. This he did easily and was 7th fastest man in the overall classification.

For the boys, Jim Tappy ran a "cracker" on the final leg and was 2nd fastest boy over the course with a time of 10:03. Our quartet also finished 2nd to the Mitcham team and at the same time slaughtered our own Youths reserve team.

**RESULT**

<b>1. Mitcham A.C.</b>	<b>37:12</b>	<b>2. Belgrave H.</b>	<b>38:47</b>
C. Felix	9:38	D. Hurd	10:14
R. Perry	:12	J. Biccourt	9:27
D. Strudwick	:10	R. Hayes	:32
S. Badgery	:12	A. Major	:34
<b>Boys</b>			
<b>1. Mitcham A.C.</b>	<b>41:21</b>	<b>2. Belgrave H.</b>	<b>41:57</b>
A. Roberts	10:02	J. Bone	10:56
P. Bennett	:27	R. Keys	10:27
M. Ray	:32	N. Binda	10:31
M. Coventry	:20	J. Tappy	10:03

In the Surrey Co Boys C.C. Champs at Morden on February 22nd Roger Keys finished an excellent 9th.

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Tony Fairclough represented Surrey in the Junior Inter-County C.C. Champs. at Solihull on March 7th. Chris Steer was travelling reserve. Tony was not able to produce his form of the previous week's "National" run but, nevertheless, ran a useful race for his county and finished 15th. Surrey were placed second with 10,11,15,17 (53pts), only 2pts behind winners Worcestershire.

John Biccourt was another to represent Surrey, but this time it was the Youths Inter-County Champs at Quinton, Worcestershire on the same day. John also had put everything into his previous week's effort and although he finished a useful 18th he was only fifth man in a very strong Surrey team who were easy winners with 4,5,6, and 9 (24pts).

# WANDSWORTH REVISITED

## or Belgrave go inside again!

In the last edition of the Belgravian, Frank Jarvis outlined in great detail our first visit to Wandsworth Prison on 27th November, 1963. However, on that occasion we were unable to complete our talk, neither were we able to show the film of the Brighton Relay.

At the invitation of the Governor, we paid a second visit to the prison on 14th February, and the same party, with the exception of Jack Bldgood and Ron Langheim, appeared outside the main gates shortly before 5.30p.m. On this occasion we had recruited the services of Bob Sparks of the N.U.T.S. who was to help us during question time.

As Brian Nott was interrupted by the closing of the last meeting, it fell upon him to start the proceedings this time, and he continued with his predictions on what the outcome of our athletes might be as far as medals were concerned in this coming Olympic Games.

Frank Jarvis and Arthur Penny spoke briefly, much on the same lines as before, but it should be recorded that on this visit our audience was probably twice as large, with somewhere in the region of 100 persons present.

After Frank and Arthur had finished their talks, Charlie Manning and Chris Steer then showed the film. Needless to say, this was very well received, particularly the opening captions. One got the impression that the audience were actually witnessing this race as it was being run, judging by the cheering that was sounded when Laurie O'Hara passed the Portsmouth runner, and again when Alan Black reached the finish at Brighton.

We were left with something like half an hour for questions, and among those asked was one to the effect of where could a duplicate of the film be obtained. Another questioner asked Bill Lucas if any members of Belgrave took any form of stimulant to better their athletic performances, and it was pointed out that the drinking of alcoholic liquor was the extent to which our runners went on this score. It was also mentioned that judging by recent performances, no adverse effects had been noticed from any over-indulgence in drinking. The questions continued until the meeting closed at 7.30p.m. whereupon we all retired to the local hostelry for some much needed refreshment. I think that it is quite true to say that our two visits were very well worth while, and were enjoyed by both the panel and the audience.

Brian Nott.

In the British Best Performers rankings for 1963 we had the following representatives:-

<u>Triple jump:</u>	2nd, D. Boosey 51ft. 8½ ins.
<u>440 yards:</u>	43rd, G. Leroy 49.4.
<u>880 yards:</u>	10th, D. Cocks 1:50:7
<u>1 mile:</u>	27th, M. Robinson 4:07.1; 31st J. Thresher 4:07.5
<u>2 miles:</u>	7th W. Kerr 8:44.6; 12th M. Robinson 8:47.8, 14th equal Geoff North and J. Thresher 8:48.6; 23rd Gerald North 8.52.8
<u>3,000 metres:</u>	4th equal, J. Thresher and W. Kerr 8:05.4.
<u>5 miles:</u>	21st, Gerald North 13:43.0; 25th, W. Kerr 13:46.8;
<u>5,000 metres:</u>	11th, M. Robinson 14:16.0
<u>6 miles:</u>	8th Gerald North 28:11.4; 35th W. Kerr 29:42.2
<u>10,000 metres:</u>	5th Gerald North 29:29.4
<u>Marathon:</u>	22nd B. Sawyer 2:28:08; 39th C. Walker 2:33:07

In the British Best Performers rankings for 1963 the following Belgrave walkers appeared:-

<u>2 miles Track</u>	- 3rd. V. Thomas 13:39.0, 10th E.W. Hall 14:24: 8 18th R. Middleton 14:40.0 20th J. Knifton 14:40.6
<u>7 Miles Track</u>	- 6th V. Thomas 53:15.0, 7th R. Middleton 53:20.0 18th J. Knifton 55:25.0, 19th R. Hall 55:29:0
<u>20 Kms. Road</u>	- 3rd V. Thomas 1:34:49, 6th R. Middleton 1:38:10
<u>50 Kms. Road</u>	- 1st R. Middleton 4:16:43, 8th R. Hall 4:34:07 12th G. Farley 4:42:50, 16th K. Bailey 4:47:05

# WALKING

Vaughan Thomas has left the R.A.F. He was a sergeant stationed at Chessington with Bob Farley and between them they led their station to many walking victories. Vaughan is now biding his time until September when he enters Loughborough College, and is working hard at basketball again - with an eye to making the International basketball team in June.

Whatever our English summer is likely to bring we can be assured of at least two Rays of sunshine. Ray Hall and Ray Middleton are both set to become fathers - the former in May and the latter in September. Few will be able to match them at pacing the floor!

Eric Hall is on the move again - this time in the right direction. On May, 15th he moves from Cheshire to Leicester, which could be said to be within walking distance of Belgrave Hall!

Overheard at a recent big walking event: One spectator to another (non-plussed): "Why don't they let them all run?"

