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EDITORIAL.

When I took over Editorship before the war I expressed the aim to have the "Belgravian" written by the members, and was building up a useful team of reporters. Coming into office again after an absence of nearly four years I find that necessity has almost fulfilled that aim. Economy of paper, newsprint, etc., has reduced the "Belgravian" to a much smaller issue, which, incidentally, covers six months of club activity as compared with its pre-war appearance every two months. Against that there is not the number of fixtures to cover. We are now restricted to giving results of fixtures and news of members. The Hon. Treasurer has something to say, but we all know what treasurers say; if you don't, I'll leave you to guess! Embarrassed? You will find his address on another page.

When the results of the 1942-43 Cross-Country and Road Walking Season are read it will be agreed that the Belts have been well to the fore. Our success is undoubtedly due to the nucleus of regular performers and to those who turn out when other things permit, and to the odd members up on leave or off duty who crop up occasionally. There are some names which don't appear in the results—the Officials. Mention must be made of the good work done by our President, Harry Evans; our Hon. Secretary, Dick Savage; and Jimmy Belchamber and others. Here again we have some more occasional helpers who have acted as pointsmen, scorers, etc. We have also received support from some of our newer members. They can be assured that when normal conditions prevail again they will reap the benefit of their war-time support.

Are any of you keeping in touch with serving members?—especially those in distant and lonely parts? Our Hon. Sec. will be pleased to forward the address of any members who you feel you would like to write to. It is hoped too that distant members will drop a line occasionally, it is solely by this means that we are able to give news. In this respect the walkers are well organised by means of the Belgrave News Letter which gives addresses of walkers. Talking of the B.N.L., the names of Charlie Redgrave, Syd Roberts, Jack Rutland and Fred Brunning should be mentioned for the practical help they have given to its Editor and Producer—Percy Wright.

Many members will have noticed that the Club is now being mentioned in the local press. This good work is due to the week-end labours of Charlie Jones.

Finally a word of praise for the ultimate source of the Club's strength—the members—those who, as often as their many duties permit, have carried the Club's colours across country and over the roads. By helping to keep our sport alive and healthy they are ensuring that in the post-war sports boom, predicted by many, Belgrave will play a big part.

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CHRISTMAS CARD.

We have once again to thank Joe Coleman for the design of our Xmas Card. From all quarters appreciations have been received. However, owing to printing conditions, this may be the last for the duration. Joe, however, is full of ideas, and small wonder is it that he rose from L.A.C. to Sergeant in three months.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

We thank all those members who sent us Christmas greetings, including Charlie Churcher, Rodney Stone, Ken Sheail, Ken O'N'Kell, Bert Footer, Len Marchant, Alf Hadley, Mr. & Mrs. Hadley (Snr.), Bill Merryman, Sergeant Eilson, Len Herbert, Lawrie Jackson, Fred Bradman, Will Applebee, Dan Patience, Pat Ridge, Joe Daly (G.C. Malto), David Laing, Bill Bowers, Dick Towndrow, Len Herbert, "Quack," (Quackenbos), Albert Chetland, Dick Dumbrill, "Megaphone Man" Cook, Bill Snell, R.S.M. Bretherick. Mr. Ernest Neville and the many others who wrote: one such from Arthur Beaumont, M.E.F., dated 27th March, says, "Thanks for Xmas Card, arrived today."

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Track training has recommenced at Tooting, and Syd Jarlett has already started a "school" on Sunday mornings. Tuesday and Thursday evenings will however be considered as Club nights.

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Belgrave Hall will remain open on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings for all those who like road and distance work.

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Mrs. Billy Pritchard sends along her husband's track spikes for distribution. What offers?

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Only a very few Club vests are left in store, and the stock will not be replenished until after the war. One suggestion for a war-time vest is a plain coloured one (either red or yellow) with a big letter B stitched on the front. Any other suggestions?

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Once again we are indebted to Syd Roberts for staging such a successful Open Walk. The Hon. Treasurer is more than pleased as the financial side also showed a profit.

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To Les Cohen (and his wife) our thanks for their great work for the Supporters' Club during the past season.

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In view of the big influx of youthful members it has been decided to promote 5 handicaps for their benefit. The age limit will be up to 19 years, and prizes will be awarded according to entries. The events will be 1 mile, May 22nd; 100 yards and high jump, June 12th; 880 yards, July 10th; and 220 yards, August 21st.

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SOUTHERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These will again be held at the Poly Stadium, Chiswick, on 19th June, and are open to those under the age of 19 years on day of race. The programme includes all the usual running and field events, and in addition a 1 mile walk with a time standard of 8m. 45s.

Members eligible should enter as in addition to the medals for the first three in each event, medals will be awarded to unplaced competitors who attain the appointed standard in any event.

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A.A.A. OPEN HANDICAP MEETINGS.

These will be held at Tooting on 5th June, Parliament Hill 3rd July, and Charlton Park on 7th August. The programme consists of 100 yds.—100 yds. (Vets.); 220 and 880 yards; 1 & 3 miles; 2 miles walk; high & long jump. Weight on 5th June and 3rd July; discus, 3rd July and 7th August; javelin 7th August; and 120 hurdles 5th June.

NEW MEMBERS.

The undermentioned have recently been elected to membership:—

To all we give a very hearty welcome and sincerely trust that their athletic careers with the "Bels" will be long, successful and happy.

D. E. Abbott, Surbiton; L. J. Kennott, Tooting; Raymon Green, Eastleigh; N. P. Walker, Merton Park; A. F. R. Joels, Bexley Heath; H. J. Rouse, Cheam; F. Clay, New Malden; S. G. Spencer, Chelsea; S. J. Bridgett, Kilburn; E. J. Stone, Westminster; H. A. Bishop, Croydon; N. A. Graves, Cheshire; C. Hopes, Worcester Park; B. Pace, Cheam; H. E. Greenwood, S.W.16; G. C. F. Borlase Hendry, Tulse Hill; S. G. Norris, Tooting; G. J. Pearce, Mitcham; R. Danielson, Plaistow; C. G. Flower and C. J. Flower, Sidcup; P. Vine, Mitcham; R. P. Woodhead, Chelsea; A. E. Ives and E. A. Ives, Hanworth; John Robert Boyden (born 23/11/42); Dennis Bryan Ring (born 19/2/43); H. E. Powell, Whittton; C. Thompson, Merton; J. I. Peacock, Sutton; S. P. Wilson, Shepherds Bush; W. H. Watts, Morden.

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LOST CONTACTS.

Club communications have been returned through the post—from various reasons—from the undermentioned. Has any member any news of their present whereabouts?

Fred Rickards, Kitchener Road; C. Davey, Ebury Street; Frank Jarvis, Torridge Road, Thornton Heath; S. C. Moore, Mann Street, S.E.1.; W. E. Beard, Trammere Road, S.W.18; G. C. Hewitt, Lollard Street, Battersea; R. Stewart, Lonsdale Road, W.4; Lieut. R. G. Michael, R.N., Barnes; W. F. Bishop, Peckham and Godstone Road, Whyteleaf; L. D. Harris, Chelsea (and Clesco); P. H. Robert, Battersea (and Met. Police).

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LETTERS AND NEWS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

Frank Thomson. All members will be pleased to hear that Frank has recovered after his recent serious operation, and hopes soon to be amongst us again. Hooray, Frank! A day or two after his operation he wrote a very cheery letter to a member saying "It's all over. I've got through it. It's much too long a tale to tell, but I had a bath, shaved, wrapped up just like they do when they put you in a coffin, some breakfast, a peep at the news, then the body snatchers appeared. When I awoke 16 hours later the other patients said they had learnt some new words! And talking of Blackpool, what about a stick of rock?"

Sub-marine Footer ("Our Bert") writes a very cheery letter from the Isle of Wight. Had two days notice to win his Battalion Race. He says: "did a 7 mile training spin that afternoon, then stiff as hell. A night exercise, bed for a few hours, more drill, another night's sleep, and bob's your uncle! A trained athlete waiting for the gun. Gee, it was funny—about 200, in all manner of rig out, waiting on the start line—hell of a wait—then off we go, with me carried nearly shoulder high through the barrack gate. down the road. through a field, across a railway, where we had to wait for a train to pass, then home, with me just ahead of the mob—to win a note wallet—empty. But there I hope to win the notes in the Brigade race next Saturday." Then on top of all that he plays football, pulls a calf muscle, is put on light duty, and the sergt. major says he's 'swinging the lead' to get an easy time before the next race!