At Chessington, on Wednesday April, 15th, there was a ten mile match, R.A.F. v Civil Service v M.P.A.A. Eric Hall (77:26) won in good style from Ray Middleton (77:57) and these two ensured Civil Service of the team title.

The 45th National 20 miles will be held on Saturday, May, 9th from the Sheffield Wednesday football ground; 1:00 p.m. start. A special train will leave St. Pancras at 8:05 a.m. and returns to Kings Cross at 10:06 p.m. Fare is 3/6s-6d return - contact J.W. Goswell for tickets.

This will be a great opportunity for Belgrave to bring back both the team title and the Nijmegen Shield.

## M.P.A.A. Open '7'

11th January - Imber Court

### "ERIC HALL FIRST BELGRAVE MAN HOME"

The experienced Eric Hall led our team magnificently and finished almost two minutes clear of John Knifton with Ray Hall a further 30 secs. in arrears. The inevitable winner was Ken Matthews, who seems to get nearer to that Tokyo gold with each appearance, with Paul Nihill a fairly comfortable 2nd. Although we couldn't pack well enough to win the team trophy, we beat Met. W.C. for 2nd place and also won the Handicap Team race.

#### RESULT:

1. K. J. Matthews (Royal S.C.)	48:36	88. C. P. Capener (Bels 'C')	62:18
2. P. V. Nihill (Surrey W.C.)	50:16	91. J. F. Keown " "	62:25
3. J. Edgington (Gov.&God.H)	50:49	98. G. S. Checkley " 'B'	62:49
4. G. Chaplin (" " " " )	52:12	103. B. Eglinton " "	63:17
5. E. W. Hall (Belgrave H)	52:23	107. D. Fotheringham " "	63:34
14. J. P. Knifton " "	54:16	113. R. Picton " 'C'	64:02
21. R. C. Hall " "	54:46	116. D. A. Bartliff " "	64:15
28. G. R. Farley " "	55:20	120. C. Yescombe " 'B'	64:51
34. S. L. Jones " "	56:15	130. G. S. Doubleday " 'D'	66:12
44. R. L. Barnes " "	57:56	140. B. Stevenson " 'C'	66:51
63. G. P. Cameron " "	59:29	143. A. H. East " 'D'	66:56
67. W. A. Belderson " 'B'	60:06	163. P. Wilson " 'C'	68:45
70. M. R. Hamlin " "	60:26	169. J. Wilson " 'B'	69:55
77. P. L. Duncan " "	60:54		

#### Scratch team result:

1. Surrey W.C. 'A' 35 points
2. Belgrave H. 'A' 51 points
3. Metropolitan W.C. 55 points

#### Handicap team result:

1. Belgrave H. 'A' (L/Jones, Farley, E. Hall, Cameron) 194 mins. 47 secs.

28th December 1963 - Wimbledon - we entertained Surrey and the Met. Police at Belgrave Hall and London Vids. also took part in the match over 7 miles. There were some fourty eight starters all of whom finished. We were below strength and finished behind S.W.C. and Vids. scoring both 6 and 9 per side. Paul Nihill walked beautifully to win from his clubmate Fullager (M) with Eric Hall a creditable third.

4th January 1964 - The Juniors entered a team in the Essex Beagles Open 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Most successful member was L.Jones who was 5th (29:57) the same position as the club filled in the team event.

## THE CLUB '10'

### 25th January - THOMAS RETURNS TO WIN "MURPHY" SHIELD"

Vaughan Thomas returned to competitive walking to win the club 10 mile Murphy Walking Championship. Thomas and Knifton went quickly away in the early stages and at the  $\frac{1}{2}$  way mark the tall welshman led by some 21 secs. from his younger opponent. John however kept going magnificently and at the finish he had managed to close this deficit to 11 secs. Dave King maintained his tremendous progress to take the bronze medal in the championship well clear of Ray Middleton who was still returning to peak fitness. King certainly looked good each time out and his current form suggests that he together with Knifton is on the verge of breaking into the 'big time' of race walking.

The club was successful in a match with the M.P.A.A. held in conjunction to the tune of 34 to 71 points. The handicap result was a resounding win for George Checkley who bamboozled the handicapper completely.

#### RESULT:

1. V. Thomas	79:00	8. B. Hooper	89:56	15. P. Duncan	98:28
2. J. Knifton	:11	9. J. Keown	90:11	16. J. Morris	99:04
3. D. King	81:07	10. K. Bailey	:29	17. G. Doubleday	:34
4. R. Middleton	83:24	11. D. Fotheringham	92:10	18. P. Wilson	:54
5. R. Barnes	85:28	12. B. Eglington	:29	19. J. Wilson	101:03
6. S.L.Jones	85:28	13. G. Beecham	95:45		
7. G. Checkley	88:24	14. A. Haith	96:08		

## The Olympic Cup

#### RESULT:

1. S. L-Jones	41:46	3. G. Cameron	44:14	5. C. Capener	45:03
2. M. Hamlin	43:17	4. R. Picton	44:59		

## The 'Garnet'

### 1st February - Wembley Park

Dave King was our first man home on this occasion in 5th overall position. He was backed up well by Barnes, L.-Jones, and Hamlin and this resulted in our taking the trophy with 29 points ahead of Highgate and Southend.

#### RESULT:

1. J. Turner	(B.A.C.)	80:06	16. M. Hamlin	89:21
2. N. Munro	(Soton)	:41	26. G. Cameron	91:05
3. D. Wallace	(Camb)	82:17	40. D. Fotheringham	94:32
5. D. King	(Bels)	83:56	45. R. Picton	95:50
8. R. Barnes	"	85:20	48. A. Haith	96:35
11. S.L-Jones	"	86:06	71. P. Wilson	104:09

<u>Team:</u>	1. Belgrave H.	(3,5,8,13)	29 points
	2. Highgate H.	(6,7,9,15)	37 points
	3. Southend A.C.	(2,4,28,39)	73 points

## Setbacks in LCC '10'

### 5th February

Unfortunately we lost two key men through disqualification in the early stages of the competition, Ray Middleton and George Farley. Nevertheless, the remaining Bels pulled out all the stops and in the team event we were only pushed back to 3rd position by the narrowest of points margins. John Knifton after the loss of Middleton, became our leading scorer and he finished a very determined 3rd only 39 secs. behind the winner. The next man home for us was Ray Hall in 6th position and Barnes and L.-Jones completed the foursome by crossing the line almost together.

Of the 10 teams competing Belgrave were represented by 3 and these finished 3rd 7th and 10th.

## RESULT:

1. M. Fullager (S.W.C.)	79:35	41. J. Keown	Bels	92:24
2. R. Clark (Poly. H.)	:51	44. D. Fotheringham	"	93:24
3. J. Knifton (Bels)	80:14	45. J. Morris	"	:35
6. R. C. Hall "	82:32	50. R. Pickton	"	96:44
15. R. Barnes "	85:26	55. A. Haith	"	98:33
16. S. L.-Jones "	:28	56. G. Doubleday	"	:37
30. M. Hamlin "	89:52	64. A. East	"	101:22
31. W. Belderson "	90:24	67. P. Wilson	"	:54

<b>TEAMS:</b>	1. Poly. H.	(2,7,8,10)	27 points
	2. Surrey W.C.	(1,4,5,18)	28 points
	3. Belgrave H.	(3,6,11,12)	32 points

## THE COUNTY WALKS

## Surrey

22nd February

Held at Norbiton, the County '10' looked like being a renewal of the Belgrave - S.W.C. struggle. For our rivals, Nihill walked an immaculate race to finish some 7 minutes clear of the field, confirming that at present, he is second only to the mighty K.M. Our lads packed well and Knifton, Middleton and Thomas filled the next 3 places and Ray Hall was only separated from them by Selby of Surrey. This effort gained us the Sir Jeremiah Colman Cup and also gained our scoring men County Vests. In particular, John Knifton showed that at his current rate of progress, he could be travelling East later this year.

## RESULT:

1. P. Nihill (S.W.C.)	73:47	14. J.F. Keown (Bels)	92:22
2. J. Knifton (Bels)	80:46	18. J. Morris	95:23
3. R. C. Middleton "	81:45	21. G. S. Doubleday	98:04
4. V. Thomas "	82:29	23. A. H. East	99:23
5. P. W. Selby (S.W.C.)	82:39	24. J. Wilson	100:35
6. R. C. Hall (Bels)	82:47	27. P. Wilson	101:35

**TEAM:** 1. Belgrave H. 15 points      2. Surrey W.C. 21 points



Knifton and Thomas



Ray Hall and Middleton

(Photos: R. Linstead)

**Middlesex** On the same day at Parliament Hill, the "poor relations", Cadogan A.C., carried off the 2nd team prizes. As expected, the Metropolitan team were too strong to knock off their perch but we did just manage to hold off the home club, Highgate. As a result of his 5th place, L.-Jones gained his county colours and Barnes was nominated as reserve as a result of his 8th position.

**RESULT:**

1. D. Thompson (Met.W.C.)	80:59	15. G. Checkley (Cadogan)	88:50
2. A. Macfarlane (Poly H.)	81:18	17. M. Hamlin "	90:11
3. A. Thomson (Met.W.C.)	81:49	22. D. Fotheringham "	94:01
5. S. L.-Jones (Cadogan)	82:32	23. R. Picton "	94:15
8. R. L. Barnes "	83:53		
<b>TEAM:</b>			
1. Metropolitan W.C.	(1,3,4,7)	15 points	
2. Cadogan A.C.	(5,8,15,17)	45 points	
3. Highgate H.	(10,11,12,13)	46 points	

**Met. W.C. Open 20 Kilos.**Regents Park - April 4th

1. V.P. Mihill (Surrey W.C.)	1:31:39	36. R.L. Barnes (Bels)	1:48:45
2. R. Hart (Routh Lab.C.)	1:33:43	47. W.A. Belderson.....	1:52:12
3. J. Edgington (Coventry)	1:34:39	49. J.F. Keown.....	1:54:29
8. E.W. Hall (BELGRAVE H)	1:38:30	52. B. Eglinton.....	1:56:48
10. R.C. Middleton "	1:39:38	54. D. Fotheringham.....	1:57:40
25. D. King "	1:45:08	66. C. Yescombe.....	2:01:33
		100 started & 82 finished.	

TEAM RESULT

1st Surrey W.C. (Mihill 1. P. Fullager 6. Selby 8. M. Fullager 11)	26 pts
2nd Metropolitan (A. Thomson 3. O. Thompson 9. McCullagh 12, Halstead 15)	39 "
3rd Belgrave H. (E. Hall 5, R. Middleton 7, King 21, Barnes 26)	59 "

Junior 5 Miles Result.

1st N.C. Munro (Sutton A.C.)	39:37	7. M. Hamlin (Belgrave H)	42:08
2. C. Trimming (Highgate H)	39:39	11. G. Capener .....	43:22
3. W. Sutherland "	39:41	12. R. Picton.....	44:00
4. S. L/Jones (BELGRAVE H)	40:16	13. G.P. Cameron.....	44:03
		16 finished.	

TEAM RESULT

1st Highgate H. (Trimming 1. Sutherland 2. Butler 8)	11 points
2nd Belgrave H. (W. Jones 3. Hamlin 4, Capener 5)	12 "

**R.W.A. & INTER-COUNTIES '10'**MORDEN - March 21st

Ken Matthews (R.S.C.) retained his individual title for the 6th successive year. Unfortunately Belgrave were unable to retain their team title in similar style and let in their arch-rivals, Surrey W.C., who took the title for the first time--well done Surrey, we'll have it back next year.

Eric Hall continued his steadily improving form and finished an excellent 6th, 40secs and 5 places ahead of Ray Middleton. Ray Hall had a tussle with Don Thompson in the closing stages and the pair were fast making ground--a few more miles would have seen Ray past several more men. At two miles there was little in the team scoring, but as the race went on S.W.C. drew further and further ahead to win by 13 points.

Warwickshire (26 pts) won the team title from Surrey (36 pts) and Yorkshire (58 pts).

RESULTS:

1. K. Matthews (R.S.C.).....	70:22	73. W. Belderson (Bels)....	84:53
2. P. Nihill (S.W.C.).....	72:08	85. M. Hamlin.....	86:37
3. J. Edgington (Cov.G.)....	74:11	95. J. Keown.....	89:28
4. R. Hart (R.Lab.C.).....	:56	105. D. Fotheringham.....	89:07
5. H. Tolley (Sheff.U.).....	75:06		
6. G. Chaplin (Cov. G.).....	:10	108. G. Cameron.....	:21
8. E. Hall (Bels).....	76:06	122. W. Wright.....	90:36
13. R. Middleton.....	:46	124. B. Eglinton.....	:38
17. J. Knifton.....	77:18	148. C. Yescombe.....	94:14
26. R. Hall.....	78:38	160. A. Haith.....	96:22
43. D. King.....	80:40	167. G. Doubleday.....	97:27
55. R. Barnes.....	82:45	173. P. Wilson.....	98:50

## Teams:-

1. Surrey W.C. (2,12,13,16) - 43 pts	4. Sheffield U.H. (4,9,17,35) - 65 pt
2. BELGRAVE H. (7,11,15,23) - 56 "	5. Coventry God. (3,5,20,55) - 83 "
3. Met. W.C. (8,10,21,22) - 61 "	6. Leicester W.C. (24,25,33,36) - 118 pt

## Middleton Wins Club '20'

### Wimbledon - April, 18th

The 1964 contest for the "R.W. Ricketts" Shield resulted in a clear win for Ray Middleton by a 7½ minutes margin over Ray Hall.