Frank Webb, having left Ireland, had a few weeks at Grantham, then on to Mildenhall, where he also played football and sprained his ankle. At the same time the Sports Officer had called him up to know if he was THE famous Belgrave Harrier! Frank thanks all his Club friends for the honour they bestowed on him by making him a life member.

Tommy Green, now a captain in the Home Guard, recently met with a bombing accident and suffered three slight wounds. We are very pleased to hear that he has now recovered. Telegraphed on the occasion of our open walk: "Unable to be with you today; best of back to the boys." Thank you, Tommy, and we hope to see Raymond leading the field at Chiswick on June 19th.

Joe Daly from Malta G.C., sends his greetings to all Belgravians and will tell us all about it on his return home. Has increased his stride, and there have been times he could have won any Club handicap! Says he can well imagine old 'Niggerly' in the Marines, and you know what sailors are! Anything to say about that one, Bert?

Ken Sheail, writing on 5th Jan., says: "By the time you receive this I shall be almost on the boat . . . I am busy preparing for the sun. Thanks a lot for all the good times I had with the Bels last year, and I do wish you all the luck in the world with the Club. Don't forget The Belgravian." Ken, having arrived safely in North Africa, says he enjoyed the journey out, and called at Algiers on the way.

Wally Ives, out in India, and whose letter was eleven weeks on its way, sends his greetings to all Belgravians and thanks those friends who have written him. Writes: "Now you blighters who can and do get to Belgrave Hall—keep at it. Get 'Bels' colours in front and keep 'em there. Always I am hoping for the call which means HOME and Wimbledon." Badly needs some 'pen pals.' Any offers? Full address on application. Wants to book his seats for the Reunion. He also gives us two more members for the post-war team, Ronald Ernest, born 3/12/34, and Edmund Anthony, born 8/5/37.

Dickie Dumbrill sends an interesting letter from Yorkshire. He says he has put himself down for Paratroops—must have a bit of fun! He also says he has a C.O. who is very fond of cross country and athletics. Now this is indeed good news, Dick, as most members write in the very opposite manner. "Thanks for Christmas card and the Gazette. It does one good to hear what our boys are doing to keep the sport going and to learn what Belgravians in the services are doing the world over."

Arthur Beaumont says he is now in Tripoli for a rest, after having travelled a few miles since the advance. Tells the usual tales about the Arabs and tent life. "Don't say anything about the Y.H.A. I've had enough of open air life; give me home comforts from now on." And again on March 27th he writes that his Xmas has just arrived and that he is oozing perspiration!

Bob Boyden, having returned to civilian life, celebrated the occasion by making his son and heir (born 23rd Nov., 1942) a member. Another candidate for the 1962 team! In giving thanks for the "Belgravian," he says there was certainly some very interesting reading, particularly Bert Footer's letter; "I could just imagine poor old Bert complete with thorns and thistles!"

Arthur Cook, better known as the "Megaphone Man," writes from Dorset: "Thanks for 'Belgravian,' which I consider one of the best—if not the best—issue to date. It reminds me of those happy days of peace."

Percy Wright, in acknowledging the last "Belgravian," from South Wales says: "It's equal to a flash of cockney in the heart of this place, and believe me, that's saying something. When the Mag. arrives it carries me back to stale stinks and an overcrowded bath tub." Percy also wants to start a "Kindergarten Section" for the 1962 team. What with the B.N.L., Airgraph collecting, attending Cardiff University for Youth Club Instruction, endeavouring to tell the Welsh A.A.A. how to run a sports meeting, and his wife, one wonders when he gets time for his Army duties!

"Stimmo's" young brother in naval uniform, and stationed not too far from London, has started again.

Jack Shields is another who turned up at Belgrave Hall, when on Xmas leave and went out for a run. I hope he was not too stiff the next day. He also brought news.

Alan Lomas, a "lost contact," of Merton, and Rutlish, whom he met in the R.A.F. at Ludlow. Alan has since visited us at Belgrave Hall, looking very fit and well. So busy learning to fly, has found no opportunity to do any running.

Alf Orton, acknowledging the Xmas Card and the last Gazette, from the Middle East says: "They certainly brought back many happy memories." He says that after 8½ months in the desert he can now get into Cairo whenever he feels like it, and recently spent 7 days leave in Alexandria. (Join the Air Force and see the world.) Hasn't felt like training although results shewing 2.6 for 800 metres has nearly made him change his mind. Has, however, taken up table tennis to keep fit.

Eric Goodman, a one-time junior sprinter, and now in the Navy, met Charlie Redgrave on H.M.S. Royal Arthur. He, however, was re-posted again to Brighton to undergo a course of training.

Bill Lucas now Flying Officer. Congrats, Bill. Found time to look into Belgrave Hall when on leave from Forces. Very busy on instructional duties, but hopes to resume training shortly and to show Joe Binks how to run a half mile at his Whitsun meeting.

Joe Flower, writing from West Africa, sends membership forms for his two sons, one aged 2 and the other aged 7 years, and says he hopes they will have as enjoyable a time with the "Bels" as he has had, and that they will help to carry the claret and gold to the front. Of The Belgravian he writes: "What pleasure that little journal brings—news of the old Club and my old pals, is as good as a tonic."

Dan Patience, after having been stationed in the wilds of Ayr, bemoaning his fate and because he couldn't get a run, now writes from North Africa. Says at present all he does is marching, bathing and eating oranges.

"**Champ**" **Smith**, home on a few days leave from "the fry pans," dons his shoes for a spin with George Still.

V. Bretherick, a miler of years ago, when a private and whom we haven't either seen or heard of for many a long year, sends Christmas greetings to all "Belgravians" from the Middle East. He is now a R.S.M. in the R.A.M.C. (Can any member give the Hon. Sec. his address?)

Len Fletcher, writing from Lincolnshire, says if you asked for leave for walking, "the beaks of this Fred Karno's outfit would think you wanted to take a W.A.A.F. out." That's a good one, Len!

Bill Snell, in the M.E., says he and "Charlie Churcher seem to be chasing one another but never meeting. But one fine morning saw Jack Flower, complete in claret and gold, trying out his spikes in the sand. Truly a small world. Has also been playing basketball and says it's no cissy's game either! To all Belgravians, "all the very best."

Harry Hare is frequently being enquired after. Famous Belgravians of this ilk will always be welcome at Belgrave Hall and there are still empty scoring boards to be filled up. Harry!

Alec Ball, in the Navy, sends his regards to the lads, and hopes to be back with us after this spot of bother.

Harry Churcher, now stationed at Bicester. Little facilities for sport. Enjoyed a cycle trip to Oxford.

Eddie Heather. Still making good progress and occasionally looks in at the Hall.

Syd Jones airgraphs from the Middle East that he is still a signaller. The Editor must have mistaken Sgn. for Sgnt. Let's hope the mistake will bring you luck in the way of promotion.

Bill Sutton is also somewhere out in the M.E., and enjoying himself with funny crawly things that wear heavy boots at night.

Cyril Pateman, out in Ceylon, is pleased to hear that the Club is carrying on so well, and looking to the day when he may once again join in a Club cross-country race. Sends greetings to all members.

Bill Jones, from Yorkshire, is strolling over the Bradford 15 course, and hopes to put up a good show. Hopes that at least 3 members will enter in order to make up a team.

Joe Coleman, who was not entered in the Club "Open," is now a sergeant. Percy tells us Joe's promotion has been so rapid that he missed him on the way up! But Joe does not intend to stop at stripes; what he wants is a few rings!

Len Coleman, writing from West Africa, doesn't want brother Joe to see the photo of himself he sent Percy. The Ed. doesn't think it was so bad, but the "shorts" were certainly not tailored "à la Footer!"

Fred Bentley, our well-known police long distance walker, having gained his wings in Canada, came home to meet with an accident which has partially paralysed his left shoulder. He was an enthusiastic spectator at our "Open."