Middleton did not have matters all his own way though, for he did not take the lead until the second time up Copse Hill. Eric Hall had, until then, set a fast pace at the front. After one lap he was 40 yards clear and at halfway he still held a 6 second lead. Unfortunately he had a train to catch back to Chesire at about 6 o'clock and he was in a quandary as to whether he should set out on the final lap. He decided he would have to withdraw at 2 laps, eased, and Middleton went past to head the field into lap 3.

Suprise of the race, to all except the handicapper (1) was the performance of Dave King. A newcomer to twenty miling, Dave displayed the stamina of a regular performer at this distance. He went through the first lap in sub-61, the second in sub-59 and the last in sub-58. At halfway he was 9½ minutes behind Ray Hall yet at the finish he had closed this to 3½ minutes - he thoroughly deserved his 3rd place and was decidedly unlucky not to take the handicap in which he was also 3rd. Ray Hall made full use of a generous mark to take 1st prize.

Bob Barnes had a bad spell with foot trouble on the last lap and dropped back from 4th to 8th. Duncan, always on his own, came through very strongly to finish 5th.

In a ten a side match with M.P.A.A., Bels ran out winners 70 to 120.

### RESULT:

1. R. Middleton (Scr) 2:46:00	8. R.L. Barnes (15:30) 3:19:58
2. R. Hall (11:00) 2:53:28	9. J. Morris (33:00) 3:20:41
3. D. King (12:00) 2:56:48	10. G. Checkley (26:00) 3:23:06
4. W. Belderson (19:00) 3:07:55	11. B. Eglington (34:30) 3:24:23
5. P. Duncan (27:00) 3:11:51	12. P. Wilson (45:30) 3:32:14
6. H. Hooper (32:30) 3:15:07	13. D. Fotheringham (40:00) 3:32:44
7. J. Keown (30:30) 3:17:57	

Handicap: 1. R. Hall 2:42:38, 2. H. Hooper 2:42:37, 3. D. King 2:44:48

The Southern Counties AAA '7' track championship was held at Battersea Park on March 7th. P. Nihill (SWC) was the winner in a record breaking 51:44. Our own John Knifton was 5th in 55:23.

Vaughan Thomas was 2nd in the R.A.F. 20 Kms. Championship at Halton on March 18th with a time of 1:39:39. Winner was Hart in 1:38:02.

Ray Hall won the Stock Exchange 25 miles Championship again, at Hayes on April 4th, clocking 3:40:09.

At the Middlesex track '7' at Parliament Hill on April, 8th Steve Laker/Jones was unplaced with a time of 58:50 and Gerry Cameron was "pulled".

### CROYDON/BANSTEAD & BACK 11½-February 15th

#### Result:

1. M. Fullager (S.W.C.)..... 92:20	11. G. Checkley.....(Pol/BEL).105:45
2. R. Hall (BELS)..... 95:35	15. D. Fotheringham.(BEL).....108:27
3. G. Brown (Police)..... 95:37	29. C. Yescombe.....( " ).....113:37
5. R. Middleton (BELS)..... 95:54	34. J. Wilson.....( " ).....117:08
7. M. McFarlane (Pol/BEL)..... 99:35	35. P. Wilson.....( " ).....117:16
10. W. Belderson (Pol/BEL).....105:24	(49 started)

Teams (8 to score) 1. S.W.C.....59pts. 2. BELGRAVE H.....77pts

# ROAD RELAYS

## Belgrave Retain Ilford Trophy

Belgrave were the holders of the trophy for this race having beaten Portsmouth A.C. in a very tight finish in 1963. Portsmouth were not competing this year having decided to go to the Walton Relay which has been reorganised for March instead of in October.

We were not at full strength but the team was sufficiently laced with first team runners and experience to withstand all opposition.

Charlie Walker gave us a good start on the first leg with 4th place and John Thresher soon took us up into the lead, although he had to relinquish this at the end to 'Kipper' Herring of Blackheath who was in devastating form. Barrie Sawyer regained the lead on the 3rd leg with a good run and this was maintained by Jack Brown, Trevor Hart, and Arthur Bruce on legs 4, 5, and 6. At the end of the sixth leg our lead which at one time was over 1½ minutes, was whittled down and it was not surprising that Jackie Hampshire on the 7th leg had to give way to Derek Fernes of Poly.

Poly's lead was shortlived for Laurie O'Hara soon made up the 8 sec. deficit and took us into a 34 sec. lead. With Bill Kerr back to his form to be followed by Gerry North, the result was no longer in dispute and we eventually ran out winners by about 2 mins.

Gerry North on the last leg lowered George Knight's lap record from 17:13 to 17:16 with no help from the opposition and in extremely cold conditions - yet another in a long line of great performances.

An unusual coincidence was the winning time which was identical with that of 1963 and certainly accomplished in much easier fashion and which, in view of the number of stars that were unavailable, augers well for our future performances.

### RESULT :

1. Belgrave H. 3:5:40 2. Thames Valley H. 3:7:35 3. Poly H. 3:8:44

Team: Walker (18:12) Thresher (18:18) Sawyer (18:19) J. Brown (18:49)  
Hart (18:32) Bruce (19:34) Hampshire (19:24) O'Hara (18:42) Kerr (18:34)  
Gerry North (17:16)

### CAMBRIDGE V. ROAD RELAY----BEXLEY, MARCH 14TH

Alan Mead reports:-

On the day most of our top runners were competing in the Southampton-Bournemouth relay, we also finished three teams at Bexley.

Our first leg men (Charlie Walker having dashed from work by taxi) faced the starter in pouring rain which continued throughout the race. After a fast start, Charlie brought our 'A' team in 10th followed closely by Alan Morrison, 13th, for the 'B' team. City of Rochester and SLH led at this point. On the second leg Trevor Hart recorded our fastest time of the day in taking the 'A' team up to 6th; just behind SLH the eventual winners. The 'B' team, however, dropped back to join the 'C' team in the rear half of the field.

Next to take over was Jack Brown, but not surprisingly he had to give way to 'Kipper' Herring who pulverised the opposition, and took Blackheath from 7th into a 100 yard lead. Several other runners came through here including Don Taylor (HHH) and Tim Briault (Ponders End). We were now 13th and 1½ minutes behind the leaders. Jackie Hampshire ran well on the fourth leg and held our position, putting us within striking distance of SLH, TVH and Hercules, 'B' teams. Chris Steer soon disposed of these and left it to Tony Fairclough to pass HHH and Ponders End, bringing us home 8th. Forty one teams started and thirty one closed in.

### RESULT

1. S.L.H.....97.49	8th Belgrave 'A'.101.14	Fastest time of the day
2. Cambridge H....98.45	" 'B'	J. Herring('B'Heath)-
3. Laling H.....99.44	" 'C'	15.22
	'A'	'C'
C. Walker....16:48	A. Morrison....16:58	P. Edwards.....19:08
T. Hart....16:48	M. Shingles....17:59	M. Thorpe.....18:26
J. Brown....17:22	C. Davis.....19:53	H. Satchell.....19:38
J. Hampshire..17:18	J. Leaver.....18:04	L. Bishop.....19:00
C. Steer....16:48	M. Edwards....20:21	E. Penny.....19:00
T. Fairclough16:30	J. Davies.....17:29	L. Short.....18:43

Bernard Merry started a 'D' team and recorded 18:30.

## Southampton - Bournemouth Relay

Although this was the 18th race over this course, it was the first occasion on which we have sent a team.

A small party in four cars assembled on the Hogs Back on an extremely wet morning before journeying to Southampton and then proceeded in convoy to the Civic Centre. Dressing accommodation was laid on in the Town Hall and one of our team who shall be nameless, proclaimed that it was the first time he had stripped off in a Mayor's Parlour.

The race started at 3 p.m. and the rain was still streaming down making conditions most unpleasant for runners, officials and supporters. Geoff North making a very welcome return to form took the first leg of 5½ miles and with a grand effort brought us home in 3rd place only 9 secs. behind the leader Ingleton of Ryde A.C. and barely yards behind Shergold of Portsmouth. All three lowered the previous stage record by a considerable margin.

John Moore set off on stage 2 (4½ miles) behind Salvat of Portsmouth and the Ryde runner. He soon passed the latter but could make no impression on the 'bearded wonder' who is a very seasoned campaigner and always a difficult opponent. Tony Milner of Walton soon showed prominently behind John and about halfway, caught and passed our runner. John ran pluckily to the end but we were by then about one minute behind the leaders.

Bill Kerr took the next stage of 5 miles against Lindsell of Portsmouth and Roath of Walton. Although running well enough to beat the previous stage record by 1½ seconds, he could make no impression on the Portsmouth runner although closing slightly on Roath.

Alan Black who had come in as reserve to take the place of Barrie Sawyer, who was suffering from a bad cold, ran well to take us up to 2nd place, about 10 secs. ahead of Walton, but Portsmouth through Martin Hyman, opened up a big lead on this leg of 4½ miles.

John Thresher came next and consolidated our second place by running right away from Peter Milner. He also could make no ground on the leaders who were represented by David Cooke and at the end of this stage, with only one lap to go, Portsmouth were over 2½ minutes ahead.

Gerry North in devastating form pulverised the stage record previously held by Martin Hyman to the tune of 53 seconds to close the gap to under 2 minutes but it was a hopeless task as Portsmouth had kept back John Cooke for this leg.

On the whole, a satisfactory effort for Portsmouth were almost at full strength and were obviously set to recover the trophy which they last won in 1961. Both the winners and ourselves were well inside the previous best time for the whole course, despite atrocious conditions during the whole race.

A happy party returned to Southampton for a meal before the journey back to Town, not the least dampened in spirit by the heavy rain.

### RESULT:

W.E.L.

1. Portsmouth A.C. 2:26:47 2. Belgrave H. 2:28:39

Team: Geoff North (26:21) Moore (23:15) Kerr(24:46) Black( 22:56)Thresher(26:22)  
Gerry North (24:59)

## BRIGHTON FRONT RELAY

### Chris Steer reports:-

Belgrave were competing in this event for the first time for some years and celebrated their return with a convincing victory over Portsmouth. Gerry North found the sea air to his liking-he not only ran the fastest leg of the day but also ran the second fastest whilst completing the 'B' team.

Bill Kerr was the first to set off down the Prom and ran strongly to bring us in third. Laurie O'Hara closed on the teams in front and Gerry North on the third leg stormed into the lead. Trevor Hart and Geoff North held the lead and John Thresher, although out on his own, ran the fourth fastest time of the day to bring Belgrave home over half a minute clear of Portsmouth.

Meanwhile the 'B' team (aided and abetted by Bill Kerr and Gerry North) were doing great things and pulled through to finish fourth ahead of a disgruntled Surrey A.C. but did not, of course, count in the official result.

### RESULT

1. Belgrave H.....77:07  
2. Portsmouth AC....77:45  
3. Walton AC.....78:40  
4. Surrey AC

### 'A' Team

W. Kerr.....12:54  
L. O'Hara.....13:08  
Gerry North....12:23  
T. Hart.....13:05  
Geoff North....12:56  
J. Thresher....12:41

### 'B' Team

J. Moore.....13:25  
B. Sawyer.....13:18  
C. Steer.....13:03  
C. Walker.....13:11  
W. Kerr.....13:19  
Gerry North....12:32

# BELS. 4th in NATIONAL RELAY

## Five Club Records Go!

### by Olympian

Rarely does the weather let us down for London to Brighton Relays, but on this occasion, it could hardly have been worse. Practically continuous rain for most of the race with a well-below average temperature made conditions miserable for runners and spectators alike, but despite the weather, the enthusiasm of our team and supporters was by no means dampened. We were there with a great chance of deposing the might of Coventry, Derby and Portsmouth. We had cased the last named in the Southern race to the tune of 5 minutes and despite their successes in the major cross-country championships, we considered them by no means invincible.

Our own road championship two weeks earlier had shown that we had the best team ever fielded - no less than 9 runners beat 29 minutes and 3 absent runners were fully capable of this time. How to arrange them to produce the fastest time from London to Brighton was a problem equal only to winning the Treble Chance. Every combination possible was considered before picking the final order and even that selection came under serious reconsideration before the day - who would be a selector?