Lionel Spooner, whom most of us do not know personally, is keeping the "claret and gold" to the fore in Palestine. Charlie Churcher sends an interesting newspaper cutting of a 10 miles championship road walk in Jerusalem, during January. At the half distance, Spooner led the Palestine champion, Friedlander, by 6 secs. in 43.30. After an hour his lead was increased to 11 secs., but he then suffered from an attack of cramp and, although making a gallant rally in the closing stages, was unable to again catch Friedlander who eventually won by 35 secs.

Jimmy Green staged a "come back" after his operation and surprised us all by his forward running at Ruislip, and is looking forward to a good summer season. Now wears a crown over his three stripes.

Harry Shields is, we understand, the proud father of another girl. But he kept the news very quiet. So perhaps he is a trifle disappointed that it wasn't a boy!

Norman Shrubb, having been on a "hush hush" course, was promoted sergeant and sent to India. He hopes to get in some racing with the locals.

Teddy Read is now, we understand, in Tunisia, and has brought down his first "Jerry." Good shooting, Teddy! We have also heard he was in the W.A.F. also M.E.F. Has been in hospital with a touch of malaria, but his sister Lilian says he is now convalescent.

Will Rispin is another out in the M.E. Sends greetings to all members and hopes they are keeping the claret and gold well to the front.

Bill Merryman started a tour of England, having been stationed in Staffordshire for about two years, suddenly pays Alf a visit at Great Yarmouth, then goes north to see Charlie Redgrave at Skegness. Whilst at Great Yarmouth he found us a more than promising member who has been winning races. Bill, having finished his tour, has now returned to Staffordshire.

"**Pidge**" **Bird** writes from Cheshire announcing his marriage to a young lady from Bolton. Congratulations—and may your married life be long and happy. Says the cotton weavers gave him a wonderful time. "It was very pleasant receiving the Gazette, and the Christmas card occupies a fore position on my mantelpiece."

Norman Graves, who was introduced to us by Bill Merryman, writes that he has met with various successes in races since he has been transferred to Hereford. He hopes to be able to help us this summer. Says: "I think your magazine is great."

Bill Bowers is going through a P.T.I. course and hopes to be helping us this summer. His shoes need re-spiking. Can anyone advise where spikes may be obtained?

Sid Ring sends a telegram to say he has become the proud possessor of a son. Dennis Bryan having been duly named, has now been enrolled as a member. Sid has now returned to London, so that we hope to have his services more frequently in the future.

David Laing, writing from Hythe (Kent) says it was certainly good to receive the Mag, and the news letters from all the blokes is encouraging. With the practice at hill climbing he is getting, he intends to join the next expedition to Mount Everest! Where he is, running is dead, but he still manages an occasional run, much to the amazement of the locals.

Bob Reynolds, still out East, has been in "dock," but is now about again. Says the sand is an excellent substitute for the Wimbledon mud.

Bill True, a "lost contact," has turned up. He is now a corporal in R.A.C., stationed not too far from London, and looks very well. Has started training and already competed.

Eric Herbert has successfully undergone an operation on his feet, and it only now remains for him to thoroughly recover before starting training again. We all wish him the best of luck.

Colin Sutton, a flight-sergeant R.A.F., after flying to the Middle East, has continued his hop and is now in India. Has started training and met the Indian champion, Sinba, over 1,500 metres, but was beaten. The result of a return match on 25th Feb. is awaited.

George Tyrer, one of our oldest members, and who nowadays turns up about once a year, missed the A.G.M., but came along the following week, looking not much different, but perhaps a few years older, otherwise just the same jolly old self.

Albert Wattam, well known as the "Brighton" member, writing from Lincolnshire, says he hopes to be at the first meeting after the war! Has contacted Charlie Redgrave at Skegness.

"**Quack**" to us, and Max to his American friends, gained 6th place in the National A.A.U. Junior 5,000 metres run last June. Still finds time to send a few lines across.

Frank Elson, now a Sergeant R.E.M.E., with various insignia on his sleeve, is very busy on secret stuff nowadays; so we've only had "whispers" about him.

Charlie Jones earns our thanks for volunteering to become recorder and press representative for local newspapers. So don't forget to let Charlie know immediately if you win a race.

George Still, our evergreen veteran, also must be heartily thanked for his unfailing zeal in piloting packs of juniors (in age and ability) over the Common on Saturday afternoons in all weathers.

Dick Savage must once again be thanked for his loyalty in flagging the course across the Common on Saturday afternoons, all weathers.

Alf Peck has also become the possessor of a bonny son. Daddy also being a member of the "Poly," has not yet decided where to apprentice his son.

George Long, having had an enjoyable time in Arran, has returned to his tent at Havant. Has been promoted colour sergeant. Congratulations, George. Also did a spot of running whilst in Angus, and won a road race, a half mile, and just staggered home in the mile. Good work, George.

Len Rollins has gained his second "ring" and is now a full Lieutenant, R.N.V.R. Congratulations, Len. I am pleased to hear you have "shaken the moths" out of your running kit. There will still be room for you in our post-war teams

Tommy Scrimshaw is, I understand, the father of a future Belgrave and A.A.A. Champion. I am awaiting his membership form. Teaches anything from squash to boxing to his boys in Wigtownshire.

Dick Towndrow took into life partnership a Dorset lass on 21st November and has also gained promotion. He is now a lance-corporal. Has since returned from Ireland and expects to be posted abroad.

George Durrant, writing from Catterick, says that the weather is rotten but doesn't mind that as he has been posted to the R.A.C. Has since been in hospital with pneumonia, but is now convalescent and hopes to do a bit of training soon.

Reg Shepherd, back from Canada with his "wings," and now in Scotland, would like to hear from some of his old "Bel" friends, especially Turner, Saunders and Skelly. Has no chance for training nowadays. (News has just been received that Reg has been posted missing after a recon. over Europe recently.)

Len Smith, now a sergeant in the R.A.S.C., writes that he was the Smith who won "a double" in Yorkshire last year, and of whom enquiries were made in the November Gazette. He was unable to contact Bill Jones after the racing. Writing from Aldershot, says he manages a weekly run and reports steady progress.

Alf Miller, a corporal in the R.A.F. and now in North Africa, and having just received the Gazette, says: "You can imagine my joy and with what pleasure I devoured its contents. Many were the good times revived. Memories crowd on me—our socials—little Nell with Tom Carter as the village constable—the Six Dancing Girls—not forgetting the lively time round the corner—the never-to-be-forgotten Nationals, Southernns and the Brighton. I can still remember having my full swallow out of the Cup, on the promenade. I could write volumes of my adventures to date."

Bert Clayton, now a L.A.C. away in Aden, has been unsuccessful in getting a walk put on in a local sports meeting, and has had to be content with a mile run, the result of which we are awaiting.

"I am looking forward to the Reunion, and in the words of every man overseas, "Roll on that boat."

Jimmy Kemp, when on leave, paid us a visit at Belgrave Hall on 30th January, on the occasion of the match with the Metropolitan Police. He was full of smiles and looked very robust and although he turned out, was obviously short of training.

Ron Bryan paid us a flying visit from Southampton for the match on 30th January, but failed to show last year's form and finished 4th, half a minute behind Carter.

Harry Timberlake was another visitor on 30th January, although walking lame through the accident which gave him his release from the Army, he looked very well. Has since assisted in flagging the course over the Common. Many thanks, Harry.

Knut Moe, our Norwegian member, according to rumour from a neutral source, has made his getaway to England. Who knows?

Charlie Smart, who has been knocking at the door of promotion for some time, when on a "buckshee" recently, was noticed to be wearing two stripes. Congrats, Corporal.

Ron Jeal, now evacuated to Streatford, Lancs., writes: "What a link the old Mag is."

Len Marchant has joined the noble order of benedicts. Congrats, and may your double life be long and happy.

N. S. H. Day, another of our youngsters, writes that he has joined the Navy. Is on H.M.S. "Glendower," and says he likes it very much. Appreciated the Gazette and Xmas card and wishes all members a happy New Year.

Les Bennett is still amongst the missing in Malaya. His wife, Olive, writes: "It is over a year since I last heard from my husband. I have not given up hope and have great confidence that he is safe and well."

Joe Binks, who does not sling many compliments Belgrave way, writes: "Gazette just received—a real good one—plenty of news for the members." I wonder what "Our Bert" has to say about Joe?

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WITH THE RUNNERS.

The winter season was opened at Belgrave Hall on October 3rd, and although a record was not kept of all those who attended, it was certainly a war-time record.

A feature of the afternoon was the photo taken outside the Hall and the group numbered 46.

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"THE SAVAGE SHIELD."

This Race for Juniors was duly held on Saturday, December 19th, over the Club's usual 5 miles course.

The entry was small owing to the recent call-up of youth and a notable absentee was George Durrant, who was suddenly called for duty two days before the race.

The clash between George and David Main which had been eagerly awaited, was therefore not forthcoming.

David, however, did not have it all his own way; Kenneth Cuff another newcomer, a few weeks under 16 had a go and nearly brought it off. David's long legs and extra brawn, however, brought him home a winner in 27m. 13s., thirty seconds in front of Kenneth with Kenneth Webb third.

Although this race does not during the war period carry championship rank, the Shield was duly presented, the medals being given by Dick Savage, Tom Carter and Les Cohen, to whom we give thanks.

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SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.C.A.

Five team races were promoted by this Association during the season. The first from Belgrave Hall on October 17th, attracted an entry from 17 teams and 97 competitors started. The day was mild with a slight wind and the ground was rather dry and hard, and the usual 5 miles course was used. Three teams had been entered by the Club but only 14 members turned up to run.

The individual race was won by Richards of Mitcham in 30.25, Carter being 2nd, 25 seconds behind. Cohen was 3rd, 31.45; Taylor 7th, 31.45; Speight 8th, 31.47; Walker 11th; 31.58; Tobin 13th, 32.7; Durrant 18th, 32.16; Jarlett 21st, 32.24; Morrell 22nd, 32.26; C. T. Beer 27th, 32.36; Shields 36th, 33.14; McDonald 47th, 34.17; Harding 50th, 34.26 Owen 75th, 35.56 and Woodard 76th, 36.0 However with 4 aside scoring we had the pleasure of finishing first and second in the team race, the "A" team scoring 20 points and the "B" team 79 points.

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The second race was held on November 14th at Ruislip over the Finchley Harriers 5 miles course, but which, on the clock, was under the scheduled distance. The large number of starters, 112, the best field to date, made the scoring more open, and the final tally found us beaten by the home club by 4 points, the scores being 35 to 39 for 4 aside. The "B" team were 5th with 99 points. Pat Parker made one of his rare appearances and although short of a little pep, finished 7th. Micky Walker ran well to gain 15th place and Jimmy Green was very pleased with himself and his 19th position. "Stimmo" and Beer, both on short leave, were, however, hardly fit enough for the fast course. Result: 1, Carter, 27.48; 3, Hoath (N.F.S.) 28.7; 7, Parker, 28.26; 15, Walker, 28.58; 16, Speight, 28.59; 19, Green, 29.7; 25, Shaw, 29.36; 27, Shields, 29.43; 28, Morrell, 29.47; 40, Stimpson, 30.49; 41, Taylor, 30.50; 53, Beer, 31.3.

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The third race of the series was held at Epsom under the auspices of the Epsom Harriers on December 12th. The best entry to date

had been received and 145 runners comprising 24 teams turned out. The estimated distance was 5 miles but the time of the winner (32m. 6s.) would make the distance perhaps nearer 5½ miles. The course was a good one, nearly all grassland and not very heavy, although wet on top. We welcomed the re-appearance of Len Herbert, Ted Stimpson, and Charlie Smart, all home on short leave, and also a newcomer Sam Beer, who in this his first cross-country race for a year or more, and without any serious training, finished 26th. Jimmy Green also ran very well after his recent illness. The team were very anxious to wipe out their defeat at Ruislip and did so by finishing the scoring four in the first 21 places, the scores being 43 points to 56 of the second team.

Len Herbert and Tom Carter finished together in the third place in 32m. 46s., and in true Belgrave spirit Tom waived any claim to the 3rd medal and it was handed to Len who had not previously won a Southern medal. Other positions were 14th, Hoath, 33.44; 15, Tobin, 33.48; 21, Green, 33.59; 23, Speaight, 34.1; 26, S. J. Beer, 34.8; 27, Stimpson, 34.9; 28; Peck, 34.10; 40, Smart, 34.54; 47, Shaw, 35.25; 48, Shields, 35.28; 51, Taylor, 35.32; 61, Morrell, 36.0; 89, McDonald, 37.25; 91, Clarke Spencer, 37.27; 116, Woodward, 39.7. The "B" team were placed 8th with 161 points.

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The fourth race on February 20th found a merry party at Butlers Retreat, Chingford, and the 7½ miles course was mapped out into 3 laps of undulating grassland, and 15 members were amongst the 83 starters. Bill Speaight, having been on duty the previous night, was not up to the mark, and retired after the first lap, and Andy Gray twisted his ankle in the last lap and limped back home.

At the end of the first lap Carter and Hoath were leading, but Carter appeared far from comfortable. Brickwood led in the next lap with Hoath still second, Herbert was 3rd and Carter had dropped back to 4th. The finish saw Herbert in front clocking 42.42; Hoath 2nd, 42.49; Carter 4th, 43.3; Tobin 15th, 44.44; Bryan 17th, 44.49; Cohen 18th, 45.4; Peck 21st, 45.15; Shields 25th, 45.34; Morrell 40th, 47.16; Spencer 55th, 49.25; White 63rd, 50.39 and Jannaway 70th, 53.30.

The team were placed first, scoring 38 points.

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The last of these races was held over the Blackheath Harriers 7½ miles course at Hayes on 27th March.

Owing to the "exigencies of the service" we were short of both service and civil members. However nine members (and Mrs. and Miss Morrell) turned up and saw a strong Fire Force team beat us with a score of 31 to 51 points. Congratulations, Firemen—it's not out of your turn.

Fireman Hoath (also a Bel) won a splendid race, winning by 1¼ minutes, clocking 44.35. Carter was second, 45.48; 4th, Cohen, 46.34; 5th Bryan, 47.7; 17th, Tobin, 48.48; 28th, Morrell, 49.28; 29th, Peck, 49.32; 39th, Shaw, 50.20; 40th, Doubleday, 50.22; 56th, Harding, 51.58; 67th, McDonald, 52.56; 75, Taylor, 54.17; and 81st, Jannaway, 56.44.

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CLUB 3-MILES ROAD RACE HANDICAP.

This race was, as usual, held the week following the opening run of our winter season, and a good field was seen out.

George Still, that G.O.M. of our running section, who is 65 next birthday, was on the limit mark of 5m. 15s. and finished 7th in the race.

The race was won by a very promising young runner, G. Durrant, who is a protege of Syd Jarlett's, and he made good use of his 1.45 start to work his way through the long markers and come home a good winner.

Prominent among the back-markers were Tom Carter, R. H. Bryan who came up from Eastleigh, Les Cohen and Art Penny, and only a few seconds divided them when actual times were worked out.

The scratch man, L. W. Herbert, was unable to be present, but a field of 23 starters must be considered very good in these rather difficult times.

We used the old 3 mile course round the Common and by the Windmill, but lengthened the course by starting at the bottom of Lauriston Road, although finishing at the top of the Common, as was usual in the past.

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| POSTN. | NAME. | HCP. TIME. | START. | ACT. TIME. |
|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| 1 | G. Durrant | 15.14 | 1.45 | 16.59 |
| 2 | K. J. Webb | 15.17 | 3.0 | 18.17 |
| 3 | J. T. Beer | 15.23 | 1.45 | 17.08 |
| 4 | W. H. Speaight | 15.25 | 1.30 | 16.55 |
| 5 | A. E. Taylor | 15.26 | 1.25 | 16.51 |
| 6 | F. A. Walker | 15.27 | 1.20 | 16.47 |

7, G. Still (5.15); 8, A. W. Penny (0.55); 9, G. S. Doubleday (2.0); 10, J. F. Harding (2.30); 11, A. R. Shaw (1.35); 12, L. J. Cohen (0.30); 13, J. McDonald (2.0); 14, R. W. Tobin (1.20); 15, F. G. White (2.15); 16, V. Ley (2.5); 17, C. T. Carter (0.15); 18, R. H. Bryan (0.20); 19, A. W. G. Peck (1.5); 20, A. S. Lindsay (1.45); 21, A. Smith (2.30); 22, A. H. Boddy (2.5); 23, H. A. Bishop (2.10).

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METROPOLITAN POLICE A.C.