**STAGE I - Barry Sawyer (21:17 - 18th fastest)** In the light of his good running at Ilford and his first class performance last October, Barry was allocated the first stage, although he had been forced to miss the road championship through illness and his full recovery was in doubt. Unfortunately the decision proved to be a bad one and Barry could not produce the necessary sparkle to hold the fast boys over the run along the Embankment. He was forced to drop back soon after the start and our hopes that he would recover when the early pace had slackened did not materialise. At Clapham Common, we were back in 10th place and already nearly a minute adrift.

**Stage II. John Thresher (24:12 - 5th fastest)** This was John's fourth attempt at this leg and he was anxious and at the same time confident, that he could break the jinx which has beset his previous efforts. Need I say more than that he gained ten places and lowered the club record for this stage by no less than 54 secs. - a great run which brought us back into the picture. However, we were still a minute behind the leaders due to a record breaking run by Adcocks of Coventry who reduced Ken Norris's 8 year old time by 16 seconds and took his club into a 22 sec. record lead over Derby with Portsmouth close behind.

**Stage III Trevor Hart (20:29 - 7th fastest)** The 3rd stage is a new one, as the race is now diverted at Mitcham via Wallington, instead of along the former route up the Purley Way. Trevor, who 12 months ago would not even have been considered for a Brighton team, was selected for this 4 mile leg and he quickly made progress - taking us up to 4th place at one point and eventually handing over in 6th position. This was an extremely plucky run, only 22 secs. slower than the best time of the day by Fudge of Portsmouth.

**Stage IV Geoff North (29:30 - 12th fastest)** This leg is basically the original but is now over half a mile longer and is tougher by virtue of the uphill 1st mile immediately after the takeover at Sandy Lane, Wallington. This is a stage on which the cream runners perform and Geoff was up against seasoned campaigners like Basil Heatley (Coventry), Jim Hogan (Poly), Tim Briault (Ponders End), 'Kipper' Herring (Blackheath), Shelley (N. Staffs) and John Cooke (Portsmouth) to name but a few. Geoff has been taking his running more seriously lately and is nearing his peak, and we are

## The Brighton in PHOTOS ————— [E. Lacey]

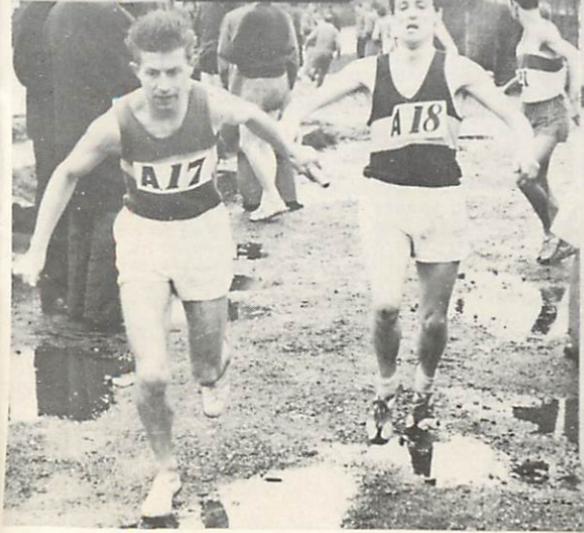
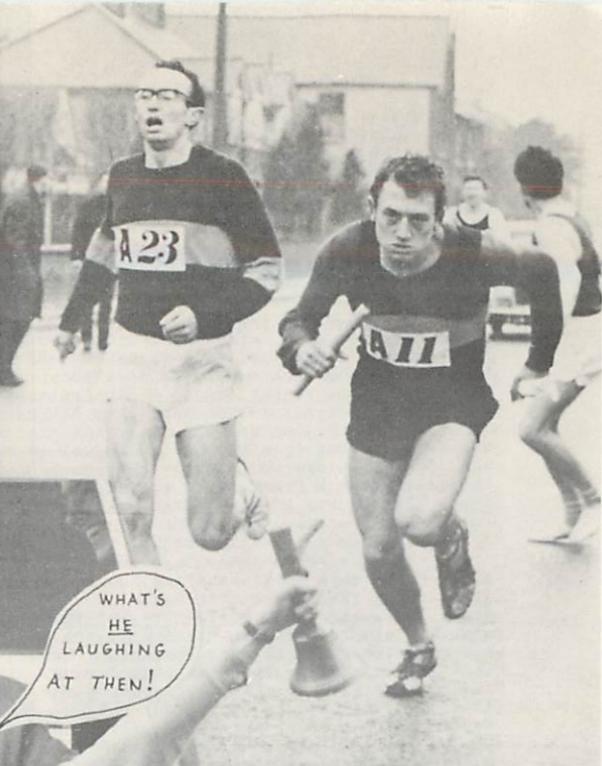
**TOP LEFT:** Bill Kerr trails Bullivant and Tulloh on Stage 9.

**TOP RIGHT:** John Thresher hands over to a determined Trevor Hart after stage 2.

**CENTRE:** Alan Mead and 'Noddy' Edwards, with some female assistance, cheer on the runners!

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Laurie O'Hara hands over to Gerry North after chopping 17 secs off the Club record for stage 7.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Alan Black brings Belgrave home in 4th place.



anticipating great things from him in the future. On this occasion, after quickly disposing of the Birchfield runner, he had to give way to Briault and Shelley and when Merstham was reached we were back to 7th, almost 2 mins behind Coventry, who were still leading. It was at this point that Portsmouth lost valuable ground when their runner was not ready at the take-over (Editor's note: contrary to several reports in the national press, of delays up to 2, and in some cases 3 minutes, the delay has been calculated at around 40/45 secs.) The pattern of the race was now taking shape - the leading clubs were coming to the fore and the next few legs would decide who were to be the likely winners. Could we pull back to the front as we had done in October?

Stage V, John Moore (21:46 - 8th fastest) John's time lowered the club record by 3 secs. yet even this was not good enough to gain on the leaders or to hold Edmonds of Bristol at bay, and at the end of the stage we were 2 mins 20 secs. behind back to eighth position.

Stage VI, Chas. Walker (13:36 - 3th fastest) This is the shortest leg of all and Charlie, on his 28th consecutive Brighton quickly passed N. Staffs and Ponders End and then set about closing the gap separating us from Bristol and Derby. Once again, the leading clubs had faster runners and the gap was widened to over 2½ minutes between us and Coventry, who had regained the lead after a brief lapse on the 5th leg.