From their sports headquarters at Hayes, Kent, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, and in which the London Fire Services and Thames Valley Harriers participated. The course was the usual one used by the Police and is about 4½ miles. Tom Carter, taking the lead from the start, went away all on his own and was never headed, to eventually finish in 25.40, knocking 15 seconds off the previous best time for the course. We were pleased to welcome George Murray home on 10 days leave, but very obviously short of training.

Result:

1, Carter, 25.40; 5, Speaight; 6, Main; 10, Tobin; 12, Morrell; 13, Shaw; 14, Shields; 17, Taylor; 20, Murray.
Scores: 8 aside. Belgrave, 73; L.F.S., 99; Police, 128.
5 aside. Belgrave, 35; L.F.S., 37; Police, 59; T.V.H., 79.

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The return visit was made to Belgrave Hall on 30th January, and their Hon. Secretary paid us the compliment of giving them perhaps the best and happiest run of the season. They turned up 15 competitors and several supporters, but being without their cracks were beaten with a score of 115 to 185 points, 12 aside scoring. The course was laid over the Club "7" and was very wet in consequence of heavy rains in the morning. Tom Carter led from the start and eventually won in 41.31; 2, Main, 41.48; 3, Peck, 42.3; 4, Bryan, 42.4; 5, Tobin, 42.48; 8, Morrell, 43.58; 9, Shaw, 44.7; 12, Shields, 44.14; Speaight, 44.23; 18, Mitchell, 45.39; 19, White, F. R., 47.1; 20, Taylor & Lindsay, 47.3; 23, Spencer, 47.15; 27, Jannaway, 48.28; 30, Gray, 50.30; 31, Daniels, 52.12; 32, Webb, K. J., 53.10.

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MATCH v. N.F.S. AND METROPOLITAN POLICE
AT HAYES, KENT.

Held from the Hayes, Kent, over 5 miles, on October 24th.

It was very disappointing that our first away match was only supported by five members. The day was fine but windy and the Blackheath Harriers usual 5 miles course was used. It was very pleasing to see our cross country novice David Main finishing in fifth position and Les Cohen, whose protegee he is, prophesies great things from David in the future.

1, Carter (29.55); 5, Main (30.33); 7, Cohen (30.40); 11, Speaight (31.12); 12, Shields (36.24).

1, Belgrave (36); 2, Police (38); 3, N.F.S. (48).

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THE LONDON FIRE FORCE.

At Belgrave Hall on 20th March, in which the British Workers combined their C.C. Championship. The Club 5 miles course was used, and nearly 40 runners faced the starter. The race resolved into a duel between Tom Carter and George Hoath, and on entering the finishing field both were fighting every inch, first Tom and then George in front, and Tom putting in a tremendous finish just landed home first by about 7 yards in 29.3. This was Tom's fastest time this year over this course. Les Cohen was third in 30.18; Charlie Smart home for a spot of leave, 4th, five seconds further behind; then came Speaight 8th, 31.17; 9, Morrell, 31.31; 10, Peck, 31.35; 11, Shields and Tobin together, 31.41; 15, Shaw, 32.5; 19, Spencer, 32.58; 20, Cuff, 34.20; 21st, Boddy, 34.36; 25, Dewbery, 34.44; 26, Griffin, 34.56; 30, Webb and Taylor together, 35.27; 33, Gray, 37.23, and 35, George Still, 37.42.

Counting 10 aside, the final scores were 89 points for the Bels and 121 for the N.F.S.

Carter also won the B.W.S.A. Championship, and Hoath second. ,

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THAMES HARE AND HOUNDS.

Saturday, October 31st, saw a party from The King's Head, Roehampton, headed by Harry Hall and Mr. Spendlove, at Belgrave Hall to give battle to our boys over the Club's usual 5 miles course. Drawn from the Thames Hare and Hounds, South London Harriers and Raneleigh, the combined team, although weak athletically, was strong in enthusiasm.

Counting nine aside, the final score was 53 to 124 points in favour of the Bels.

1 Carter, 31.27; 2 Walker 31.56; 3 Speaight, 32.3; 4 Peck 32.27; 6 Cohen, 32.42; 7 Morrell, 32.59; 9 Shields, 33.51; 10, equal Durrant & Taylor, 34.15; 13 Lindsay, 35.26.

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"COMBINED CLUBS."

Twenty-six runners, remnants of the Thames Hare and Hounds, South London, Orion and Ranelagh Harriers Clubs were out at Roehampton on January 23rd, and scoring eight a side were defeated with a score of 64 to 78 points over an approximately 6½ miles course.

Dick Tobin and David Main finished together first in 39.25; Stubbs, S.L.H., being 3rd in 40.12; 4 Shields, 40.26; 5 Shaw, 41.7; 6 Morrell, 41.20; 11 A. Taylor, 42.32; 13 F. R. White, 42.54; and 22 Jannaway, 45.44.

Several old timers were present including the brothers Spendlove, Bill Baker, Davis, of Ashcombe, Foster, and Alf Harley, of Belgrave. After the race the teams were entertained to tea by the Thames Hare and Hounds.

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Thames Valley Harriers visited Belgrave Hall on January 9th, and over the 5 miles course with 8 aside scoring, were beaten with a score of 47 points to 89. The R.A.F. Halton were also to have participated but owing to exigencies of the Service were unable at the last moment to send a team. Result:—

1 Carter (B) 30.48; 2 Peck (B) 31.18; 3 Phipps (T) 31.38; 4 Tobin (B) 31.40; 6 Shields (B) 32.56; 7 Shaw (B) 33.15; 8 Morrell (B) 33.25; 9 Doubleday (B) 33.37; 10 James (B) 33.46; 11 Lindsay (B) 34.9; 14 Harding and Rosewell (B) 34.33; 17 Main and Taylor (B) 36.40; and 20 Gray (B) 39.23.

WALTON A.C.

A junior match from Belgrave Hall on February 13th over about 4 miles, 5 aside scoring; 1 Harding (W) 24.28; 2 Cuff, 24.50; 7 K. Webb, 26.20; 8 Boddy, 26.31; 9 Dewberry, 26.45; 10 Gray, 27.5; 11 Jannaway, 27.6; 12 Daniels, 27.8; 13 Eeles, 27.30; 15 J. Shields, 27.32. Walton 19 points; Belgrave 36 points.

FINCHLEY "20."

At Ruislip on 10th April.

At about 7 miles Sid Ring had a substantial lead, but at about 15, Richards (Mitcham) with Mick Walker in attendance, were in front. Despite every effort, Mick was unable to pass Richards, but pushed him to a record for the course, Mick being a matter of a few yards behind in 2 hrs. 49 secs., a time which in previous years would have won the race. Ring was 7th in 2 hrs. 7 mins. 25 secs; Bert Mitchell 13th, 2 hrs. 14 mins. 16 secs.; and Fred White 23rd in 2hrs. 24 mins. Walker, Ring and Mitchell took second prizes in the team race.

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FINCHLEY HARRIERS and MET. POLICE.

At Ruislip on Saturday, 6th Feb., six aside scoring:—
1 Evers (F) 38.13; 2 Tobin, 38.58; 4 Shields, 39.57; 6 Shaw, 40.29;
10 Wilson, 43.47; 21 Morrell, 45.14; 23 Gray, 48.55.
Finchley 53 points; Belgrave 57 points.

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DARTFORD H. and N.F.S.

At Dartford, 17th February.

Dockerill of the Home Club was first, followed by Les Cohen. Scoring 5 aside, the match resulted:— 1 Belgrave, 33; 2 N.F.S., 44; 3 Dartford, 45.

Result:— 1 Dockerill (D) 27.35; 2 L. Cohen, 27.46; 4 H. Shields, 28.24; 5 A. Shaw, 28.32; 6 T. Morrell, 28.41; 16, A. Jannaway, 32.55.

It is pleasing to note the name of Jannaway in a winning combination. Although perhaps lesser known, he has been an enthusiastic runner from Belgrave Hall for a number of years.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

So many members with a Middlesex qualification being in the Services and unable to obtain leave, a very depleted team had to do service for Cadogan A.C. at Ruislip on January 2nd.

Although Tobin (8), Shields (13) and Taylor (14) scored equal points, 34, with Thames Valley Harriers, they lost third place on time aggregate.

David Mains, running as a Belgravian, was placed 3rd in the Junior Championship, 35 secs. behind the winner.

WITH THE WALKERS.

By Syd. Robert.

Since our last issue no fewer than twelve walkers have joined our ranks, eight of whom have been recruited from our old friends the Police, and for which our thanks are mainly due to Bob Readman. They also include Tommy Green's boy, who we have not yet had the pleasure of seeing on the road; L. Kennett and F. Joels, both youngsters; and J. Robins, who actually joined the Club in 1939, but has apparently not been active until just recently. Such progress in these difficult times is sure proof of the popularity both of the Club and the sport. Now is the time to start forming a nucleus of a strong post-war team, and the keenness which is being displayed by all concerned leaves no doubt whatever that when the regular championships are resumed, the Belgrave colours will be well to the fore.

Our new members have already been giving good accounts of themselves in the Open handicaps, Norman Dyne getting a 1st and 2nd in the Highgate and Police Opens respectively, and J. Robins and H. Rouse 2nd and 3rd in our own open. Unfortunately in two instances the qualifying period of three months had not elapsed, and both Dyne and Rouse were, on different occasions, barred from inclusion in the team, thus robbing us of team handicap placings. Norman Dyne is certainly making rapid progress for his first season and looks like being one of our top liners.

Our own Open gave us a chance of showing that we can still field a winning scratch team with really strong opposition. Jack Rutland was fitter than he has been for a long time, and finished 4th, young Mac walked well to finish 5th, and Harry Churcher, who has recently been posted nearer to London, and got in some quick training, finished 7th, thus giving us three in the first seven, a little more like old times. As a war-time measure, to meet the wishes of the judges, who are now unable to provide their own transport, a new course was used, cutting out the long three-mile circuit round the hills. The entry 124 was one of the highest of the season and included 29 of our own club. Unfortunately, Charlie Redgrave was unable to get down and Frank Elson had to return to duty the day before the race. Nevertheless we were still able to field four teams. J. Robins, who has already received mention, being an unknown quantity, was not seriously considered for the handicap team, but surprised everyone, including the handicappers, by finishing second, only two seconds outside the winner's time. H. J. Rouse, another newcomer, also did very well to take 3rd handicap prize. A recurrence of the possibility of robbing ourselves of the scratch team race by an error in declaring the teams, was eliminated this year by the new arrangement of not declaring a scratch team, the first three men to finish of any club being counted for that purpose.

Percy Wright still continues to do good work with the B.N.L., and now has another new idea, namely collecting Airgraphs, for which he has a market at 1/- a time. With the proceeds, which I understand are getting quite considerable, he hopes to acquire a cup, to be called the "Overseas Cup," for some sort of competition among club members. So if you get any Airgraphs don't forget to send them along to Percy.

Opens having taken up such a large part of the winter programme, not much opportunity has been left for inter-club matches. Two matches, however, were arranged with Highgate Harriers and Surrey A.C. respectively. In November Highgate fielded quite a strong team, and although Eddie Staker did not compete, D. H. Christie-Murray (Second Claim) was able to assist our opponents. Charlie Redgrave was fortunately down that week-end, also E. Jury, both of

whom walked well, and we came out winners by 103 points to 107. A Club Handicap was held in conjunction, and once again young Mac managed to pull it off, with Doub (walking again) 2nd and Stan Goold 3rd.

In January Surrey A.C. came to Wimbledon with a strong team and just managed to beat us by one point, the score being 85 point to 86.

Highgate Harriers organised a one-hour walk at Parliament Hill Fields in October on similar lines to the race put on by us a couple of years ago. Certificates were awarded to all those completing 6 miles or more in the hour, and ten of our walkers qualified, Syd Roberts and Bob Readman being the only two to cover more than seven miles, Jury, Goold and Halls being within a quarter of a mile.

Our Surrey County team this year did not come up to expectations. R. McMullen, individual holder, had a bad time and dropped back over the last three miles to finish 5th, double honours being taken by Surrey A.C. with C. Morris 1st and a team score of 21 points to 22 of Surrey W.C. and ours of 36.

A week later, our Middlesex walkers (Cadogan A.C.) met with no greater success. Highgate Harriers, who in addition to practically all their first claim men, also had the assistance of D. H. Christie-Murray (S.W.C.) and R. Andrews (Woodford Green) split their fast men into two teams and took 1st and 2nd team placings. We tied with Enfield for 3rd place, but as Enfield's aggregate time was 2 seconds less than ours, they were awarded third place medals.

The following week we once again came into our own, when in the B.W.S.A. 10 Miles Open, we won our second scratch team race of the season. The longer distance apparently suited our walkers, the scoring three being Bod Readman, Syd Roberts and Bert Webb. All three showed considerable improvement over recent performances, and in addition to winning the scratch race, the same three comprised the 2nd Handicap Team, and Syd Roberts was placed 2nd in the individual handicap. Quite a successful day for the Club.

Once again (the third time in the last four years) the Police 10 Miles Championship was won by one of our walkers, this time Bob Readman. Bob has always been well up in this race and has been placed on numerous occasions. His time, 80.49, is the second fastest for the course and under half a minute outside the record. Backing him up, in third place, was another of our walkers, Bert Webb.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the season was Syd Roberts' win in the Met. 15 at Regents Park on 17th April. After a very steady start over the first five miles, he went through the field, eventually taking the lead about a mile and a half from home to win quite comfortably by nearly a minute. With Bert Webb in third place and Bob Readman sixth, we took double honours in the scratch race. In addition Jack Bidgood was placed 2nd in the handicap and the Club 2nd in the Team Handicap.

And so we come to the end of another winter season, one of our most successful since the outbreak of war, not only as regards the performances of our walkers, but also our increased membership. We hope that the small successes recorded here will hearten our members who are away from home and enable them to look forward to the time when, back with their clubmates, they too will help to carry the maroon and amber to even greater success. To all our walkers at home and abroad, we send greetings and a renewed wish for a safe and speedy return.

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SURREY W.C. OPEN. 5½ miles. South Croydon, 19/9/42.

1 E. Staker (H.H.), 41.42; 14 E. Jackman, 45.44; 15 J. Bidgood, 45.44; 16 J. Wilson, 46.2; 17 A. Readman, 46.5; 25 F. Halls, 47.40; 26, S. Goold, 47.41; 38, C. Speechley, 48.22; 47 N. Dyne, 49.20; 53 J. Watson, 49.48; 67 J. Fletcher, 52.54; 70 N. Blackman, 53.41; 76 J. Bridgett, 54.50.

Team: 2nd Belgrave (Wilson, Bidgood, Speechley).

Individual H'cap: 3rd J. Wilson, 41.32.

R.W.A. OPEN. 5 miles. Wimbledon, 10/10/42.

1 N. Burt (S.W.C.) 38.49; 3 R. McMullen, 39.31; 16 A. Readman, 41.31; 18 S. Roberts, 41.43; 23 F. Halls, 42.13; 25 J. Bidgood, 42.21; 41 S. Goold, 43.16; 44 N. Dyne, 43.46; 45 J. Watson, 43.48; 47 J. Wilson, 44.07; 50, C. Speechley, 44.16; 67 W. Brunning, 46.56; 74 N. Blackman, 49.9; 79 A. Bannister, 52.16; 81 G. Glazier, 54.48.

Teams: "A" 8th, 116.5; "B" 10th, 116.52.

RED CROSS I HOUR WALK. Parliament Hill, 17/10/42.

1 E. Staker (H.H.), 7 miles 1,103 yds.; 10 A. Readman, 7 miles 181 yds.; 15 S. Roberts, 7 miles 120 yds.; 19 E. Jackman, 6 miles 1,720 yds.; 21 E. Jury, 6 miles 1,663 yds.; 30 F. Halls, 6 miles 1,375 yds.; 32 S. Goold, 6 miles 1,360 yds.; 39 G. Doubleday, 6 miles 1,113 yds.; 40 J. Wilson, 6 miles 1,111 yds.; 41 N. Dyne, 6 miles 1,111 yds.; 56 J. Watson, 6 miles 880 yds.; 68 W. Brunning, 6 miles 344 yds.; 75 A. Bannister, 5 miles 1,620 yds.; 78 N. Blackman, 5 miles 1,231 yds.

HIGHGATE OPEN. 7 miles. Parliament Hill, 24/10/42.