Stage VII, Laurie O'Hara (18:10 - 4th fastest) Laurie is now used to the Gatwick Airport haul and with his quick clipped stride he gained on the Bristol runner eventually passing him to take us up to 5th, but we still could not make any impression on Coventry whose runner put up the fastest time of the day. Nevertheless, Laurie ran extremely well to carve 17 secs. off our own record for this leg.

Stage VIII, Gerry North (28:19 - 1st fastest) Our hopes were now centered on club captain Gerry North running at the peak of his form and determined to knock the record into a cocked hat. He had approached the best time for this leg on earlier attempts both for us and for Blackpool, and on this occasion he made no mistake, lowering the figure from 28:25 to 28:19, and in so doing took us into 4th place, only 2 secs. behind Derby and 13secs. behind Portsmouth who were, themselves, 1:20 secs. behind Coventry. We were back in the hunt, thanks to Gerry's fantastic effort - the battle was now on and our spirits were now restored with the hopes of at least a place. Although Coventry appeared to be invincible, with a bit of luck, we could still finish 2nd.

Stage IX - Bill Kerr (28:57 - 11th fastest) Bill has had a miserable winter through a complete loss of form but has recently been back to his usual self. He now had the invidious task of chasing Tulloch (Portsmouth) and Bullivant (Derby) who soon showed that they were in great form and we were obliged to watch our runner slowly losing the ground that Gerry North had so valiantly made up on stage VIII. The Scot ran much faster than in October when he was the fastest for the day, but it was of no avail against those ahead and at Hicksted, we were 2:47 secs. behind the leaders.

Stage X - Tony Fairclough (19:28 - 2nd fastest) Tony, who celebrated his 21st birthday only a few weeks ago, was not the least dismayed to be out of sight of the runners ahead and set about the task of closing the gap like a veteran. Soon he had the Portsmouth runner in his sights and at the end of the leg was only 10 secs. behind the 3rd team and had a new club record under his belt, having lowered Pat Newell's figures by no less than 28 secs. and at the same time, recorded the 2nd fastest time of the day.

Stage XI Chris Steer (21:03 - 14th fastest) Once again our hopes were raised only to be cruelly shattered when we found that Chris, on his first Brighton, was to pit his strength against Frank Salvat of Pompey. Chris, eager to get going, chased Salvat like a demon up Dale Hill and did in fact, close the gap by 5 secs. but the initial effort was too much for him and once the crown on the hill was reached, the Portsmouth runner leaped away to hand over well clear of a very tired and disappointed Chris. Coventry, still out in front were consolidating their position and Derby appeared to have the 2nd place well in hand, for with one leg to go, they were 68 secs. ahead of Portsmouth.

Stage XII, Alan Black (17:25 - 5th fastest) The last leg, as far as we were concerned was interesting only in seeing that Alan could keep ahead of Bristol who were making great efforts to catch us. This Alan did and reached the Aquarium in a time only 10 secs. outside the club record. Ahead of Alan, however, a dramatic change took place. Dave Cooke picked up over a minute on Derby to take his club into 2nd place and to set up a fantastically fast stage record. In the meantime, Brian Kilby had ensured a 2nd successive win for Coventry.

The times generally were fast for, despite the chilly wet weather, there was a strong following wind. The first 12 clubs each ran faster than they had ever done before. As to our own performance, we can justly be proud of our lads. After a bad start, they fought hard the whole way and there

certainly is no disgrace is being beaten by the big three of road relays, all of whom were at their very best. The wheel is turning and we have every prospect of an improved team in 1965 particularly if everyone trains really hard. The three leaders may well falter and give us the chance to step in - we have beaten Portsmouth before, and we can do it again.

#### RESULT

1. Coventry Godiva H.....	4:19:34	6. Polytechnic H... ..	4:26:13
2. Portsmouth A.C.....	4:21:37	7. N. Staffs and Stone.	4:26:31
3. Derby and County A.C.....	4:21:50	8. Manchester D.L.C....	4:27:10
4. BELGRAVE H.....	4:24:12	9. Birchfield H.....	4:28:11
5. Bristol A.C.....	4:25:00	10. Walton A.C.....	4:28:32

(20 teams ran)

## ROAD RUNNING

The recognised road running season is now under way and your captain Charlie Walker would like to know of your plans for this summer. Drop him a line at 9, St. Paul's Terrace, S.E.17. to ensure that you are entered for the important events.

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#### HOGS BACK 9½

Gerry North was not at his best. Badly affected by the cold and suffering from stitch he was dropped at half way and did well to hang on to 5th position. Pat Newell ran well to finish 21st in a good-class field of 250 runners and Charlie Dabbs completed the scoring three-some in 41st place.

#### RESULT

1. E. Betty (Thurrock)	44:05	5. G. North	45:27	1. Portsmouth (4,6,11)
2. B. Edelen (Hadleigh)	44:30	21. P. Newell	47:07	2. Windsor (10,13,16)
3. D. Turner (Liverpool)	44:36	41. C. Dabbs	48:35	3. Walton (5,17,21).
4. J. Herring (Blackheath)	45:27			4. BELGRAVE (3,18,36)

#### MITCHAM '15'---JAN 11TH

Belgrave lost their hold on both the "Jim Peters" and "Fry" trophies. We could only field three runners, Charlie Walker 18th (83:37), John Moore 27th (84:50) and Alan Bishop 77th (92:00). Derby were the winners with 14 points and Belgrave 8th with 89 points.

#### FELTHAM '15'---March 30th

On Easter Monday, five days before the "Brighton" relay, we had 3 teams appearing in the Feltham '15'. In addition to John Thresher (holder) we had Gerry North, Newell and Sawyer in the 'A' team.

Our opponents, however, were also strongly represented and this was the highest class field the race had ever seen.

Herring (Blackheath) set a tremendously fast pace right from the start with North and Haith (TVH) at his shoulder. Thresher was not so well away and had to make a great effort for 1½ miles to close with the leaders. The leading group was fast dwindling in size though and at half-way only North, Herring and Haith were left together. Gerry then made a desperate effort to break clear and Haith dropped, but Herring was simply flying along and with half a mile to go he stepped up the pace even more and drew away to a 12 seconds win, easily beating Gerry's own course record. Thresher was only 3 or 4 seconds slower than his win of last year yet was placed 9th. Pat Newell ran very well, was always well placed, and finished only 10secs behind John in 14th position. Barry Sawyer had a poor start, never got going, and although finishing in the twenties was nearly a minute behind Pat. Perhaps this was the moment he should have stepped down in favour of Pat Newell for the big event but 5 days away.