1 D. H. Christie-Murray (S.W.C.), 54.55; 4 R. McMullen, 56.41; 14 A. Readman, 59.30; 15 S. Roberts, 59.38; 22 J. Rutland, 60.39; 31 N. Dyne, 61.44; 32 F. Halls, 61.45; 33 S. Goold, 61.51; 39 J. Wilson, 62.18; 45 W. Jones, 63.32; 53 J. Watson, 64.35; 66 C. Speechley, 66.53; 67 W. Brunning, 67.12; 70 N. Blackman, 68.38; 79 A. Bannister, 73.15; 80 R. Rae, 78.9.

Individual H'cp: N. Dyne tied for 1st place, 53.34; 3rd W. Jones, 54.22.

Teams: "B" 5th, 166.53; "A" 7th, 168.14.

ENFIELD OPEN. 7 miles. Enfield, 7/11/43.

1 D. H. Christie-Murray (S.W.C.), 55.07; 6 R. McMullen, 57.49; 12 A. Readman, 58.42; 13 S. Roberts, 59.10; 32 F. Halls, 62.14; 42 S. Goold, 62.50; 48 J. Watson, 63.55; 52 C. Speechley, 64.29; 68 W. Brunning, 69.21; 74 N. Blackman, 71.33; 75 A. Bannister, 72.04; 77 J. Glazier, 72.24; 81 R. Rae, 78.37.

H'cap Team: 8 "A", 168.6; 9 "B", 169.54; Scratch team: 2, 31 pts.

MATCH v. HIGHGATE. 7 miles. Wimbledon, 14/11/42.

1 D. H. Christie-Murray (H.H.), 56.48; 2 R. McMullen, 57.21; 5 C. Redgrave, 59.26; 7 A. Readman, 59.48; 9 S. Roberts, 60.54; 10 F. Halls, 61.25; 11 E. Jury, 61.55; 16 S. Goold, 62.35; 17 G. Doubleday, 62.45; 18 J. Wilson, 62.58; 20 N. Dyne, 63.24; 26 J. Watson, 66.03; 28 W. Brunning, 70.42; 29 A. Bannister, 71.17; 31 E. Glazier, 74.38; 32 N. Blackman, 74.46.

Belgrave 103 points; Highgate 107 points.

Club Handicap: 1 R. McMullen; 2 G. Doubleday; 3 S. Goold.

FIRE FORCE OPEN. 5 miles. Wimbledon, 12/12/42.

1 E. Staker (H.H.), 37.56; 5 C. Redgrave, 39.39; 9 A. Readman, 40.18; 11 P. Wright, 40.40; 20 E. Jackman, 41.49; 24 G. Doubleday, 42.11; 29 N. Dyne, 42.41; 44 C. Speechley, 43.55; 53 J. Wilson, 44.40; 57 H. Watson, 45.52; 65 W. Brunning, 46.55; 67 N. Blackman, 47.00; 71 A. Bannister, 47.25; 80 L. Kennett, 50.40; 86, J. Rae, 52.04; 87 S. Spencer, 53.8 88 S. Stone, 53.52.

Teams: 5 "A", 114.18; 11 "B", 119.12; 14 "C", 129.39.

SURREY W.C. OPEN. 5 miles. Wimbledon, 26/12/43.

Starting off handicap marks.

1 R. Saunders (H.H.), 39.35; 3 A. Readman, 39.40; 8 R. McMullen, 40.23; 22 C. Speechley, 42.08; 23 F. Halls, 42.10; 26 G. Doubleday, 42.20; 33 W. Brunning, 43.15; 35 R. Elson, 43.28; 36 J. Wilson, 43.31; 39 A. Bannister, 44.20; 42 N. Blackman, 46.35; 44 L. Kennett, 46.57; 48 S. Bridgett, 49.10; 49 J. Glazier, 50.56; 50 R. Rae, 51.53.

Fastest loser: R. McMullen.

Team: 5 "A", 28 pts.

MATCH v. SURREY A.C. 7 miles. Wimbledon, 23/1/43.

1 C. Morris (S.A.C.), 53.55; 3 A. Readman, 57.40; 4 F. Halls, 58.09; 7 S. Roberts, 58.34; 8 N. Dyne, 59.04; 11 S. Goold, 59.20; 14 A. Webb, 60.46; 19 C. Speechley, 63.06; 21 H. Rouse, 64.20; 22 J. Watson, 64.50; 23 A. Bannister, 65.34; 25 W. Brunning, 66.52; 26 S. Bridgett, 68.45; 27 N. Blackman, 69.46; 28 W. Spencer, 71.20.

Surrey A.C. 85 points; Belgrave 86 points.

MET. POLICE OPEN. 7 miles. Imber Court, 30/1/43.

1 C. Morris (S.A.C.), 53.25; 6 C. Redgrave, 56.07; 9 R. McMullen, 56.34; 15 F. Halls, 57.30; 17 N. Dyne, 57.51; 20 J. Rutland, 58.04; 21 S. Roberts, 58.07; 34 S. Goold, 59.56; 46 J. Bidgood, 60.59; 52 J. Wilson, 62.10; 57 H. Rouse, 63.04; 58 G. Doubleday, 63.05; 62 J. Watson, 63.48; 64 A. Bannister, 64.01; 70 A. East, 65.21; 72 W. Brunning, 65.51; 83 N. Blackman, 69.02; 84 G. Glazier, 69.25; 87 W. Spencer, 70.29; 88 P. Rae, 72.41.

Teams: 2nd "A" (Dyne, Halls, Goold), 157.42; 11 "B", 166.5; 14 "C", 179.28.

Ind. H'cap: 2nd N. Dyne, 51.51.

1st Services: C. Redgrave.

TRAMS OPEN. 7 miles. Bellingham, 20/2/43.

1 E. A. Staker (H.H.), 54.57; 4 R. McMullen, 56.25; 19 F. Halls, 59.40; 22 N. Dyne, 59.53; 24 A. Webb, 60.12; 26 A. Readman, 60.14; 32 S. Goold, 61.31; 52 C. Speechley, 64.09 (Veterans' prize); 53 J. Watson, 64.18; 56 J. Wilson, 64.39; 62 A. Bannister, 67.11; 68 W. Brunning, 67.59; 75 N. Blackman, 69.53; 81 G. Glazier, 71.08.

Teams: 5 "A", 165.41; 10 "B", 170.40.

WOODFORD GREEN OPEN. 7 miles. Woodford, 27/2/43.

1 C. Morris (S.A.C.), 55.09; 7 C. Redgrave, 58.18; 18 N. Dyne, 59.43; 23 S. Roberts, 60.24; 25 F. Halls, 60.46; 30 A. Readman, 61.28; 31 S. Goold, 61.34; 40 J. Watson, 63.00; 60 G. Glazier, 67.29; 66 W. Brunning, 68.43; 68 A. Bannister, 69.33; 69 N. Blackman, 69.54; 71 W. Spencer, 71.50.

Teams: 4 "A", 167.65; 7 "B", 168.50.

BELGRAVE HARRIERS. 7 miles. Wimbledon, 13/3/43.

1 C. J. Morris (S.A.C.), 53.50; 4 J. Rutland, 55.13; 5 R. D. McMullen, 55.32; 7 H. G. Churcher, 55.37; 17 A. H. Webb, 57.28; 20 P. G. Wright, 57.42; 28 J. H. Robins, 59.06; 30 H. J. Rouse, 59.36; 33 F. T. Halls, 59.47; 35 G. S. Doubleday, 59.50; 38 J. C. Bidgood, 59.56; 45 J. Wilson, 60.39; 46 C. H. Speechley, 60.55; 61 S. C. Roberts, 62.48; 63 J. G. Watson, 63.29; 67 W. G. True, 64.55; 69 N. Blackman, 65.29; 72 A. Bannister, 66.01; 78 G. Glazier, 67.06; 79 W. Brunning, 67.10; 85 W. Spencer, 69.22; 88 R. Rae, 75.46.

Teams: Scratch, 1st Belgrave (Rutland, McMullen, Churcher) 16 p.

Indiv. H'cap.: 2nd J. Robbins, 51.06; 3rd H. Rouse, 51.36.

1st Services: J. Rutland. 1st Bel. in H'cap.: C. Speechley.

Handicap: 5 "C", 159.50; 8 "B", 161.45; 9 "A", 162.9; 11 "D", 164.0.

SURREY COUNTY. 10 miles. Wimbledon, 20/3/43.

1 C. J. Morris (S.A.C.), 81.54; 7 R. D. McMullen, 88.38; 8 N. Dyne, 88.45; 10 H. Rouse, 89.42; 11 J. C. Bidgood, 89.59; 12 G. S. Doubleday, 91.04; 14 J. Wilson, 93.29.

Surrey A.C. 21 points; S.W.C. 22 points; Belgrave 36 points.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY. 7 miles. Enfield, 27/3/43.

1 E. A. Staker (H.H.), 56.04; 9 A. Readman, 59.05; 11 A. Webb, 59.19; 12 S. C. Roberts, 59.39; 18 F. T. Halls, 61.50; 27 C. Speechley, 63.34; 41 R. Rae, 79.28.

Team: 3rd (tie), 32 points.

BRITISH WORKERS' S.A. 10 miles. Cheam, 3/4/43.

1 D. H. Christie-Murray (S.W.C.), 77.36; 4 A. Readman, 78.37; 7 S. C. Roberts, 79.59; 8, A. H. Webb, 80.32; 18 J. Wilson, 83.41; 20 G. Doubleday, 84.4; 24 E. Jury, 85.15; 27 J. C. Bidgood, 85.30; 37 E. Jackman, 88.9; 42 H. Rouse, 91.5; 49 J. Glazier, 93.35; 52 N. Blackman, 96.54.

1st Scratch Team: Belgrave (Readman, Roberts, Webb).
2nd Handicap Team: Belgrave (Readman, Roberts, Webb).
2nd Individual Handicap: S. C. Roberts.

MET. W.C. OPEN. 15 miles. Regents Park, 17/4/43.

1 S. C. Roberts, 2.11.18; 3 A. H. Webb, 2.15.33; 6 A. Readman, 2.16.41; 8 J. C. Bidgood, 2.17.48; 20 J. Wilson, 2.23.24; 44 W. Jones, 2.30.31; 46 G. Doubleday, 2.32.24.

1st Scratch Team: Belgrave (Roberts, Webb, Readman).
Fastest loser: S. C. Roberts.
2nd Individual Handicap: J. C. Bidgood.
2nd Handicap Team: Belgrave (Bidgood, Webb, Jones).

HIGHGATE OPEN 20: 8/5/43.

Syd Roberts, maintaining his recent return to form, walked a good race to finish second to Norman Burt (S.W.C.). Once again, our fourth in succession, we won the Scratch Team Race. Unfortunately, Bert Webb was unable to turn out, but his place was ably filled by Percy Wright, who was representing the Club for the first time in a distance race. With Roberts 2nd, Bob Readman 8th, Percy 11th, and Jack Bidgood 15th, we totalled 36 pts. to the 47 of Surrey W.C. In addition to the scoring four, Jack Rutland and Tug Wilson completed the course inside the time standard of 3 hours 20 minutes.

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FIELD EVENTS GOSSIP.

In the coming season it is hoped to have the help of most of the "boys" who did so well last season, including genial Pat Ridge for the Shot and Discus, Charlie Melchior, evergreen George Powell, and L. J. Higgins, the Javelin trio, and Jack Quanton from Dartford in the Long Jump, Shot and Discus. Unfortunately, we shall not have the services of Ron Jeal in the Javelin. He has been transferred and will be doing his stuff with the Manchester A.C. of which club he has become a second-claim member. He was at one time one of our trio of 160 footers at this event, and it is hoped he will be able to show the same form to the Northerners.

It is believed that Skelley, who until he had a motor-cycle accident in 1939 had shown 22 feet in the Long Jump once or twice, hopes to be able to turn out again when his Forces duties permit. We shall certainly look forward to seeing him in the teams again.

In the High Jump it seems that we shall still have to rely on the Juniors, but as there are a number who were showing promise last season, perhaps with more training and competition some of them will be able to reach 5ft. 6in. or even higher.

The Long Jump is an event which our present Juniors seem to shun. Some of them, with some sprinting ability, should be able to do quite good performances with training and competition. In this event it is hoped we shall have the services of Frank Simmons and our Field Events Captain to back up Jack Quanton.

The A.A.A. are again including a number of handicaps for Field Events men at the meetings on the following dates at which these events will take place.

Our Fields Event Captain would be glad to meet any Juniors who are interested in Field Events, and will endeavour to help them.

Don't forget, Juniors, we are holding a High Jump handicap for you during the season. See fixture list for the date.

T. C. JONES.

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Yes, as previously hinted, the delicate question of subscriptions is now being brought up. For the Club to carry on with the good work recorded in this issue it is essential that our finances should be sound. Indeed, the production of the "Belgravian" presents our Hon. Treasurer with a tidy bill. The magazine is free to all members. It used to cost a few pence, but a few years ago the annual subscription was increased to eight shillings inclusive. Therefore the receipt of this magazine implies that the member is all-square with the Hon. Treasurer. Remember, then, that the present and future prospects of the Club depend in no small way on the prompt and regular payment of subscriptions.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Frank William (Billy) Pritchard. Billy was a Lieutenant in the Anti-Tank Regt. and was killed action in North Africa on November 26th. Billy will be remembered mostly by the track members, as he was a sprinter by merit. Although not outstanding, he was consistent and could always be relied upon to put up a good performance.

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Our sympathies are extended to our old and esteemed Charlie Cook upon the loss of his wife.

To Stan Blundon, whose father was killed in a dockside accident, and to Frank Thomson, our late President, upon the loss of his wife after a long and tedious illness.

Mr. W. F. May, who passed away in his sleep during January. Mr. May was the founder of the London Vidarians W.C. and a tower of strength in the walking world. Had a soft spot for Belgrave. Only a few days previous to his death, in thanking Alf Harley for the "Belgravian" wrote: "A dashed good number. I always read it from cover to cover. My congratulations."

SUMMER FIXTURES, 1943.

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| May | 22. | Tooting Common. | Match v. Metropolitan Police A.C. |
| | | | Junior Match v. Middle Whitgift Sch. |
| | 29. | Parliament Hill. | Middx. County Junior Champs. |
| | | Imber Court. | Surrey County A.T.C. Meeting. |
| June | 5. | Tooting Common. | A.A.A. Open Handicap Meeting. |
| | 10. | Croydon. | Junior Match v. Middle Whitgift Sch. |
| | 12. | Tooting Common. | Match v. London Fire Forces S.A. |
| | 14. | White City. | News of the World Open. |
| | | Kingston. | North Surrey A.C. Open. |
| | 19. | Chiswick. | Southern Junior Champs. |
| | | | Polytechnic Marathon Race. |
| | 19. | Broomfield Park. | Match v. Southgate. |
| | 26. | Croydon. | Acc and Tab Open Handicaps. |
| July | 3. | Parliament Hill. | A.A.A. Open Handicaps. |
| | 11. | Harrow. | Harrow C.D. Opens. |
| | 8. | Stamford Bridge. | Fulham A.R.P. |
| | 10. | Tooting Common. | Match v. Dartford. |
| | | | Dorking St. Pauls. |
| | 17. | Halton Camp. | Match v. R.A.F. Halton. |
| | | Parliament Hill. | L.C.C. |
| | 24. | Southall. | Match v. West Middx. Triangle. |
| | 31. | Edmonton. | Open Handicaps. |
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| Aug | 2. | White City. | Hammersmith C.D. |
| | 7. | Imber Court. | Match v. Metropolitan Police A.C. |
| | | Charlton Park. | A.A.A. Open Handicap |
| | 14. | Dartford. | Match v. Dartford. |
| | 21. | Tooting Common. | Match v. West Middx. Triangle. |
| | | Charlton. | L.C.C. |
| | 28. | Paddington Rec. | Civil Defence Champs. |
| Sept. | 4. | Victoria Park. | L.C.C. |
| | | Reading. | Reading A.C. Opens. |
| | 11. | Twickenham. | Twickenham C.D. Opens. |
| | 18. | Tooting Common. | L.C.C. Meeting. |

HANDICAPS OPEN TO CLUB MEMBERS.

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| 22/5/43. | 1 mile. | 10/7/43. | 880 Yards. |
| 12/6/43. | 100 Yards and High Jump. | 21/8/43. | 220 Yards. |