In the team race Belgrave and Ealing had the same score but Ealing won the day on the position of their last scoring man.

In the Redhill and Reigate '10½' on March 30th, Arthur Bruce (59:26) was 16th and Norman Stairs (59:29) 17th.

BELGRAVE OPEN FIELD EVENT'S MEETINGBattersea Park---March 21st

Held on a dull, showery day performances reached a fair standard for so early in the season. Unfortunately there was a lack of Belgrave names in the entries but two of our members found good form. Derek Wade had a great long jump of 22'-3½", which placed him second; he is surely destined to break the 23'-0" barrier shortly; and Colin Clair was also 2nd in the javelin with a good early-season throw of 176'-0".

The meeting was organised by "Glimpy" Jones.

**WINNERS:** HIGH JUMP: L. Hall (Imperial Coll.) 5'-4", LONG JUMP: A. Gibbons (Camb. U.) 22'-9", TRIPLE JUMP: R. Adkins (Meidenhead) 46'-11", POLE VAULT: P. Warren (HHH) 10'-0", SHOT: N. Kitchen (Wimbledon) 46'-7½", DISCUS: O. Feldmanis (Mitcham) 144'-7", JAVELIN: R. Bartlett (Poly) 205'-0½".

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DEREK BOOSEY

On January, 10th at the Southern Indoor Championships at Stanmore, Derek Boosey won the triple jump with a leap of 49ft. 2½ins an excellent effort for so early in the year. Two weeks later the same athlete had a busy day representing the R.A.F. v U.A.U at Cosford. He ran two 60 yard dashes (6.6 and 6.5), was 3rd in the 300 yds (35.0) and won the triple jump with 48ft. 0ins!

Continuing his busy indoor season at Stanmore on February, 8th our International triple jumper won his favourite event yet again (46ft. 10½ins) for Eastern Counties in a 6 sided match. Then a week later had a winning leap of 49ft. 6ins for the R.A.F. v Oxford v Cambridge.

Still striving to achieve a 50ft. 0ins indoor leap, Derek jumped for the R.A.F. Again at Feltwell on March, 7th. He retained his season's unbeaten record but could only do 47ft. 11ins. An improvement, a fortnight later, of 9½ ins gave Derek his 6th successive win - this time in a 6 sided match at Loughborough.

Providing he can keep free from injury, DEREK BOOSEY is surely Belgrave's best hope for a Tokyo trip.

In the unofficial top-ten cross country rankings for 1964, Gerry North was ranked 6th behind Betty, Hill, Turner, Cooke and Heatley despite beating three of them in the International Championship.

Tony Fairclough was ranked 7th in the Juniors behind Yates, Hammond, Edwards (Scot), McCafferty (Scot), Walker and Watters.

For some reason the Youths' rankings were only taken down to six, but John Bicourt can feel confident he would have been placed 8th.

Here and There.

We offer our sincere congratulations to Rengit and Indra Bhatia on their marriage in Delhi on February, 29th.

Belgrave runners at the Mitcham '15' held a collection for the Sam Ferris Fund and raised a donation of £2.

THE CLUB 20. Entries close on Saturday July, 11th and should be sent to this year's Race Hon. Sec. - Charlie Manning, 16, Morton Road, Morden.

The Publican of "The King of Denmark" has agreed to display a showcase of Belgrave trophies.

Alf Herley has been re-elected Treasurer of the Association of London Athletic Clubs. There will be no London match this year.

At the 40th A.G.M of the Surrey County A.A.A, A. Liffin (S.L.H.) was elected President. Dave Shepherd and Olive Shippen were included in the 24 nominees for the 20 Committee places, but the latter was unsuccessful.

Our congratulations are extended to Mike Smithers and Ken Miller on their recent marriages.

Belgrave have been invited to compete in the 'Sward Trophy' meeting at the Polytechnic Stadium on July, 25th.

**'FLASHBACK!' ----- 30 years.**



THE 1934 EMPIRE GAMES, LONDON

SIX MILES: Belgrave's ARTHUR PENNY (7) won from Rankine (Canada), Furze (5), Holden (6), Potts (8) and Oliver (Canada) in 31:00.

Our ex-Hermes runner, D.C. Brown, has emigrated to Johannesburg.

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The Surrey County Dinner will be held at the Ardington Rooms on Friday May, 1st. Tickets from Dave Shepherd (CHE. 1554)

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The A.A.A. Championships are to be sponsored this year by the Pepsi-Cola drink firm. A 20% discount can be obtained for bulk purchases of 10 or more tickets.

We regret to announce the death of George Clay A.A.A. coach, who entered Club life during the war and was an active member up until the early 1950's. George was a Sprints and relays coach and was a familiar figure at Motspur Park. His memory will remain with many Belgrevians.

#### TOP TEN!

Ray Middleton ranked 10th in the world in 1963 for 50 kilos. His time of 4:16:43.2 was 5:56.4 slower than the top ranker - Hohne of East Germany. There were 6 Russians in the top ten!

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John Moore finished 17th in the All-Ireland C.C. Championship at Dundonald on March, 7th.

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John Bicourt was 3rd in a senior 2,000 metres steeplechase at Feltham on February 2nd. His time for the indoor course of 21 obstacles was 6:33.3.

#### TRACK NEWS

At Baton Rouge, U.S.A., on March 28th Mal Robinson won a 2 miles track race, beating Geoff Walker (Australia) by inches in 9:08.4.

Jack Brown was 9th in the A.A.A. track '10' at Hurlingham on April, 11th, recording the good time of 54:18.4.

At the Herne Hill Winter Floodlit meeting at Totting Bec on March, 25th, John Thresher won the 3,000 metres in 8:37.0 and Danny Wiseman the 660 in 82.7.

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Our only senior representatives in the A.A.A. Indoor Championship at Wembley over Easter were John Thresher and Bill Kerr. Both were eliminated from their heats of the 2 miles event. Thresher was beaten by O'Riordan (Eire), Kidd (Canada), Jackson, Hyman and T. Duggan, to record 9:9.2. Kerr lost to McArdle (U.S.A.), J. Cooke, D. Taylor and Salvat and clocked 9:13.6.

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The Treasurer reminds members that subscriptions became due last September, and asks that outstanding subs. be settled before the end of May.

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John Bicourt was 4th in the Junior 2 miles at the AAA Indoor Championships at Wembley over Easter. His 9:35.8 was 32.6 secs. behind the winner, Young of Hornchurch.